Double Greetings In Order Today For Dad Center

George David Center, helmsman of the Outrigger Canoe Club's athletic activities for about a quarter of a century, is celebrating his birthday today.

Dad is 67 years old today. Star figures in Hawaii's aquatic world of days gone by bade him best birthday wishes.

He celebrated his birthday simultaneously with the annual Christmas gathering of the Oldtimer's Kamaaina Hui at the Old Hau tree between the Outrigger and the Moana Hotel beginning at 10 this morning.

According to Dad, the oldtimers have been gathering annually for Christmas since about 1915.

He said about 250 persons whose names are by-words to Hawaii's aquatic activity will probably call at the hau tree today before sundown.

Dad was born in Kipahulu, Maui in 1886. He has one brother, Edmund M. Center, captain of a fire tug in San Francisco Bay, and four sisters, Mrs. E. E. Bodge, Jean Center, Mrs. R. Alexander Anderson and Mrs. Dean A. Jones.

A former trainer for the Myrtle Boat Club, Dad coached the American Swimming team in the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp, Belgium, and has at other times taken Hawaiian and American swimmers to other international swim contests.

Dad's advice to those who wish to live to be 67 also is to "keep an outdoor life."