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As always, before we begin with our international news, we would like to pay our respects to those who have recently passed on. Followed by health & matrimonial/anniversary news concerning members & their families ((if it concerns a relative of a member & there is no photo available, we will print the picture of the member of our Council that it affects). As always, if we missed mentioning anyone, please let us know.

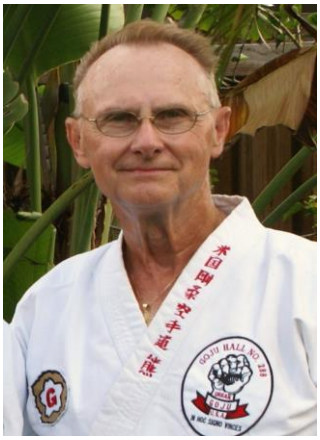
In April, the martial arts world lost a true martial arts icon. A member of ours who was respected throughout the world and known lovingly as "AMERICA'S SENSEI". Grandmaster Fumio Demura was to be honored as our Special Guest at the WHFSC's 31st Anniversary gathering in May of this year, but it wasn't to be….He was 84 when he died on April 24th in California (pictures of Sensei's funeral can be found on Demura's Genbu Kai organization facebook site at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Shito-Ryu-Karate-Do-Genbu-Kai-Santa-Ana/1006306412803077); On May 14th, another icon of our Council passed on April 14th. The charismatic inheritor & son of the late American Jiu-Jitsu pioneer, Grandmaster Michael DePasquale Sr. , Grandmaster Michael DePasquale Jr. He was recovering from a spinal injury prior to his death & passed on May 14th in New Jersey; & on May 29th, the martial artist called "Ole Reliable" by our late member, Maestro Peter Urban. Our member and the official web master for Maestro Urban's GOJU USA website, Grandmaster James Price, died in Florida on May 29th …..& lastly, in news of family deaths. Our new member, GM Angelito Bobby Barongan from Iowa's sister-in-law, Marylynn, passed on June 20th; & Kratios Vasilios Katsaitis from Florida's younger brother, George, died in May. May God watch over and comfort the families of the deceased & may the souls of those who passed & who are now free of their earthly bonds , fly high with the Angels.



GM Fumio Demura



GM Michael DePasqaule Jr.



Professor James Price



GM A. Bobby Barongan



Kratios Vasilios Katsaitis



GM David Grago

In health news……GM David Grago of Texas had an accident with his wheelchair in June resulting in a broken hip & surgery. The good natured grandmaster is now vowing with a laugh to stay off the ground as much as possible . Heal up quick, brother!; & in Calif., GM Rickson Gracie has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease & has taken it all in stride by stating "For me it wasn't at all traumatic. I am ready for anything. I accept the challenges of my life"; As is the case with another member of our Council from Calif, dealing with diversity. GM Sam Kuoha, who is the survivor of 3 Strokes & currently in a wheelchair. Sam jokingly said to his therapist that he was going to walk on stage at our WHFSC event in May & he did just that. Proving you can't keep a good man down! All 3 are great men walking the path of the warrior…..No weak hearted, timid souls are allowed on this path!



GM Rickson Gracie



GM Sam Kuoha

In Anniversary news….. From Ohio, An-shu Stephen & An-shu Rumico Hayes celebrated their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on April 14th …….GM Chaka Zulu & GM Zosia Gorbaty, their 42nd on April 30th in Calif……Yours Truly & Mae Sanchez our 47th Anniversary on May 1st in Florida (married on Guam)……GM Gini Lau & her husband, Sifu William Lam in California their 32nd on May 25th……GM Vincent & Julie Palumbo in Australia celebrated their 39th Anniversary on May 27th……GM Charles & Geralyn Ferraro, their 47th in Connecticut on May 29th……GM Joe & Cathy Williams in Florida, their 39th on June 2nd ……Professor Tony & Diane Maynard their 38th Anniversary on June 9th in North Carolina……Master Andrew & Lea Fanelli, their 19th on June 5th in California……Prof. John & Terrillyn Theiren, their 7th in Canada on June 11th ……GM Kevin &Abigail Cullen, their 23rd on June 12th in Ohio……GM Frank Schneider & Hind Fikry, their 4th Anniversary in Germany on June 14th……GM Carl & Rosa Pluchino, their 40th on June 17th in New Jersey……Master Don & Kathleen Wison, their 33rd in Florida on June 18th……Master Amir Ardebily, their 20th Wedding Anniversary in Florida on June 23rd ……& Shihan Chris & Sensei Jill Marquez, their 27th Anniversary on June 27th.

