

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

Spring Festival 2019



The 67th annual Spring Thanksgiving Festival was performed on April 14

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Advance Directives Seminar

Plan Ahead To Make Your End Of Life Wishes Known

Date: April 28 (Sun)

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Shrine Meeting Room

Just as we prepare for the many milestones throughout our life, it is important to plan in advance for the end of our life with Advance Directives.

Advance directives are legal documents completed by individuals to specify how they would like health care delivered should they not be able to speak for themselves.

Attend this educational seminar presented by the shrine's president - **Dr. Shinken Naitoh**, who has focused his practice exclusively in Healthcare law.

The seminar is part of our community service to the public and will be offered at no charge.

The seminar will discuss end-of-life decisions and help you to complete your advance directive at the seminar.

Email your RSVP to the shrine at: **kotohira@hawaiiintel.net** or text Irene at **284-1040** to reserve a space.

Follow us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/kotohiradazaifu

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

The Spring Thanksgiving Festival is a time to remember the bounties that we receive from nature and the friendships, kindnesses and guidance received from all who has touched and shaped our lives. Officiating the ceremony was **Rev. Masa Takizawa** and **Rev. Akihiro Mihashi** of Dazaifu Tenmangu.



Rev. Kiyohiko Mohri presented offerings from Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka during the solemn ceremony. A miko mai was performed by **Shania Reveiro**.



Rev. Kiyohiko Mohri offered their greetings to all in attendance..

During dinner, students of **Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation (HDAHf)** performed classical Japanese dances followed by the annual presentation of Scholarships.

Marilyn Naitoh, Craig Nishida and Diane Nishida were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the shrine and Dazaifu Tenmangu for their many



years of dedication and service.

We extend our deepest mahalo to the dedicated officers and friends of the shrine for their kokua in making the festival possible.



Scholarship Awards 2019

The Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu Scholarship was established in 2012 in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu.



From Left: Rev. Masa Takizawa, Rev. Kiyohiko Mohri, Dane Kaneshiro, Jordan Kimura, Konner Uratsuka, Brenna Imada, Kilala Hall, Joseph Agag, Dakota Chun, Dr. Shinken Naitoh

The scholarship recipients for 2019 are:

Jordan Kimura - a Senior at Moanalua High School and an OIA star athlete in football and baseball.

Konner Uratsuka - An active Senior at St. Francis School with plans on majoring in Marketing at college.

Zeph Kaneshiro - Graduate of Roosevelt High School Magna Cum Lauda and presently attending Saint Martin's University in Lacey Washington, majoring in Civil Engineering

Brenna Imada - attending UH Manoa, majoring in Travel Industry Management and also working as a Wedding planner.

Kilala Hall - attending Kaiser High School and in the International Baccalaureate program. Kilala was 3rd runner up for the Miss Hawaii's Outstanding Teens 2018.

Joseph Agag - attending Honolulu Community College Auto Mechanic Technician Program

Dakota Rei Chun - attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Marketing .

View events pics at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

MAHALO Festival Volunteers

April 13

Chad Enoki
Arthur K Isa
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Shinken Naitoh
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Stirling Sakashita
Gary Shinsato
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Uratsuka Ohana



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Shrine Visitors



The shrine welcomed **Rev. Kiyohiko Mohri** and **Rev. Akihiro Mihashi** of Dazaifu Tenmangu.

Rev. Mohri was transferred to the Hawaii shrine by Dazaifu Tenmangu to serve for 6 months in 1990 as the 8th Guji while the Board searched for a permanent Chief priest. Rev. Mohri will be retiring next year to take over as Chief Priest of his family shrine in Saga prefecture.

Rev. Mihashi was born and raised in Saga prefecture and comes from a long line of priests. He is a graduate of Kogakkan University of Ise.

Mahalo Nui to **Seizo Imamura** of Osaka for his donation of two hand printed *chochin* lanterns, red and white Kohaku Maku curtains and purple Maku curtains with shrine logo for the entry, towards Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha's 100th anniversary in Fall of 2020.



CALENDAR

MAY

- 5 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service
- 26 8 am
Honolulu Shinto Renmei

JUNE

- 1 1 pm
Cleanup & Prep
- 2 9 am - 1 pm
Chinowa for People & Pets

JULY

- 1-7 Tanzaku strips for Tanabata wishes available in shrine
- 7 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service & Tanabata

Garage Roof Project

The shrine's garage was erected in 1963 and in dire need of repair. The *totan* roof, some of the support poles and cross beams were rusted through and disintegrating.

Mahalo to **Rudy Santiago** as he continues to strip the rust off the usable cross beams of the garage.

A grinder with a stripping



disc was used on the heavily rusted cross beams. Areas with corrosion beyond repair, was cut off.

The rust, dirt, dust and pollutants were removed from the surfaces and a corrosion resistant primer was applied.

The bottom portion of

the old beams were sawed off due to severe corrosion and disintegration.

The old asphalt and concrete foundation, dirt and backfilled rocks were dug up by **Rudy Santiago** and **Rev. Takizawa**.

However, it was discovered that beneath



the layers of asphalt and concrete was a thick metal plate.

Mahalo to **Mike Lee** for rushing down with his oxy-acetylene cutting torch to burn-cut the metal plate. Upon further inspection, it was decided that the metal plate would be left intact and the new beams would be welded onto the embedded metal plate.

Garage Roof Project

Mahalo Nui to **Kell Komatsubara** for spearheading Phase 2 of the Garage Roof Project.

New poles, concrete mix, equipment and materials were transported to the shrine on April 19 by **Mike Lee** and **Kell Komatsubara**.

On April 20, a plasma arc



welder was used to weld the new pipes to the existing poles and new beams over the frame.



Phase 3 will be the placing of a roof over the frame of the garage.



MAHALO NUI

Kell Komatsubara

Mike Lee

Rudy Santiago

Gary Shinsato

Milton Streeter

Masa Takizawa

