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Before we begin this newsletter, I would like to wish all our members, friends and their families around the world the very best in the New Year. May you achieve all of your heartfelt dreams and goals this year!



Grandmaster Sanchez

Our deepest repects to the members who left us during the final days of 2013.....







Professor Eugene Humesky

Professor Robert Koga passed away on September 8th from Mesothelioma in Fairbrook, California. Unfortunately, we were unaware of his passing until now. The Founder of Koga Ryu Aikido/ Jutsu was responsible for the instruction of thousands of law enforcement personnel across the country and around the world in his Aikido based police tactics system. His motto was a simple, Hawaiian phrase: "No give up"! His Koga Institute under Director, Susan Koga continues its work today teaching and certifying law enforcement in the Koga system. Our love & deepest respects go out to the Koga family.....& on November 11th, Professor Eugene Humesky passed away in Ann Arbor, Michigan leaving behind his Wife, Assya, two sons Roman and Igor and 6 grand children. As well as a wealth of friends from his yearly attendance of our events. His presence will be sorely missed & our deepest sympathies go out to Assya and family.



GM Peter Siringano Jr.

Lastly, get well soon wishes go out to GM Peter Siringano Jr. of New York who recently underwent a heart procedure and is recovering at home and to GM John Byrne's Son, Jason who is recovering at home from a collapsed lung.....

In international news.....

Grandmaster Gary Wasniewski of England has a new film coming out called "Fears" set to debut in 2014.While Professor Vincent Lyn wrapped up an interview with Anita Bailey for her show, "M.J. Connection" in Manhattan in November. Airing to be announced soon. Vincent's recent musical performance at







GM Gary Wasniewski

"Fears" Poster

Prof. Vincent Lyn (R) with Anita Bailey

Carnegie Hall was also a huge success & Vincent wanted to "personally thank everyone for coming, especially those of you who traveled from across the country".

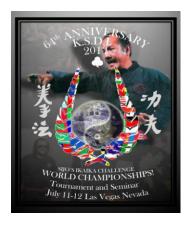






2013 International Hapkido Summit

Supreme GM Ji Han Jae's 2013 International Hapkido Summit held Nov. 15th – 17th in Voorhees, NJ. sponsored by the Grandmasters Council of Sin Moo Hapkido attracted over 100 participants representing 16 countries. Dojunim was very proud of everyone's commitment to excellence, hard work, loyalty & dedication!







GM Dechi Emperado

The 64^{th} Anniversary K.S.D.I. (Kajukenbo) Tournament with seminars takes place on July 11^{th} – 12^{th} , 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada







N.C.M.A. Tournament Poster

GM Ron Van Clief

Global Proving Ground poster

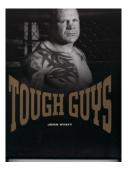
Hanshi Lou Angel's National College of Martial Arts invitation only tournament celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the NCMA takes place June 28th, 2014 in Springfield, MO.....GM Ron Van Clief's Global Proving Ground" group had a "sign up" for fighters interested in taking part in this new mixed martial arts competition at the New York City Hilton Hotel on November 9th & 10th along with Urban Action Showcase which featured films & an autograph session by Ron & other martial arts celebs







GM Vincent Marchetti



"Tough Guys" Book

Dr. Shelley Fernandez, President of our late member, Keiko Fukuda, Sensei's "Keiko Fukuda Foundation" has a video on one of the Foundation's first projects to empower India's young girls & women by learning Judo. You can view the video at http://youtu.be/9HOZHQVzehwGM Vincent Marchetti of New Jersey is featured in a new book called "Tough Guys" by John Wyatt. The book features fighters like Chuck Wepner, Hanshi Ralph Passero & others who made a living by fighting on the streets, the ring or in MMA venues in the U.S.



