



# Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

YEAREND 2022

A *Shunkosai* or *Shunkoshiki* - - completion of a home ceremony was conducted on 12/19 to express gratitude for the safe completion and celebration of a new beginning.

In Japan, the building of a house begins with a *Jichinsai* or ground breaking ceremony.

It is thought that construction causes significant disturbances to the land and a *Jichinsai* is a means to cleanse any negative energies and announce to the spirits of the land that construction will begin.

Many owners also request a *Shunkosai* which expresses gratitude not only to the *kami*

by to the many companies and its workers that were responsible in the completion of the project.

Congratulations on your new home! May the windows of your new home open you up to peace, prosperity and warm memories.

# DONATIONS

Bruce Allardice

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## MAHALO for your donation of rice, sake, foodstuff

Lois Arakaki

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Arashi & Pam Igarashi

Seizo Imamura

Arthur K. Isa

Izakaya Uosan

Kokusai Sake Kai

James & Melba Kurashige

Roy Morioka

Craig & Diane Nishida

Rudy & Sherrie Santiago

Tatsuya Shinagawa

Gary & Linda Shinsato

Takenoko Sushi Hilo

Yasuko Uyehara

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

We are able to preserve, perpetuate and share our traditions because of amazing community of supporters like yourselves!

Your donations 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](http://www.irs.gov) (Charities/ Nonprofits)

**Our Tax ID: 99-6007158**

# GOKITO - Private Blessings



Annual visitors from Japan were blessed for continued good health and success in the new year



Congratulations to shrine friends as we keep you in our prayers for a safe and easy delivery

**Gokito Private Blessings for 2022 will end on 12/24. We will be taking a short hiatus from 12/25 ~ 1/3. We resume on 1/4/2023. Please contact us at [kotohira@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:kotohira@hawaiiintel.net) to schedule Private Blessings from 1/4/2023.**

Marilyn Naitoh Gary Shinsato  
Craig Nishida Linda Shinsato  
Diane Nishida

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

Omamori continue to be sanitized with UV lights and packaged for your safety.



Rabbit year omamori will be available from midnight, January 1.

There are ample supplies of the Eto Zodiac brocade omamori with a bell, however only a limited number of the specialty omamori with a Rabbit motif.



2023 is the year of the Water Rabbit.

The Water Rabbit year is a time of peace, calm and healing, unlike the tumultuous Water Tiger year.

It is a year that will present resolutions - - some favorable, some not - - to many of our problems from the past 4 years.

Enjoy the Water Rabbit year as one of relaxation, rejuvenation and pleasure as the 2024 Wood Dragon

will be a year of extremely volatile and unpredictable energy and happenings.

The Tshirt for 2023 is an ocean motif that symbolizes the strength, power, mystery and boundlessness of the Water element in Asian philosophy.

Get a Rabbit omamori if you were born in the years of the Rabbit, Sheep, Boar, Dog or Rooster to help with any challenges.



Please bring your old *omamori*, *ofuda*, *kumade*, *hamaya*, etc (any religious article blessed at a shrine or temple) on or before **January 7**.

It takes volunteers a few weeks to

painstakingly remove all metal, plastic and other toxic trim from old omamori in prep for the annual Sagicho burning ceremony.

2023 Sagicho will be held on 1/22.

If you are not able to properly dispose of your *Juyohin* (omamori, ofuda, etc from a shrine or temple), please:

### **WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- **Kadomatsu, bamboo and pine branches, plants**
- **New Years decorations, Saiwaigami papers, newsletters, packaging, envelopes and containers that omamori were packaged in (please discard all packaging prior to using your omamori)**
- **Mochi, foodstuff, Sacred sand, Sacred salt (please take these out of the package and use them - do not discard)**
- **Dolls, plush toys, souvenirs from Japan**
- **Ihai tablets, urns, funeral photos, religious paraphenalia, flags**
- **Personal items - jewelry, photos, letters, books, clothing, etc**

- place them in a paper bag
- sprinkle Hawaiian salt
- thank the omamori for their protection
- discard it with your regular trash

Visit [www.jinja.us](http://www.jinja.us) for Hatsumode 2023 updates

## Omamori Mail Orders

**12/20 - 12/23** kotohira@hawaiiantel.net  
**No mail orders will be taken 12/24 - 1/7**

## Omamori Pickups

**12/26 - 12/30** Last day to Email your  
Omamori order for pickup is 12/24

- Masks are recommended in the hall
- No pets allowed in the hall except Service animals
- Suzu Bells and ropes have been removed to prevent cross contamination
- Hand sanitizers will be placed by the basin in lieu of hand washing
- Shuttle will be sanitized after each run
- Omamori have been sanitized and packaged

## HATSUMODE 2022

### PARKING

**December 31 Sat 10 pm - (1/1) 2 am**

Offsite parking at Farrington HS with free shuttle. HPD to provide security.