In International news……

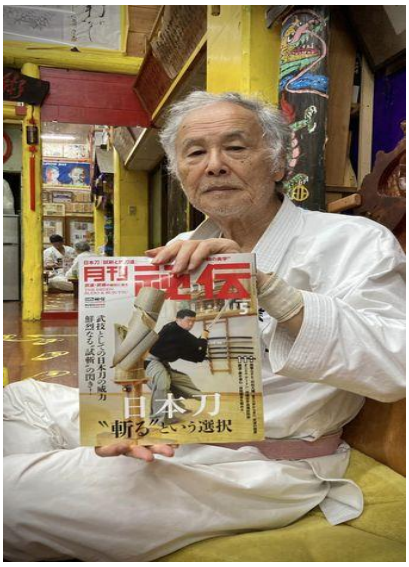
From Japan – Tetsuhiro Hokama, Sensei , 10th dan President of the OKINAWA GOJURYU KENSHI KAI KARATE KOBUDO ASSOCIATION and founder/ curator of the OKINAWA PREFECTURE KARATE KOBUDO MUSEUM (the world's first Karate Kobudo museum & one of Japan's top tourist attractions) held a zoom seminar on July 5th for his international audience on the topic of Kurufunfa Kata & Bunkai. He was also featured in an interview in the May issue of the Japanese martial arts publication HIDEN. You can purchase a copy of HIDEN's May issue with Hokama's interview at https://www.hiden-shop.jp/smp/item/KOR2023-05.html . We were also pleased to receive an emailed letter from Hokama, Sensei through his representative, Kieran Budd, concerning the WHFSC'S 31ST Anniversary. His message to me , which was read aloud during the 31st Anniversary for the World Head of Family/Sokeship Council held on May 26th-27th of this year, was as follows:

To Mr Frank E Sanchez,
Sokeship Council, Jacksonville, Florida.

Congratulations on the 31st anniversary of the World Head Of Family / Sokeship Council which you will celebrate on May 27th 2023. .

The World Head Of Family / Sokeship Council is world famous and recognised as a top association for promoting and preserving traditional martial arts. I congratulate you on achieving this important milestone and wish you the best of luck in the years ahead.

T. Hokama
Tetsuhiro Hokama PhD (Physical Education)
International Okinawa Kenshikai Goju Ryu Karate Kobudo Organisation – Head Master
Okinawa Prefecture Karate Kobudo Museum – President
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Dated: 21/05/23



Hokama, Sensei is shown holding copies of HIDEN Magazine



Dr. Song Swee Hee

In Malaysia - Dr. Song Swee Hee of the International Martial Arts Research Institute (IMARI), Martial Arts Of Malaysia and Nanyang Wushu Federation is organizing the "WORLD MARTIAL ARTS BLACK BELT HALL OF FAME CONFERENCE 2023"comprised of a series of events: (1) World Martial Arts Celebrities Demonstration Match for Grandmaster, Master & Instructor Levels; (2) World Martial Arts Seminars; (3) International Nanyang Wushu Traditional Championship Festival ; and (4) the World Martial Arts Black Belt Hall Of Fame Awards. All taking place in the Beautiful City Of Kuching, Borneo Island. Malaysia on Sept/ 22-24. 2023. For more information, contact Dr. Song at profdrshsong@gmail.com

In China – The INTERNATIONAL WUSHU ASSOCIATION has appointed Grandmaster/ Sifu Bernd Hohle as their official representative for Germany



GM Bernd Hohle



I.W.A Letter of Appointment

In Israel - Correspondence received from our member, Dr. Dennis Hanover, the iconic founder of Dennis Survival JuJitsu

On Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 5:26 AM Oscar Hanover <oscarhanover@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Master Frank Sanchez, Thank you for your latest newsletter and all the information. It hasn't been easy for all of us with the covid.my son Yaron was killed in a motorcycle accident and he had thousands of people at his burial. I am happy to say that my Dojo in Herzlia, Israel after 40 years will be the Dennis Hanover Museum of the martial arts. After 60 years teaching in Israel it will be one of the few Martial Arts [dojos] to become a museum. I can only wish you again to carry on your good work for the martial arts all over the world.



