

FROM THE EAST

Aloha Brethren, congratulations to our newly raised FellowCraft Mason Brother Michel Olson.

Brother Troy Gibson (SW), sat in the East for the Conferral.

We now prepare to raise Brother Olson to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Please note the dates for the degree in the calendar below.

I thank our visiting brother, Michael Clark PM, for attending our stated meeting and sharing some knowledge on the High Twelve organization.

To all the brethren of Kona Lodge who have donated funds, materials and time to make improvements to the lodge, your generosity has not gone unnoticed. It shows what kind of Masons we are and the care for our organization and lodge, MUCH MAHALOS from all of us!

Fraternally Yours,
Chris Domino, WM

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 7 – Stated Meeting

February 14 – 3rd degree practice

February 20- 3rd degree practice

February 21- 3rd degree

FROM THE WEST

Aloha Brethren, We are off and running to another busy Masonic Year full of fellowship, education and work. Being part of this lodge of brothers makes me feel proud.

I want to thank all the officers for your diligent practice and the coaches for your patience and participation, we couldn't do it without your mentoring.

As some of you know we had a visiting Brother from A O Fay Lodge 676 AF&AM Grand jurisdiction of Illinois. Brother Timothy Fisher arrived

with his son the day after Christmas and stayed until January first. Although he was unable to attend any meetings I am pleased to report that Brother Fisher was welcomed with the Kona Lodge Brotherly Love for which we are known. We even made time to visit Brother Ippy for a meal at his restaurant.

Brother Fisher shipped some camping gear to hold till his arrival after Christmas. After using this gear with his son he graciously donated the camping items to our lodge for distribution to a worthy cause. This is what masonry is truly about.

I was honored to represent Kona Lodge during my sojourn to College Station Texas for work, the second week of January. I am pleased to report that the Brethren of Sul Ross and St. Albans Lodges welcomed me with open arms.

For those who have not traveled and visited other lodges, I urge you to do so. Sojourning is a truly rewarding experience that all Masons should experience.

In closing I congratulate Brother Michael Olson on receiving his second degree. It was a honor to sit in the East for his Fellow Craft Degree.

Thanks again to all of you. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Troy Gibson Sr., SW

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

02/02 1984 William Hutchison

02/02 2013 James Little

02/10 2016 Chris Hannigan

02/21 1984 Tony Arruda PM

02/26 2014 Geovanni Tolentino

02/27 2002 Lee Meyerson PM

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/06 Troy (LT) Gibson Jr

02/07 Leon (Pete) Peters

02/10 Doc Halliday

02/11 Cory Akers

02/13 Richard Burt PM



Pictured above is Brother Michael Olson (candidate) with Kona Lodge Officers, visitors and members on January 17, 2018, for his 2nd Degree.



Pictured is Brother Timothy Fisher and his son camping on the Big Island during the Christmas break

DISAGREEMENTS and CIVILITY

We are not always going to agree on everything with someone we are talking to. Sometimes, we need to have difficult conversations where we disagree with someone. This is when we can put these tools into practice.

When I have had to disagree with someone I try to follow the following steps:

- Try to fully listen and understand the person's viewpoint.
- Be careful not to be judgmental about it. Remember that it is based on that person's view, their reasons are probably valid to them.
- Try to give a complete picture as you see it; It may be mentioning areas or ideas that the other person had not considered. Then try to explain where you are coming from with your views.
- After that background, explain how you arrived at your views. Always explain that feelings are personal and there are no wrong or right feelings. If you feel a different way, that is ok
- Always keep the conversation framed in a positive way. This method of civility will work. I hope you can use some of these ideas in your own difficult conversations and continue to promote civility.

EMPATHY and CIVILITY

Let's explore what empathy means and how it relates to civility.

Empathy is part of effective listening. Empathy is described as understanding the emotions and feelings of others. You might be able to repeat the words of someone (effective listening) but did you really understand the communication?

If you think you really understand another's viewpoint, can you also understand the emotions someone has regarding that viewpoint (angry, sad, thoughtful)? Or did you just hear the words?

If you can honestly understand why someone has the emotions they express, then, you are on the road to empathy.

You can confirm to yourself that you listened to the entire message. Not just to the words but to the entire message someone was telling you. You cannot start to have empathy without having done effective listening to the person who is expressing their viewpoint.

(These exerts come from the MasonicCivility.org web page.)



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