

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

YEAREND 2019



Mahalo to Sig Zane for visually communicating the culture, history, vision and heart of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu in our new omamori.

The new Sakaki tree design omamori is imbued with a Sense of place | Balance | Growth | Gratitude | Family | Harmony

Sig is a Keiki o ka aina, a child of Hawaii. Nature defined Sig from the beginning. He's a surfer, fisherman, hula dancer and artist. Reflections of his life are found in each design.

An understanding of the relationship with nature and culture is the foundation of his work on cloth, in writing and in daily practices. The approach is always with honor and respect for the generations that came before and to build a platform for the future.

Sig's philosophy resonates with Shinto.

We are honored to have had Sig design our newest omamori for the overall wellness of our social, emotional, physical and spiritual self

MAHALO

for your donations

Thomas & Linda Agawa

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MAHALO NUI LOA for your most generous donations to the shrine in 2019. Your donations will help fund:

- * Preservation and perpetuation of the shrine and its infrastructure
- * Annual Scholarships awarded during our Spring Thanksgiving Festival in April
- * Shichigosan Children's Festival in October and November

You can deduct contributions to nonprofits only if you itemize on Schedule A of Form 1040. The Shrine is a qualified Nonprofit Church.

For more info: www.irs.gov (Charities - Nonprofits)

Our Tax ID : 600-7158

Generally, you can deduct monetary contributions or property you make to a qualified organization.

VOLUNTEERS- You can deduct as a charitable contribution, any unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses, such as the cost of gas and oil, related to the use of your car in giving services to a church.

You can also deduct parking fees. You must keep written records of your car

expenses.

The IRS has issued the 2019 standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for charitable purposes.

Beginning on January 1, 2019, the standard mileage rate for the use of a car or van, pickup or panel trucks will be:

- * 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organization

Volunteers Needed

Any number of hours on any day(s)

Please contact Irene at kotohira@hawaiiantel.net

Asst Priest (performs Blessings for shrine visitors. Must wear kimono)

12/31 10:00 pm - 1/1 4 pm

Ozoni Team (grill mochi, serve ozoni mochi soup, clean tables)

12/31 10:00 pm - 2:30 am

1/1 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Volunteer Services (prep catered food for volunteer lunches, clean up after lunch)

1/1 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

1/2 9:00am - 2:00 pm

Traffic Control (pass out flyers for offsite parking)

12/31 11:00 pm - 3:00 am

1/1 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Omamori Booth (cashiers, baggers)

12/31 8:30 am - 11:30 pm

1/1 Midnight - 4:00 pm

1/2 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

1/3 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

1/4 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

1/5 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saisen Booth (Give change, fill Saisen box)

12/31 10:00 pm - 3:00 am

Mahalo to shrine officers and friends for helping with Hatsumode prep throughout the month of November and December.



Diane Arakawa

Gayle Fujihara

Bryson Goda

Reiko Goda

Stacie Hata

Kathy Hamada-Kwock

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Glenn Kawahara

Elaine Komatsu

Marilyn Naitoh

Shinken Naitoh

Craig Nishida

Diane Nishida

Diane Ogasawara

Gary Shinsato

Linda Shinsato

Sharon Toma

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House Blessing was performed on 12/21 for a home in Pearl City. Your dream has come true! Home is where love resides, memories are created and happiness never ends.



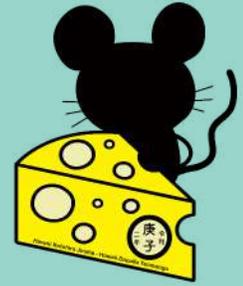
A baby blessing was held on 12/25 for Arden!

A baby blessing embraces the love, anticipation, joys, hopes and dreams for your child.

This ancient Japanese tradition paves the way to create family traditions that you can carry from birth to one year-old blessing to Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwei, Jusan Mairi, Seijin Shiki, Marriage, Yakudoshi and the celebrations of later life.

