

# HAKUHO



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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

I'd like to share a Buddhist story. It is "Four Wives." Buddha talked about this story with his disciples.

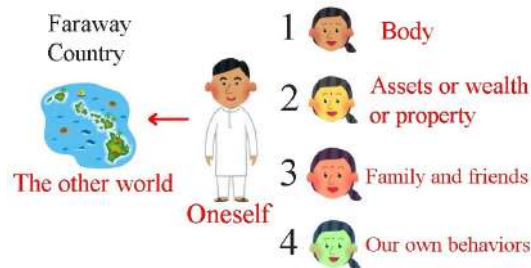
Once upon a time, a man had four wives. Long ago, it was a common thing for a man to have several wives. He loved his first wife very much. He took good care of his first wife. He bought anything his first wife wanted. He took her wherever she wanted to go. He provided any food she wanted to eat. She was loved most tenderly by the man. Next, his second wife was ravishingly beautiful. So he always paid attention to her behavior to prevent her from cheating on him. If his second wife went out, he always went out with her. After they came home, he locked the door of her room and kept somebody on guard in

front of her room. Next, he didn't meet his third wife every day. But each time he met his third wife, they communicated their feelings and heard each other out. She supported him even through his difficult times and fun times. Last, his fourth wife was like a servant to him. She worked hard for him every day, but he complained and ignored her. He paid no attention to her.

One day, he had to move to a faraway country. So he asked his first wife, "can you move to the country with me?" But his first wife cried and said, "You always took good care of me. I really appreciated you, but I don't want to move to the faraway country." She rejected his request. Next, he asked his second wife, "can you move to the country with me?" His second wife answered, "since your first wife turned down your request, I cannot accept your request." His second wife also rejected his request. The man was really disappointed. Next, he asked his third wife. His third wife said, "I'll go to a national border with you, but I cannot go to the faraway country with you". She also rejected his request. He was at a loss. Lastly, he asked his fourth wife, then his fourth wife said, "I have been with you since we got married. So I will follow you anywhere". After he heard this, he felt a pang of regret. He didn't notice that his fourth wife thought about him so much. He should have cherished his fourth wife. After Buddha told this story, Buddha asked his disciples. "In this story, do you know what is the man? Where is the faraway country? Who are the four wives?"

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Who knows the answer? The answer is related to our lives. First, the man represents us. Next, the faraway country represents the other world. His first wife represents our body. We always take care of our body, but we have to let go of our body through death. His second wife represents assets or wealth or property. We also cannot take those to the other world. His third wife represents family and friends. During our lifetime, we cherish and support each other. But after death, nobody goes into the grave at same time with you even though they can see you off. Finally, his fourth wife represents our own behaviors.



In our daily life, we tend to criticize others' behaviors without considering our own behaviors. Buddha taught us the idea of "**Karma**." Karma roughly means the Law of Cause and Effect. If you do good things, good things will come to you. If you do bad things, bad things will come to you. Karma will also affect our next life. In Buddhism, it is said that depending on our behaviors in this lifetime, our next life is determined. We should do good things to go to the world of Buddha. Soto Zen Founder, Dogen Zenji said, "**In the face of impermanence, there is no help from kings, statesmen, relatives, servants, spouses, children, or wealth. We must enter the realm of death alone, accompanied only by our good and bad karma.**" Dogen Zenji also spoke of the importance of our Karma. That's why, we have to be mindful of our own behaviors and cherish our body, assets, family and friends.

Finally, please reflect on your own behaviors in your daily life. If you think that you did a lot of bad things in your lifetime, please try to do good things. If you think that you did a lot of good things in your lifetime, please believe in yourself and continue to do good things. Buddha will always watch your behaviors, even if people don't watch your behaviors. Let us become a person who reflects on one's own behaviors. Thank you very much.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shinsho Hata

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha Members and Friends,

We are now in our 9<sup>th</sup> month of Covid-19. I hope you are all doing well by keeping yourself busy with some kind of activity. Walking is good to keep your body parts moving so you can stay healthy although some of us are not in this category, try to at least do some hand and foot exercises if possible even if you need to sit down while doing it. Try to keep your mind sharp by going out in your yard to putter around if you can. Doing puzzles, reading, or doing things with your hands and your mind so you have to concentrate on what you are doing. Being a couch potato, snacking and watching TV all day is not good for you. These are trying times and we don't know how long it will be before we can go back to living at least some form of normal life.

In Gassho,  
Rodney Nishino

### FUJIN KAI

Aloha Taishoji Fujin Kai members, families and friends,

We put our hands together in gassho wishing you peace and comfort in this time of hardship. As we have had to cancel our in person hospital visitation again in November we are all praying for your well being, always. Good news, our cookbook is ready for you. It has many of our favorite recipes and will make a wonderful holiday gift. It is only \$10.00 and all profits go toward the UHSSWA fundraiser. We couldn't have our UHSSWA conference this year so this fundraiser will be very helpful. Thank you so much for your support. You can purchase the cookbook at the temple main entrance after Sunday service from 9:40 to 10:00 a.m. Or please call Rev. Hata at 935-8407 for other options. If you would like a copy of the cookbook mailed to your house, please call Yoko Gussman at 345-1765. Thank you.

