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### GUARANTEE OF CONTINUATION OF THE IKCA TO A PERMANENT STATE

hen Mr. LeRoux and myself founded the International Karate Connection Association we did it with the intention of creating an organization that would live into perpetuity. We had belonged to an association that, in essence, died with the founder because there had been no provisions made for the eventuality of his no longer being at the helm and guiding it into the future. There was no person, committee or set of rules written to guarantee the continuation of the awarding of rank to the highest degrees, therefore all rank stopped with his passing.

At the time of the inception of the Karate Connection we were at an age where we also didn't think very seriously into the distant future because it seemed so far away. How we might feel about that subject emotionally is one thing but intellectually we know that we must prepare for the eventuality. We know there will come a day, when either or both of us will no longer wish to, or are able to, continue heading the organization. Because we refuse to put our members in the position we were put in, we are now preparing for the *eventual* turning over of the duties for the continue to service the people who put their faith in us and the Association. It is our wish, above all others, that a smooth transition takes place between the present leadership and the future ones when those times arrive.

Let us make it clear, here and now, that as of this time, we do not see that day in the near future but life is unpredictable and there is always the possibility of an untimely coming of that event. No one expected Ed Parker to die when he did, and we wish to prepare for it now, even if only to put everyone's mind at ease between now and when it does eventually come. Neither of us is ill or tired of what we are doing, we are just being conscientious for your sake.

The proposals we wish to make will require the Bylaws to be added to or amended, so it will require a vote, and because it concerns those of higher rank the vote will be limited to those of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt and above.

The IKCA Bylaws were created with the concept that every person who attained the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt could eventually rise to the rank of Grand Master within the Karate Connection, if they

were to take, and pass, each test for rank on or after the Three Year Anniversary of the awarding of their last promotion. From the initial formation of the Karate Connection, all promotions to Jr. Black Belt and above have been judged and sanctioned by Mr. LeRoux or myself and we will continue to do so as long as either or both of us are willing and able to fulfill that duty.

When we created the IKCA neither of us was a Grand Master, so the Bylaws had to be produced with provisions that promotions to the highest levels could be undertaken by Black Belts under the rank of 10<sup>th</sup> Degree. It worked then and it will work into the future as well. With the implementation of the three-year formula and the Master Form, done with two or less errors per belt level as the test, the Bylaws allowed for promotions to any level. Now that there is a Grand Master, what must be determined at this point is the criteria as to *whom* in the future will be eligible to oversee those tests in the absence of a Grand Master.

It is our opinion that *any* IKCA Black Belt of **Third Degree** or higher who is also a **Certified Instructor** is considered technically proficient to judge any other Black Belt, **of any rank**, for the purposes of promotion. The form is the form and the moves are the moves and they know them all and they know the errors when they see them. Judging a high-ranking Black Belt is no different than judging a brown belt testing for his or her Black Belt. Everyone will still be held to the existing criteria for promotion. The concern for a continuing governing body is to find the person or people willing and able to carry it on. It is a huge responsibility and a time-consuming one. It will literally become a part -time job for the person or persons involved.

Being the creators and founders of the Karate Connection and the International Karate Connection Association we reserve the right to name our own successor. The additions and amendments to the Bylaws that we are working on at this time are for emergency contingencies and future successors to the leadership. Our partnership is set up with the provision that if either of us cannot or chooses not to continue our duties, those duties will revert automatically to the other, as well as the overall leadership in general

The **KARATE CONNECTION VIDEO** and the **INTERNATIONAL KARATE CONNECTION ASSOCIATION** are two separate entities. The **"Karate Connection Video"** is a company that is in the business of selling Training Videos and other retail items. The **"International Karate Connection Association"** is in the service of its members for the purposes of promoting and the keeping of the records of those promotions. From the beginning, these two entities have been overseen by both of the Founders. However there is no reason that in the future, if need be, that these two entities cannot be overseen by two completely different directors, which would be a necessity if we can't find the proper individual or coalition to manage both at the same time.

