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SACRED WORDS

*We shall feel as cool and as refreshed As if we were sprinkled with nectar.
Suppose a man came From a country suffering from famine.
Now he saw the meal of a great king. He did not partake of it in doubts and fears.
After he was told to take it by the king, He took it at once.*

Lotus Sutra Ch. 6—Assurance of Future Buddhahood

Weekly Services

We will continue to hold services with limited in-person attendance and broadcast online via **Zoom**. For those interested in participating online, please contact the temple to obtain meeting ID and password. Donations can be made either by check payable to **Kannon Temple of Nevada** or **Zellepay.com** to kannontemplenv@gmail.com.

Obon Memorial Service July 19, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)

The *Lotus Sutra* can save all souls even those in hell. The *Obon* Memorial Service originated with the story from one of Sakyamuni Buddha's disciple, Maudgalayana, who saved his mother from her incessant suffering in the level of Hungry Ghost.

For the newly deceased, this will be their first *Obon* Memorial Service. We will create a special *Toba* (wooden tablet) with their name written on it and make special offerings to them. This is a special message to the deceased.

Please write your name and ancestors' on the enclosed prayer form and send it back to the Kannon Temple before July 19 with your donation. Together with the congregation, we will pray for your deceased loved ones and all hungry spirits in the lower realms.



Matsubagayatsu Persecution Service Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. (Sun)



The first of four major persecutions in Nichiren Shonin's life. An angry mob tried to kill him and burned his hut down. According to legend, he was saved by a white monkey.

Please come join us to commemorate this important event.

Electronic Newsletter

If you wish to receive this bi-monthly newsletter electronically, please email temple with your request at kannontemplenv@gmail.com. We are in the process of moving many processes online, which will help reduce temple expense.

Obon Cemetery and Home Visitations in Utah August 8-9

The annual Obon visitations to the gravesites and homes of members in northern Utah will be held August 8 & 9. A detailed schedule will be sent out later to those members.

Hesitant to Eat Shoda Kanai

Summer is finally here! It is a good time to get out of the house and enjoy nature. The days are long and hot, which makes it the perfect time to be the most active.

It is also time for barbequing, with many get-togethers with family and friends at home, the park, or the beach. It's a great time to enjoy the company of family and friends over some food. There's nothing like the smell of grilled meat! For those of you who are vegetarian, the smell of grilled corn is just as good. These are happy occasions that we can share and leave with leftovers and a full belly.

As Hawaiians love to barbeque, at our family get-togethers, I make my youngest brother from Hawaii grill. He brings his own special spices and salt and prepares the meat the day before. He brings the taste of the islands to the mainland. I am sure each family has their own special recipe of spices and salts to create their unique flavoring.

Unfortunately, there are those who are not as fortunate and do not know when their next meal will be, let alone attend a barbeque. We can help them by making donations to food pantries and other charities. Have you ever been really hungry? Yes? No? I guess fasting will count.

During my 100 days Argyo Ascetic Training, we fasted with only a small bowl of okayu (congee) and miso soup twice a day. It is difficult for the first couple of weeks, but the body adjusts. But deep down the hunger remains. After completing my first 100 Days, it is easy to overindulge and eat anything and everything. Being cautious, I limited myself and tried not to indulge, but once my seniors said, ⇒

⇐“Eat!” my fellow participant and I practically ordered the entire menu! The kitchen was closing, so we got what we could. It was like the great meal of a king.

Sometimes we are not sure if we can indulge in something, especially Buddha’s True Teaching. We find out that the Teachings resonate with us deeply, but does it pertain to us? Are we all included? We are still not sure. Assurances are necessary. Thus, follow this month’s Sacred Words are from Ch. 6, “Assurance of Future Buddhahood.” These phrases are displayed on banners during the *Obon* and *Segaki* (Hungry Ghost) Service. This is to remind the deceased that it is ok to eat this meal that we are about to offer and by taking this meal, they will be refreshed and become a Buddha. Likewise, we too are assured of our Buddhahood. These phrases were stated by Buddha’s disciples to explain their initial doubt but overcame it through Buddha’s guarantee, just like being assured to be able to eat a great meal.

We may have many doubts as Buddha’s Teachings can be very difficult to understand. There are a couple of parables in the Lotus Sutra to help us understand that we truly have a treasure within us and we will never be hungry. Have no worries as we can develop that treasure through chanting the *Odaimoku*.

So, next time as you gather amongst family and friends for a barbeque or get-together, know that as you dive into the meal, we all are assured of our future Buddhahood.



New Building Fund commemorating the 800th Anniversary of Nichiren Shonin’s Birth

801 shakyo tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **25,260,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of June 25, 2026

Thank you very much! Please continue your support.

From the High Desert, I Bring you Good News!

Torii Gate in Utah

Shoda Kanai

Recently I traveled to Ogden, Utah, a city north of Salt Lake City, to conduct a funeral for a long-time follower. He was greatly loved by his family and friends. Whenever I visited, he always greeted me warmly and had a smile on his face.

The reception after the funeral was held at a local event center, “Jeremiah’s Lodge and Garden.” It is connected next to a Best Western Plus hotel next to the highway. The place reminded me of the many lodges and rustic rooms in and around Seattle, WA and Anchorage, AK.

What is interesting is the garden. Promotional pictures only show a couple of ponds and a walkway, but at the back, there stands a prominent Torii Gate! You can’t miss it!

Though Torii Gates (bird perch) symbolizes the division between this world and the divine realm in Shinto, I think this gate was installed as more for aesthetics. You can see the waterfall feature which flows into a pond filled with very large goldfish right next to it. The walkway features many calming stone structures and green canopies. At the far side, there is a koi pond filled with many large koi. For a couple of quarters, you can dispense fish food to toss out. Unfortunately, I had no change.



I took a walk after my meal to experience this garden. Amazingly it was very quiet and peaceful. This was a wonderful place to remember the recently deceased follower. If you get a chance to visit Salt Lake City, head up north to Ogden and experience this quaint garden.



EVENTS

July

5 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. Monthly *Kito* Blessing
 12 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. *Shodai-gyo* (Chanting Meditation)
 19 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. *Obon* Memorial Service
 26 (Sun) **No Service** Traveling to another temple

August

2 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. Monthly *Kito* Blessing
 9 (Sun) **No Service** Traveling to Utah
 16 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. English Service
 23 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. *Matsubagayatsu* Persecution
 30 (Sun) 10:30 a.m. *Shodai-gyo* (Chanting Meditation)

*** Join in every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for **Tea Time with a Priest** to have your questions answered. Email temple for zoom ID and password ***

*** Those interested in Study Class and/or Counseling, please contact the temple to make arrangements ***