

# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

2020 Winter Special



A Blessing was performed on 12/18 for Eight Point Distributors, a cold storage and distribution company. Rev. Takizawa also blessed the opening of their Kauai facility 2 years ago.

# MAHALO for your donations

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| Lois Arakaki             | James & Melba Kurashige  |
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## **Mahalo** for your donation of Sake and Rice

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| Lois Arakaki          | Peggy Oshiro          |
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| Dennis Oshiro         | Masa & Irene Takizawa |

# MAHALO Volunteers

Early Selection and omamori pre-order pickups began 12/26 and will continued until 12/30.

We are grateful for the many volunteers that helped to make the Early Selection, Pickup and Mailings possible.

In our efforts to keep the omamori safe, clean and easily sanitizable, each omamori was packaged by Diane, Craig, Shinken, Marilyn, Linda, Gary, Bryson and Reiko.



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| Gayle Fujihara     | Shinken Naitoh |
| Bryson Goda        | Craig Nishida  |
| Reiko Goda         | Diane Nishida  |
| Lorraine Kadota    | Gary Shinsato  |
| Kathy Hamada Kwock | Linda Shinsato |
| Marilyn Naitoh     | Sharon Toma    |

# Gokito Private Blessings



The greatest blessing in the world is family. A Family ceremony for protection, strength, resilience and unity was performed on 12/12.

December 23 was the last day for Gokito Private blessings for 2020.

Private Blessings will resume again on January 4.

Please call or email your reservations.



A 50-day ceremony after death was held for shrine friend Kell on 12/19.

Some of Kell's ashes have been scattered off the Waimanalo coast and two more scatterings are scheduled in locations which hold fond memories for him.

Kell's *Reiji* memorial tablet was also placed in the shrine's inner sanctum.



A blessing for a stone *usu* (Japanese stone mill) was performed on 12/23.

Modernization has weakened many traditions so it was delightful to see that *Mochitsuki* using an *usu* is still being practiced and perpetuated for future generations.

[www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu](http://www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu)

# Saisaki Mo-de

A new phenomena has begun in Japan due to Covid-19.

In Japan, millions make a special trip to shrines and temples, on the first three days of the new year.

Instead of visiting a shrine on January 1, shrines are calling out to the community to visit shrines in December to pray for an early and auspicious start of the new year.

This new practice is called **Saisaki Mo-de** literally meaning "visiting the shrine early for happiness."

Here at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu - we will be accepting visitors from **December 26, 2020 - February 2,**

**2021** in a move to spread out crowds.

All worship will be done "Japan style" where one prays on their own.

Stay safe and beat the crowds with *Saisaki Mo-de* and our *Omamori* Early Selection days.

Omamori will be available in the basement meeting room from 12/26 - 12/30.

12/31 - 1/3 omamori will be in the preschool.

From 1/4 Monday until 1/6 Wed, omamori will be offered in the shrine.

Omamori will be available in the shrine on an Honor System from 1/7 Thurs till early December.

# CALENDAR

## December

30 5:30 pm

**Cleanup and setup**

31 11:30 pm

**Toshikoshi no O-harae  
Yearend Purification Ritual**  
(Internal)

## January 2021

1 Midnight - 2 am  
7 am - 4 pm

**Hatsumode 2021**



17 1 pm (Internal)  
**Sagicho - Burning of old  
omamori and ofuda**

3 pm (Internal)  
**Tsukinamisai Monthly**



# Nusa - implements of purification

*O-nusa* is an ancient implement used in purification rituals.

*O-nusa* consists of a branch of *sakaki* with strips of paper.

The ancient Japanese embraced *harai* purification as the most effective method of purging negative energies.

Since ancient times, hemp has played an important function in Shinto.

Hemp strips were attached to sticks and used to wave over an individual to symbolically cleanse them of impurities and imbue one with positive energies.

This new years, hemp strips will be combined with *shide* zigzag strips, hemp rope and Hawaiian Ti leaves and inserted into the

*shimenawa* on the *torii* gate.

By walking under this special *O-nusa*, one will be undergoing symbolic purification and experience a renewal of our souls. We will also be returned to our sacred nature.



This will serve the same purpose as having a Priest's assistant wave a *Gohei* wand over your heads at New Years.

This special *O-nusa* will be placed on the *torii* gate on 12/30.

The shrine celebrated 100 years this fall. As part of moving into the next century, we looked at the changing landscape of the community and the immense challenges presented by COVID-19 and made a few improvements to keep the shrine healthy and vibrant.

As we move into a new chapter of human history, we strive to perpetuate the spiritual richness of Shinto for present and future generations.



Congratulations KykyBebs for making charity a part of your approach to business.

Rev Takizawa blessed the opening of KyKyBebs last month.

As a new entrepreneur - it's incredible to see Kylie prioritizing giving to the Hawaii Food Bank, the largest hunger relief program in Hawaii.

**Omamori Pickup and Mail orders are now being accepted.**

View the list of our omamori at [www.jinja.us](http://www.jinja.us)

Please email your orders to [kotohira@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kotohira@hawaiiantel.net)

**Pick up:**

12/26 Sat - 12/30 Wed 9 am - 4 pm

Pre-order Pickups will resume on 1/5 Tuesday

For curbside pick up - just park in the lot, call 841-4755 and we'll deliver to your car.

**Mail orders/Mail outs:**

Mail orders will resume 1/11 Monday



A cockatiel has been spotted on the shrine grounds for about a week.

Flocks of finches and parrots also seek refuge from the heat under the shrine trees.

Yesterday, the lost cockatiel flew into the preschool and has taken up home in an empty aquarium.

Pre-school teachers have been using social media to alert the community of the lost bird.

**Visit our website: [www.jinja.us](http://www.jinja.us)**