We also reserve the right, as founders, to pass the *business end* of the organization to a person or persons of our choosing. However, if that business entity is not of sufficient rank in the IKCA they will not be in the position of promoting, so the promotions will be handled by others, outside the business of the Karate Connection Video enterprises. (Amendments #5 & #6 below)

What we are working on now are ideas and the language for the necessary amendments to the Bylaws in order to make these changes work not only for the first change of leadership but for all of the changes in the future, much the same as how the Constitution of the United States provides for the uninterrupted succession of leadership.

The issues that must be addressed in the Bylaws is who would take over those responsibilities, should the founders meet with an untimely demise and not have trained a successor or team of successors. A factor of equal importance is how that person or persons would eventually be succeeded so that the

International Karate Connection Association can go on uninterrupted. Even if the **Karate Connection Video** business were to discontinue it should not affect the Association as far as the continuing of promotions is concerned.

We are in the process of creating a list of all the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belts and above, with telephone numbers where each can be reached. It will be distributed to them so that if it becomes necessary they can communicate with one another in an emergency. We will also maintain that list as to changes into the future.

We realize that taking over the duties of testing and promoting future students and existing Association members will require a great degree of time and dedication, for which whomever will be doing it will have to be remunerated. There is a great deal of work and responsibility in discharging the clerical duties as well, so provisions must be made as to who will perform those duties and how much they will receive from the proceeds of the promotion fees.

Hopefully, when the time comes we will be able to select from the many talented people currently with us and train them to carry on the duties that we now discharge but in the event that we do not, we need, and are working on, amendments to the Bylaws to allow the membership to do it for themselves.

#### FOLLOWING ARE THE SOME OF THE PROPOSALS WHICH ARE TO BE DISCUSSED BEFORE THE ACTUAL VOTING TAKES PLACE.

- 1. If there is an individual who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt or above who also holds the title of Certified Instructor, who has been designated in writing by the passing Senior Grand Master, that individual will assume the accountability for awarding rank, according to the IKCA Bylaws. He or she will be responsible for evaluating the video or in-person tests for rank and passing or denying them according to the IKCA Bylaws and will hold the title of "<u>Acting Chief of Affairs</u>." (ACA) until he or she becomes a Grand Master.
- 2. Any IKCA Black Belt in good standing, **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree or above** who also holds the title of **Certified Instructor**, is eligible to hold the post of "Acting Chief of Affairs" and is subject to all of the rules of the Bylaws concerning their own promotions, plus the following:
  - i. In order for the **ACA** to be promoted the test must be judged passing by three Black Belts at, or above, his or her own rank. If there are not at least three people above or at his or her rank then three people nearest that rank. Their signatures must be present on the candidate's promotion certificate for validation.
- 3. The ACA may choose to call upon fellow Black Belts to help by forming a committee of his or her choice. All must be **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belts** or higher and must themselves be **Certified Instructors** as well.
- 4. The term of office these Black Belts will hold shall be one year, renewable at the discretion of the **ACA** at the end of each term.

