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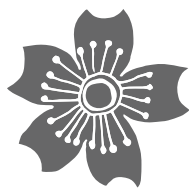
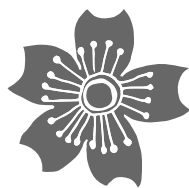
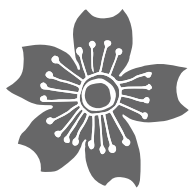
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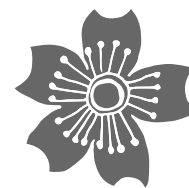
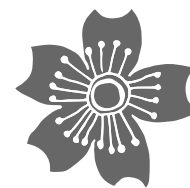
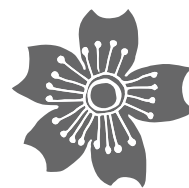


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# April



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|--|
|  | <b>1</b><br>Buddhism 101 Intro<br>to Buddhism<br>- Rev. Kaz<br>@ 7:00 via Zoom | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>Buddhism 201A<br>Basic Japanese<br>Rev. Midori<br>@ 7:00 p.m. via<br>Zoom  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>BCP Board Meeting<br>@ 7:00 p.m.<br>via Zoom<br><br>Hanamatsuri    | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>Pullen Cleaning<br>Service 8:00 a.m.<br><br>Q & A with<br>Rev Ken Yamada<br>@ 3:30 p.m. |
| <b>14</b><br>Hanamido<br>construction 7:30 a.m.<br>bring flowers<br><br>Hanamatsuri w/ Rev.<br>Yamada & Luncheon<br>@ 10:00 a.m. | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>Basic Japanese<br>Rev. Midori<br>@ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom<br><br>Dharma Discussion @<br>Ikuta residence,<br>7:00 p.m. | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>Middle & High<br>School Buddhist<br>Study Class via<br>Zoom @ 7:00 p.m. | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>21</b><br>Medaka no Gakko<br>Workday  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b><br>BCP Community<br>Picnic @ 10:00 a.m.<br>@ BCP   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>  |           |  |  |

# Who is Monshu?

Hello to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends!

I wish to express my appreciation to the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association for their financial support in acquiring a set of new Rimban robes, and also to the Clovis Buddhist Church for their financial support in acquiring the new Betsuin Associate minister's robe for Rev. Majima to use. Rev. Majima and I sincerely appreciate your continual support to the CC temples, and churches.

\*A proper spelling of the Rinban is Rimban, so it is changed accordingly.

I introduced "What is a Betsuin" in the previous issue of our newsletters and I hope now you have a better understanding on what a Betsuin is. In this issue I would like to write about "Who is Monshu" with my buddy Kanamochi. Monshu literally means a main person - shu of the lineage - mon.

'Hi Kanamochi, where are you?'

"I am here, Rev. Kaz. I would like to know who is Monshu."

'Ok, Kanamochi. Have you noticed a portrait, hanging next to the Onaijin-altar in the Hondo?'

"Yes, I have. All CC churches has a framed portrait of the same person, except the Fresno Betsuin!"

'Great, you mindfully observe what is in the Hondo. And you are correct that the portrait has not been hung since moving from the old temple

downtown. However, the portrait was placed last month when I was appointed Rimban. Now you can see it on the right side of their Onaijin next Sunday.'

"I see it is the portrait of young gentleman wearing an orange Robe. But I don't know who he is."

'He is the 26th Monshu of the Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, our mother Buddhist temple in Kyoto Japan.'

"Wow, 26th Monshu means there were 25 different Monshu(s) before him, right? It is a quite long time."

'Yes, correct Kanamochi. Nishi Hongwanji celebrated the 800th year anniversary of its founding last year. The Fresno Betsuin was one of the first temples founded in the Central Cal in 1901 and they will be celebrating its 125th year anniversary in 2026. The Nishi Hongwanji exists more than 6 times longer than Fresno.'

"It is amazing to know one temple has existed for such a long time. I am curious that how these 25 Monshus are related to each other?"

'Do you know who the first Monshu was, I mean, who was a founder of Nishi Hongwanji?'

"Hahaha, Rev. Kaz. I know the founder of Nishi Hongwanji, it is Shinran Shonin."

