



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

DECEMBER 2021

Moving to a new location is a milestone, and is particularly important to clear and bless the business and its location in the beginning to set its original intention and to open itself to infinite new opportunities, new connections and success.

A blessing was performed for

the opening of a new office for the Hawaii Society of Certified Accountants (HSCPA) on 12/3.

The HSCPA was incorporated in 1932, and has a diverse membership in public practice, business and industry, government and academia.

The HSCPA is the only organization in Hawaii dedicated to CPAs with its purpose to promote high standards of integrity and within the accounting profession and to enhance the value of a CPA



DONATIONS

Lois Arakaki
Bill & Keiko Doughty
Hawaii Society of CPAs
Rodney & Sharon Isa
James & Melba Kurashige
Cheryl Mach
Carol Matsuwaki
Clara Matsuzaki
Steve Miwa
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
Craig & Diane Nishida
Mary Oyadomari
Akiko Sanai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Robert Stallings
Yuka Striker
Hideyoshi Takasawa
Naomi Teramoto
Man Kai & Ikuyo Wu

MAHALO NUI

RICE

Takenoko Hilo

SAKE

Lois Arakaki
Gary & Linda Shinsato

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

26 - 30 8:30 am - 3 pm (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Omamori early Selection

8:30 - 4 pm

Saisaki-Mode Early Hatsumode Personal
Worship

30 3 pm (INTERNAL)

Clean up and Preparations

31 8:30 am - 11:59 pm

Saisaki-Mode Early Hatsumode Worship
Omamori available

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)

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

Hatsumode Personal Worship

GOKITO - Private Blessings

The Japanese sword or *katana* is said to be the soul of the *Samurai*.

During World War II, the Japanese military boosted recruitment by fostering the ideals of *Bushido*, the way of the samurai. War was a fight to death and every officer wore a sword as part of his uniform.

In keeping with the demand, approximately two million swords were mass-produced from ordinary steel.

During the Allied Occupation of Japan (1945 -1953), sword-related martial arts were banned and swordsmiths were prohibited from forging swords.

Many swords were confiscated, destroyed or hidden by its owners until 1953, when swordsmiths were once again allowed to produce swords.

A shrine friend purchased four hand-forged antique swords by famous swordsmiths - *Tsuda Echizen no Kami Sukehiro*, *Ryujinshi Minamoto Yoshifusa* and *Higono Kami Kuniyasu*.

Upon landing in Honolulu, the swords were left with US Customs for inspection and registration.

Two *katana* swords and two *wakizashi* auxiliary swords were approved, released and brought directly to the shrine for a blessing on December 10.



Shrine friends were able to purchase a new vehicle despite the global semiconductor chip shortage and supply chain issues.

A Car Blessing was performed on 12/8.



Swordsmiths

- Tsuda Echizen no Kami Sukehiro
- Ryujinshi Minamoto Yoshifusa
- No name etched on the blade
- Higo no Kami Kuniyasa

Returning captured Enemy Flags

The battle of Iwo Jima was a major battle in which the US Marines captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Army during World War II.

It is rather common for troops who overrun an enemy position to take home enemy flags. American troops have been capturing flags since the beginning of the republic.

The Japanese *Hinomaru* flag was issued by the military and carried somewhere on their person by every drafted Japanese soldier.

US troops had no idea these flags were the personal keepsakes of fallen soldiers.

Many American veterans who possess captured Japanese flags are now tracking down the Japanese veterans or their families to return the family heirlooms.

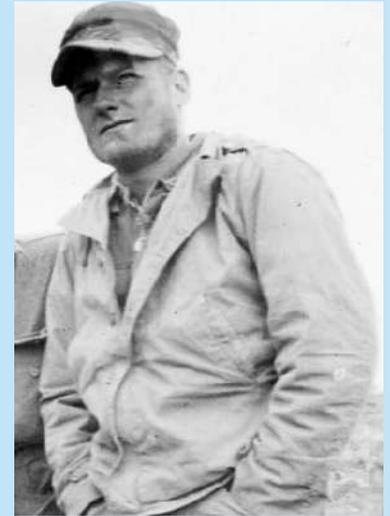
One such soldier that returned to the States with a flag was Edd Mach of Texas.