- 5. If a separate director or set of directors take over the "BUSINESS PART" (the Karate Connection Video) for the purposes of selling the videos and other retail items are also Certified Instructors, <u>he</u>, <u>she</u> or <u>they</u> would be eligible to promote to Brown Belt but must turn over the testing and promoting to Black Belt and Degrees in Black Belt to the ACA.
- 6. If those taking over the direction of the **Business Part** of the Karate Connection are not **Certified Instructors** <u>*all*</u> promotions must be turned over to the **ACA**.
- 7. In the event there has **not** been an individual *designated in writing* at the passing of Mr. LeRoux and Mr. Sullivan, the **Senior Black Belts** (those ranked **Fifth Degree and above**) shall automatically become a COMMITTEE and hold a general election for the purposes of electing an "Acting Chief of Affairs."
- 8. Only IKCA 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belts and above in good standing, will be allowed to vote.
- 9. The length of time of the "Acting Chief of Affairs" term in office is to be THREE YEARS, which will be renewable at the discretion of the Committee, with no limit as to the number of terms. If a future term of office of the ACA is denied by the Committee or if the ACA declines a future term, another general election must be held.
- 10. If the **ACA** is deemed not doing the job he or she was elected to do, or is unable to, or no longer wishes to, the **Committee of Senior Black Belts** may at their discretion terminate the tenure and hold another general election to replace him or her.
- 11. Any pending promotions that would have to be put off because of the time to elect an **ACA** should not impact the promotion candidate. When his or her promotion is approved it should be dated back to when the candidate was eligible so as not to lose any time toward their next promotion.
- 12. The feeling at this time is that, for the sake of expediency, it should require only a "most-vote" method to elect an **ACA**, meaning that regardless of the number of candidates in contention the candidate with the most votes is the winner. Ties would have to be run-off.
- 13. As to campaigning for the post of **ACA**, again for the sake of expediency, each candidate will be given an opportunity to communicate with the Membership in writing, his or her qualifications and why they think they should hold the post. All candidates will submit to the Committee not more than two hundred words on the subject, which will be published in the Newsletter for the Membership to evaluate.
- 14. Once elected, all Members will abide by the "Acting Chief of Affairs" decisions concerning testing and promotions.

These are the some of the proposed amendments, at this, the first writing of these articles. At this point we wish to have your input so as to finalize these articles for voting to amend the IKCA Bylaws. We are certain there are more subjects to be considered as well. We would like to have your thoughts on those also, please.

As stated earlier, only 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belts and above will be allowed to vote, however, regardless of your present rank, if you have any experience with these sort of procedures please feel free to let us know how to improve upon what we are trying to accomplish. We feel the goals are quite simple and straight forward, which are to make the transitions as easy on everyone as possible and to do the most for the membership as possible.

If the language is not clear please state where it can be made clearer and to the point. If the ideas set forth here can be improved upon, again, please state where and how you think this might be done. We look forward to your input and all responses will be read and seriously considered for inclusion into future drafts which, when finalized, will vote as of now does not mean that by the time a vote is actually needed you won't be eligible. We need all the help we can get on this subject and we sincerely thank you for any assistance you might be able to lend.

The IKCA has indeed been fortunate to have grown to the proportions it has in the past dozen years. Even now, we have an abundance of eminently qualified people who could quite competently take over the duties that Mr. LeRoux and I currently do. And there is another group coming up in rank that will qualify in the not-too-distant future, so the list will grow as time goes by.

Because the Bylaws are in place and have proven themselves over and over for these past several years there is no doubt that this organization can take on a life of its own and live forever. That was the intention from the beginning and our personal desire for our IKCA family.



# It's Time For Some Changes

e have traditionally held our Seminars and Tournaments on the Second Saturday in March in Long Beach, California and the second Saturday in June in Amite, Louisiana. As to why we chose these dates, it simply had to do with circumstances at the time. It was June of 1993 when Mayor Goldsby invited us down to Louisiana for the first time and everyone had a fantastic time. When he asked if we would come back next year we said of course and it just never occurred to anyone to change when that would be. A year is a year so we kept going back every year at the same time. As far as Long Beach is concerned, we picked a date in the winter because it seemed like a good idea at the time. We thought that as long as it was Southern California and even the winter climate is always relatively moderate it would be a likely time for those suffering the harshness of winter in many other places to get away for a while. Unfortunately, therein lies a problem in itself. Being in March several of our people who wanted to be here couldn't because of the weather conditions where they were coming from. Several got snowed in and couldn't get out. Or in other cases they couldn't get back home for several days because of snow conditions there, which can create a lot of problems as well.

Just recently people have been discussing the dates these events are held and asking if we can't do something about them. Sure we can, we aren't locked into anything. We can make them whenever the most of our people would like them to be.