In Gassho,  
Yoko Gussman



UHSSWA Cook Book

## BUSSHIN KAI NEWS

Aloha, Everyone:

I hope you are all safe and healthy from COVID-19 and the flu. Please. read on:

### **THE NEWBURGH CONSPIRACY, GEORGE WASHINGTON & BUDDHISM**

The year is 1783. The British army had surrendered at Yorktown to George Washington in 1781. The Continental army has not been paid for a long time and they want pensions, too. The army will not disband. They're getting angry at the situation.

The officers have a meeting at the Newburgh army camp, located 10 miles northwest of West Point, NY, where our present U.S. Military Academy stands. There is danger of a planned military coup in the young nation. A letter giving an ultimatum to the bankrupt Continental Congress is being circulated suggesting that the officers take an unspecified action.

At the March 15 meeting an unannounced visit is made by Commander-in-Chief George Washington who sought to give a speech urging patience by reading a letter. He gazed upon it and fumbled with it without speaking. He then took out a pair of reading glasses from his pocket, which were new; few of the men had seen him wear them.

He then said: "Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray but almost blind in the service of my country."

This caused the men to realize that Washington had sacrificed a great deal for the Revolution, just as much as any of them. These, of course, were his fellow officers, most having worked closely with him for several years. Many of those present were moved to tears, and with this act, the conspiracy collapsed as he read the letter. He then left the room.

Congress then promised the soldiers full pensions for 5 years. On April 19, Washington ordered the army to disband since the peace treaty with England had been signed in Paris. So, Congress gave each soldier three months' pay to take home.

Thus was the Newburgh Conspiracy and how America was saved from mutiny and military rule. It was a lesson in change. Everyone was getting old. Impermanence was affecting all. Remember that Washington was a proud Freemason, and Freemasons were widespread among our Founding Fathers – Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Thomas Paine, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, James Monroe, etc. Freemasons inherited the teachings of Shakamuni Buddha via Indian Buddhist Emperor Ashoka, the missionary monks sent to all parts of Alexander the Great's Greek Empire (Hellenistic), the Mandaeans, Manichaeans, John the Baptist, Jesus of Palestine, Mary Magdalene, the Desposyni Jesus' descendants), Shriners, etc.

They all believed in wisdom, nature, and loving kindness. But the most important one was Impermanence (change), which is the main lesson in Sōtō Zen Buddhism's beloved chant "The Makahannya Haramitta Shingyō." Think about it.

In Gassho,

Walter Tachibana

### **WISDOM WORDS**

"Three Things Cannot Be Long Hidden: the Sun, the Moon, and the Truth." --- Buddha

AMERICANS STAND UP TO BULLIES,  
THEY DON'T FOLLOW THEM.

--- BARACK OBAMA

Love is where the Friends are, --- Unknown

Memories are the heart's way of keeping Friends and Family close." - - - Anonymous

"Little miracles are around us if we open our eyes to them." - - - Unknown

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE



Aloha everyone,

Can you believe it? It has been a long almost 8 months since we have met for in-person services! I hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy. Sensei Hata and crew have been doing a wonderful job of live streaming Sunday Services on Facebook and posting them on YouTube. If you have a chance, please go to YouTube and watch.

Since air travel has been re-opened (as of October 15), and we know everyone has been missing the temple and each other, we want to hold an in-person service before infection numbers go up. So we have decided to hold One in-person, Sunday Family Service on

**November 8, 2020 at 9am.** All rules and precautions will be followed at the temple, so please join us for this service.

In Gassho,

Patricia Fuke, President



**Rev. Shinsho Hata**  
Kannonko Service  
October 4, 2020



**Deacon Jigaku Takenouchi**  
Daruma-ki Message  
October 4, 2020

## LIVE STREAMING KEIZAN ZENJI BIRTHDAY SERVICE



**Taiso Keizan Zenji**

Our Live Streaming Keizan Zenji Birthday Service will be held on **Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 9:00 am on Facebook page**. The video will be posted on YouTube later.

Following Dogen Zenji, the Dharma lamp was transmitted to Ejo Zenji, then to Gikai Zenji, and then to Keizan Zenji, who was the fourth ancestor in the Japanese Soto Zen lineage. Keizan Zenji was born on November 21, 1268. Keizan Zenji in founding Sojiji and in establishing the basis on which today's Soto Zen School. Keizan Zenji did not by any means, make light of the worldly interests of ordinary people and along with practice of Zazen used prayer, ritual and memorial services to teach, This was attractive to many people and gave them sense of peace. For this reason, Soto Zen School quickly expanded.

