

FROM THE EAST

Happy holiday season brethren, although this holiday season will be very different for all of us I'd like to take this opportunity to share a personal experience with all of you.

The "new normal" has been an adjustment to say the least. I've found myself mentally fatigued from the adjustment and lack of interaction with friends and family like before.

This has led to what I believe a dip in my personal spirits and only by talking with my family, brethren and friends have I been able to identify this and implement a mitigation plan. If any of you are experiencing what I call COVID mental fatigue, I urge you to sit down with people closest to you and reset yourself. This is just a personal experience I wanted to share with all of you and I can gladly report my reset has lifted my spirits.

The holiday season is a wonderful time of the year and even if we can't meet I urge all of you to remain optimistic and know we are in this together and we will get through this stronger and even more united.

The temple board was informed that Brother Barrow Hutchinson will be retiring around February and he will be traveling. Join me in congratulating Brother Hutchinson and thanking him for his dedication to serve the craft.

The Temple board has elected Worshipful Brother Chris Domino PM to replace Brother Hutchinson. Brother Chris understands the responsibility of this office and has vowed to be attentive and transparent in his duties. I thank you WB Domino PM for serving.

We will continue to have our social Zoom meetings for the island to get together virtually and share some fellowship. I have received nothing but positive feedback on these meetings so I urge all of you to join in and visit with your Masonic family.

In closing; as my time in the East comes to an end I truly thank each and every one of you for your support, dedication, guidance and brotherly love. This has been an unprecedented year and only with your support my brethren have we been able to navigate these waters.

The lodge is in good hands with the upcoming line of officers and I look forward to serving in whatever capacity I am asked to serve.

Be well and be safe my brethren.

Sincerely,
Troy D Gibson Sr PM
Master

FROM THE WEST

Aloha brethren, well it's another month of Covid lock down and it comes well deserved. There are a lot of new cases arising state and island wide which is a very scary thing. I know as brethren we all do our part as to maintain social distancing, personal protection and awareness. I personally know the risk as I'm in the tourism business, and all though it has affected dramatically, I can only hope for the best of whoever is affected in this current situation.

I really want to express the gratitude and devotion of all the brethren that were involved in the almost total remodel of the lodge. Awesome work and undeniable brethren devotion of the craft, your work is such appreciated!!

It's been quiet for the past few months so I'll leave it there. I hope and know we as brethren will always prevail in our harmonious ways.

Much mahalo to all brethren keeping it real!
Fraternally yours,
Chris Domino PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

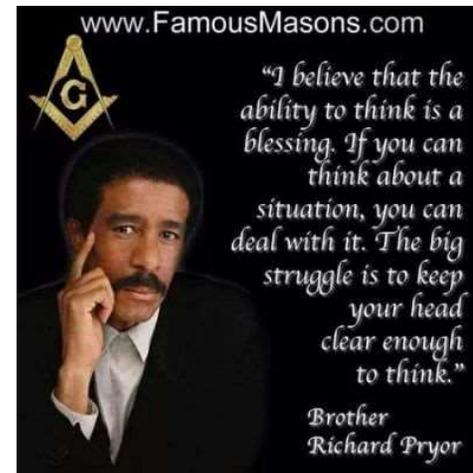
Aloha Brothers, I hope to find everyone healthy, safe, and doing well. October has passed and November is here with December right around the corner. We had some changes in October; WB Chris Domino PM was elected as the Temple Board Manager to replace Brother Barrow Hutchinson, as he is retiring and looking forward to some traveling in the future.

I congratulate you WB Brother Domino PM, and thank Brother Hutchinson for your service as our Temple Board Manager.

Another work project has started and this time it's the bathrooms for the lodge, (Pictures to follow). So when we finally get back to the lodge, we will have some nice clean bathrooms to use!

I'll leave you with a quote from Brother Richard Pryor, "I believe that the ability to think is a blessing. If you can think about a situation, you can deal with it. The big struggle is to keep your head clear enough to think".

Fraternally Yours,
James Lysiuk
Junior Warden



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/10	John Caudell
11/21	Bob Foerster
11/25	Shane Howell
11/26	Cory Luke

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

11/7/90	Joe Zapataoliva
11/12/14	Nicco Colprit
11/13/13	Kazuo Todd
11/20/00	Kristoffer Strauss

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Remember to keep to your family bubbles and be safe during this pandemic. We as the Kona Masonic Family have a lot to be thankful for. Count your blessings!



NOVEMBER CALENDAR
November 4th @ 7:PM VIA ZOOM

Watch your emails for the link and password
for the meeting.

Halloween - A Time for Spirits

By Patrick Dey

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Autumn is officially here, at least in the northern hemisphere.

Furthermore, we are quickly approaching Samhain (pronounced "souw-in") , an old Gaelic holiday akin to Halloween. It is one of the four Gaelic holidays that are observed halfway between the celebrations of the equinoxes and solstices.

Some scholars, such as James Frazer, proposed that the Church, having long endeavored to end the pagan practice of ancestor worship amongst the Gaels and Celts, first tried to replace Samhain with All Saints' Day, then All Souls' Day, and finally relented and adopted All Hallows' Eve, where one may render honor to their deceased friends and relatives.

Other scholars, such Ronald Hutton, believe it is the other way around: that the proximity of All Saints' and All Souls' Days gave rise to the idea that Samhain was anything more than just a harvest festival.

Why this time of year is particularly spiritual and spooky is a matter of debate. Samhain is observed halfway between the Autumnal Equinox and the Winter Solstice. This is harvest season, when crops will be cut down and livestock slaughtered; a time that is ruled over by the chthonic deity of Saturn, the god of time and the harvest. Hence, the end of the harvest season was celebrated by the ancient Romans as Saturnalia.

The nights are longer than the day as the sun continues its descent towards the nadir. In Hermetic traditions the Winter Solstice – in the constellation of Capricorn-was believed to be the celestial gate by which the soul exited the terrestrial world. All these things together make this a very mystical time for spirits to engage the material world, and so for thousands of years humans have endeavored to appease these spirits during this time. Hence, this is a time of the year that has long been associated with ghosts and spirits.

Samhain is a special season in which the ancient Gaels believed the veil separating the mortal and the spirit worlds was at its thinnest. As a result, the Aos Sí or "spirits" could more easily pass into our world and we can better interact with them. Hence, it is why the celebrations centered around this time involve a lot of ancestor veneration, necromancy (literally, magic and divination with the souls of the dead), and other spiritual practices involving spirits of those who were once mortal.

Death is a thing we in the Western world have a problem talking about. We find it difficult to discuss with our loved ones about our wishes for end-of-life care, how we want our final remains handled, et cetera. (To read the rest, go to www.konalodge.com and click on Halloween Button on the Trestleboard page.)

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