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 Except for Federal Holidays  
 and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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# New Year's Greetings

Happy New Year! We are grateful to all who provided generous support last year and we hope you will have a wonderful 2021. (Please see Bishop's message in the Dharma Lei)

## Joya-no-Kane (Dec. 31 @ 11:30pm)

As we close off this year, we will be having our Joya-no-Kane Service on December 31 at 11:30 pm. You are welcome to come join us ring the temple bell 108 times, which signifies eradicating the different types of negative karmic desires that we have accumulated throughout the year. By cleansing and purifying ourselves, we welcome the new year of the tiger.

We hope that you will be able to join us on this occasion.

## Daihannya New Year Blessing Service (Jan 2, 2022 @ 9:30 AM) [Online Service]

This coming year's Daihannya New Year Blessing Service will be conducted virtual or live-streamed, due to the current situation of the COVID-19. As this has been a very difficult decision to make, we ask for your understanding as we take all precaution to keep the wellbeing and safety of our members and staff/volunteers. The service will be done livestreamed and you may watch the service at [www.sotomission.org/live](http://www.sotomission.org/live) or from our homepage.

During this service, we will be blessing the Daihannya Ofuda and other omamori. If you ordered your Ofuda Packet, please pick up your packet(s) after the Daihannya Blessing Service and throughout January.

## Membership Dues and Nokotsudo Maintenance Fee

We appreciate your generous support each year through the timely payment of our Membership Dues. This helps us maintain and operate the temple each year.

Membership Fee is \$150.  
Nokotsudo (Columbarium) Maintenance Fee is \$24 per Niche.

Please use the membership form and the enclosed envelope to send in your payment to us.

We thank you for your support and contributions.

## Fundraiser was a Big Success!

We had a very successful fundraiser despite the difficulties we all faced with the weather that surprised us all. We express our gratitude to everyone who supported us by purchasing the tickets, picking up in the bad weather, and those who made generous donations to the temple.

We would also like to thank all the hard working volunteers who helped setup, navigate traffic, packing, cashiering, and runners.

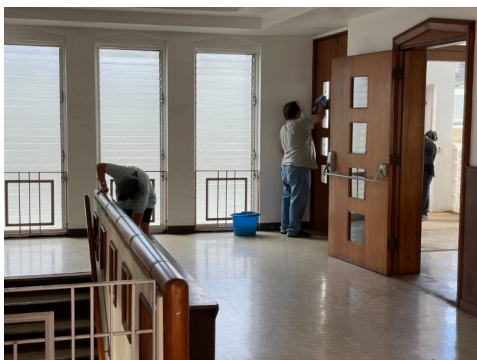
We express our gratitude to our Fundraiser Chair, Mr. Milton Kwock, for his close attention to details and with the added task of keeping the fundraiser safe for our members and volunteers. We hope that you all enjoyed the flame broiled pork and the arabiki sausage.



Once again, thank you for your support.

# End of the Year Temple Clean up

As we wrapped up the year 2021, we thank everyone who came out on December 19 to our Temple Clean Up. Big Mahalo!



## Announcements

### Upcoming Events

December 31, 11:30 AM Joya-no-kane Service  
January 2, 9:30 AM Daihannya New Year Blessing Service

### Office Hour Changes

Dec. 31 Temple open from 8 AM to 4 PM, then reopens from 11 PM to 2 AM (Jan 1)  
Jan. 1 Temple open from 8 AM to 2 PM  
Jan 30 Closed in observance of 5th Sunday

## Donations

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations for the month of November.

### Eitaikyo / Osunafumi / Kannon-Ko Service Donations

Carl N. Tanigawa, Helen Y. Tanigawa, Milton Kwock, Ross Y. Nishida Trust, Katherine Hamada-Kwock, Masae Hayashi, Thomas & Chiye Itagaki, Jamie Peterson, Jean Maekawa, Sally Nozaki, Katherine Higuchi, Ellen Nishimura, Eric Kanda, Toshio Ozeki, Linda Unten, Bunzo & Keiko Kawagishi Family, Naoko & Jay Moller, Ethel Watanabe, Keiji McLellan, Hiromi Shimada Family, Aika & Sosuke Yoshida, Colin Itagaki, Mona Sawai, Michiko Sasaki, Arden & Mary Loomis, Bernice Koike.