Another thing that people mentioned is that March and June are too close together. Many wanted to attend both but couldn't afford them so close together, so they have asked about spreading them out to about six months apart? Absolutely! Why not?

It has been suggested that we do the Louisiana Seminar in April before the dog days of summer clobber the area, when the temperature and the humidity both hit in the nineties. April, from what we are told by the people who live there, is a lovely time of the year. So let's do it in April.

From our own experience, we would say that any time in August or September is a fantastic time of the year to visit Southern California. So, if you are looking to combine a trip here for the Seminar/Tournament and a great vacation all into one, that would be the time to do it.

Because we have already had the Long Beach Seminar/Tournament for 2002 the next one wouldn't be until August or September of 2003 and the 2003 Amite Seminar would come a little early being sometime in April or early May of 2003. As to the actual weekends, we are open to all suggestions at this time. Reservations to hold the facilities for these events will have to be made in the not-too-distant future so we would like to know from as many of you as possible what your preferences are concerning those approximate times. Let us know if there is any particular weekend that is preferable within those timeframes. Below is a breakdown of the weekends we are considering. Please circle one for each Seminar that would be best for you and send it to us. Holiday weekends will not be considered. They sound good at first but we have learned over the years that you don't hold anything like a Seminar or Tournament on a Holiday weekend, even a holiday such as Easter, which doesn't even include an extra day.

Here are the available weekends in April and early May for Amite, Louisiana. <u>April 5-6, 12-13, 26-27.</u> <u>May 3-4, 10-11.</u> Here are the available weekends in late August and September, for Long Beach, California <u>August 16-17, 23-24.</u> <u>September 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28.</u>

We have been writing about these events for the past several years and I don't think we have overlooked any part of them. They are the greatest learning experience in the Art. They are motivational and stimulating. They are a wonderful get-away. Everyone agrees they are a celebration of the IKCA brotherhood equal to no other and if you were to ask anyone who comes if they would do it again I think the answer would be a resounding – YES! And we want to make them available and convenient to everyone who wishes to be there.



## A COUPLE OF WINNERS

e have the pleasure of having people from all over the world drop in on us, some with advanced notice and at other times unannounced. We also get telephone calls from around the globe. The difference is that when people drop in it's usually at a reasonable time of the day or evening. The telephone can ring any time because folks tend to forget about the time differences. Either way, we welcome all calls and visits.

Recently Vic had a couple of visitors from up north of us and fortunately got a photo with them while they were here. These two gentlemen had recently competed in various Police Events and came out at the top of the heap.

On Monday June 17 James Parson, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Kenpo and Tren Clark, Brown Belt, both under Manuel Jacquez, of Jacquez Kenpo Karate, Lompoc, CA competed in the 2002 California Police and Fire Games. Tren Clark won Gold in Sparring. James Parson won Gold in Sparring and Bronze in Kata.

When it came to the finals Mr. Parson found himself facing another Karate Connection Black Belt, Mr. Sung Han Kim formerly of Santa Clarita, California, now a member of the California Men's Correctional System in northern California. From what we hear it was a great match with Mr. Parson coming out on top.

James and Tren also won Gold in the Arizona Police Games for Sparring. The Arizona Police Games were on March 16, 2002. *Way to go Guys!* 

