

## ***On Helping to Build the New Vajrasattva Shrine at O.D.D.***

Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche

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*This past fall, a beautiful 46-inch metal Vajrasattva statue was donated to Orgyen Dorje Den. In early December, construction started on the shrine to house it and other supports of enlightened body, speech, and mind. Rinpoche paid a surprise visit on December 17th to see how things were progressing. He was very pleased—with the statue, the work being done, the shrine room, and the center in general. He said:*

The shrine room—really I got satisfied, seeing that! We can bring any lama, do any transmission, teaching, empowerments, whatever you need—we don't need to be ashamed, we have real one. And the workers are working together, very harmoniously, thank you! And people coming to do Troma practice and use the temple—therefore, we have these places! And the lama's room upstairs, so wonderful, comfortable, really nice one. Thank you, everybody!

*Later, he also encouraged everyone to participate in the ongoing shrine project:*

...People need to come and help! It's not all just three people's job! This is your center, your statue, your opportunity to accumulate merit and purify negativity! Not just ordinary things.

...Everybody can help! Pounders, they can pound—if they know nicely, and follow what Osugi says, not their own idea. Painters can paint, carefully, nicely; others can help clean, or cook for everybody or shopping or whatever they need. Wake up, stand up! Something's happening there, maybe you should help, rather than with your nose into the sky.

People should come but not just hanging around, mouth open. Come and work, but harmoniously. That means listen to Osugi, Derek, Les, they are the ones there, they know what's going on. We don't need slick guys to come and want to do their own idea and think they are big guys and this and that complaining either.

We don't need people to come hang around and gossip and then chow down on the food. Enough's enough of that stuff! My goodness!

This is your chance to save your merit and cleanse your obscurations, not some ordinary thing. Come, nicely, respectfully, help however you can, without making mess, without making trouble, without making noisy. Do your work carefully. Be conscious, not your brain in the ten directions. Remember this is your offering. Don't

forget your Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha—you are offering to them, so don't forget them. Don't forget your sentient beings, either—this is your generosity to them, so don't forget. Don't gossip and slander! Then when you are finished, clean up and wash everything, put back, don't leave dirty things. And then that's it! That's nice way.

Also, everybody be careful. Pounding, and using machines, and working in high places—we don't need to cut ourselves, or fall off and break our head, or maybe pound somebody else with a hammer because we are too wild. Everybody do carefully—careful yourself, careful of others. Everybody try, okay?

Really, I got so happy when I was there, people working, harmony, shrine is happening now, very good.

Others can do, too. But tell them to keep doing harmony way. Already that is there—don't bring other garbage stuff and politics. Just bring your helpful, your humble, step by step, together. We don't need guys with giant horns on their heads—tell them "no thank you." We don't need slick. Funky's okay. Too late, anyway—look, funky ones already there! Does anybody need funky? We have some extra! They are good guys.

Okay, everybody try! And really my thank you—right now everything so wonderful, so beautiful there! Really, I appreciate!

Tashi Delek!

*-Gyatrul*