December

- 29 1 pm
Pitch tent
- 30 5 pm
Cleanup & Prep
- 31 11:30 pm
Yearend Purification Ritual



January 2020

- 1 Midnight - 4 pm
Hatsumode
- 12 10 am - 4:30 pm
JCCH New Years Ohana Fest
- 19 1:00 pm
Sagicho - burning of the old omamori
- 3:00 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

Visit our website: www.jinja.us

Shrine of Air Travel Safety

Dazaifu Tenmangu's precinct spans over 3,000 acres and includes numerous structures.

It's main shrine was first built by Yasuyuki Umasake in 905, two years after the death of Michizane Sugawara or *Tenjin*, the deity of Dazaifu Tenmangu.



A larger structure was constructed by the Fujiwara clan in 919, but was destroyed in a fire during a civil

war.

The Momoyama-style shrine visitors see today dates from 1591 and was rebuilt by the Daimyo Lord Takakage Kobayakawa. It is an important Cultural Property.

The grounds also contain two ponds, a bridge, a treasure house and the Kyushu National Museum.

There are auxiliary and branch shrines of many other *kami* in addition to the main shrine.

Millions visit the shrine in early spring to view the 6,000 *ume* plum trees belonging to 167 varieties.

One white plum tree, known as *Tobi-ume* or flying plum stands directly to the right of the main shrine and is said to be the first to

bloom each year.

Legend has it that after Michizane left Kyoto in exile, he yearned so much for this tree that it uprooted itself and flew to Dazaifu Tenmangu. As such, Dazaifu Tenmangu became revered as the shrine of air travel safety and is revered by travelers and those in the airlines, travel and aerospace industries.

For those that travel - don't forget tour Air Travel Safety Omamori for that extra insurance for your next trip to return home safe and sound.



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

Osechi Ryori



The holiday season is a time of family rituals and traditions.

Families gather for meals, religious observances, gift sharing and other special events that are eagerly anticipated all year round.

Rituals and traditions strengthen families and can give family members a sense of roots and history that lasts for generations.

To the Japanese, the first day of



Kuromame (Black beans) is eaten for health and to work hard diligently.

Konbu maki or **Kobu maki** is said to be an auspicious dish because it sounds like *yorokobu* or happiness.

Nishime or **umani** is eaten for harmony within the household.

Eating *gobo* prepared as **Tataki**

New Year is the most important and auspicious day of the year. Since it symbolizes the start of a new year, the day should be full of joy and void of any stress, conflict or anger. In times past, no work was to be done by anyone - this includes cleaning, washing dishes and other household tasks.

So, in order for wives and kitchen staff to enjoy the festivities, *osechi ryori* or special New Year cuisine

Gobo or pounded burdock root is said to create a firm foundation for the family.

The *daikon* radish in **Namasu** signifies a pure and unblemished life.

Kazunoko or seasoned herring roe signifies fertility.

Kuri Kinton (mashed sweet potato

was developed.

Most items are prepared in such a way that they can be stored without refrigeration for up to 5 days.

While each household used to prepare its own *osechi ryori*, nowadays many restaurants and supermarkets offer a wide variety of *osechi ryori* to make it a truly work-free New Year.

with chestnuts) signifies fortune and wealth.

Offerings such as *mochi* were offered to the *Toshigami* or the *kami* of New Years on the eve and taken down on the morning of New Years day. The *mochi* was then used in the the traditional New Years dish, **Ozoni mochi soup**.



On the morning of December 6, a single-car accident occurred on Olomea Street, directly in front of the shrine. The vehicle was a used Ford Shelby Mustang driven by a Honolulu Ford salesperson on a test drive with a male customer clad in a military uniform. The Mustang came roaring out of Ford's Olomea Street driveway and plowed into the H-1 fence. The car swerved right and took down a light pole on H-1. A second light pole on H-1 finally stopped the vehicle.

Two vehicles parked on Olomea were damaged by debris from the light pole. Preschool children were inside of the school - safe and sound. No pedestrians were in the vicinity at the time.

This is the second accident in 2 years caused by Honolulu Ford as the result of a Shelby Mustang test drive.

