



THE ALOHA ELK

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Aloha fellow Elks.

We hope this letter finds you well. As we all navigate our way through these uncertain times, please keep in your thoughts and prayers those Elks who have been financially and emotionally bruised in the current crisis, and all the essential workers who have been called to duty. We hope and pray that all of us will

come through this in good health.

The Lodge is closed through April 30 and the closure may be extended until it is safe for us to gather again. If you have business with the membership office, please call and we will make every effort to help. If you need to retrieve your surfboard from the racks or items from your locker, the office will schedule access for you, but once you retrieve them, please keep these items at home until we reopen.

Some of our fellow Elks, along with their spouses, children, and extended family, are experiencing financial hardship. Many are awaiting benefits promised by the stimulus package, which hopefully will be delivered soon. We understand the challenges this crisis has created and have extended the grace period for membership renewal through April 30. If necessary, the Board will extend the grace period further so that we can maintain Lodge and Club access for our brothers and sisters in financial distress. In the meantime, we thank those of you who have already paid your dues.

There have been questions about reductions in dues, given the closure of the Club. Unless there is new guidance

from the Grand Lodge, statute forbids reductions or prorations of annual dues. Decisions about reducing or prorating fees for fitness facilities and locker room access will be made once we know when our facilities will reopen.

Currently, the Club is maintaining a skeleton staff that ensures routine upkeep and maintenance of the property. Take-out food service is available Wednesday to Sunday, 11:00 am to 6:30 pm and is open to members and our neighbors. Please call 923-5722 between 11 am and 6:30 pm for more information.

Despite the fluctuations of the market, Lodge finances remain sound. Operational funds are held in cash accounts and we plan on moving forward with planned capital improvements and our charitable obligations. Bequests are invested conservatively for the long term and we regularly consult our investment advisors at Morgan Stanley regarding these investments.

We will continue to use email blasts to communicate with membership. Unfortunately, some member's email addresses are not current. If you are not receiving regular email blasts through email or know a member who has been out of the loop, please contact membership at 923-4935 to update your information. Personal email is preferred rather than work or business.

We are also in the midst of redesigning the elkslodge616.org website and are adding a bulletin board that will provide members with menus, notices and other up to date information.

With warmest aloha, we say stay well, stay safe, stay home.

Russell Motter
Exalted Ruler

Happy Mother's Day Buffet ~ May 10

Watch for Special Mother's Day Menu in the Eblasts.

Be sure your email is updated. Call: 923-5722



LODGE FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS UPDATE

Aloha All,

Hope this finds all our members safe and healthy. As has been said in other articles, this is a fluid situation, so information provided now (April 9, 2020) may have significantly changed by the time you read this.

Our investment portfolio is weathering the storm. Our capital reserve funds are used to fund our ongoing capital improvement program. Currently, this constitutes about one half of our portfolio and the funds are held in cash or cash like investments. Therefore, they are not much affected by the current volatility in the market. The other half of our investments are donor restricted funds with the objective of income production and long term growth. These funds are more heavily invested in conservative dividend producing large cap stocks which tend to be somewhat less impacted by market fluctuations. We have not seen any significant dividend reductions.

The market suffered a steep decline and hit its current low on March 23. It has been regaining ground since then. We decided to follow the advice of our investment managers, stay focused on the long term, and refrain from making any drastic changes at this time.

The Lodge itself is financially sound and we will present a balanced budget, for both the Lodge and Club, at the next Lodge meeting, whenever that is scheduled.

The funding for all scheduled Lodge activities is in place and we will be ready to resume operations as soon as we are advised it is safe to do so.

I wish you all good health and Aloha,

Gloria Yau
Loyal Knight

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Much has happened since your Board of Directors last met “face to face” in March. All of us have been challenged by Covid-19, and the Board and the Lodge face these same challenges.

As of March 17, all Lodge and Club events were cancelled, and the Lodge was closed. Newly elected officers assumed their respective positions April 1 until a formal installation can be held later, once Lodge meetings resume. We welcome our two new Board members, Leading Knight Shannon Ball and Lecturing Knight Calvin Hara. Along with Exalted Ruler Russell Motter and Loyal Knight Gloria Yau, the five Trustees John Nadler, Carl Reber, Rick Bergstrom, Judy Rubano and Bud Lush make up the Board of Directors for 2020-21.