'You know that Kanamochi! After Shinran Shonin died in 1263 (solar calendar), his descendants started maintaining his teaching and gravesite, as

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## MESSAGE FROM REV. KAZ NAKATA

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I introduced it in the last article. First, his daughter, Kakushin-Ni took care of him during his older age in Kyoto. After his death, she continued taking care of his gravesite.'

"So, she was next of kin, correct?"

'Yes she was. 8 years after his funeral, Kakushin-Ni and her son, Kakue had requested Nyoshin to take over the lineage of Shinran Shonin. This meant Nyoshin became the 2nd Monshu.'

"Nyoshin is a son of Zenran, right? I thought Zenran was the oldest son of Shinran Shonin but he was disowned by Shinran Shonin."

'Oh, you are a very good Dharma School student! In fact, Shinran Shonin did not want to disown Zenran personally, but as the leader of the Buddhist organization and out of fairness, Shinran Shonin had to show his discipline on his son. Although Shinran Shonin did not contact Zenran directly after he disowned his son, Kakushin-Ni, the youngest sibling of Zenran might have kept her connection with him. I have a story of Kakushin-Ni and Zenran and I will share their dramatized story as my Dharma Talk at Sunday services.'

"Wow, I would like to hear about their story!"

'Anyway, Nyoshin took over the lineage of Shinran Shonin as the 2nd Monshu, and Kakunyo who was a grandson of Kakushin-Ni served as the 3rd Monshu. Thereafter the descendants of Kakushin-Ni have been maintaining the Monshu position. It means the Nishi Hongwanji lineage is the maternal line of Shinran Shonin. In our Onajjin-altar, there is the Shinran Shonin's picture on the right side of the Amida statue and on the left side, there is Rennyo Shonin's picture. Rennyo Shonin was the 8th Monshu of the Nishi Hongwanji...'

"Oh, Rev. Kaz, I am getting sleepy..."

'I know learning the history makes people sleepy,

but I would like to emphasize that the Monshu is a very important figure in our Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. He maintains our teachings and tradition generation to generation. The tradition of Monshu has been preserved by numerous members, you and I included. I personally think it is very beneficial to support Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and its organization to maintain the teaching. So, I am dedicating my life to it as a Jodo Shinshu minister now. How about you? I will be happy to see that whoever takes over my position in the future has a strong passion to share the Jodo Shinshu teachings to our society. I will do my best, but I know I am not a perfect being to satisfy everyone.'

"Oh, you are such a humble person!"

'Well...whether you believe it or not, I was NOT a humble person before I encountered Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. I was a person like ME, ME, and ME! But Jodo Shinshu Buddhism educated me to keep the mind of a lifelong student while being humble and positive. Such attitude towards life allows me to always be happy and enjoy every moment of life which is given by all sentient beings or Okagesama. Because the letter of Rennyo Shonin reminds us that life with enjoyment is shorter than we expect, please don't adhere to each moment of negativity when you can enjoy each moment of joy.'

"Oh, that is a terrific way to live your life, as you are."

Gassho.



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The Buddhist Church of Parlier would like to extend our appreciation to the following for their generous donations

**TEMPLE**

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| Royce & Karen Kimura  | 50th year memorial for Nobuichi Kimura              |
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| Cliff & Lee Osaki     | Monthly memorial for Hank, Aiko, & Kathleen Tanouye |
| Kanemoto Family       | Monthly memorial for Takako Kanemoto                |
| Donna Chiamori        | Monthly memorial for Akira Chiamori                 |

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

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| Fusa Ishimaru | Gary & Kaye Kozuki | Mits & Gail Kozuki |
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**DONATIONS for MONTHLY SHOTSUKIS:**

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| Dennis & Denice Ikuta        | Anonymous               |

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# BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 2024 - DRAFT

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## Buddhist Church of Parlier

March Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

March 11, 2024 via Zoom – 7:00 pm

- I. Call to order by President Denny at 7:06 pm. Gassho led by Rev. Majima
- II. Quorum was established. Those in attendance: Tats Arakawa, Donald & Rhea Ikemiya, Denny Ikuta, Curtis & Cheryl Koga, Yuki & Toshie Mori, Rev Kaz, Rev. Majima, Steve & Joyce Sasai, Janette Wong-Sing, Glenn & Lynne Yoshimoto, Brandon Hill.
- III. Minutes – Minutes reviewed. Minutes accepted by Curtis and seconded by Rhea.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Glenn reported on February finances.
- V. Minister’s Report – Rev Kaz reported on activities –Pilgrimage to Poston March 26<sup>th</sup> –March 27<sup>th</sup>- Special service in Poston (Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>).  
It was moved to accept Treasurer’s report and Minister’s report by Toshie and seconded by Joyce.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Maintenance/Security –Parsonage plumbing. Bathroom not draining. Noe plumbing. Armando SSC to check plumbing. Keith needed to fix access door to below floor. Were able to fix plumbing w/o access.
  - B. BWA –No clean up last month this month or in April. Pullens has been doing the cleaning. Game Day was fun. 10 ladies attended. Played Apples to Apples and Pictionary. Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> CCBWL conference in Reedley. 8 BWA members plus 3 spouses will attend.
  - C. Finance – Accounts were reviewed.
  - D. CCMAC – 1. Current issues will be discussed @CCMAC meeting.  
2. Rev. Majima’s length of service.
  - E. CCDC –1. Wants to have meeting in Parlier. June 6<sup>th</sup> , Thursday @7pm. BWA will serve refreshments.  
2. Have to make a video for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 for Nembutsu Seminar.  
3. CCDC dues are \$1 /member.  
4. Curtis volunteered to be CC Rep.It was moved by Joyce and seconded by Glenn to accept committee reports. Motion carried.
- VII. Old Business
  - A. BCA calendar – spoke with Michael Endo.- apologized for omitting our pictures in the BCA calendar.
  - B. Video equipment for Hondo- Possibility of BCA fund to purchase equipment.
  - C. Review of February services: Keirokai/February Shotsuki/Nirvana Day Services were held Sunday, February 18. Bento2Go supplied the lunches. Everything went well.
  - D. Other Old Business – Parlier picnic April 28<sup>th</sup>-Sunday starting @10am. Sho & Kari in charge. Prizes purchased by Joyce & Lynne.
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Dharma Gathering held February 28, at Iktas went well. Weekday evening seem to work well. Next gathering March 20<sup>th</sup> @ Denny’s place.
  - B. CCDC meeting with Bishop was held March 7 in Reedley.
  - C. BCA National Council Meeting – February 23 – 25, 2024, in Sacramento.  
Total membership 10,586.  
BCA Dues will be going up.  
Ratified board members.

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Confirmed Bishops re-election.

BCA video for 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They want temples to send in a short video.

    Ideas?/ Picnic & Hanamatsuri. Denny will video something. Due by July.

A couple new Obon dances. Ask Guerra girls about that.

Next Council meetings: 2025 –Bay District –Virtual. 2026-Seattle. 2027 Southern Ca.

D. Spring Ohigan service – Sunday, March 24. Rev. Majima will conduct service. Rhea is in charge of the luncheon which includes pasta, salad, bread & desserts.

E. Other new business –Rev. Nakata mentioned Parlier Church 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated in 2021. The 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be in 2026 and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2031. Brandon discussed the idea of having activities w/ Buddhist element. Probably held on Sat or Sun. Board thought it was a great idea and Brandon will look into some activities and organize.

IX. Correspondence-None

X. Adjournment – It was moved by Joyce to adjourn and seconded by Curtis @8:37pm

Next BCP Board Meeting – Monday, April 8, 2024, 7:00 pm – via Zoom

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# PARLIER BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## Hanamatsuri & Shotsuki

April 14 @ 10am

This Service will be a beautiful, flower filled morning and our guest Minister will be Rev. Ken Yamada, Editor, Shinshu Center of America. He was formerly the resident minister of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. A tri tip lunch will follow. We look forward to seeing you!!



## Q&A

A Q&A session with Rev. Ken Yamada will be held Sat, April 13 @ 3:30pm. It will be held in the church social Hall. Please come and meet Rev. Yamada and enjoy about 1 1/2 hour of timely topics of discussions with him.

## Flowers Needed



Flowers will be needed for the Hanamido. If you have flowers in your garden, please bring them to the church on April 14 by 7:30am. If you can help with the Hanamido flower arrangement, that would be very much appreciated. Thank you!!



Happy Birthday!  
Reverend Toshie  
April 8

## Church Dues for 2024 are Payable

The amount is again \$275 per person and \$550 for couples.

Of this amount, \$183 per member is BCA dues paid to BCA

You can send to:

Glenn Yoshimoto

P.O. Box 547

Parlier, CA 93648

Save this date for the annual Church picnic

**BURGERS**



April 28, 2024

Races start at 10:30am.