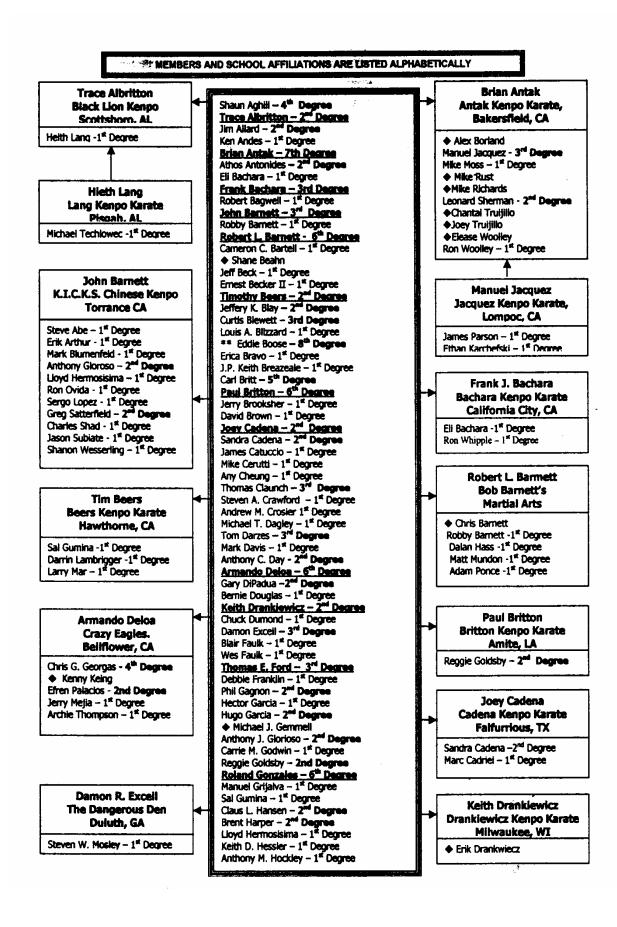
# THE IKCA FAMILY TREE

We only publish the Family Tree twice a year in the Newsletter because it now takes up so much space. If you wish to check it out more frequently you may go to the IKCA website - KARATECONNECTION.COM. We now have an official "Keeper of the Tree" Mr. Bill Parsons of Raleigh, NC who is doing a great job. He has come up with a legend and colors for the names that make it a lot easier to read and figure out who is a Certified Instructor and who came up under which instructor as well as through the Central Organization. The one on the website is much larger and clearer because space is not a consideration. You might need a magnifying glass to read the one here, but it's here.

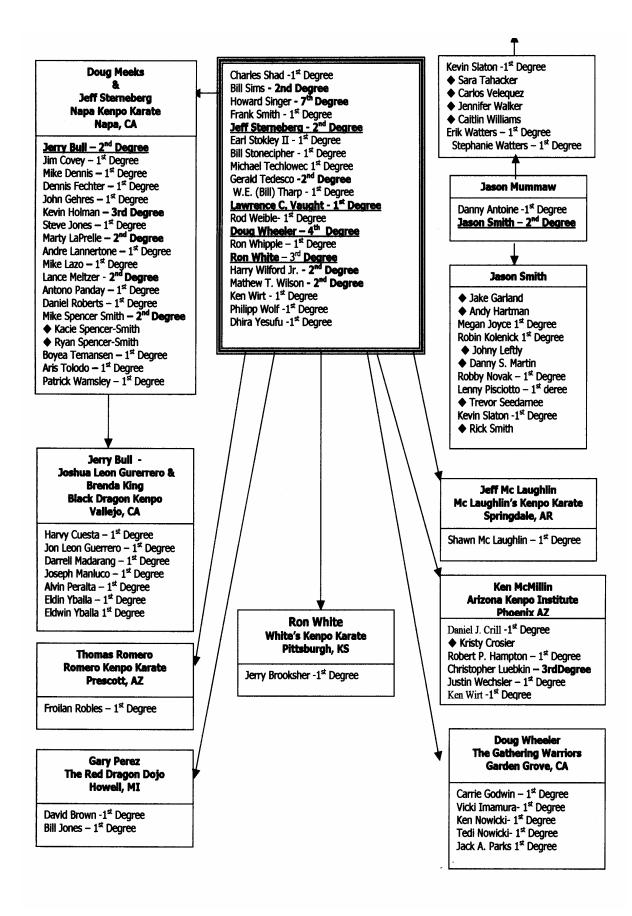
The Family Tree has been one of the most difficult entities to have and maintain on the website. You wouldn't believe the problems it has presented. We know how important it is to the people who are there. Of the thousands who begin the Art with full intentions of making it to the top only a very few actually end up doing it and it's our pleasure and privilege to list their names for the world to see.