### Memorial Service / Funeral / General Donations

Erick Yamanaka, Susan T. Iwasa, Ann Honbo, Dara Luangphinit, Colleen Kainuma, Ryuko Kokuzo, Gail M. Krieger, Sally Nozaki, Marilyn Oda, Arthur & Velvet Yoshinami, Kumamoto Family, Howard & Crystine Yoshinobu Hee, Frank Childs, Irene Kanda, Mary Ann Oishi, Ted Ozawa Family, Hanayagi Dancing Academy, Lynn Kobayashi Family, Lea Kagawa Family, Helen Akashi Family, Mari S. Nakamura, Patricia Katayama, Mitsue Nakagawa, Deborah Saito, Dean Tanabe, Rue Iinuma, Aikido Ohana



# Dharma Lei



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### Bishop's Message:

Aloha from the Bishop's Office,

I would like to extend my fondest holiday greetings to everyone as we close the year 2021 and welcome the new year, 2022. "Time" is an interesting thing... For some, 2021 went by so slowly, as the extended the restrictions continued to limit the things people could do, like travel and interact with others face-to-face. For others, the day-to-day activities in life kept them busy, and 2021 went by quickly. Whatever your perception of "time" may be, one thing is for sure—time continues to move on.

Therefore, no matter what our situation in life may be, it is imperative that we do our best to make the most of each moment in life. Do everything—big or small, exciting or mundane, for the first time or the thousandth time—with full effort both physically, mentally, and spiritually. These little moments in life that we string together make up our various experiences of each day. These experiences strung together make up the various chapters of our life. We should all reflect upon the words written in *The Golden Chain of Love*: "knowing that what I do now affects my life and the lives of others."

2022 is the Year of the Tiger. The tiger, or "tora" in Japanese, is the third symbol in the Japanese Zodiac. People born in the Year of the Tiger are proud, courageous, and generous. Since they are confident and decisive, they have the potential to be great leaders. However, they do not like to follow orders, so Tiger people must be careful to avoid interpersonal friction.

Tigers are compatible with horses and dogs and can benefit from relationships with boars. Beware of the monkey, as they are the least compatible with tigers. It is said that those born in the Year of the Tiger are not good at making plans, and sometimes fail because of overconfidence. However, they offer great sympathy for those they love.

So, in the spirit of the Tiger in 2022, let's all do our best to act decisively in doing our best to beat the COVID-19 pandemic together. Please continue to take care of yourself and your loved ones. I wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

In Gassho,

Bishop Shugen Komagata



## 12 classes via ZOOM

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**First class: Saturday, January 8, 2022 (No class on February 19 & March 12)**

Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. One will go through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jikō and a group of Sangha friends. The sharing of one's life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and enriched by this inner journey.

In January, Rev. Jikō will be starting a new series of precepts study sessions using ZOOM. This 3-month course is comprised of 12 weekly one-hour sessions. It is an opportunity to learn about the 16 Bodhisattva precepts, which form the moral and ethical foundation of the Soto Zen tradition.

Once it is safe to travel and gather, Bishop Shugen Komagata will be going from temple to temple to offer Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation ceremonies.

These sessions are open to all who are interested in studying the precepts and do not require participation in the precepts ceremony.

There is no class fee. Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are appreciated. For more information or to sign up, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524, [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org).

The application deadline for the classes is on December 31, 2021.

## Online Baika workshop

**From October 24**, we are having online Baika workshop once a month led by **Rev. Shinryu Okuma** via Zoom. He teaches us how to use the bell and how to sing the songs in English. It's easy to understand. You can join the workshop at your house or Taishoji with Rev. Hata. If you are interested in his workshop, please contact Rev. Hata (935-8407) It's good time to start BAIKA!

Following is the schedule.

Every month on the Fourth Sun, until Mar 27, 2022, 6 occurrence(s)

- 1, Sunday Oct 24, 2021 3:00pm
- 2, Sunday Nov 28, 2021 4:00pm
- 3, Sunday Dec 26, 2021 4:00pm
- 4, Sunday Jan 23, 2022 4:00pm
- 5, Sunday Feb 27, 2022 4:00pm
- 6, Sunday Mar 27, 2022 3:00pm



**Rev. Shinryu Okuma**

