

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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Chinowa for People &

Animals, also members of the community of life, have co-existed with humans for tens of thousands of years.

That powerful and mutually beneficial bond continues today, with people and animals connecting in ways that are essential to the health and well-being of both.

In ancient Japan, animals were thought of as spiritual messengers of the deities and many legends and Japanese mythology revolve around animals, very often thought to be able to communicate with humans in some way.

The fox is associated with Inari, doves with Hachiman, chickens with Amaterasu the Sun Goddess, the rat with Daikoku, deer with Kasuga Taisha of Nara, the ox with Dazaifu Tenmangu, boar with Go-ou Jinja of Kyoto, wolf with Mitumine Jinja and the white snake with the deity Bente.

Passing through the large Chinowa made of ti leaves signifies purification, protection and a renewal of the spirit for the second half of the year.

It is also meant to celebrate the relationship that exists between people and the animals that share this earth.

Many thanks to the shrine officers, volunteers, Niki Libarios of Hawaii Doggie Bakery for the donation of cookies, Bradley Pang of Oki Doki Andagi and Yasumi Gojo for sending PAWsitive energies to the animals with her healing touch.

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Hawai'i Doggie Bakery

Hawaii's original bakery for dogs! Founded in 1998

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Kotohira v. McGrath involved the seizure of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha property by the federal government's Alien Property Custodian on June 8, 1948 and the subsequent attempt to sell the property on March 4, 1949, on the grounds that Shinto was enemy tainted.

Representing the shrine was Frank Padgett of Robertson, Castle & Anthony.

nation and was confident that he could win the shrine back.

The case went to trial on May 17, 1949.

The next day, Federal Judge Frank McLaughlin ruled against the government.

In his ruling, Judge McLaughlin found the Attorney General's office in violation of the shrine's First Amendment rights with no evidence for use of the Trading with the Enemy Act. Kotohira Jinsha's property was returned by judicial order.

Judge McLaughlin stated the following in his opinion:

OFFER FOR SALE
BY
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Attorney General of the United States invites bids for the purchase of the following described improved real property owned by certain persons and parcels contained in the said premises, situated at Kamookahi, Kapalama, City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii:

Description of Property

SHRINE - SOCIAL HALL - SWEELING
Situated on about
57.320 SQUARE FEET OF LAND

Formerly owned by Hawaii Kotohira Jisha Temple Building, Social Hall two-story frame with Projection Room of concrete construction, lower floor 2000 square foot frame together with all that certain personal property located on the said premises consisting of shrine ornaments, equipment and furnishings, situated on two contiguous parcels of land described as follows:

Parcel 1

All of that certain parcel of land [being all of the and described in and covered by Royal Patent Number 2515, and Commission Award Number 4670, Apana 2 (to Paewahine), site, lying and being on the Southwest side of Vineyard Street, at Kamookahi, Kapalama, Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, containing an area of 50,075 square feet or thereabouts. Tax Map Key 1-6-03-13.

Parcel 2

All of that certain parcel of land [being all of the land described in and covered by Land Patent Grant Number 11,386 issued to the said Kotohira Jisha Temple], site, lying and being at Kamookahi, Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, containing an area of 7,248 square feet, or thereabouts. Tax Map Key 1-6-03-14. [Whereby property is more particularly described in a certain Vesting Order No. 11308, dated June 1, 1948, recorded on June 7, 1948 in the Office of the Bureau of Conveyances, in and for the City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, the Record of Deeds of said Bureau in Liber 2136 on Pages 342-346.

Sealed bids addressed to the Attorney General of the United States, Office of Alien Property, the Yokohama Specie Bank Building, P.O. Box 1200, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, will be received until 11:00 o'clock, in the forenoon on the 4th day of April, 1949, of the said bids and bids will be publicly opened and declared. Each bid must be in duplicate and an irrevocable offer to purchase the property. Bids will be received only from American citizens and corporations, controlled by American citizens and organized under the laws of the United States. Each bidder must accompany an affidavit stating among other things, that the bidder is not purchasing the property as an undisclosed principal, a person not a citizen of the United States, or for resale to a non-citizen.

A bank draft or certified check payable to the Attorney General of the United States in an amount equal to 10% of the bid price must accompany each and every payable must be stated in the bid. The Attorney General reserves the right to reject any or all bids at or right, time and interest in the property will be conveyed by quitclaim deed without covenants or warranties of any kind. Further particulars with respect to the said property and forms for submitting bids may be obtained by communicating with the Manager: Office of the Property, the Yokohama Specie Bank Building, P.O. Box 1200, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Dated at Honolulu, T.H., this 4th day of March 1949

TOM C. CLARK
Attorney General

(S.B. Mar. 4, 1949)

ment of Justice, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Howard Hoddick - U.S. Attorney District of Hawaii.

In one high-profile case, the Trading with the Enemy Act enabled the government to seize and auction off Bayer Chemical's physical property in the US, the name Bayer, its logo, and its U.S. patent for aspirin.

In an interview with Leslie Wilcox on PBS Hawaii, Padgett claims that no one in his law firm believed that Kotohira Jinsha had a chance against the Government.

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Frank David Padgett was born on March 9, 1923 in Vincennes, Indiana.

Padgett earned a scholarship to Harvard University, but was called to active duty in the US Army Air Force before graduation.

On January 1, 1945, while on a mission, Padgett was hit by enemy fire and forced to bail out.

Padgett and several others were captured by the Japanese and tortured by the *Kempetai* Military Police Corps in Vietnam, where he spent the next eight months until the end of the war.

After the war, Padgett returned to Harvard and earned his law degree. He moved to Honolulu in 1948 with his family after being offered a job with the law firm Robertson, Castle and Anthony.