Professors Russ Coelho & James Muro



GM Frank E. Sanchez

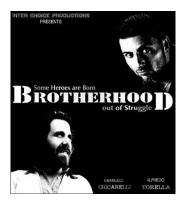


Sensei Ka'imi Kuoha performing ice break with elbow



Professor James Muro reports that Professor Russ Coelho (my "Brother" & former dojo mate) from California was recently voted into the Shoshin Ryu Hall of Fame (Danzan Ryu based) by it's Head, Professor Mike chubb.....I was also recently given the honor of being appointed a Senior Advisor to my late instructor and WHFSC Member, Professor Sig Kufferath's Kilohana Association (designed to propagate the Art of Danzan Ryu JuJitsu) in California & according to Professor Coelho it was by unanimous vote. I am of course deeply honored by this appointment. The full list of current Advisors is at http://www.kilohanausa.org/Administration/senior-advosirs.html. Also, GM Sam Kuoha's daughter, Ka'imi recently tried to break her Father's ice breaking record in California. It was a beautiful break – no comment received on whether she did or not......







Master Alfredo Torella

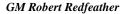
"Brotherhood" Poster

Master Scott Sonnon

Last but not least in international news...... In our Masters Division, Master Alfredo Torella is busy with his movie entitled, "Brotherhood" which is still in production as of this moment......& Master Scott Sonnon did a speech on how martial arts effected his life for a recent TED (Technology, entertainment, Design) global conference. You can view the speech he gave at http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/How-We-Suppress-Genius-and-Crea

In our new members department.....







GM Jay Saceda Jumawan

We'd like to WELCOME to our grandmasters division, GM Robert Redfeather from California who is Mescalero Apache. He teaches the discipline of the Apache Knife.....& from the Philippines, GM Jay Saceda Jumawan, founder of Jumawan Arnis Step (under SGM Vicente Sanchez of our Council).....We are proud to include you both as members of our elite worldwide organization!

In the media this time around.....

On the cover of the Martial Directory 2014



GM Gary Alexander along with other martial arts notables appears on the front cover of this new book by Author, Allen Woodman

BLACK BELT Magazine has an article on the passing of Professor Robert Koga, Jim Arvanitis' expandable baton defense, Bill Wallace and mentions of Master Mike Stone & GM Tino Tuiolosega in a tribute to the late GM Ted Tabura.... TAEKWONDO TIMES Magazine's Janauary issue contains an article on Master Ed Parker Jr's Paxtial Arts: Contrast in Motion.....& lastly, BUDO INTERNATIONAL has it's monthly column with GM Jurg Ziegler

HISTORICAL PHOTO



A young GM Saleeh Sabree (R) with General Choi, the Founder of TaeKwonDo (Photo courtesy of GM Sabree)

Remember our Annual event in 2014 & make your plans NOW to attend!! (all nominations should be turned in as soon as possible) – As usual, this is a "closed event" for members & their nominees/ guests (nominees/ guests can be from outside this Council). Friends of the Council may attend as guests, if not nominated by a member of the WHFSC per the info shown below. If you are a member of the WHFSC & have not received your nomination/ invitation yet, please contact me at GMFrankSanchez@comcast.net



22nd ANNUAL CELEBRATION

America's FIRST documented worldwide martial arts grandmasters/ masters organization — Featuring on stage during awards banquet: Video/ demo performance by GM John Byrne's 5 Circle System with Sensei Val Retelsdorf's dojo from Nebraska/ Dance performance by dance champion (and Jiu-Jitsu champion), GM Josie Murray from Ireland/ demo with Ama Guro Rafino Pambuan and troupe from Florida/ Recording artists, GM Stuart Hicken from England and GM Frank E. Sanchez from Guam/ Exhibits and international seminars by world renowned grandmasters/ masters in the martial arts.

Go to http://www.whfsc.com/events.html
for attendance information and make your plans NOW to attend!

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Well, this concludes this particular issue of our newsletter. Remember to stay aggressive & fair in all you do until next time!



Your Brother in the martial arts,

Grandmaster Frank E. Sanchez Founder/ Executive Director International



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