

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

Yearend 2020



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Sharon Tanigawa
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Mahalo Nui to **Mitsuru & Pam Igarashi** of **Takenoko Sushi Hilo** for their annual donation of rice



MAHALO NUI LOA for your most generous donations to the shrine in 2020. 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)

Our Tax ID: 600-7158

Visit our website: www.jinja.us

Pre-Orders and Early Selection

OMAMORI EARLY SELECTION

12/26 Sat - 12/30 Wed
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Find us downstairs of the shrine

- Masks required
- Temperatures will be taken
- Credit card transactions available
- All omamori have been sanitized with UV light and packaged for your safety

The omamori Early Selection days are highly recommended as it is a more relaxed and leisurely experience than New Years day.

All 2021 omamori will be available except for some of the limited Cow/Ox omamori

PRE-ORDERS

for pickup
Now until 12/30 Wed

Omamori pre-orders for pickup accepted from now until 12/30.

For details visit:
www.jinja.us/omamori

Email pre-orders to:
kotohira@hawaiiintel.net

Pickup orders may be pre-paid or paid at the time of pickup

Pre-payment of omamori donations to be made thru this link: jinja.us/giving

PICK UP DAYS:
12/26 Fri - 12/30 Wed
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

MAIL ORDERS

Now until 12/29

For details visit:
www.jinja.us/omamori

Email mail orders to:
kotohira@hawaiiintel.net

All mail orders must be prepaid. Payment of omamori donations to be made thru this link:
www.jinja.us/giving

Mailing is done via USPS
Priority mail with tracking

Rates start from \$7.95
Actual postage will be notified prior to shipping

Mail orders will resume again on 1/11 Monday

Hatsumode 2021

HATSUMODE 2021

January 1 Fri

Midnight - 2 am 7 am - 4 pm

We will be closed 2 am - 7 am
for cleaning and disinfecting

January 2 Sat & January 3 Sun

8:30 am - 4 pm

**Parking 12/31 & 1/1 at Damien
Memorial School (NO shuttle)**

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

The act of celebration has a powerful effect on our mental well-being.

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

SHRINE PROTOCOL

• HAND WASHING

Water will be trickling at the basin but hand sanitizers will be placed for disinfecting hands

• SUZU BELLS

Suzu and ropes have been removed since March to prevent cross contamination

• WORSHIP

Worship will be done “Japan Style” (pray on your own at the bottom of the shrine steps)

No “Local Style” blessing with a Gohei wand or bell swept over your heads. We want to impart positive energies, not the COVID-19 virus.

Hatsumode personal worship will be offered from 12/26/20 - 2/2/2021

OMAMORI on 1/1 - 1/3

- Masks required
- Temperatures will be taken
- Group of 30 people will be allowed in the hall for 15 minutes. Social distancing practiced
- No pets allowed in the Pre-school hall except Service dogs
- Hall and baskets will be disinfected between groups

NO shuttle from Damien School
NO Toshikoshi soba
NO Ozoni
NO Omiki (sake)
NO Shishimai Lion Dance
NO Drinks for sale
BYOBags
Updates at www.jinja.us

Volunteers Needed

Given the current COVID-19 environment and its growing sensitivity, many of our usual volunteers are finding themselves wanting to help, but also wondering how.

This is a unique time in our lives and with it come unique needs that the shrine is facing.

With that in mind, please consider some of the ways below to help the shrine while still maintaining safety and social distancing.

We will have masks, face shields, and gloves. The hall will be ventilated with all windows open and large fans circulating the air.

The shrine will be running a

reduced scope of services and hours of operation during our annual Hatsumode event.

However, we will still need help in sharing the traditions of Hatsumode with the community.

Feel free to reach out to us at anytime. These are the ways you can help !!

December 31

Cashiers

All omamori will be displayed in the hall, and cashiers will be situated outside, in the patio.

8:00 am - 12:00 pm **8:00 pm - 12:00 am**

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm **10:00 pm - 2:00 am**

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hall Guides

Hall Guides will perform temperature checks and allow groups of 30 people in the hall at one time. Groups will be allowed 15 minutes to pickup their omamori and head to the cashiers outside.

Hall will be sanitized and the next group will be admitted in for another 15 minutes.

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Traffic Control

Control traffic at the shrine entrance safely and inform visitors of off-site parking at Damien School.

10:00 pm - 2:00 am

Logistics Crew

Assist Rev. Takizawa in a multitude of tasks

10:00 pm - 2:00 am

January 1

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7:00 am - 11:00 am

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Lunch Crew

Pack catered food into individual bento boxes for volunteers. Distribute bento boxes and drinks to volunteers.

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Mystery of the dead rooster

A dead rooster was found on the fence between H-1 and Olomea Street, in front of the shrine.

The rooster was hung by its feet and next to it a green and white ribbon tied to the fence.

The bird was seemingly a victim of Cockfighting.

According to HPD, November not only heralds the holiday season but also Cockfighting season.

The "season" for this illegal activity traditionally runs from Thanksgiving through the July 4 weekend.

In Hawaii, Cockfighting is considered second-degree cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor punishable by up

to 1 year in jail.

Promoting gambling can be a Class C felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison.

Possession of gamecocks, gaffs and being a spectator at a cockfight without gambling are not illegal activities according to the Humane Society of the US.



CALENDAR

December

30 5:30 pm

Cleanup and setup

31 11:30 pm

**Toshikoshi no O-harae
Yearend Purification Ritual**
(Internal)

January 2021

1 Midnight - 2 am
7 am - 4 pm

Hatsumode 2021



17 1 pm

**Sagicho - Burning of old
omamori and ofuda**

3 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

Maintenance

Potholes form from a combination of traffic and water.

Parking lot surfaces develop cracks due to the stresses caused by vehicles and the heating and cooling of the surface.



During the day, the sun warms the parking lot causing it to expand. At night, cooling causes it to contract.

Repeated traffic causes the small cracks to widen, allowing water to seep in and asphalt material to breakdown and be removed by cars.



Potholes can puncture your tire or bend or crack wheels. Even a minor impact may knock your vehicle out of alignment.

A Pothole Project was initiated by **Mike Lee** 4 years ago in 2016 however, pothole maintenance is a constant challenge.

Upon research, a cold patch from

SealMasters Hawaii was purchased to fill the pothole.

The new potholes were patched on Saturday 12/5, before it created larger pavement failure and potential liability to the shrine.

The edges of the potholes were first trimmed so the sides of the asphalt are angled.

All loose material was removed from the bottom of the potholes.

Then gravel was inserted into the



potholes and compacted to create a hole no deeper than 2 inches. The ideal depth of this asphalt patching material should be about 2 inches.



The cold patch was poured and shoveled into the potholes and filled to the height of about 1/2" higher than the surrounding pavement.

The cold patch was spread with a trowel and hand tampered to compact the patch and force out any air or liquid that is still in the hole. This laborious process left

the asphalt in an even, level surface that was able to repel water again.



The new surface was covered with plywood to allow vehicle and foot traffic in the lot while it dries and cures for about 20 days.



Mahalo to **Mike Lee, Gary Shinsato, Arthur Isa** and **Rev Takizawa** for spending their Saturday, helping to repair the potholes.

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