His first case was representing our shrine - in **Kotohira v. McGrath**.

Padgett went on to practice law in Hawaii for the next 30 years before being appointed to the Hawaii Intermediate Court of Appeals in 1980.

In 1982, he was appointed to the Hawaii Supreme Court as an associate Justice and served on the court for 10 years until his retirement in 1992. He still lives in Honolulu with his wife Sibyl.

Frank Padgett is an amazing human being that put aside the brutality of his prisoner of war experience to become a prominent attorney, highly respected Justice, and a champion for civil rights.

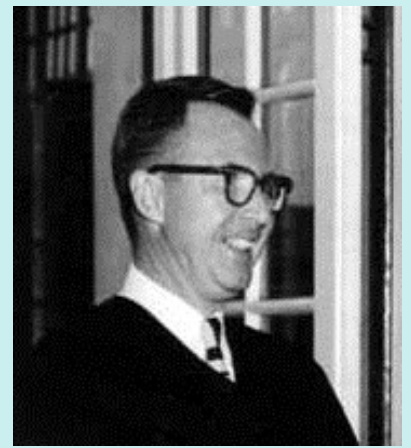
Joseph Francis McLaughlin aka J. Frank McLaughlin was born on June 7, 1908 in Leominster, Massachusetts.

McLaughlin graduated Dartmouth in 1930 and Harvard Law School in 1933.

Like his father, McLaughlin practiced for a while in Massachusetts until he was appointment assistant U.S. Attorney in 1935, to the Territory of Hawaii.

A stern conservative Republican, McLaughlin was appointed as judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Hawaii by Governor Joseph Poindexter in August 1939.

After the war, McLaughlin condemned the conduct of martial law, saying, "Gov. Poindexter declared lawfully martial law but the Army went beyond the governor and set up that which was lawful only in conquered enemy territory not bound by the Constitution. And they... threw the Constitution into the discard and set up a military dictatorship. Yes 'they did it.' They did it intentionally. They did it with design aforethought. They did it knowing disregard of the Constitution. They did it because Hawaii is not a State. They did it because they did not have faith that Americanism transcends race, class, and creed."



12/31/1947 - Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha re-opens its doors, despite the absence of a clergy

6/1/1948 - federal officers raid the shrine, making arrests and seizing the Kotohira Jinsha property

3/4/1949 - the Federal Government announces the sale of the seized Kotohira Jinsha property

3/8/1949 - Kotohira Jinsha reacts by hiring the law firm, Robertson, Castle & Anthony

3/31/1949 - Kotohira Jinsha files a lawsuit against the Attorney General's office for misusing the Trading with the Enemy Act against a civilian entity not under the influence of the Japanese government

3/27/1950 - The trial begins and ends on **5/17/1950**

5/18/1950 - Judge McLaughlin rules in favor of the plaintiffs, Kotohira Jinsha

In 2010, the construction of the Ground Zero Mosque near the World Trade Center site renewed interest in *Kotohira Jinsha v. McGrath*. There were comparisons drawn between the attack on Pearl Harbor and the September 11 attacks and the racial profiling, stereotyping, discrimination and attempted use of the Trading with the Enemy Act that Muslim Americans felt were identical to that of the Japanese Americans during WWII.

Private Blessings



Kenji & Mara Kwock visited the shrine for a baby blessing on May 25. The proud parents are pictured with Kenji's parents and long-time shrine volunteers - Milton & Kathy Kwock and Great Gramma Kwock



Loyal shrine members James & Melba Kurashige of Hilo visited the shrine with their son, Ryan on May 20



A blessing was performed for the new and larger offices of the DK Restaurants group comprised of Sansei Seafood Restaurants in Kapalua, Kihei, Waikiki, Waikoloa and d.k. Steak House in Waikiki.

Sansei Seafood Restaurant will be opening a restaurant in Seattle sometime this Fall.



Congratulations to Steven & Nobue Yoshida on the birth of their daughter, Yui. Big brother Nathan was blessed by Rev Takizawa, ten years ago.

UPCOMING EVENTS

visit www.e-shrine.org for details



Congratulations



Devoted shrine volunteer, **Kai Igarashi** recently graduated from University of Hawaii at Hilo. Congratulations Kai! We're proud of you !!

The shrine's blessing of pets is featured in a book entitled "Do More with your Dog!", written by Kyra Sundance.

A photo and interview with Betty Yamasaki and Jackie is featured on page 177.

MEET BETTY YAMASAKI & JACKIE

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Canines at Prayer

A growing number of congregations are holding regular pet blessings and pet-centric services as a way to build their congregations. Many churches have opened their doors once a week to allow canines at ... with the intention of addressing the spirituality of pets and the deeply felt bonds that owners form with their animals. This has reinvigorated the church's community outreach and attracted new members.

During the 30-minute worship, dogs sit on the pews or under the pews on comfortable rugs. Once service begins, most of the yipping subsides, and the dogs lay calmly (for the most part). There are canine prayers and a tray of dog treats for the offering.

Many houses of worship sponsor an annual **blessing of the animals** in October, in honor of the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi.

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IDEAL DOGS FOR THIS ACTIVITY:
Well-trained dogs and mellow dogs are ideal for the stillness of a church.



Congratulations to a longtime friend of the shrine - Ken Romanisyn on his recent marriage to Faith Amigo

Ken is the CEO of Royce Chocolates USA and President of Lady M Cake Boutique in New York

May all your dreams be fulfilled.

Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service

The annual Honolulu Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service was held at Punchbowl, Makiki Cemetery and Mo'ilili Cemetery on Sunday, May 24.

The service ended at Mo'ilili Cemetery with greetings from shrine President Shinken Naitoh thanking members for their participation in the remembrance of those who have died in service to our country.

