



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

John Wayne at the Shrine

BIG JIM McCLAIN is a 1952 political thriller starring John Wayne and James Arness as House Un-American Activities Committee investigators hunting down communists in pre-Statehood Hawaii.

The two investigators go from elite resorts to Chinatown, the sunken remains of the battleship Arizona to Kalaupapa, Molokai.

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha appears about 35 minutes into the movie, when John Wayne and James Arness visit the shrine to ask Reverend Ito (Kinai Ikuma) about Willie Nomaka, a Communist Party treasurer.



There are no records of Rev. Kinai Ikuma, as having served at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha as chief priest, however it seems he assisted many shrines on Oahu by officiating at festivals and ceremonies. Rev. Ikuma was interned in Arizona and California during the war and returned to Hawaii in 1948.

The movie premiered at the

Kuhio Theatre on August 28, 1952.

See a short clip of the movie on our website, under Event Videos or the full feature on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNo7bxkEpEU>



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MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Happy Birthday Akiko



Torii Gate Restoration

The shrine began restoration of the Torii gates on Kama Lane and Olomea Street.

On Friday, April 25, a temporary scaffolding was erected in front of the Kama Lane tori. Rudy is seen on the right photo below, attaching a safety harness to the tori gate before embarking on the removal of rust

On April 26 - 30, holes were patched, primed and painted. Work on the Olomea Street torii began May 1.

The project was completed on May 3. See more Photos of the project at

<http://www.e-shrine.org/toriiproject2014.html>



Hawaii Pet Expo 2014

In celebration of both National Pet Week and Be Kind to Animals Week during May 4-10, 2014, the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association sponsored the 25th annual HAWAII PET EXPO 2014, on May 10 & 11 at the NBC Exhibition Hall. This year's theme was "Celebrate a Healthy Pet."

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Planting Seeds of Humility and Gratitude

Japan is one of the most urbanized countries in the world. However, it still retains Shinto values evolved from rice production since ancient times.

There is a popular saying "Ears of rice bow deeply as they ripen."

Like rice, humility and gratitude are the staple diet of the successful person. Every time you rise higher in social status, bow even more deeply and know how blessed you are.



Mahalo Allan for cultivating the shrine's rice plant, a constant reminder of our values that are embodied in rice production and the cycles of nature, the value of family, hard work and harmony with others,

Koi Nobori

The shrine's *Koi Nobori* was flown for the last time from April 28 to May 7, to celebrate Tango no Sekku or Boy's Day.

The koi or carp is thought to be the most spirited of fish - full of power and determination that it can fight it's way up swift running streams and cascades. It also symbolizes courage, so, families traditionally fly *Koi nobori* from their homes to honor their sons.

The shrine's *koi nobori* has been flying annually for the past 15 years and will be retired this year due to wear and tear..



CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew and Kimi Kwock Perez on the birth of their son - Noah Perez, born on April 29, 2014 at the Queen's with Medical Center.



Noah with Mom



Noah with Grandma and Dad

Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation Clean-Up

MAHALO NUI to Hanayagi Dancing Academy Hawaii Foundation for the *osoji* clean up of the meeting room on May 3



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