

Keizan Festival - April 16th, 2017

Keizan Jokin Zenji (1267 - 1325)

One of the two Founders of Japanese Soto Zen. Established Sojiji temple where Rev. Master Jiyu did her training. Also founded Yokoji temple, the source temple of our particular branch of Soto Zen. Koho Hakugun restored this temple and Koho Zenji was abbot there.

Keizan Zenji developed and popularized Soto Zen in Japan through the development of ceremonial and festivals for the laity. He also took a special Bodhisattva vow to benefit the spiritual training of women. This commitment was handed down to his direct disciples and continued down to Koho Zenji and Rev. Master Jiyu.

Attached is a photo of the statue of Keizan at Lions Gate Priory that was donated to us by William Enwright. The photo was taken by RM Aurelian.

Here is a link to the Dharma Talk given by RM Koten on Sunday:

<http://www.lionsgatebuddhistpriory.ca/Dharma%20Talks.htm>