Vic and I are proud of our places on Ed Parker's IKKA Family Tree and we show it by putting Mr. Parker at the head of our tree. On his tree the people Mr. Parker and I brought up to Black Belt are also listed but it stopped at his demise. If it had continued, all of the people on the IKCA Family Tree would also have been on that tree because they are directly under Mr. LeRoux and myself. If your name is on the main trunk of the IKCA tree it means you are just one generation from the Founder of Kenpo in America. It says that you were taught by the people who were personally trained by Ed Parker.





Thomas E. Ford Robert W. Holub – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ford's Kenpo Karate, Val Holms - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Bob Hurd - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Michael Hyatt Everett, WA Hyatt Kenpo Karate, Michael Hyatt – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Vicki Imamura – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Russ Mattison -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Perry UT Ted J. Miller - 1st Degree Mick Jolly - 1st Degree David H. Bean 1<sup>st</sup> - Degree Mick Jolly -1st Degree Bill Jones - 1st Degree Scott Pearce 1<sup>st</sup> - Degree Donald Jones – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Herman Jones – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree **Roland Gonzales** Rick Joy - 1st Degree Gonzalaz Kenpo Karate Wilfrido Justina – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree John Kelley - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Val Holms San Jose, CA Tra Ho Sutra Kenpo Karate ◆ Daniel Albizo -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Helena, MT Sharon Lee Keto - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Victor J. Arellanes -2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Jonathan Kim - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Edward Barron 1st Degree Sung Han Kim- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brenda King 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ryan Jellison Clay Alan Brasuell -1st Degree Mari Holms - 3rd Degree Erica Bravo -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Darrin Lambrigger 1st Degree Joshua H. Wallis Jose Covarrubias -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Frank Dicker - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Heith Lang - 1st Degree Marty LaPrelle - 3rd Degree Juan Lopez - 1st Degree Rod Larson - 1st Degree Abelardo N. Orodono Jr 1st Degree Larry Lauer – 3rd Degree Michael Lee - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree **Donald Jones** Willy Pascua – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ted Pepping – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree **Donald Jones Chinese** Joshua Leon Guerrero - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree David W. Little - - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sergo Lopez - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Kenpo Karate ♦ Daniel Albizo -1<sup>st</sup> Degree ♦ Aldo Ouintana Mike Cerutti -1st Degree ◆ Tana Quintana Glen Lower - 2nd Degree ♦ Angle Romero Christopher E. Luebkin - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Arron Staeben-1st Degree Celesta Lyman - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Jose Zuhgia -1st Degree Glen R. Lyman - 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Beto Maldonado - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Gien R. Lyman Ron Marcarelli -5<sup>th</sup> Degree Russ Mattison - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree K.I.C.K. Incorporated Nathan D. Murphree Cedar City, UT Murphree Kenpo Karate Harold McGill - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Jeff Mc Laughlin 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Shawn Mc Laughlin - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Branson, MO Jeff Beck - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Travis Bringhurst – 1st Degree Aaron J. Murphree Nick Froyd -1st Degree Doug Meeks - 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Scott Merk - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ♦ Ty Gubler Celesta Lyman -1<sup>st</sup> Degree **Ron Marcarelli** Paul G. Metz – 3rd Degree Ken McMillin - 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Stephaine Lawrence – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree American Academy of Martial Anthony Magnetti – 1st Degree Arts Steven W. Mosley - 1st Degree Jessica Mills – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree DeBarv. FL Jason Mummaw - 1st Degree Shady Roundy -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Nathan D. Murphree - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Danny Antoine -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Austin Smith ♦ Aaron J. Murphree ♦ Chelsea Betham Jordan Smith - 1st Degree Leonard J. Mushtuk – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Alan J. Nisberg - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ryan Craig Jim Stewart – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ♦ T. J. Craig Curtis Tait -1st Degree William T. Nolan -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Mike Davenport -1st Degree Ken Nowicki - 1st Degree Johnny Dettmer Teddi Nowicki -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Marc DiCaprio -1st Degree Ron Ovadia - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ♦ Kevin Finnerty Larry Lauer Bruce Pahl - 1st Degree Josh Flagg 8 James I. Park- 1st Degree Leonard Mushtuk ♦ Jake Garland Jack A. Parks – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Andy Hartman Alberta Kenpo Karate Studio Willy Pascua- 3rd Degree Daniel Jones Alberta, Canada Scott Pearce- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Gerard Perez - 3<sup>nd</sup> Degree Megan Joyce – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Robin Kolenick 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Kevin Llovd -1<sup>st</sup> Degree ♦Travis Physioc Sarah Krueger Cori Sturgess - 1st Degree Joseph P. Poliseo - 1st Degree Paul Lewis -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Eddie Ramos - 1st Degree ♦ Johny Leftly Doug Marsh 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Deborah Knable Richtman - 1st Degree Paul G. Metz Matt Robison - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Danny S. Martin Hugo M. Rojas - 3rd Degree Manitowoc, WI Jason Mummaw -1st Degree Thomas Romero -1st Degree Robby Novack - 1st Degree ◆ Jaimie Field -Glen Russell - 2nd Degree Lenny Pisciotto - 1st deree Maureen Lehman - 1st Degree Marty Ryan – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ♦ Trevor Seedamee Nick Lehman Jeff Salzman 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Kevin Slaton -1<sup>st</sup> Degree Raymond May Gregory R. Satterfield - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Jason Smith - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Chris Rush James F. Seals – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Rick Smith Dan Rush - 1st Degree Steve Sears -1<sup>st</sup> Dennee Marcarelli - Continued next page



