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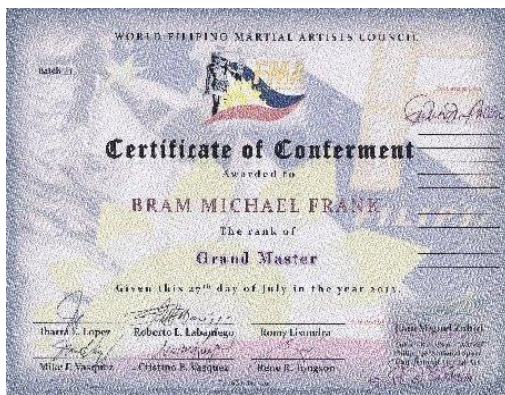
This latest issue of our newsletter is early. Two time limits are affecting the production of this newsletter which usually comes out later in the month or early the following month. One is the time table of our Webmaster to be in Orlando, Florida for a work related issue from the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month to the 30<sup>th</sup> during which time he will not be able to access or post anything to our website. The other is my preparations to leave in early October for my home Island of Guam after being away 30 years for a 3 week visit there (during that time, you will still be able to e-mail, but calls are discouraged since Guam is a day ahead & the time difference is Greenwich Mean time + 10 if you live in the U.S.).



*GM Bram Frank*

**NEW MEMBERSHIP BOOK** now in the making.....All grandmaster members should submit your bio & pictures for this new in-house publication being worked on by GM Bram Frank. If you submitted one previously for our first book entitled the “World Head of Family Sokeship Council” written by GM Don Warrener & distributed by Rising Sun Productions, we probably still have your pic & bio to work from and you can still buy this *best selling* book through their website of <http://www.RisingSunProductions.net> or through

Amazon.com . The “new” book by Bram is an updated list of our grandmaster membership that we are putting together specifically for the membership. Please e-mail your submittals directly to Bram at [Arnisman@aol.com](mailto:Arnisman@aol.com) with a CC to myself [GMFrankSanchez@comcast.net](mailto:GMFrankSanchez@comcast.net) & Ms. Sonia Waring at [Sonia@waringindustries.com](mailto:Sonia@waringindustries.com) . Thanks. ....& while we are on the subject of Bram, in a recent trip to the Philippines he was awarded a certificate from the Worldwide Family of Arnis Board; the FMA (Filipino Martial Arts) Council & the Dept. of Tourism (Gov. agency in charge of Arnis/ sports) certifying him as a “Grandmaster of Arnis”. He was also the recipient of a Grandmaster walking/ fighting stick award at a gala awards dinner in Bacalod (making the presentation to him was another WHFSC Member, GM Rene Tongson) as well as receiving certificates in Lakan Walo 8<sup>th</sup> degree Modern Arnis; Conceptual/ Combat Modern Arnis; & the Guardian of the Legacy of Presas Bolo.



*Grandmaster of Arnis Certificate*



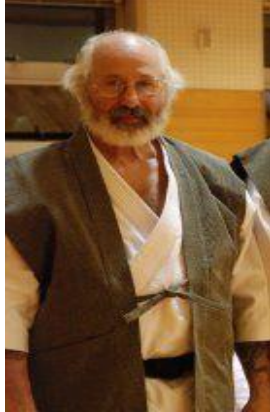
*GM Bram Frank ( R) receives GM Walking Stick Award - making the presentation is GM Rene Tongson of the Philippines*



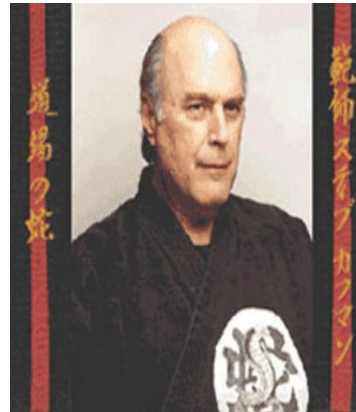
*Grandmaster Mark Shuey*

Grandmaster Mark Shuey made an appearance on the September 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the popular TV Show 20/20 demonstrating his Cane-Fu for Seniors. Mark informed me that he was flown into New York by the popular TV show to demonstrate his techniques with TV Host

Chris Cuomo. For more info on Mark's Cane-Fu program, you can contact Mark at [GMShuey@canemasters.com](mailto:GMShuey@canemasters.com)



*GM Rick Lenchus*



*Hanshi Steve Kaufman*

GM Rick “The Legend” Lenchus appeared in a two part segment recently on Hanshi Steve Kaufman’s “HANSHI’S WORLD” TV program. Explaining how he received his moniker”the legend”, his early years in Karate, how there was an almost “free for all” at Madison Square Garden in November of 1962, as well as showing clips from his first dojo.....



