

INTERNATIONAL DAI BOSATSU ZENDO KONGO-JI

The Ordination Ceremony

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9:00 A.M.

Sangha: Zazen in Zendo
Eido Roshi,
Monks: Shower, shave, and prepare for ceremony

10:00 A.M.

Instruments: Kansho (7-5-3), Bonsho (7 times), Hokku

Sangha: Enters Dharma Hall

Monks: Enter, with attendants

Roshi: Enters, with attendants

Offers incense

Sutra Leader: Strikes gong (5 times)

Monks: Sit down

Sangha: Chants OPENING THIS DHARMA (**1** times)

This Dharma, incomparably profound and minutely subtle,
Is hardly met with, even in hundreds of thousands of
millions of eons,

We now can see this, listen to this, accept and
hold this:

May we completely understand, and actualize,
This Tathagatha's true meaning.

Sangha: Chants HEART SUTRA (3 times; Sutra book, page 7)

Roshi, Monks: Offer incense and bow

Sutra Leader: DEDICATION

Roshi,

Sangha,

VERSE FOR ORDINATION

Incense for Precepts,
Incense for Samadhi,
Incense for Wisdom,
Pervades the Dharma Realm.

Innumerable Buddhas of the Ten Directions,
Innumerable Dharmas of the Ten Directions,
And innumerable Sangha of the Ten Directions,
All sentient and non-sentient beings,
Now burn this incense
To acknowledge the ordination ceremonies of

Koshin Kodo Harvey Ussery
Hokai Shido Jeffrey Webster
Kanna Gyodo Gus Ballard
Bugyo Taido David Schnyer
Zenrin Chido Robert Lewis
Hokuto Nando Daniel Diffin
Denko Mokudo John Mortensen

May their vows stay firm forever.
May their practice of Buddha Dharma
Be protected by all Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, and
all Patriarchs Dai Osho,
And may their striving transform
Into ambrosial nectar for the thirst of all beings.

Roshi,
followed by
Sangha:

SHIN JIN PA SHIN BI RU SHA NO FU (Vairochana Buddha)
EN MON HO SHIN RU SHA NO FU (Lochana Buddha)
SEN PAI KYA SHIN SHI KYA MU NI FU (Shakyamuni Buddha)
TO RAI A SAN MI RU SON PU (Maitreya Buddha)
JI HO SAN SHI I SHI FU (All the Buddhas of Past, Present,
and Future)
DAI SHIN MON JU SHU RI BU SA (Manjusri Bodhisattva)
DAI AN FU GEN BU SA (Samanthabhadra Bodhisattva)
DAI HI KAN SHI IM BU SA (Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva)
SHI SON BU SA MO KO SA (All Venerable Bodhisattvas)
MO KO HO JA HO RO MI (Mahaprajnaparamita)

Roshi:

Exhortation

Sangha:

Chants NA MU DAI BO SA (33 times with Mokugyo and Gassho)

Roshi:

Address to the Monks

Listen, good Brothers, this Dharma is incomparably profound and minutely subtle. It is hardly met with, even in hundreds of thousands of millions of aeons. You have been meeting this, receiving this, and accepting this for the past few years. The mysterious Dharma flow brought you here today to become Zen Buddhist Monks.

The appearance of the Monk is itself the preaching of Dharma. To shave your head is to cut off attachment. When attachment is cut off, emancipation results. To don the robe is to doff secular delusion. From today on, throughout this life, you should shave your heads every five days. Thus, in any event, in any moment, and in any place, you are able to live peacefully and, at the same time, will pacify the people around you.

For this reason, among many meritorious deeds in a life, the most meritorious deed is to become a Monk.

Since you are becoming a Monk, do not become a mere Monk. The true significance of being a Monk is the transmission of Buddha Dharma. To transmit Buddha Dharma is none other than to realize your True Self. From today on, your path is directed to this goal at Dai Bosatsu Zendo, for at least 1000 days. Vivid insight is quintessential. Without this, Monkhood could be a dead act.

Among many meritorious deeds in a life, the most meritorious deed is to become a True Monk.

Dear Brothers, to become a Monk is a brave decision and a wonderful decision. But do not consider yourselves heroes, different from or better than non-ordained Students of Dharma. Rather, do consider yourselves humble servants of Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Today, once and for all, you can leave eternal transmigration, entering the realm of Buddha Land.

Among many meritorious deeds in a life, the most meritorious deed is to become a Monk.

As Buddhist Monks, day and night, keep in mind the most essential vows:

However infinite all beings are, I vow
to liberate them all.

However inexhaustible delusions appear, I vow
to cut through them all.

However vast Dharma dimensions are, I vow
to understand them all.