Since closing the Lodge due to Covid-19, we have been working to do as much as possible to assist our employees. All employees who had medical insurance at the time of closure will have coverage through the Lodge until the end of April. This will be reviewed again at that

time. Any employee that had to be laid off during the closure has been encouraged to file for unemployment. The Lodge is also looking into the Government “Payroll Protection Program” recently passed by Congress to see if we qualify for this program. As of this writing, April 11, the Club is providing food take-out on a limited basis Wednesday through Sunday from 11am to 6:30pm. This also enables us to keep some of our employees working. Call the Lodge for take-out orders at 923-5722.

The first Board meeting of the year was held on April 7 using Zoom and will continue that process until the Lodge reopens. Board meetings will still be held on the second and fourth Tuesday. Several projects the Board has been working on will continue as scheduled and we’re taking advantage of the down time to complete various ongoing maintenance projects. The 2020-21 budget is currently being addressed and any changes in fees due to the closure are in discussion. We encourage members to forward any concerns or questions you have for the Board to Bud Lush at blush@elkslodge616.org and we will respond back by email. We are hopeful and optimistic things will return to “normal” soon.

Please follow all the recommended Covid-19 guidelines and we hope and pray for the safety of you and your family.

Bud Lush, Chairman
Board of Directors

LODGE OF SORROW

*The clock of their days has stopped.
Upon its dial the motionless shadows mark eleven, with us the golden hour of recollection.*

Frank DeJesus, Jr (75)

34 Year Life Member

Born: January 16, 1945

Initiated: June 22, 1987

Died: March 12, 2020

Gary K.M. Fukuda (75)

27 Year Member

Born: July 26, 1944

Initiated: August 22, 1994

Died: March 31, 2020

John Franklin Richardson, Jr (95)

75 Year Life Member

Born: May 10, 1924

Initiated: May 30, 1945

Died: October 26, 2019



Aloha to my brother and sister Elks.

I look forward to the day when we can all hug each other and talk story about our lives in quarantine. As each day goes by, I cherish those things we took for granted. The greetings, the smiles, the deep abiding friendships, the Elks Rituals and especially the HUGS! We are so Blessed to be members of this Lodge. I, for one, will never take this fraternal organization and all we do together as Ohana making a better community for granted again. We are truly Blessed to be a Blessing 🙏.



May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii

Garlands of flowers everywhere

All of the colors in the rainbow

Maidens with blossoms in their hair



May is the Month we celebrate Mother's Day all across our nation at all Elks Lodges. Our founders honored Mothers with a special Mother's Day Ritual. This prayer is old school and still near and dear to us who practice the principles of our order: Charity,

Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity 🙏.

We won't be gathering together for Mother's Day this May. As your Chaplain, we will celebrate our Elks ritual later in the year when our Exalted Ruler Russ Motter designates the honor of celebrating your special day... Hau'oli La Makuahine! If you are fortunate to still have a MOM on earth that you can hug and look her in the eyes, give her a hug and tell her, "I love you Mom 💜"



Flowers that mean we should be happy

Throwing aside a load of care

Oh, May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii

May Day is happy days out there 🙏

**Malama pono, a hui hou,
Delorese Elks 616 Chaplain**

From the Secretary's Desk

Aloha members. As of this writing, which is the first week of April, the Membership Office is open daily receiving and processing membership renewals and being available to communicate updates on Lodge activity. The office is staffed Monday through Friday, 7:00a to 2:30p. Of course,

by the time you receive this, conditions may have changed.

A good way to stay up to date is through our email blasts, so please be sure we have your current email address. Contact the Membership Office @ 923-4935 to confirm or update your address. Blasts go out weekly with special blasts as appropriate.

As of early April, of our 4000+ members, 2,700, 68%, have renewed dues. All new member processing has been suspended till further notice.

In addition to the membership staff of Debbie and Teru, Chris, our accounting clerk, is in daily to process billing and liaison financial information. With our out-sourced accounting firm, financial reporting and controls remain in place. We are now starting the year-end annual audit. Club staff come in Wednesdays through Sundays for the takeout food service and a single maintenance/house-keeping worker is in daily for basic maintenance and cleaning.

Stay safe and practice the distancing and cleansing protocols.