# Meet Mrs. LeRoux



or the Grand Finale of the Ninth Annual Amite, Louisiana Seminar, Vic and Margie tied the Kenpo knot. They marched down an isle between double rows of attendees who did the short version of the Kenpo Salutation as they passed, with Mr. James Taylor, Brown Belt, Kenpo, close behind them, carrying the traditional shotgun. (a little comic relief)

Mr. Paul Britton, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan, Kenpo, an Ordained Minister, performed the ceremony. Wedding cake and Champagne were served immediately afterwards.

### Congratulations Vic and Margie!



### **THIS QUARTER'S SPECIAL!**

We like to be able to present something special with each issue of the Newsletter and this quarter we decided to offer a **\$10.00** discount on this great looking patch. Use it anywhere, on the back of your Gi, a sweatshirt or leather jacket as we do or wherever you wish. Just use the order form on page nineteen. The price has been changed there for this quarter only, it will go back to the regular price in the next issue of the Newsletter.







When I called Howard for a recent photo for this Newsletter he didn't have one at hand so I said I'd come over and shoot one. When I got to his house he was working in his garage. It was the first time I had ever been in that part of his house and I got to see the three shelves of trophies stored there. Pictured here are only a few of the largest. Most of them are from a long time ago but a few he picked up recently on the senior circuit. Let me tell you from personal experience, Howard is still a lot of fun to fight. If you give him an inch he'll take a foot - or a leg or your head. You have to watch him every second and be on top of your game or he will eat you alive. - Chuck Sullivan

oward Singer, recently promoted to 7th Degree, has in his possession something that would catch the interest of any Kenpo practitioner. Howard's 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt certificate of July 14, 1970 is signed by none other than Senior Grandmaster Edmund K. Parker. But one item of note is that the IKKA document also includes the signature of the then Secretary/Treasurer of the organization, one Mr. Charles Sullivan! Howard recalls this test with fondness because of the famous 'Parker Kick' he was on the receiving end of at the end of the day.

