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“Governor Lemanu Hosts a Christmas Dinner with Members of the Legislative and Judicial Branches.”

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On December 8th, 2021, at the Mauga o Alii Governor's Residence, the Honorable Lemanu P.S. Mauga hosted a Christmas dinner and invited all members of the Legislature and Judicial branches. Colorful Christmas lights and decorations dressed the Governor's Residence in the holiday spirit. Upon arrival, all guests were received and enjoyed a small tour of the new renovations to the main house. Following the tour, the guests joined the Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the Governor's Fale Samoa for dinner and enjoyed entertainment by local musician Ulale Pusi.

Governor Lemanu extended his gratitude and appreciation to all the leaders.

"I wanted to extend to each of you a sincere thank you and wish you a happy holiday season on behalf of myself and the Honorable Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Branch. So far, this has been a very successful first year in office," stated Governor Lemanu, "and our achievements this year would not be possible without the partnership between this Administration and all of you." He continued, "Secondly, hosting this dinner here at the Governor's Residence is a proud moment for me personally because of the renovations that we have been able to make. The restoration of the house itself, improving the foundation, and adding to the surrounding infrastructure have reinforced the safety and unique living conditions that its residents can only enjoy. I would also like to recognize all of those who worked hard in getting this project near completion."

"Not only is this a chance to witness the work that has been done here, but we are grateful to be able to spend this evening with you as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. On behalf of the Honorable Talauega, we look ahead to a new year with hope and optimism. We have much work ahead of us. We are looking forward to a year of service and looking forward to building a

more prosperous American Samoa. Let us pray for the Territory and remember our sons and daughters who are currently serving in active duty service this holiday season."

Governor Lemanu mentioned that his family and the Lieutenant Governor's family are merely just servants that have the responsibility to take care of these properties not only for the current Administration but also for future Governors to come. It is a time-honored tradition for each Governor to upkeep the conditions of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's residences.

"I appreciate your foresight in approving the budget that included these renovations," Governor Lemanu remarked, "but we are not done yet. There are still other smaller projects that we have left here at the Governor's Residence and the Lieutenant Governor's Residence, but the majority of work is complete."

Another highlight of the evening was the absence of alcohol and smoking. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor wish to impose this condition at all ASG functions and on all ASG properties. "As you can see, there is no alcohol or smoking this evening, and this is because the Lieutenant Governor and I believe that we as leaders need to set the example. We are law-abiding citizens and leaders who cherish our children and the future generations of the Territory. They need to see their leaders promoting a healthy lifestyle."

The master of ceremonies was HTC Malemo Tausaga, and the Reverend Dr. Mageo Patolo Mageo conducted the invocation and benediction.

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