Aloha, e a hui hou,
George West,
Secretary

CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS

To become a Century Club member, make a donation of \$100 (must be a separate check) or more to the Major Project. You will receive a certificate of your membership and a gold "Piggy" lapel pin from the State President and be acknowledged in the California-Hawaii Elks Newsletter. All donated funds go to benefit our children with disabilities.

The latest members to join the State President's **Century Club/52 Club** are:

Madeline Lum \$100.00

52 Club Laurie A. Doerschlen \$52.00

MAY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Investigation: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 Ballot: Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Orientation: Thursday, May 21, 2020 – Initiation: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Name	Address	Occupation	Proposer
Dr. Lawrence Allman	Honolulu, HI 96815	Psychologist Hawaii Family Therapy	Simone Landgraf
Mary Atiburcio	Kihei, HI 96753	Military Family Life Counselor Magellan Health Services	Ormond Hammond
Sandra K. Chang	Honolulu, HI 96815	Unknown	Gary Goslin
Sueng-Hee Fujioka	Honolulu, HI 96821	Homemaker	Masanobu Fujioka
John Gravener	Honolulu, HI 96825	Business Owner Kamaka Air, Inc	David Wheaton
Dr. Luke Hodge	Honolulu, HI 96815	Clinical Psychologist Dr. Luke Hodge	Joan Randish
Blossom L. Hoffman	Honolulu, HI 96816	Teacher Adult Ed/voice Teacher HI DOE	Alison Zecha
John M. Maher	Kapolei, HI 96706	U.S. Gov. Employee Dept of Defense	Robert Bradley
Tham Nguyen	Honolulu, HI 96822	U.S. Gov. Emp Dept of Treasury - IRS	Matt Arashiro
James Petrides	Honolulu, HI 96825	Business Owner Kamaka Air, Inc	David Wheaton
William Pierpont	Honolulu, HI 96825	Engineer Enecon Hawaii, Inc	Miles M. Anderson
Terri Ross Washington	Honolulu, HI 96815	Operations Manager Waialae Properties Mgmt	Derek Anderson

These were the applications received prior to Lodge Closure due to COVID-19. All membership processing cancelled and will resume when it is safe and lockdown lifted by Government.

**Lodge Committee Chairmen
will be updated at a later date.**



A beautiful Easter morning, with promises of a beautiful future.

HONOLULU LODGE NO. 616 BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER	Russell Motter
LEADING KNIGHT	Shannon Ball
LOYAL KNIGHT	Gloria Yau
LECTURING KNIGHT	Calvin Hara
SECRETARY	George West
TREASURER	Winfred W. Cameron, Jr.
ESQUIRE	Ron G.S. Au
CHAPLAIN.....	Delorese Gregoire
INNER GUARD	Burt Yasui
TILER	Michaelene Urban
LAPSATION.....	Teru Yasuda, PDDGER
PRESIDING JUSTICE.....	Greg Kugle
1 YEAR TRUSTEE	John Nadler
2 YEAR TRUSTEE	Carl Reber
3 YEAR TRUSTEE	Rick Bergstrom
4 YEAR TRUSTEE	Judy Rubano
5 YEAR TRUSTEE	Bud Lush, PER
MEDIATOR.....	Robert Kekuna, PER
ORGANIST.....	Jackie Burke
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR	Bud Lush
HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR	Russell Motter
PER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT	Deb Knight
LODGE HISTORIAN	Anita Manning
DISTRICT DEPUTY GER	John R. Smith, Kona Lodge 2616
CHEA STATE VICE PRESIDENT	Peter Machado, PER Pearl City Lodge #2669

Honolulu Lodge 616
DISTRICT LEADERS

Wayne Howard, PSP, Honolulu #616
Ron Mizuno, PDDGER

NOTEWORTHY NUMBERS

Front Desk	923-5722
Club Mgr. Info. & Reservations	923-5722
Secretary	923-5525
Membership Information	923-4935
Fax	923-1726
E-mail	elks616@ElksLodge616.org
Website	www.elkslodge616.org
Board of Directors	board@elkslodge616.org
Contact Lodge Secretary - for info re Elks	
Speech Therapy Program	559-255-4531
SICKNESS AND DISTRESS	923-5525
George West	923-5525

SEWER PIPE PROJECT UPDATE

While the Lodge is closed for covid-19, we have taken advantage of this time to move ahead on the sewer re-lining project from the building to the street. This involves all the underground sewage piping from the locker rooms, bathrooms, and kitchen. The relining of these pipes shall extend the life of our existing underground piping for another fifty years or more. This project has taken two years of planning and working with a multitude of contractors and vendors. By the time this is printed, the project should be completed, and well under budget with no interruptions to our facility.

