

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

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The annual family blessing was performed for the **Okawa Ohana** on February 18. Family is a treasure and Family blessings impart good health, unity, strong bonds and a peaceful home.

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The shrine's Stars and Stripes omamori was featured in a book entitled "*Omamori no Hon*" or literally, the Omamori Book that was published on 1/25/2018 in Japan.

Omamori are amulets, charms or talismans that contain divine power and provide specific forms of protection or luck. Omamori are offered at any shrine or temple.

The book is a compilation of rare, unusual and unique *omamori* available at shrines around the world.

Kanreki - a Renewal



In Asian cultures, the aging process is celebrated with the honor and recognition it deserves.

In the U.S., we worship youth and looking young and entering our 60s is approached with dread and humor about being “over the hill” or having one’s “foot in the grave.”

Becoming 60 gives us an uneasy feeling that they have moved into unknown territory.

For most of us, the first half of life was defined by our work; in the second half, we may not have a clue as to who we really are.

Kanreki is a time to re-evaluate our lives, when we may begin to face our mortality, get serious about what we want our lives to be about, make transformative changes and reaffirm a sense of gratitude for the goodness and richness of our

years.

The 60s also heralds the need for us to cultivate new relationships to our bodies.

For many of us, our bodies no longer do what they used to. They don’t respond with the grace and ease they once did.

Kanreki is a time to

- take stock of how life is working for you
- let go of what no longer serves you
- Make transformative changes
- create your legacy

The *Kanreki* Blessing can be wonderfully life-affirming. Instead of seeing the 60s as a time of loss, see it is a time to listen the callings of your soul.

Rituals like *Kanreki* blessings are

used to mark significant transitions in later life. Life’s fundamental passages have traditionally been accompanied by religious ritual.

Rituals afford us a sense of belonging and gives us a way to connect to family, past and present. Rituals tie us to our ancestors and to our heritage and helps us to understand where we came from. As a bridge between past and future, rituals strengthen our own identity.

Complimentary *Kanreki* blessings are offered once a year in February, to all those who purchase a *Kanreki* Kit.

The 2019 *Kanreki* Blessing will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

Kanreki Kits will be available at the shrine from December 28, 2018.

Private Ceremonies



The 11th Memorial Service was performed for **Hanayagi Mitsuaki II** (Karen Fujishima Lee) on February 3. Mitsuaki II was a Professor of Mathematics at Leeward Community College, principal of Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation (HDAHF) and her sudden death on February 7, 2008 was grieved by many.

Mike Lee and Natori instructors of HDAHF attended the ceremony to honor the memory of Mitsuaki II.

After the service, Mike Lee graciously gifted Mitsuaki II's *montsuki* (formal black kimono with crest) to principal, Hanayagi Mitsuujuro (Bryson Goda). The Montsuki was then presented to Vice-Principal Hanayagi Mitsuakemi (Stacie Hata).

A first-year Memorial service was performed for **Hisako Warden**. Family from California and Japan converged on Oahu to honor the memory of their beloved matriarch.



Private Ceremonies



A car blessing was performed for the **Shinsato Ohana** on February 15.



The annual special group blessing for Kanreki and Yakudoshi celebrants was performed on Sunday, February 18



Setsubun



Setsubun has long been associated with the rites of purification and involves the expelling of evil spirits by tossing roasted soybeans out of the home while saying “*fuku wa uchi, oni wa soto*” or fortune in and demons



Congratulations !!! A long distance Baby Blessing was performed for **Rin Augustus Naito Magpayo** of New Jersey on February 4.

This is the second long distance blessing performed for the Magpayo Ohana. The first was for older brother Shin Marcus, in 2015.

CALENDAR

March

3 1 pm

Cleanup and Prep

4 3 pm

Sake Appreciation Festival

10 & 11 10 am ~ 4 pm

Honolulu Festival

APRIL

14 1 pm

Clean up & Prep

15 3 pm

Spring Thanksgiving Festival

MAY

3 1 pm

Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

27 8 am

Shinto Renmei Memorial Day Service

Maintenance

Repairs and replacement of the old, damaged and corroded water-supply valve was done on Saturday, 2/10 by Magaling Kubetero Plumbing.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) personnel was called to shut off the City & County's curb box for the duration of the replacement.

Both the curb box and the main shut off valve are in a covered box within a pit underground and requires a special key or implement to gain access into the chamber.

No bugs or critters were in the curb box or the shrine's main valve box however, mud and debris filled the chamber, requiring BWS personnel and our plumbers to dig out about 7 inches of dirt from the chamber.

Concrete was removed around the shrine's valve chamber to expose the handles and box. The project took 6 hours.



Area was cleaned and prepped



BWS crew opened the curb box



BWS crew removed dirt and shut off the valve



Shrine's main valve covered in dirt and debris



Concrete removed to expose old valve



Concrete laid after replacement and repairs completed