Dr. Dennis Hanover 12th Dan. Kaicho of Dennis Survival Ju-Jitsu

In Italy – Correspondence received from GM Alfredo Bassani, Head of the WORLD ACADEMY SPORTS CULTURE ASSOCIATION (W.A.S.C.A.)

From: Wasca International presidenzawasca@gmail.com
Date: Mon, May 1, 2023 at 3:54 AM
Subject: Re: WHFSC da wasca International csen. Centro sportivo educativo nazionale.
To: Frank Sanchez whfscouncil@gmail.com

Dear Grand Master. Thank you from 💖 for your invitation…… I can't be present. in any case, I always continue your collaboration with great respect. I with the large WASCA CSEN family count over 2,000,000 members and we are proud to form promotional relationships with you and your large organization. with respect and gratitude.



President Alfredo Bassani.

In Denmark – the KWO (Kyokushin World Organization) - MAS OYAMA under President, Hanshi Flemming Schroter will be holding its "SOSAI WORLD OPEN KARATE TOURNAMENT" April 2024 in Tibilis, Georgia. For more information contact Hanshi Schroter at kaicho@kwo-sosaimasoyama.com



Hanshi Flemming Schroter



Prof. Leon Jay



Prof. Tony Maynard

In England - Professor Leon Jay reports that his 2023 SMALL CIRCLE JUJITSU SUMMER CAMP took place Jnne 23rd, 24th & 25th in Mooresville, Indiana featuring himself and Professor Tony Maynard….& GM Gary Wasniewski held his LONDON HALL OF FAME ON June 24th with seminars conducted by himself & WHFSC members, GM Samuel Kwok & Dr. Neil Farber with a very special induction of actor/ grandmaster Chuck & Gina Norris arranged by the SPORT KARATE MUSEUM. He is also working on a new film called "THE KARATE BREAKER" which will contain highlights from the WHFSC Council's 31st Anniversary event held in May of this year. Including a cameo with Yours Truly. Along with scenes highlighting the SPORT KARATE MUSEUM; our member, Sifu Alan Goldberg's ACTION MARTIAL ARTS MEGA WEEKEND & his own LONDON HALL OF FAME.

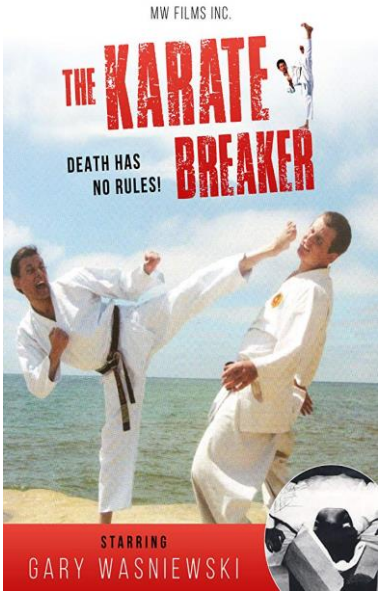


GM Samuel Kwok (L) w/ GM Gary Wasniewski, HOF founder





Dr. Neil Farber



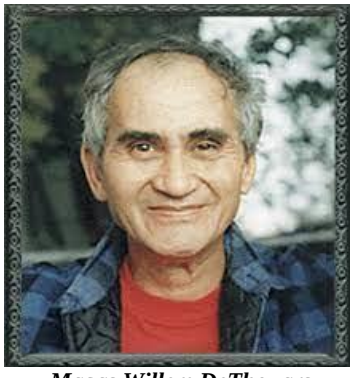
MW Films poster featuring GM Gary Wasniewski



Gina Norris (L) & GM Chuck Norris (R) receive their London Hall of Fame inductions from GM Gary Wasniewski at the LONDON FILM & COMIC CON where Chuck was appearing, held on July 7th-9th , 2023

In the U.S.A……

From Colorado – We found a quote in BLACK BELT Magazine's May 29th newsletter from none other than America's pioneer of Silat & our own Magas Willem DeThouars from Colorado. The quote was from a letter that Magas DeThouars wrote in 1967 to BLACK BELT'S "Letters to the Editor". The magazine teases the reader in the beginning by referring to the writer as a "dedicated martial artist & loyal reader" who says "I think BLACK BELT has become more interesting & it should be a "must" in every home around the globe. It is so educational & historical, & a great joy to read". It ends by saying "the author of the letter to the Editor? Indonesian master Willem de Thouars"….."Not bad" when you have a legend writing in about how great your magazine is!