John Nadler, Trustee

MAJOR PROJECT AND OTHER DONATIONS MARCH 1 TO 31, 2020

Wed. Hawaiian Singers		Piggy Banks			
2/26/20	ENF \$34.00	Anonymous #1	\$12.00	Charlotte Duthie	\$37.04
3/08/20	ENF \$14.00	Anonymous #2	\$49.82	Emma Flynn	\$24.75
3/11/20	ENF \$23.00	Anonymous #3	\$47.00	Calvin Hara	\$52.00
Lodge Meeting (Koa Bowl)		Dr. Lyn Ackerman	\$14.89	Bradford Harrison	\$33.81
3/10/2020	\$26.00	Michele Aiwohi	\$2.50	Lorna Kaaloa	\$128.85
Anonymous-for J. Mills & J. Gomez		Carol Aki	\$65.21	Pamela Kimura	\$34.25
3/10/2020	\$20.00	Sjon Brown	\$133.13	Valerie Mathews	\$38.10
Joe Dowson Art Group		Oscar Campbell	\$8.46	Frank Ocalvey	\$25.10
3/03/2020	\$30.00	Jenni Cooney	\$29.00	Charles Pacheco	\$13.95
3/10/2020	\$10.00	Kirstin Downey	\$10.00	Ernestine Smart	\$26.57
				James Stites	\$62.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — March 31, 2020 (End of Fiscal Year)

STARTING MEMBERSHIP ON April 1, 2019:	3927	LAPSATION REPORT – AS OF March 31, 2020:	
TOTAL INITIATED:	244	06 MONTHS DELINQUENT (paid to 10/01/2019):	0
TOTAL TRANSFER IN:	8	12 MONTHS DELINQUENT (paid to 04/01/2019):	0
REINSTATED:	33	Note: All delinquents were dropped from membership rolls prior to 3/31/2020	
TOTAL GAIN:	285	TOTAL DELINQUENCY ON – March 31, 2020:	0 (0.00%)
TOTAL DROPPED:	132	Applications on Hand:	
TOTAL TRANSFER OUT:	8	Waiting for Investigation, Indoctrination, Initiation, Reinstatement & Affiliation:	87
TOTAL AB. DIMIT:	14	Life Membership Report:	
TOTAL DIED:	27	Life Members:	415
TOTAL EXPELLED:	0	Honorary Life Member:	0
TOTAL LOSS:	181	Total:	415
CHANGE:	+104	Percentage of Membership:	10.57%

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP – March 31, 2020: 4,031 (2.64% GAIN)

*As we bow our heads, we
lift our hearts to you O
God, Our Father, for the sacred
and hallowed memories which
have inspired the observance of
Mother's Day.*

*We thank Thee, and may
the sweet and gentle
recollections which crowd the
hearts and minds of all as we
participate in this service,
make of us stronger, truer,
and better children.*

*Bless the Mothers of our great
land who are this day guiding
and inspiring childhood, and
may the gentle and ennobling
influence of Mother be always
to our youth the sweetest and
most uplifting power they
shall ever know.*

*May light perpetually shine
upon the mother whom we have
loved Always in all ways 🙏
Malama pono, a hui hou,
Delorese Elks 616 Chaplain*



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Aloha valued members,

We want you to know that our primary concern is the health and safety of our membership and our employees. Based on State of Hawai'i recommendations regarding Covid-19, we want to emphasize good sense precautions that we all can take.

- Fever, cough and shortness of breath are warning signs of illness. If you're sick, please stay home.



- Frequent handwashing and hand sanitization will inhibit the spread of illnesses.

- Employees will be extra vigilant during this time by keeping surfaces clean and frequently washing hands.

- Wear a face mask and do not touch your face.

Please be assured that we will update the membership as conditions warrant. Mahalo for your attention to this matter.