*GM Keiko Fukuda*



*GM Ron Van Clief*

New member, GM Keiko Fukuda has a series of showings for the documentary on her life, entitled, MRS JUDO: BE STRONG, BE GENTLE, BE BEAUTIFUL. The locations & dates are as follows: Docutah (ST. George, Utah) Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>; Cincinnati Int. Film Festival – Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> ; Guam Int. Film Festival – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> ; DC Asian Pacific American Film Festival – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> ; UNAFF (San Francisco, CA.) Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> ; Ft. Lauderdale Int. Film Festival – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> ; Council for Social Work Edu. Film Festival – Nov 10<sup>th</sup> ; & Capitol Theater, Olympia WA. – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> ..... GM Ron “The Black Dragon” Van Clief

reports that the film documentary, **THE BLACK KUNG-FU EXPERIENCE** starring GM Oso Casel & himself along with 2 other featured artists will be premiering September 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> at the **HARLEM FILM FESTIVAL** in New York City. The documentary was produced by Martha Burr & Meijuin Chen of **LOTUS FILMS**.

And lastly, in international news.....



*GM Bill Gossett*



*GM Steven Stark*

Grandmasters Bill Gossett & Steven Stark had their **TITAN GAMES** Tournament on August 11<sup>th</sup> in Parkville, Missouri featuring an open martial arts competition & Track Wrestling.

In our new members department.....

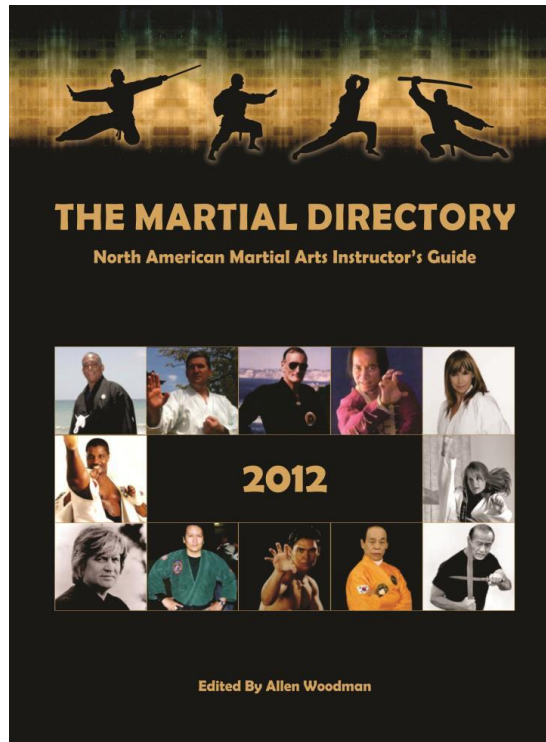
We are proud to welcome Ms. Keiko Fukuda from California to our Grandmasters Division. Fukuda, Sensei AKA “Mrs. Judo” is the world’s only living 10<sup>th</sup> dan, in Judo, as well as being the only woman to ever hold this rank. A direct student of Judo’s Founder, Jigaro Kano, she received her 9<sup>th</sup> dan from the Kodokan in Japan & 10<sup>th</sup> dan from U.S.A. Judo.



*Ms. Keiko Fukuda, Sensei*

In our Masters Division, we are proud to welcome the following new members.....From CA., Glen Fraticelli – Kajukenbo; from FL., Rick Grim – Goju Ryu/ Kyu Shin Ryu; & from CSSD International, we'd like to welcome the following individuals: Sonia M. Waring, Thomas Lehmann, Darren Davies, Edessa Ramos, Florian Lahner, Marco Bellani, Peter T. Roman & last but not least, Amy Chittenden Kirschner.....

Featured on the covers of print media.....



*GMs Gary Alexander, the late Ed Parker, Yours Truly & Master Don "The Dragon" Wilson grace the front cover of the Martial Directory 2012*

The Martial Directory 2012 according to its promo “brings you the best of the best for 2012” with “the history & biographies of the masters & instructors that shape the world of martial arts in America today”. The book written by Renshi Allen Woodman is available for \$45.00 (b & w) or \$99.00 (full color) through Amazon.com or you can order at a discount price through SIDEKICK Publications at [SideKickPublications@yahoo.com](mailto:SideKickPublications@yahoo.com)

The law of averages finally showed itself In the media this month with very few of our members being mentioned.....BLACK BELT Magazine's October issue features a mention of GM Stephen Haye's new book with Tuttle Publishing entitled, "THE NINJA DEFENSE".....& last but not least, TAEKWONDO TIMES September issue spotlights GM Michael De Alba as it's "MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE MONTH" as well as Stace Sanchez's KICKPICS CORNER .

Lastly, WHFSC Members, Master Alfredo Torella & Professor Gary Dill of the U.S. Italian Martial Arts Alliance & W.A.S.C.A. under WHFSC member, GM Alfredo Bassani will be having DRAGON CHALLENGE II in Italy 2013. We will report more when we have an actual date for the event. Well, this concludes our July – September newsletter.....Remember our own 21<sup>st</sup> Annual WHFSC celebration coming up June 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 in Orlando, Florida & be watching the “Upcoming Events” link of our website for more info. Until next time, stay “aggressive” & “fair” in all you do & remember to send in your newsworthy items for our newsletter....Your Brother in the Arts, .Soke Sanchez, Founder/ Executive Director International





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