



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

YEAREND 2021

The Japanese wedding is a solemn and simple affair steeped in symbolism.

The priest presides over the wedding, starting with a series of purification rituals.

The highlight of the ceremony is *san san kudo* or the sharing of sake in which the taking of vows

is solemnized.

San san kudo began in the early 1600s and is one of the oldest ceremonial traditions in Japan.

San san kudo is literally translated as "three-three-nine-times." Specific cups in three sizes are used in the drinking of *sake*.

The bride and groom take turns sipping three times from each cup, strengthening the bonds of marriage with each cup..

Heartfelt Congratulations to Board member Bryson and Reiko Goda for completing this lovely milestone of conjugal bliss!!!

DONATIONS

Bill & Keiko Doughty
 Economy Plumbing
 Bryson & Reiko Goda
 Gloria Hasegawa
 Rodney & Sharon Isa
 Leo & Lyann Kauhini
 Lori Kodama

James & Melba Kurashige
 Yasuhiro & Hiromi Maeda
 Steve Miwa
 Emma Miyaki
 Caroline Miyata
 Roy Morioka
 Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
 Ken & Janel Nakama
 Joyce Nakaoka

Craig & Diane Nishida
 Akiko Sanai
 Gary & Linda Shinsato
 Robert Stallings
 Shizuai Tsu
 Blake & Jenny Uramoto
 Jinnie Watson
 Steven & Nobue Yoshida

RICE

Arashi & Pam Igarashi
 Takenoko Sushi Hilo



SAKE

Lois Arakaki
 Bryson & Reiko Goda
 Arthur K. Isa
 Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
 Gary & Linda Shinsato

Mahalo Nui Loa for your most generous donations to the shrine.

Your donations will help fund:

- Preservation of the shrine and its aging infrastructure
- Annual scholarships awarded during our Spring Thanksgiving Festival in April
- Shichigosan Children's Festival in Fall

You are allowed to deduct contributions to nonprofits only if you itemize on Schedule A of Form 1040.

Volunteers are able to deduct gas and oil related to the use of the car in giving services to the shrine.

The shrine is a qualified Non-profit church. For more info: www.irs.gov (Charities/ Nonprofits)



2022 is the year of the Water Tiger.

Most Tiger omamori will be available from 12/26 during our early Omamori Selection days.

Get a Tiger omamori if you were born in the years of the Tiger, Snake and Monkey as it's going to be a rather challenging 2022.

GOKITO - Private Blessings



A family blessing and belated *Shichigosan* were performed on 12/17 and 12/18.

For these families, an annual family blessing has now become their new tradition, steering their family culture in a direction that aligns with their family values.

The holiday season is a time to slow the pace, appreciate the love of family and friends, and express our gratitude for every blessing bestowed upon us.



Gokito Private Blessings for 2021 will end on 12/25. We will be taking a short hiatus from 12/26 ~ 1/3. Please contact us at kotohira@hawaiiintel.net to schedule a Private Blessing from 1/4/2022.



Seijin Shikji is a way of welcoming young adults turning 20 years old into society.

This symbolic age of transitioning from childhood to adulthood marks the point at which the journey to the next chapter of their lives begin.

Seijin Shiki or Coming of Age ceremony can be traced back to the

Nara period (710 - 794) where boys celebrated adulthood at 15 years old, in a ceremony originating in China.

In modern day Japan, *Seijin Shiki* means one can legally drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes and gamble.

A *Seijin Shiki* blessing was performed on December 19.

Memorial Service

A Memorial service was held for a shrine friend on December 22 at home.

It was a simple, meaningful and beautiful tribute to a mother and grandmother who was the epitome of selfless love, comfort and sacrifice for her husband, children and grandchildren.

Grace, may your children and grandchildren keep your memories close to them and let it empower them to live the best life possible.



A Shichigosan Blessing was performed for a handsome 7 year old in a dapper suit on December 24.



A Car Blessing was performed for a shrine friend on December 25

Don't forget to bring your old *omamori*, *ofuda*, *umade*, *hamaya*, etc with you when you visit the shrine.

We do not accept *kodomatsu*, *saiwaigami* papers, *mochi*, dolls, new years decorations, *ihai* memorial tablets.

MAHALO

Visit www.jinja.us for Hatsumode 2022 updates

SAISAKI-MODE 12/26 - 12/31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Saisaki-mode, literally means "praying for happiness early" and offers an opportunity prior to January 1 to express our gratitude and to pray for a new 2022 full of hope, health and abundance.

Saisaki-mode is offered "Japan-style" where you pray on your own. For those who prefer not to come together en masse for Hatsumode - visit the shrine for Saisaki-mode for a safe alternative.

Omamori Early Selection

12/26 - 12/30 8:30 am - 3 pm

Omamori Mail Orders

12/20 - 12/26 kotohira@hawaiiantel.net

No mail orders will be taken 12/27 - 1/17

Omamori Pickups

12/26 - 12/29 Last day to Email your Omamori order for pickup is 12/27

HATSUMODE 2022

January 1 Sat 12 am - 2 am / 8 am - 4 pm

Parking 12/31 & 1/1 at Damien Memorial School (1401 Houghtailing Street)
Free shuttle Midnight - 2 am
8 am - 4 pm

January 2 Sun 8:30 am - 4 pm

Omamori available 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

We hope you will be able to see these safety protocols as an opportunity to carry on Japanese traditions in a new and safe way.

Embrace the spirit of the Japanese New Year at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu.

No Toshikoshi Soba

No Ozoni Soup

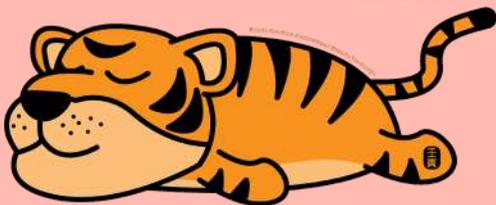
No Shishimai Lion Dance

No Omiki (sake)

BYOBags

Updates at www.jinja.us

The Sleeping Tiger



A sleeping tiger symbolizes a hidden force in your life, a fearlessness and quiet reassurance of inner power - urging you to remember your magnitude and to gather your strength for that day when the sleeping tiger within you awakens.

That strength and courage will surface when it's your time to prove you are special.



He'e Nalu
Omamori
波乗りお守り

for surfers and
those into
marine sports

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

26 - 30 8:30 am - 3 pm

Omamori early Selection

8:30 - 4 pm

Saisaki-Mode Early Hatsumode
Personal Worship

30 4:30 pm (INTERNAL)

Clean up and Preparations

31 8:30 am - 11:59 pm

Saisaki-Mode Personal Worship
Omamori available all day

11:30 pm (INTERNAL)

Toshikoshi no O-harai

JANUARY 2022

1 Midnight - 2 am 8 am - 4 pm

Hatsumode Personal Worship
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
(Closed 2 am ~ 8 am)

2 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Hatsumode Personal Worship
(Omamori available from
8:30 am - 2:30 pm)

2:30 pm (INTERNAL)

Cleanup & restore hall

3 - 31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Hatsumode Personal Worship