



UPCOMING DATES:

◆ February

14th -



(Dojo Closed)

◆ March

17th - St. Patrick's Day 
(Dojo Open)

27th - Federation Dues DUE!
(Important Info on pg. 3)

◆ April



3rd - Good Friday (Dojo Closed)

13th & 14th - Testing/Promotions
(during class-time)

21st - KK Testing



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**Orlando
Okinawan
Shorin ryu
Karate-do**

The Shuri Gate

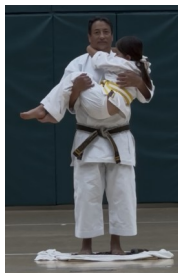
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February 2026

We are so proud of our dojo family and the amazing job all of you did at this past DEMO! We are also so thankful for your support and love this past Christmas. Thank you ALL!

Sincerely, Shihan & Renshi Gaudoin



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

KinderKarate

Gabriel Ruiz

Children's Class

Remi Spicer

Adult Class

Larkin Tribou

Welcome New Students

Albert Goodman

Jason Welch

Anthony Colón

Welcome Back!

Reese Myers

January Testing

KinderKarate Class

Jordan Dang Wong yellow stripe belt
 Evelyn Gaudoin yellow stripe belt orange tip
 Greyson Gaudoin yellow stripe belt orange tip
 Gavin Jacobson yellow stripe belt orange tip
 Apaullo Hoffmann orange stripe belt
 Gabriel Ruiz orange stripe belt blue tip



Children's Class

Miles Margio yellow 1 tip
 Blair Raker yellow 1 tip
 Riley McKinnon yellow 2 tips
 Zachary Conser yellow 3 tips
 Mia Margio yellow 3 tips
 Reeve Stephens yellow 3 tips
 Remi Spicer orange 3 tips
 Elliot Boxley red belt
 Taylor Hardisty red belt
 Alexander Orsaeo red belt
 Nicholas Poulos red belt
 Michael Wilkes red belt
 Amelia Webster red 3 tips
 Annabelle Wilkes blue belt
 Charleston Hayes blue 3 tips
 Harrison Hayes blue 3 tips



Adult Class

Gregory Vales 8th kyu
 Allison Fermain 7th kyu
 Jack Santos 7th kyu
 Armi Talabong 7th kyu
 Larkin Tribou 7th kyu
 Bella Manzano 5th kyu
 Theon Spicer 5th kyu - Moved into Adult Class!
 Lillian Dukes 4th kyu



We are also
 super proud of
 our Creative
 Global School
 students and how
 well they did on
 their last
 promotions,
 November 20th,
 2025!



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 by writing a
 review on Yelp!*



!!! BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS !!!

We are excited to announce
THE ARRIVAL OF
WALTER JOSEPH HARVEY,
BORN DECEMBER 17TH, 2025!
7LBS 30Z



CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE HARVEY FAMILY!

Shihan Geoffrey Gaudoin
(8th Dan) is now the
President of the United
States Matsubayashi-Ryu
Karate Federation
(USMKF).



The USMKF became an official organization
in 1989 with approval from Grand Master
Shoshin Nagamine and was associated with
the World Matsubayashi-Ryu Karate
Federation. Shihan Gaudoin has been training
in Matsubayashi-Ryu since 1977 and is
honored to be the new President of the
USMKF passed down by Hanshi Mike Ritter.

Shihan Gaudoin is looking forward to
growing the organization.

Attention!!

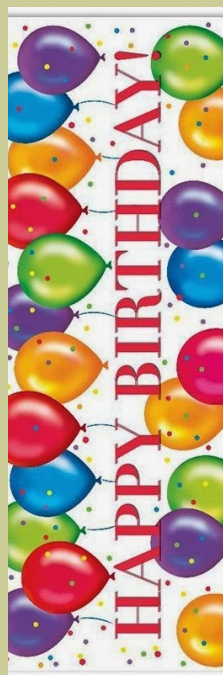
All Black Belt & Adult Class Students

Please pay your
federation dues for the 2026 year by
Friday, March 27th!

BB's = \$25
Adults = \$15

Cash, Credit Card or Check made out to
Geoffrey Gaudoin are accepted.

Birthdays



February

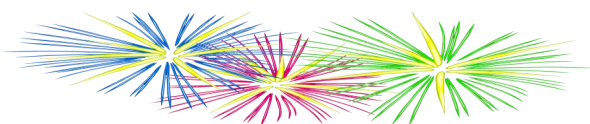
Irwin Firpo 2nd
Allison Fermaint 10th
Armi Talabong 10th
Mia Margio 12th
Greyson Gaudoin 20th

March

Sensei Colleen Costello 4th
Gavin Jacobson 6th
Zachary Conser 8th
Anthony Colón 19th
Annabelle Wilkes 23rd
Blair Raker 30th

April

Miles Margio 1st
Sensei Cynthia Dang 5th
Iliad Gonzalez 7th
Sensei Mark Baird 9th
Nicholas Poulos 9th
Albert Goodman 15th
Sensei Tom Sorrells 22nd
Apaullo Hoffmann 30th



*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13 : 13*

The OAR Kata

Have you ever wondered why many of our Sensei's and students perform a kata with what looks like a wooden oar?
Here's the scoop...

Tsuken Sunakake No Eku-History

The eku (oar) is a traditional Okinawan weapon that resembles a wooden oar or boat paddle. Originally used for rowing, the eku was adapted by Okinawan martial artists as an effective self-defense tool.

Tsuken Sunakake No Eku is a well known kata specifically designed for the eku. The name references Tsuken Island, a place associated with the origins of the kata, and "sunakake" refers to the act of throwing sand – a technique symbolized in the kata's movements.

The practice of eku and the Tsuken Sunakake No Eku kata is a vital part of Okinawan martial arts, offering historical, technical and cultural value. Through these kata, practitioners not only enhance their combat skills but also honor the ingenuity and traditions of Okinawa.