

GRAND COMMANDERY OF HAWAII

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Aloha Sir Knights:

I hope everyone is having a great summer, staying safe and healthy, and vaccinated.

Happy Birthday America! Independence Day is always celebrated on July 4th each year. In 2021, America will celebrate its 246th birthday as independence was achieved from Great Britain following the Revolutionary War. The Founding Fathers signed this declaration on July 4, 1776.

July 4th is very important for both the United States and Freemasons and is celebrated by the members of the Craft all over the world. This date is important in Freemasonry because Masons have influenced greatly the Declaration, for some of the Founding Fathers of the United States were Freemasons

It is widely accepted that nine of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons during their lifetime, though not necessarily in 1776: William Ellery; Benjamin Franklin; John Hancock; Joseph Hewes; William Hooper; Robert Treat Paine; Richard Stockton; George Walton; and William Whipple.

The influence of Freemasonry is one of the elements that has enabled the United States to become so strong, as the nation is based on the individual's social responsibility and his freedom under the country's law.

As we celebrate the birth of the United States, we should remember it was those Freemasons involved in the Revolution who had the courage to risk their lives for an ideal. It was in a Freemason lodge where they heard those ideals put forth and where they were reminded of them to the point that it became a part of their lives. That gift is now ours to cherish and pass on in our Freemason Lodges and in our communities.

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In Unity,

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Did You Know:

15 US Presidents who were also Freemasons:

- George Washington
- James Monroe
- Andrew Jackson
- James K. Polk
- James Buchanan
- Andrew Johnson
- James A. Garfield
- William McKinley
- Theodore Roosevelt
- William H. Taft
- Warren G. Harding
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Harry S. Truman
- Gerald R. Ford
- Lyndon B. Johnson

Note:

- **Grand Encampment's Triennial will be held from August 14th to the 18th, 2021**, in Minneapolis. More information and important updates may be found at: <https://www.knightstemplar.org/ge682021.html>