Parking lot entrance on N. King Street, near Kalihi Street

**January 1 Sun 12 am - 2 am / 8 am - 4 pm**

Offsite parking at Farrington High School with Free shuttle. HPD to provide security.

Parking lot entrance on N. King Street, near Kalihi Street

**January 2 Mon 8:30 am - 4 pm**

Street parking on Olomea Street or in the shrine's parking lot

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

A new phenomena called *Saisaki-mode* began in Japan in 2020, due to COVID-19.

In Japan, millions visit shrines and temples on the first three days of the new year.

Instead of visiting a shrine on January 1, we are calling out to

the community to visit the shrine in December to pray for an early and auspicious start of the new year.

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

We will be accepting

worshippers from 12/26/2022 - 2/3/2023 in a move to spread out crowds.

All worship will be done "Japan style" by praying on your own.

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

## OMAMORI AVAILABILITY

12/26 - 12/30	8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Omamori Early selection	Basement
12/31	8:30 am - 4 pm	Shrine Closed 4 pm - 8 pm	Hall
	8 pm - 11:59 pm		
1/1	Midnight - 2 am	Shrine Closed 2 am - 8 am	Hall
	8 am - 4 pm		
1/2	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Omamori available until 2:30 pm	Hall
1/3 ~ 2/3	8:30 am - 4 pm	Omamori available all day	Shrine

## SAISAKI MO-DE • HATSUMODE PERSONAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

12/26 - 12/30	8:30 am - 4 pm	Saisaki mo-de Personal Worship	
12/31	8:30 am - 4 pm	Shrine Closed 4 pm - 8 pm	
	8 pm - 11:59 pm	Hatsumode Personal Worship	
1/1	Midnight - 2 am	Shrine Closed 2 am - 8 am	
	8 am - 4 pm	Hatsumode Personal Worship	
1/2	8:30 am - 4 pm	Hatsumode Personal Worship	
1/3 ~ 2/3	8:30 am - 4 pm	Hatsumode Personal Worship	

*O-nusa* is an ancient implement made of hemp and paper, used in purification rituals.

Again, this new years, special hemp strips combined with *shide* zigzag paper and hemp rope will be inserted into the *Shimenawa* rope and hung from the *torii* gate.

By walking under this special *O-nusa*, one will be undergoing symbolic purification - - this will serve the same purpose as having a Priest's assistant wave a *Gohei* wand over your heads at New Years.

Looking at the changing landscape of the community and the immense challenges presented by COVID-19, a few improvements were made to keep the shrine healthy and vibrant.

We continue to strive to perpetuate the spiritual richness of Shinto for present and future generations.



## CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2023

- 1**      **Midnight - 2 am (Closed 2 - 8 am)**  
**8 am - 4 pm**  
Hatsumode Personal Worship  
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
- 2**      **8:30 am - 4 pm**  
Hatsumode Personal Worship  
**(Omamori available from**  
**8:30 am - 2:30 pm in the hall)**
- 2:30 pm (INTERNAL)**  
Cleanup & restore hall
- 3 - 31** **8:30 am - 4 pm**  
Hatsumode Personal Worship  
Omamori available in the shrine
- 15**      **10 am - 4 pm**  
JCCH Ohana Festival - Omamori  
will be available in the shrine  
booth on the 5th floor
- 22**      **12 pm**  
Sagicho ceremony prep
- 1 pm**  
Sagicho - ceremony and burning  
of the old omamori
- 2 pm**  
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

Water was found coming through the basement walls, pooling in one of the basement bathrooms.

535 Plumbing was called to find the root of the problem which turned out to be a burst water pipe in the *Shinsenjo* room, directly above the basement bathroom.

Instead of breaking apart the wall, Rev. Takizawa suggested the old line be capped and a pipe be run through the exterior wall of the back of the shrine, into an unused cleanout.

The water supply was

deactivated for about a week.

A new flashing was installed to create a water tight seal and the pipe was tied back into the 4" cast iron cleanout, directly under the area where the new water pipe was to be installed.

Luckily there were no system backups which could have come up in between the wall, requiring demolition of the tile wall in the basement bathroom.

A vent was added to the roof, bringing the project to a finish in about 3 hours.

This male climbed the fence and entered shrine property from Kama Lane at around 4 am on 12/19.

He appeared on video surveillance and was thought to have exited by climbing the Olomea Street fence.

Rev. Takizawa found him around 7 am, sleeping under the eaves of the shrine.

This same male entered shrine property about 3 weeks ago, wielding a metal rod - - bashing the *torii*, *komainu* lions, stone basin, concrete steps, etc.

Police were immediately called as Preschool

was in session and because of the violence displayed by this individual in the past.

The intruder left in the presence of 3 officers, leaving all his trash.