**HOT DOGS**



## Something New To Further Buddhism for Parlier Members

A Dharma Discussion Group is being formed & will meet at the residence of Dennis Ikuta. All interested members are welcome to join in on interesting topics to be explored and discussed. If you're unsure about Buddhism, you're not alone. These discussions are held the third Wed. of each month starting at 7p. For more information call Dennis.



## *Congratulations*



### **Kayla Ikemiya**

The Buddhist Church of Parlier would like to congratulate Kayla Ikemiya, granddaughter of Kaye and Gary Kozuki, daughter of Lori and Kenny Ikemiya, for her acceptance to the University of California San Francisco Medical School. We are so excited to hear such good news as she ventures forth with the same dedication, calmness and perseverance that has brought her to this point. Congratulations and best wishes, Kayla!



### **Kara Higuchi**

Congratulations to Kara Higuchi and the Caruthers Blue Raider girls basketball team for winning the Division III CIF State Championship! Caruthers beat Granada Hills Charter, 54-48, on March 8th at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento.

The Northern California 14th seeded Blue Raiders were the lowest seeded girl's team to ever win a state title.

Because of their seed, the Caruthers girls had to win every game away from home and did a lot of traveling over their two week playoff run.

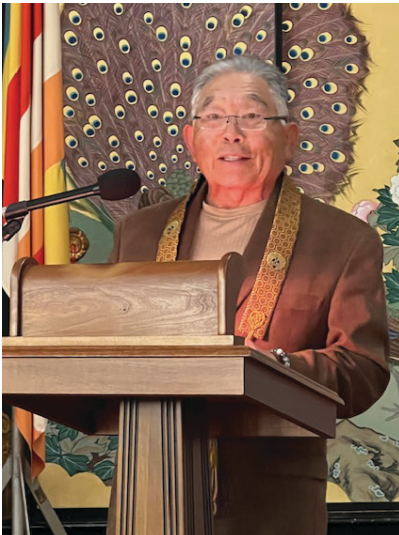
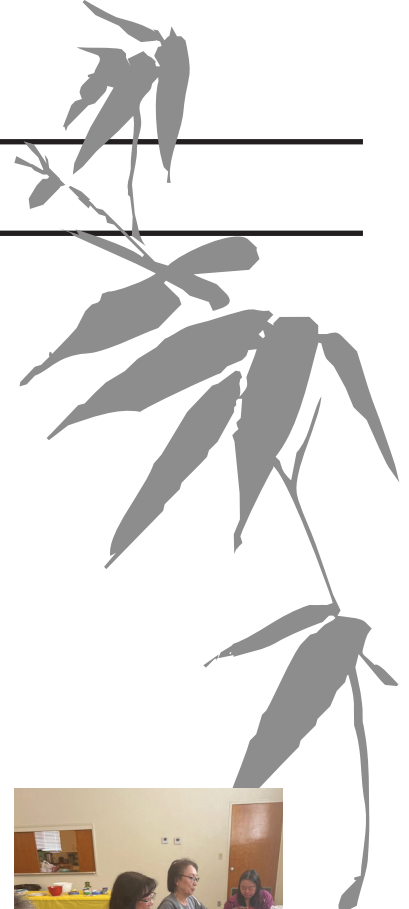
Caruthers beat the No. 3 seed Christopher (Gilroy) 85-52 in the first round; beat No. 11 seed Heritage (Brentwood) 44-40 in the second round; beat No. 2 Central (Fresno) 36-34 in the regional semifinal; then beat No. 1 seed University (San Francisco) 58-55 in the regional final before capping off their run with a 54-48 win against the Southern California champion, No. 5 seed Granada Hills Charter.

What an incredible season for Kara and the Caruthers Blue Raiders!