Magas Willem DeThouars



Prof. Ernie Cates w/ young student



The late GM Fumio Demura

From North Carolina – On May 11th, another pioneer of ours, Judo & JuJitsu, Professor Ernie Cates (founder of Neko Ryu JuJitsu) was honored by the Mayor of his township with a proclamation declaring the day as "PROFESSOR ERNIE CATES DAY"

In California - On June 17, a seminar was held in memory of our member, the late karate legend, Fumio Demura at the headquarters dojo of his GENBU KAI organization in Santa Ana, California. Demura, who passed away in April at age 84, was honored with classes held by a group of renowned karateka……

& a Hawaiian Martial Arts Symposium sponsored by the KILOHANA MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION, the LUA HALAU O KAIHEWALA ASSOCATION & CHOW HOON GOSHIN JITSU will be taking place on July 22nd – 23rd. Featuring amongst others, WHFSC members, Professor James Muro, Suro Jason Inay, Professor Hans Ingebretsen, Professor Carlos de Leon & Professor Rowdy Hall . For more information contact Professor Hans at hansingebretsen@yahoo.com


Prof. James Muro

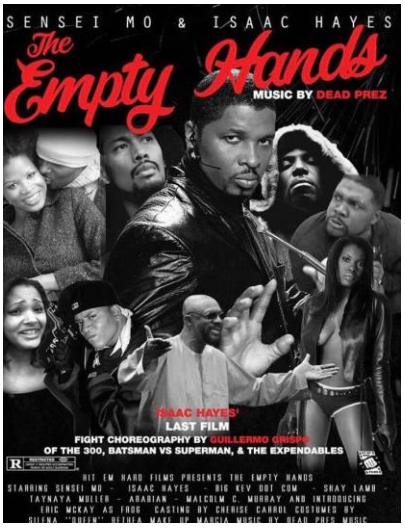

Suro Jason Inay


Prof. Hans Ingebretsen


Prof. Carlos DeLeon


Prof. Rowdy Hall

In New York – GM Mahaliel Bethea's first film that he wrote & produced 20 yrs ago called "EMPTY HANDS" will be on HULU this summer (GM Bethea is in center of poster below)……& Sifu Alan Goldberg (center below) is already gearing up for his ACTION MEGA WEEKEND 2024 which should be a fantastic time for everyone! For more info, contact Sifu Alan at actionma4@gmail.com







Lastly, in Florida - the WHFSC's 31st Anniversary celebration held May 26th & 27th in Orlando was a resounding success. Attracting approximately 400 invited guests! Seminars conducted on Friday & Saturday covered everything from India's oldest martial art, Silambam; to modern day gun use, gun retention, gun disarming, Sumo, Karate, Kajukenbo, Kung Fu, Ju-Jitsu, street defense, Krav Maga, Apache Knife & Blade Arts conducted by name martial artists. Followed by our Annual Meeting & culminating with the Council's 2023 Annual awards banquet.

RANDOM PHOTOS FROM OUR 2023 WHFSC EVENT



GM Bobby Taobada conducts his seminar on Balintawak Arnis Cuentada



2023 Annual Meeting



Seminar leaders hold their awards & pose for pictures during awards banquet

…And coming in 2024



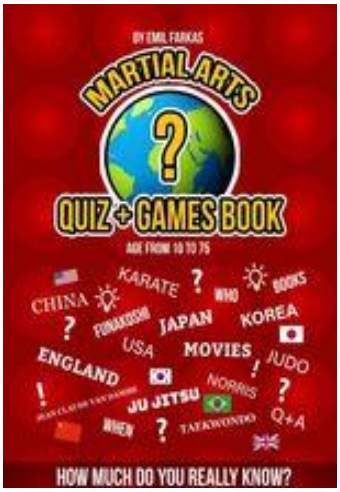


2024 - DoubleTree Twin Towers Hotel – Orlando, Florida

Make your plans NOW to join us on May 24th – 25th , 2024, the Memorial Holiday Weekend when the WHFSC celebrates its 32nd Anniversary at the DoubleTree Hilton Twin Towers Hotel across from Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida……Stay tuned for more information in the months to come!

