

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

JULY 2018



The Heliconia Scarlet Torches are in full bloom. Summer is a truly wonderful season that brings bright colors, blue skies and longer days!

MAHALO

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Tanabata



According to ancient legend, two star crossed deities meet in the heavens for one day on July 7, and will grant the wishes of anyone who has written them down on a *Tanzaku* paper tag hung on a bamboo branch.

Tanabata is a magical tradition celebrated for centuries to share the same awe and respect for nature as did our ancestors.

Mahalo to all for coming by to write and hang your *Tanzaku* tags.



In the American calendar there is no day more significant than the 4th of July. May we never forget the price paid for our freedom and that true freedom is accepting that we alone are responsible for our lives.

This is the spirit on which our great country was built.

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

Private Blessings

A blessing was performed in Kapaa, Kauai on June 23 for **Eight-Point Distributors**, a Honolulu-based company that specializes in ice cream sales, cold storage, warehousing, logistics and freight on all major islands. Continued growth triggered the company's move from Lihue to Kapaa. The blessing is meant to provide protection and harmony for the continued success of the enterprise. Congratulations on a new warehouse - a new start!!



A baby blessing was performed for **Tayten** on June 29. Shared traditions like baby blessings are a powerful unifying force, affirming deep bonds across generations.



A long distance blessing was performed for **Bo** on June 29



A Car blessing was performed for **Andrew** on June 25



A birthday blessing was performed on July 12. for **Russell** and **Les**. May you both continue to enjoy vigor, health and joy for many birthdays to come.



Car blessings for **Dorothy** and **Courtney** and good health blessing for **Arthur** was performed on July 10.



Congratulations to shrine volunteer **Jordan Masutomi** for achieving the rank of Black belt from the Senbukan school of Karate.



Rev. Takizawa testified in court on July 3 as a witness for the prosecution. (Story covered in last month's newsletter)

Prior to the trial, prosecutors visited the shrine and viewed the areas where the intruder entered on January 20 and the Olomea Street fence where he escaped from.

The defendant Wes Ersin of Mayor Wright's housing was convicted of attempted burglary and trespassing. Sentencing is set for mid-September.

Is it a cold or flu?

Summer colds or flu can be overwhelming. Your body in a state of dehydration and depleted energy from the heat -- an ideal recipe for colds, flu and other illnesses

Signs and Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual	Rare
Aches	Usual	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common	Mild to moderate
Headache	Common	Rare

Maintenance Projects



Mahalo to the shrine's neighbor, **Rudy Santiago** for volunteering to paint the Kama Lane Torii gate.

On 7/1, a scaffolding was erected followed by the blasting and grinding of rust. Holes in the steel were patched with putty on 7/8 and 7/15 and prepped for priming and painting later this month.

The painting of the shrine exterior continues every Saturday by **Bob Harada**.

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 4 1 pm
Cleanup & Preparations
- 5 10 am ~ 2 pm
Back-To-School Blessing

SEPTEMBER

- 1 8:30 am
Reservations accepted for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwai, Jusan Mairi & Seijin Shiki
- 29 1:00 pm
Clean up and preparations
- 30 3:00 pm
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

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The shrine's exterior lights along Olomea Street was installed about 15 years ago to deter theft and vandalism. The lights were mounted 12 feet above ground - - out of reach of people who might disable the lights to avoid detection.

A few nights ago, one bulb was found deliberately shattered and strewn all over the sidewalk. Upon inspection of the shrine, there were no signs of theft, vandalism or unauthorized entry onto the property.



SHICHIGOSAN

More and more calls and emails are starting to come regarding Shichigosan and Jusan Mairi 2018.

The dates for 2018 are: October 21 (Sunday) - November 18 (Sunday).

Since 2017, we've also offered Totose no Oiwei (Special Blessings for 10 year olds) and Seijin-shiki.

The four Rites of Passages mentioned above are offered with complimentary kimono rental and dressing, hair upon request, Omamori, gifts and a special reusable bag.

Shichigosan participants will also be given Chitose Ame, a special candy specific to Shichigosan from Japan.

Applications will be accepted ONLINE from September 1 at 8:30 am.

No phone reservations will be accepted.

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