However unattainable the Buddha's Way seems, I vow
to realize it.

Dear Brothers, you may think that this decision was yours alone. But without your parents, you would not be here; without your country, you would not be here;

without your teachers, you would not be here, and
without your friends, you would not be here. Now,
express your wholehearted gratitude to them all.

Sangha: Gassho
Monks: Bow four times

Roshi: VERSE FOR RENUNCIATION

RU TEN SANGAI NO UCHI
ON AI FU NO DAN
KI ON NYU MUI
SHIN JITSU HO ON NO MONO NARI

Transmigrating through the three worlds,
It appears impossible to be free of attachments.
Only by cutting through the strings of delusions,
May you become a man of true freedom.

Attendants: Bring the shaving bowl, razor and towel
Monks: Present themselves, one by one

Roshi: VERSE FOR SHAVING

TEI JO SHO HATSU
TO GAN SHU JO
YU RI BON NO
KU GYO JYAKU METSU

Shaving my head and purifying my mind,
I strongly wish, I vow,
That all beings shed their delusions
And attain ultimate Nirvana.

Attendants: Remove shaving implements

Bamboo flute player performs.

Roshi: Presents each Monk's name, robe and bowl

Sangha: Chants ATTA-DIPA (gassho)

ATTA-DIPA	Dwell!
VIHARATHA	You are the Light itself
ATTA-SARANA	Rely on yourself
ANANNA-SARANNA	Do not rely on others
DHAMMA-DIPA	The Dharma is the Light
DHAMMA-SARANA	Rely on the Dharma
ANANNA-SARANA	Do not rely on anything other than the Dharma

Sangha:	Chants VANDANA (Gassho)	<u>Pay Homage</u>
	NAMO TASSA BHAGAVATO ARAHATO SAMMA-SAMBUDDHASSA	Homage to the Buddha, The Venerable One, The Enlightened One, The Supremely Awakened One!
	Chants TISARANA (Gassho)	<u>Three Refuges</u>
	BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHAMI DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHAMI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHAMI	I take refuge in the Buddha. I take refuge in the Dharma. I take refuge in the Sangha.
Roshi, Monks:	Chant SANKIKAI	
	NA MU KI E BUTSU NA MU KI E HO NA MU KI E SO KI E BUTSU MU JO SON KI E HO RI YOKU SON KI E SO WA GO SON KI E BUK KYO KI E HO KYO KI E SO KYO	I take refuge in the Buddha; I take refuge in the Dharma; I take refuge in the Sangha. I take refuge in the Buddha, the Most Venerable One; I take refuge in the Dharma, the most pure and spotless teaching; I take refuge in the Sangha, the most harmonious life. I have now taken refuge in the Buddha; I have now taken refuge in the Dharma; I have now taken refuge in the Sangha.
Roshi: Sangha:	Chants PURIFICATION (Gassho)	
	GA SHAKU SHO ZO SHO AKU GO KAI YU MU SHI TON JIN CHI JU U SHIN KU I SHI SHO SHO IS SAI GA KON KAI SAN GE	
Sangha:	Chants (3 times)	
	All the evil karma ever committed by me since of old, On account of my beginningless greed anger and folly, Born of my body, mouth, and thought,-- I now confess and purify them all.	
All:	ZAZEN	

Roshi: Administers THE TEN PRECEPTS

Monks: Respond.

1. Be reverential and thoughtful with all life.
2. Respect others' property.
3. Sustain care and love in your intimate relationships.
4. Honor honesty and truth.
5. Exercise proper care of your body and mind.
6. Remember the preciousness of silence: do not gossip.
7. Be humble: do not praise yourself and blame others.
8. Be satisfied with yourself: do not covet, envy, or be jealous.
9. Keep your mind always calm, at peace.
10. Esteem the Three Treasures: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

Sutra Leader: TEI DAI DEN PO (Sutra Book, page 20)

Sangha: Chants (with gassho)

Roshi, Monks: Bow

Bamboo Flute Player performs.

Sutra Leader: GREAT VOWS FOR ALL

Sangha: However infinite all beings are, I vow to liberate them all.
However inexhaustible delusions appear, I vow to cut through
them all.
However vast Dharma dimensions are, I vow to understand
them all.
However unattainable the Buddha's Way seems, I vow to
realize it.

SHU JO MU HEN SEI GAN DO (chanted 3 times)
BO NO MU JIN SEI GAN DAN
HO MON MU RYO SEI GAN GAKU
BUTSO DO MU JO SEI GAN JO.

Roshi, Monks: During third chanting, leave the Dharma Hall

Sangha: Returns to Zendo