(NOTE: Our 2023 Hall of Fame induction list will appear in our September WHFSC website update)

In our new books department……



COMING SOON! The new MARTIAL ARTS QUIZ – GAMES Book by noted martail arts historian & WHFSC member, GM Emil Farkas. Available this August on AMAZON.COM & through Don Warrener's "WARRENER ENTERTAINMENT.COM Compiled in an interesting and entertaining way the book will give you hours of fun while testing your knowledge on all aspects of the martial arts. There are quizzes, puzzles, trivia question, and is illustrated with hundreds of photographs. The book covers all areas of the arts including history, biography, culture, traditions, techniques and much much more. From the movies to the UFC it has it all. Price $29.95. Also pick-up your "FREE" catalog from WARRENER ENTERTAINMENT at https://www.warrenerentertainment.com/free-

In our new members department……

In our Grandmasters/ Headmasters Division, we have from DENMARK, Kaicho Kurt Oreum – DAI HAKU MARTIAL ART SYSTEM through sponsorship of Dr. Song Swee Hee of Malaysia & recommendation of GM Floyd Burk of BLACK BELT Magazine & from the U.S.A. in IOWA, Grandmaster A. Bobby Barongan - Founder of BARONGAN KEMPO



Kaicho Kurt Oreum

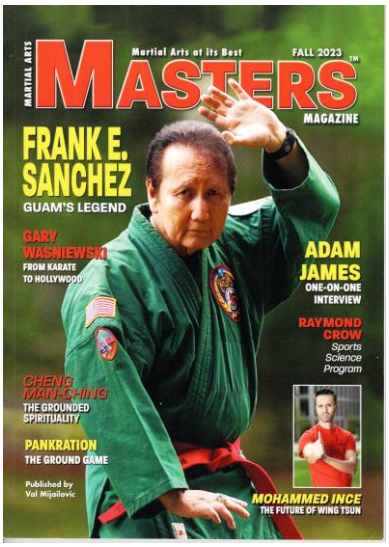


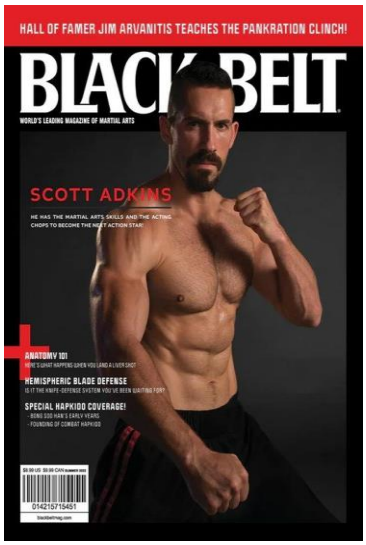
GM. A. Bobby Barongan

WELCOME to your new family……the WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY/SOKESHIP COUNCIL!

We would also like to acknowledge donations received this quarter from GM Jerry Otto – St. Thomas Virgin Islands & Terence Chu, Balintawak Arnis Cuentada student from Virginia for their kindness.

On the covers of martial arts publications this quarter……







Yours Truly, GM Frank E. Sanchez graces the cover of the Fall issue of MASTERS Magazine with cover mentions of GM Gary Wasniewski & GGM Jim Arvanitis' Pankration article entitled "PANKRATION THE GROUND GAME" – GGM Jim Arvanitis received cover mention on the cover of BLACK BELT Magazine's Summer issue & Dr. Robert Goldman is on the cover of the current issue of DEADLY ART OF SURVIVAL Magazine.