Upon his death, his daughter Cheryl inherited the flag and

decided to return it to a Shinto shrine for proper disposal.

Cheryl flew in from Colorado to honor her father's wishes in a solemn ceremony at the shrine with prayers of gratitude recited for Edd and the two Japanese soldiers for their service and sacrifices in their duties to their countries.

Accompanying Cheryl were other daughters of Iwo Jima from New Orleans, San Diego and Kona. For these daughters - the hostilities of



Edd Mach in 1944

World War II has long since faded.

Mahalo for honoring your fathers through this meaningful gesture of peace and friendship.



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 Fri Midnight - 2 am

8 am - 4 pm

Parking 12/31 & 1/1 at Damien Memorial School (1401 Houghtailing St)

Free shuttle

January 2 Sat 8:30 am - 4 pm

January 3 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

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.

With that in mind, please consider some of the ways below to help the shrine while

still maintaining safety and social distancing.

Like Hatsumode 2021, we will have masks, face shields and gloves. The hall will be ventilated with all windows open.

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 us to us at anytime. These are the ways you can help !!

December 31 Fri

Cashiers - Same configuration as this year. All cashiers will be situated in the patio

8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm 4 pm - 8 pm 8 pm - 12 am 10 pm - 2 am

Hall Guides - Perform temperature checks and control flow of people entering hall

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Traffic Control - Control traffic at shrine or Damien School **10 pm - 2 am**

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Lunch Crew - Pack, distribute bento and drinks to volunteers 10 am - 1 pm

January 2 Sun

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8 am - 12 pm **12 pm - 4 pm**

Breakdown Crew - Restore and clean the hall **2:30 pm - 4 pm**

Pole Replacement

Pole replacement on Kama Lane was done on Friday, November 26 by HECO.

Upon arrival at approximately 8:00 am, HECO workers realized that the hole dug by the prep team was too small.

Equipment was brought in and digging began around the existing hole for about an hour.

The new pole was finally set in the freshly expanded hole with a boom and winch. The guy-wires were attached to help support the pole.

According to the HECO crew, wood poles are the backbone of America's electric grid providing



superior strength, resiliency and service life.

Electricity was turned off around 11:00 am for the shrine and all residents on Kama Lane.

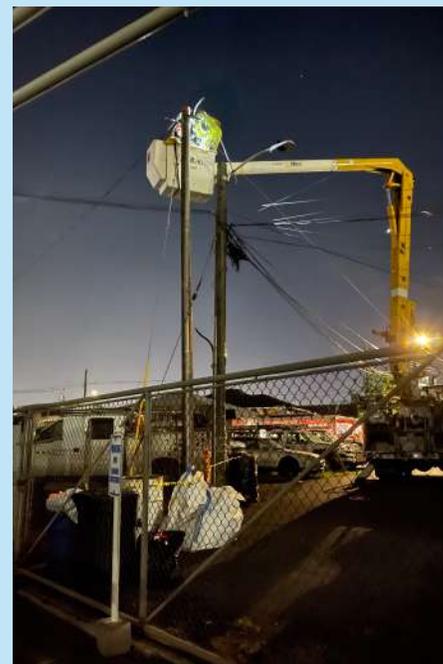
After 12 noon, prep work began to transfer all required electrical facilities to the new pole.



Two HECO workers in a cherry picker reconnected the Service Drop.

An electric Service Drop is the bundle of electrical cables that run from the electric utility company's power pole to the connection at the homes.

HECO's lines are higher than homes - the cables that go to



the homes descend from a higher spot to a lower spot, thus called a "Service Drop."

If there is no Service Drop, the cables are probably running underground in which case they are called "Service Lateral."

Electricity was restored to the shrine and residents of Kama Lane at approximately 2:30 pm.

To date, the pole transfer is seemingly not complete as there are two utility poles set side-by-side.

HECO attachments were transferred to the new pole. However the pole is a joint-use system which still requires Spectrum and Hawaiian Telcom to transfer their attachments.