

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

SEPTEMBER 2019



The 99th annual Autumn Thanksgiving Festival was held on Sunday, September 29

Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

The Autumn Thanksgiving Festival is our special time to give thanks...not just for the food we partake, but for the thousands of fortunate moments, the multitude of blessings that we receive every day of our lives.

The Autumn Thanksgiving Festival is a special day to express gratitude that will enhance every aspect of our lives.

The festival commenced at 3:00 pm on September 29, officiated by **Rev. Masa Takizawa** and assisted by **Bishop Daiya Amano** of Izumo Taishakyo Mission of Hawaii and **Rev. Akihiro Okada** of Daijingu Temple of Hawaii. Toyosaka no Mai was performed by **Shania Riveiro**.

Shrine VP **Diane Nishida**

welcomed and thanked guests for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the ceremony and to all officers and friends of the shine for their kokua in perpetuating the festival.



MAHALO Volunteers

Sunday 9/29

Keng-Hsien Chao
Chad Enoki
Kei Enoki
Bryson Goda
Reiko Goda
Victoria Hallett
Arthur K. Isa
Galen Komatsu
Kell Komatsubara

Mike Lee
Marilyn Naitoh
Craig Nishida
Diane Nishida
Mitsunobu Ohashi
Ryan Okata
Shania Riveiro
Gary Shinsato
Linda ShInsato



Gokito Private Blessings

CALENDAR



A Car Blessing was performed for shrine friend Sean on 8/26



A Car Blessing was performed for Bryant on 9/5



A blessing was performed for shrine friends from Osaka on 9/7



A Blessing was performed for shrine friend James on 8/25



October

- 19 9 am
Cleanup & Prep for Shichigosan
- 20 9 am - 1 pm
Shichigosan
- 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

- 26 & 27 9 am - 3:30 pm
Shichigosan



November

- 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 9 am - 3:30 pm
Shichigosan

- 3 3 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

Memorial Service

There are a number of ceremonies in Japan surrounding the death and remembrance of the deceased family member.

A funeral in Japan includes a wake, the cremation of the deceased, a burial in a family grave and periodic memorial services.

The first year after death is a significant time in Japanese culture to conduct a memorial service in commemoration of the passing of a loved one.

Many Asian cultures count the year in which an event occurs as Year 1. As such, humans are considered to be 1 year old at the time of birth. This Japanese system of counting years is called *Man*.

Death anniversaries are also

counted in the *Man* system. The exception is the first year after death. This is considered the *Ichi kaiki* or the 1st anniversary after death.

The *Man* system of counting years actually begin from the 2nd year after death. Therefore, the 2nd year after death is considered the 3rd anniversary or *San Kaiki*.

A 1st anniversary Memorial service was held for former shrine VP Bob Harada on September 22, attended by his shrine ohana.

Diane Nishida, shrine VP thanked everyone for their presence and remembrance of Bob's devotion to the shrine, loyal friendship and all the special memories of our times together.



View event pics at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dzaifu

Maintenance

The two Ficus Benjamina trees on the Olomea Street side of the property were trimmed on 9/1 by Rev. Takizawa - the shrine's Green Thumb.

The Ficus trees are trimmed yearly to inhibit growth as it has an invasive root system that has uplifted the concrete areas of the shrine. Even in pots, the roots have grown out of the drainage holes.

The branches were dried and cut into smaller pieces by **Bryson Goda** for proper disposal.



Hurricane season is upon us, bringing with it the threat of strong storms.

Mahalo Nui to **Rob Kimoto** for completing ceiling repairs for a leak from the connecting seam of the kitchen wing and the parsonage walkway.

Even over a short time,



small leaks can lead to big problems such as mold, rotting frames and sheathing and damaged ceilings.

We can now rest easy even as the wind howls and the rain pours down.