## KARMA IN DAILY LIFE

My last talk was about the Buddha turning the Wheel of the Dhamma, that is, giving his first sermon after becoming enlightened. There, talking to his former ascetic practitioners, he gave us the Four Noble Truths, which includes the Noble Eight Fold Path. He said the path leading to the cessation of suffering should be cultivated. The path we know has sila, samadhi, and prajna. i.e. moral disciplines, mental disciplines and the cultivation of wisdom.

Why does this path work? It works because of the principle that we know as Karma. Karma is a Sanskrit word meaning action, but when used in a Buddhist context, we know that every action we take has a result. Good actions have good results, poor actions have poor results.

I grew up in middle America. there were no Buddhists around. I never heard the word Karma, until I moved to Los Angeles in the 60's. When i first heard about it, I was skeptical, so I started to pay attention to my behavior. Then, over time i realized the reality of Karma.

Karma is why the morality put forth in the 8 fold path is so important. We make many large and small decisions every day. They all have effects on our lives is easy for us to see the results of large mistakes. Small mistakes are more difficult see, but still yet give us smaller problems.

We tend to justify everything we say and do, even if we only tell small lies or deceptions, or maybe selfish or greedy behavior. We have to know that there is no escape from our karma. We will always receive the rewards of our actions. So it is best to follow the morality given in the Noble Eight Fold Path.

In Gassho,  
Deacon Juho

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

### Bishop's Office Newsletter (Dharma Lei #34)



Aloha from Bishop's Office

Recently, Hawaii has seen a drastic uptick in new infections and deaths caused by the Novel Coronavirus. I hope you have been doing well throughout these very turbulent times. I pray for a quick resolution to this problem, and for the recovery of those infected by the virus.

In the Soto Zen tradition, October is the month when we honor Bodhidharma, also known in Japanese as Daruma. Daruma is the Indian monk who traveled to China and spread the Buddhist spirit through seated meditation, or zazen.

As we find ourselves having spent majority of 2020 dealing with the global pandemic, perhaps now is the opportune time to reflect upon the teaching Daruma. The saying, “nanakorobi yaoki,” translated to mean “seven times down, eight times up,” comes from the physical and mental perseverance of Daruma. For so many people around the world, 2020 has been a year full of “nanakorobi” (seven times down)—roadblocks, setbacks, and misfortune—for a multitude of reasons.

It is important that we direct our focus on “yaoki,” or “eight times up.” We must do our best to overcome adversity and be happy. During the recent shutdown and stay-at-home order, sometimes we can find happiness and peace in the small things. Offer Senko in front of your butsudan. Take the time to chat with a friend or loved one on the phone. Clean out that storage shed that has accumulated so much over the years. Exercise. Let us take a moment to reflect upon the positive impact Bodhidharma can have in our lives, whether it is through zazen or simply to stay positive and never give up.

Please take care of yourself and your loved ones.

In Gassho,  
Bishop Shugen Komagata

### NOVEMBER 2020 SCHEDULE

<b>1</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>(Live Stream) S/S / Family Service</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 2</b>
<b>8</b>		<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>(In Person) S/S / Family Service</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Kyodan Meeting</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Veterans Day Service / Veterans Cemetery #1</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 3</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>(Live Stream) S/S / Family Service (Keizan Zenji Birthday)</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 4</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>(Live Stream) S/S / Family Service</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 1</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>(Live Stream) S/S / Family Service</b>

### TAISHOJI ZAZEN / YOGA / TAIKO / TROOP & PACK 95 / GO SCHEDULE

Yoga & Zazen	Monday	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Zazen	Sunday's before Sunday School	8:00 am - 8:35 am
Taiko	Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm
Pack 95	Friday	6:30 pm
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

### DECEMBER 2020 SCHEDULE

<b>1-8</b>	<b>Sun-Tue</b>	<b>6:30 am-7:30 am</b>	<b>Rohatsu Sesshin (Zazen Session)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 2</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>BIBF Jodo-e Service (Higashi Hongwanji Toban)</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 3</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Taishoji Jodo-e / Kannon-ko / Toba Kuyo Service</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 4</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Temple Cleaning Group # 1</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Kadomatsu Making</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Mochi Tsuki Day</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>11:30 pm</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Joya no Kane Service</b> <b>(Ringing of Temple Bell 108 Times)</b>

### IN MEMORIUM

Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Family of the late:

**MRS. ETSUKO FUJIOKA**  
July 12, 1928 - October 3, 2020

**MR. KURT HISAO KIKUCHI**  
January 20, 1957 - October 6, 2020

**MRS. UTAKO SEKI**  
December 9, 1932 - October 9, 2020

**MR. HISAO "MONTE" KAYA**  
August 18, 1923 - October 15, 2020

**MR. LIONEL FUJIOKA**  
June 24, 1943 - October 16, 2020