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SACRED WORDS

*[It is like forging iron, for instance.]
Unless you hit it and forge it hard, hidden scars will not be seen*

Nichiren Shonin's Words —*Kaimoku Sho*

COVID-19 Update

Good News! The State of Nevada is gradually lifting restrictions, therefore Kannon Temple will open for in-person service. We request that everyone gets vaccinated, wear a mask, bring their own DHARMA book, and social distance as much as possible. There will be no meal after service so please do not bring anything. Services will still be broadcasted online via **Zoom**. For those interested in participating, please contact the temple to obtain meeting ID and password. Donations can be made through **Zellepay.com** to: kannontemplenv@gmail.com.

Komatsubara Persecution Service Nov. 12th, **10:30 a.m.** (Sun)

The Third of Four Major Persecutions in Nichiren Shonin's life. Before sunset of November 11, 1264, Nichiren was ambushed in the forests of *Komatsubara*, in current Chiba Prefecture. He was on his way to a devout follower's residence after secretly visiting his sick mother. He was wounded in the ensuing attack, while two followers were killed.

Please join us online to commemorate this important event.

Bodhi Day Service & Buddhist Statues Appreciation Dec. 10th, **10:30 a.m.** (Sun)

Let us celebrate Sakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment Day. Traditionally a *bodhi-tree* is placed near the altar, representing the time Buddha became enlightened under that tree.

We will also show our appreciation to your Buddhist statues (*Daikoku, Kishibojin, Kannon, Nichiren Shonin, Buddhas*) or any statue(s) that you place in your altar. Detailed instructions will be given later.

We usually hold our **Year End Potluck Luncheon** after service. Unfortunately we will discontinue this tradition until further notice.

New Year's Eve Ceremony Dec. 31st, **10:30 a.m.** (Sun)

Come join us for the last service for 2023! This service is to show our gratitude to the Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, *Gohonzon*, deities, ancestors and all those around us throughout this interesting year.

We will hit the *hansho* bell a total of 108 times, symbolizing our 108 attachments and illusions. All negativity will hopefully be gone with the sound of the bell to welcome in 2024 with A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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. If you have any questions, please contact the temple.

Monthly Amulets

Continuing from last year, Kannon Temple will be creating its own special monthly amulet with donation remaining the same at \$5 per month per amulet or \$60 per year per amulet. Please contact the temple either by mail or email with your name and number of requested amulet(s). Donations can be made via check, Zellepay, or PayPal.

New amulets will be mailed out starting January 2024.

Temple Cleaning Dec. 26th **10:00 a.m.** (Tues)

In late December, it is tradition to help thoroughly clean the temple. This deep clean is to help rid the temple and you of any grime and negative energy accumulated over the year. This is in preparation for the coming new year so we can start fresh.

We ask for volunteers to come help with this year's temple cleaning on December 26th with social distancing. Bring your own cleaning supplies if you wish.

Nichiren Shonin's Monthly Words Shoda Kanai

The above Sacred Words were taken from this past October's monthly words. Nichiren Shu Administration selects a passage from one of Nichiren Shonin's many treatises and letters for that month's topic. Beginning last year, I have made it my goal to translate each month's words into English so that us non-Japanese speaking followers can understand what is being conveyed.

Nichiren Shu Shimbun (News division) sends out posters at the beginning of each month so that temples can post these words on their bulletin boards. Since it does take one week for mail delivery to and from Japan, I do not receive the posters until around the 10th or so. After translation, a copy is both posted on the temple's Facebook and Instagram pages. Also, a link in the upper right-hand corner ⇨

⇨of the website will lead you to this month's words as well. If you do visit the temple, it is tacked to the wall in the common area. Please find and read Nichiren Shonin's Words each month. I am sure you will gain some insight.

~~~~ October's Words ~~~~

= Tribulation =

The harder you work on something, the more challenges and obstacles come to mind, and there are times when you can't move forward. For example, a proposal that you have worked on repeatedly is rejected, or you receive a complaint... Life is full of things that do not go well. It's a series of trials. In times like these, the first thing to remember is, "you are not perfect." Don't get too depressed and just accept it as it is.

When making iron from raw materials, it is heated at a high temperature. Otherwise, impurities cannot be removed, and good quality iron cannot be produced. In the same way, we can be strengthened by working hard, overcoming challenges, and growing to become a better person.

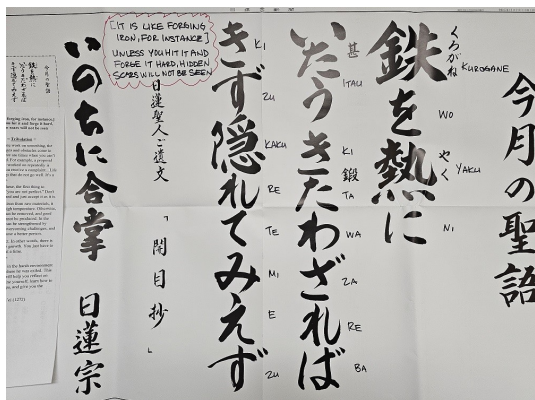
No one is perfect. In other words, there is a lot of room for growth. You just have to take it one step at a time.

"Kaimoku Sho"

This was written in the harsh environment of Sado Island, where he was exiled. This is a treatise that will help you reflect on yourself, reexamine yourself, learn how to deal with hardships, and give you the strength to live.

Ninth year of Bun'ei (1272)

Age: 51 years old



**New Building Fund** commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nichiren Shonin's Birth

752 shakyo tracing Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra offered, **24,740,000** times of Chanting *Odaimoku* offered, As of October 23, 2023

*Thank you very much! Please continue your support.*

*From the High Desert, I Bring you Good News!*

## The Sphere

Shoda Kanai

There is this new attraction in Las Vegas, the Sphere Las Vegas. It is a multi-billion, state-of-the-art concert hall LED experience. It has the capacity to seat 18,000 people.

Outside, various images are displayed all day and night on the outer LED screen. Traffic does get congested around the venue as onlookers sneak into the street to take pictures, holding up traffic.

Inside, is a screen 250 feet tall, curving roughly 1/3 of the venue, with the remaining 2/3 accounting for seating.

Before entering the theater, there is an interactive show with an android named Aura. You can ask her questions and she will reply with a joke or an answer.

My friends and I attended the inaugural showing of "Postcard from Earth" a visual experience like none other. Each scene was breathtaking in how crisp the screen was, as if you were at that location. With their special sound system, you feel the sound all around you, even though the speakers are nowhere to be seen.

I highly recommend attending the show if you get a chance to visit Las Vegas!



## EVENTS

### November

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.         | Monthly Kito Blessing            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.        | Komatsubara Persecution Service  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.        | Shodai-gyo (Chanting Meditation) |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) <b>No Service</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>      |

### December

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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.          | Monthly Kito Blessing                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.         | Bodhi Day/Statue Appreciation            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> (Sun) | <b>No Service</b>                        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> (Tue) 10:00 a.m.         | Temple Cleaning                          |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> (Sun) 10:30 a.m.         | New Years Eve Service & Tolling Of Bells |

\*\*\* 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 \*\*\*