In the magazines this quarter……

In MASTERS Magazine's Fall issue - Yours Truly is featured in a cover story entitled "FRANK E. SANCHEZ – GUAM'S LEGEND" with an article by GGM Jim Arvanits entitled " PANKRATION – THE GROUND GAME" & GM Gary Wasniewski in an article called "FROM KARATE TO HOLLYWOOD"…..In BLACK BELT Magazine's Summer issue – Their "BLACK BELT TIMES" Column features an article on the passing of our member, Grandmaster Fumio Demura; GM Emil Farkas' "WISDOM OF THE MASTERS" book was showcased in its "FEATURED ITEM" Column; an article entitled "LOCK UP" on Pankration's clinching techniques by GGM Jim Arvantis; a segment entitled "11 MARTIAL ARTS EXPERTS ON THE LIVER" where martial artists, including GGM Jim Arvanitis & GM Graciela Casillas gave their opinions regarding the liver being used as a target for striking; an article entitled "INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW" , concerning questions martial artists have asked with answers given by Po' Okela Michelle Manu, GM Ron Van Clief, GM Sam Kuoha, Master Dana Abbott & others; In their "BETTER BUSINESS" Column is an article entitled "HOW TO CREATE A MARTIAL ART - CASE STUDY: COMBAT HAPKIDO" by GM John Pellegrini; & Professor George Kirby & the late Professor Wally Jay are mentioned in BLACK BELT's "FROM THE ARCHIVES" Column featuring its December 1981 issue…..& lastly, in BUDO INTERNATIONAL Magazine's Fall issue – Edition 2 – there is an Editorial by its Publisher & WHFSC Honorary Member, Shidoshi Alfredo Tucci entitled "STRAW DOGS OR DE RERUM NATURA" with GM Avi Nardia's column, "KAPAP SENSEI ON THE ROAD"

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND PHOTO OF THE "WHFSC'S" FIRST MEMBER & KARATE'S FIRST AMERICAN TOURNAMENT HERO, MIKE STONE



Sensei Mike Stone meets GM Sanchez for the first time

Sensei Stone was going on a new Stateside tour from the Philippines to do seminars on his new "positive thinking" concept at the time I met him many years back & met with me & GM Bill Clark of the AMERICAN TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION (this was my first time meeting GM Clark as well in Jacksonville, Florida) to have dinner at a Japanese restaurant. Stone was also an Honorary Member of my AMERICAN MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION" which later morphed into the WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY SOKESHIP COUNCIL in 1992 & his Honorary Membership was transferred to the WHFSC at that time. Making him its first member. The bio below is from Don Willis on Facebook who gave permission for me to use his article regarding Mike Stone's background:

A native of Hawaii, Mike Stone was born and raised in the Island of Maui.

He was a star athlete in various sports events during his student days and joined the Army after graduating from high school. It was while stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, that he met his karate instructor, Sgt. Herbert Peters, who had just returned from Okinawa. Mike started in Shorin-ryu and earned his brown belt in three months. He then established a world record for achieving his black belt rank in only six months from the day he started training. His legendary rise into karate super stardom came from winning all the major tournaments in his prime – from the Nationals in Virginia to the Internationals in California, the United States Karate Championships in Texas to the World Championships in Chicago. He never lost in any of his individual black belt matches as well as in kata competitions. He is recognized as the only black belt to retire undefeated with 91 consecutive black belt victories. He was inducted into Black Belt's Hall of Fame twice as Fighter of the Year in 1971 and Instructor of the Year in 1994.

In the 1980s, Mike Stone ventured into writing and movie production. His original screenplay with the title Dance of Death, which was released as Enter the Ninja, started the worldwide ninja craze in the silver screen. He also acted, produced, choreographed and directed other martial arts movies, including the American Ninja series. He authored a martial arts book, American Eclectic Karate, in 1983.

Mike's life and his experiences are varied and far-reaching with his long and successful career in athletics, in the movie industry, and the entertainment business, as well as being a writer, promoter, sports instructor, inventor, bodyguard and personal fitness trainer. These experiences, after years of introspection and reflection, have allowed him to create a comprehensive and dynamic program that allows anyone to make major positive lifestyle changes. His famed seminar program, "Living Your Dreams Now," has changed the lives of people who had heard him and applied the simple yet effective principles. The program involves the trilogy, which makes up who we are as human beings — the body, mind, and spirit or soul. It focuses on the four primary aspects that impact upon every person's daily life; specifically love energy, time, and money. Mike Stone lives on what excites his imagination – poetry, art, music, dog-training, playing tennis, and golf among others. He has published books of diverse topics and has masterfully applied in his life the very ideas that he espouses in his seminar talks and writings.

Well, this concludes our newsletter for April – June 2023. Please remember to stay aggressive & fair in all you do, until next time.

GM Frank E. Sanchez – WHFSC Founder/ Executive Director International

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