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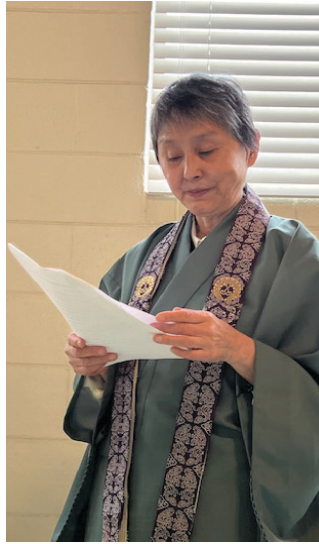
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MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

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April Shotsuki

**DECEASED**

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| Mr. Torao Kanemoto         | 72 |
| Mr. Kanichi Takata         | 62 |
| Mr. Akiyuki G. Yoshizaki   | 61 |
| Mr. Yoshitaro Kaneichi     | 59 |
| Mrs. Umeno Nakadachi       | 59 |
| Mr. Ayano Nakamura         | 53 |
| Mrs. Yuki Yoshizaki        | 44 |
| Mrs. Tome Kobashi          | 43 |
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| Mrs. Chisato Chiamori      | 43 |
| Mr. Mitsuyoshi Yamamoto    | 41 |
| Mrs. Teru Watanabe         | 38 |
| Mr. Sadao Kakutani         | 34 |
| Mrs. Suye Tsuji            | 34 |
| Mr. Akira Kurokawa         |    |
| Mrs. Haruo Nishimura       | 29 |
| Mr. Akira Donald Nakadachi | 24 |
| Mrs. Helen Nakamura        | 20 |
| Mr. Tom Okubo              | 18 |
| Mr. Kazutami Ohara         | 14 |
| Mr. Takashi Yorizane       | 12 |
| Mrs. Midori Koga           | 12 |
| Mrs. Jean Kobashi          | 9  |
| Mr. Robert Yano            | 6  |
| Mrs. Ikue Yonemitsu        | 4  |
| Mr. Dennis Yamamoto        | 1  |

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| Mrs. Ellen Tsudama       |
| Mrs. Elaine McKinnis     |
| Ms. Gail Nakamura        |
| Mr. Ken Kanemoto         |
| Mrs. Carol Guerra        |
| Mrs. Theo Kushi          |
| Mrs. Donna Chiamori      |
| Mrs. Kaye Kozuki         |
| Mr. Johnson Kakutani     |
| Mrs. Teruko Tsuji        |
| Mrs. Theo Kushi          |
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| Ms. Jan Koga             |
| Mr. Stan Kobashi         |
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| Ms. Mutsuko Yonemitsu    |
| Mrs. Joyce Sasai         |

2024 is the memorial year for those deceased in:

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| 2023..... One Year Memorial | 2012..... 13th Year Memorial | 1992..... 33rd Year Memorial |
| 2022..... 3rd Year Memorial | 2008..... 17th Year Memorial | 1975..... 50th Year Memorial |
| 2018..... 7th Year Memorial | 2000..... 25th Year Memorial |                              |

# *Buddhist Church of Parlier* **Community Picnic**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**at Parlier Buddhist Church**

**\*\*Races will begin at 10:30 a.m.\*\***

**All racers will win a prize!**

**\$10 donation per family is requested.**

**Instead of a raffle, there will be other fun activities including: Races, Cornhole Tourney, Bingo!**

## *Lunch*

**Hamburger: \$5.00**

**Hot dogs: \$3.00**

**Includes condiments, chips, drink  
(Plates and napkins will be provided.)**

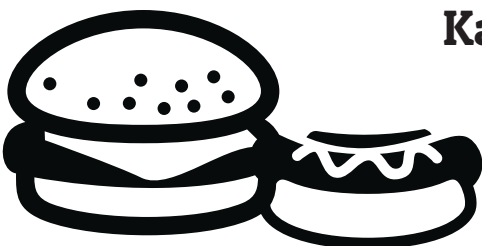
**Make reservations by April 17, 2024!  
Please provide age and gender of children.**

## *Contact*

**Kari Kozuki (818)406-5170**

**or**

**kari@kozuki.com**





Fresno Betsuin  
“Camping in the Sierras”  
**Steak Dinner**

**Saturday – May 11, 2024**

**\$25.00 Eat-In or Take-Out**

**4:00 - 7:00 pm**

Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center

Tickets can be purchased from:

Campers

Betsuin Office – 559-442-4054

Jenny Kubo – jkubo@comcast.net

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**Steak Dinner Order Form – Return with Check by 4/27/2024**

Make Checks Payable to: Fresno Buddhist Temple

In memo line please note: Camping in the Sierras

Mail to: Jenny Kubo 10544 N Old Course Dr, Fresno, CA 93730

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Donation = \_\_\_\_\_

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Eat In \_\_\_\_\_ Take Out \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you for your support of the campers!

Geppo