Born in Chicago IL, Howard has spent the majority of his adult life in Southern California. He began his career working for North American Aviation, later known as the aerospace industry giant Rockwell. Howard counts it a privilege to have been working for North American as an engineering draftsman when they had the task of designing the Lunar Landing Module during the Apollo program for NASA in the late 1960's. Since then Howard's career has been primarily involved in management of the consumer electronics industry.

Starting in Shotokan when he was 19 years old, Howard soon switched and studied Kenpo under Chuck Sullivan's classmate Joe Dimmick. An active participant in Dimmick's Downey school, he was an active tournament competitor. "Sparring was my forte." Howard says, "I was able to capture three State Championships, but what I'm really proud of is the five trophies that I received at the Long Beach Internationals. In fact I was in the running for the 1966 Brown Belt sparring title. My wife, Mary Ann, was 8 months pregnant with our first child and in the stands. She has always been so supportive. In the final match I was trailing 2-0 and was able to come from behind and win the title!" Howard discovered though that being so heavily involved in the tournament competition did have its drawbacks. "Mary Ann got to the point where she refused to sleep in the same bed with me the night before a tournament." He relates, "I guess it was because I was dreaming about competing!" Howard recalls some of his toughest opponents and training partners, a veritable Who's Who of Kenpo and the American martial arts scene, people like Donnie Williams, John Sepulveda, Bob White and Frank Trejo. Howard's studies with Mr. Dimmick continued until he reached his 4<sup>th</sup> degree. At this point his instructor relocated and Howard took a hiatus from the martial arts for about ten years. "There were other things I wanted to do", he says. At SGM Parker's urging, Howard returned to Kenpo and was granted his 5<sup>th</sup> degree by Mr. Parker.

Six years ago Howard became one of Chuck's personal students and his association with the IKCA began. "I had known Mr. Sullivan as one the original students of Mr. Parker and I knew of the respect for him in Kenpo circles. Vic had been a dear friend for many years. The greatest honor of my life was to be accepted to the IKCA." Howard continues, "I was instantly accepted by everyone and treated like family from the time I entered." Upon successfully completing the IKCA requirements, Howard's IKKA rank of 5<sup>th</sup> degree was acknowledged. He successfully tested for 6<sup>th</sup> degree three years ago and again recently for 7<sup>th</sup> degree. He considers his weekly studies with Chuck a privilege. "Remember, here is a man that tested for his own Judan (10<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt)." He says, "That's unheard of! It was not 'bestowed' on him, he earned every bit of it! I have nothing but the highest respect for Chuck and Vic and all of the IKCA members. We are part of something special in the Kenpo community and the martial arts." Howard states that he is continually impressed with the video students he has the opportunity to meet at the seminars. "I've known a lot of great fighters, including Steve (Sanders) Muhammad. I know good martial artists when I see them. A lot of the IKCA students are absolutely top-notch. That's how well-trained they are." Over the years Howard has heard accusations that the IKCA system is "watered-down Kenpo". To this he responds, "Look and see if all the principles are there, they are. Everything is useful and usable in the IKCA. You always have follow-ups. Why practice something you can't use? Remember the 10/100 rule!"

To all of the IKCA students he says, "Stick with it, complete it. The majority of the students never make it to Black Belt. It's a constant learning process, even after you make it to that goal. Never give up!" Pretty sage advice from someone the IKCA is privileged to have as a member.

-Bill Parsons, IKCA Member



We would like to present more of our Black Belts for you to get to know but as you can see with this issue there were just too many things to talk about. Hopefully we'll be able to squeeze two in the next issue. We feel we have the greatest group of Black Belts on earth and for those of you that can't make it to a Seminar at either end of the country to meet them in person, we want you to at least meet them here.



We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your promotion We know what kind of dedication and perseverance it requires to earn rank in the Martial Arts and we wish to pay our sincerest respects to you for having shown what it takes to appear on this list.

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