

Greetings from the East:

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason". (Benjamin Franklin).

I would like to thank the individuals who donated time and/or funds to refresh our lodge dining room. Thanks to Gerald Akers for donating floor materials, and to Ramon and Jorge Villasenor and crew for the floor re-do labor. What a fine floor! Also thanks to Jimmy Lysiuk, Troy Gibson, Miss Marcia, and Mr. Laird for their painting efforts, and also to all the cash donors to our 'pass the hat' re-do fund, without your generous donations, this would not have been possible.

Thanks to Scott Whipple for providing a brand new vacuum cleaner for lodge clean-up efforts. Because of efforts like these, our lodge is a little better today, THANKS TO ALL! Please come to our Kona Lodge 'dining room grand re-opening' dinner, at 6pm, before our September Stated Meeting on the 6th, and see the results.

The costs of keeping the Lodge open have been steadily rising, led by the increase in the building association fees, property taxes, and electric bills. There is a tabled motion to raise the Kona Lodge yearly dues to \$126.00. This will be discussed at the September Stated Meeting, and voted on at the October Stated Meeting.

There will be a Officers practice, 1st degree, on September 13th, with a 1st degree to be held on September 27th. Officers: your attendance will be welcome, please prepare. 2018 officers, time is getting short, preparation is key.

Remember the High Twelve meeting on September 20th.

See you in Lodge,
Bob Brogan
Master

From the South

Aloha Kona Masons, there has been a lot going on in our lodge and thanks to all who have contributed their time and money to the renovations to our dining area.

It has by far been the most work I have seen done in my short Masonic journey and I am as I'm sure everyone is extremely grateful.

I would like to remind all that although this work is essential we (me included) need to focus on our

floor work in advanced stations to make sure we are improving the lodge as well as ourselves in masonry.

We have a plethora of experienced Past Masters and a Past Grandmaster who are willing and able to aid and assist. Please utilize those valuable resources. Not all lodges have such a valuable resource.

On another note I urge any Master Mason who has not been around in a while to come down and meet the newer masons and see the work that is getting done. I witnessed the new AV equipment being put to good use for the secretaries meeting and was proud to see our new equipment being used.

On a scheduling note we have some degrees coming up so I urge all to come down and share in the newer mason's experience. I appreciated the lodge filled when I received my degrees.

Thank you MW Mike Baker PGM for taking the cooking duties for the September stated Meeting Dinner, I truly appreciate your help.

On a final note we will be proposing a minor dues raise of \$15.00/yr to battle increasing bills in the next few months. Please come to the September Stated meeting to discuss the upcoming October raising the dues vote and get a clearer explanation of why this raise is necessary.

I Thank you all again for your friendship, guidance and support.

Warmest Aloha,
Troy D Gibson Sr.
Junior Warden

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sep 06 - Stated Meeting
Sep 13 - Officers Practice
Sep 20 - High Twelve Meeting
Sep 27 - First Degree

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Sep14 1974 Harold V Hall
Sep 23 2009 Cesar S Felix
Sep 29 2013 Jaron K Goodspeed
Sep 24 2014 Malakai K Torres
Sep 10 2014 Philip K Aiona
Sep 14 2016 Scott B Whipple
Sep 28 1968 Peter D. Wikeen

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 03 Francis L Jung
Sep 03 James D Little
Sep 05 William B Hutchison
Sep 05 Edwardo A Sariol
Sep 14 Robert Self PM
Sep 17 Richard E Marshall

RW Richard and Joy Decker



Pictured above are; RW Richard Decker with his lovely wife Joy. RW Dick was a long time member of Kona Lodge. We celebrated a Tribute of Affection at the Episcopal Church below Konawaena High School on July 27, 2017.

A Graveside Service was performed by MW Michael P. Baker Sr. PGM & WB Dan Miller PM. It was a double ceremony as Joy's Ashes were co-mingled during the ceremony. Family, Friends, and Masons were in attendance. RW Dick and Joy were well represented at the service.



A sneak peek of our newly freshened dining room. The floor has a shine and the walls have fresh paint. Come down to the September Stated Dinner and Meeting and enjoy the celebration the reopening of our dinner hall.

FROM THE WEST

Aloha Brethren, I've been gone a month and I thank every brethren that had participated and continuously participates in the involvement of improving this lodge, with your efforts and dedication; this ensures Masonry as a whole.

I would add that, As Master Masons, we obligate ourselves to the challenges of our daily lives as a father, brother, spouse, friend, etc.

We take on things that many may shy away from but, as Masons we shine in such circumstances and during life's obstacles.

These obligations are not meant just for Masons nor just a brother, but for all of us. We as Masons take these obligations to improve ourselves in our everyday lives and the more we improve on that, the more we improve as Brothers and Masons.

A Little history - Feast of Tishri

The 15th day of the 7th month – though the date moves with the Jewish calendar (7th Month of the Jewish calendar somewhere between September and October).

The origin of the Feast of Tishri is described in the book of Leviticus where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying that on the fifteenth day of the month of Tishri of the Hebrew civil calendar, “ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord.” The Feast of Tishri is the Hebrew equivalent of Thanksgiving or Harvest festival.

The origins and significance of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Feast of Tishri more wholly than the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. The rich legend of the Temple's dedication, celebrated during the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree.

By observing the Feast of Tishri, Scottish Rite Masons share the fraternal spirit and reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men. As Brothers, we resolve to build, as King Solomon did, peace for all mankind.

I extend all of the Masonic brethren, traveling or not, an invitation to come and join us at all our ceremonies and enjoy the dinners, comradery and aloha from Kona lodge.

Fraternally Yours,
Chris Domino
Senior Warden

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