

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF KENSHINKAI GOJU-RYU KARATE-DO

拳心会剛柔流国際空手道連盟



LETTER STATING OUR PLANS FOR A NEW FUTURE

Miami, October 19, 2022

To all members and friends,

It's with a heavy heart, after being in Kenshokai for almost 40 years, that I officially resigned from both the Pan American (PFKGK) and International (IFKGK) Kenshokai Federations. My reasons are that I disagree with the decisions that Kazuhiro Jibiki Sensei has made concerning our organization, and for those reasons, I can no longer follow him or Kenshokai. This was nothing he did to me or my students, I have no issues with him personally; it is just his vision of his organization that I disagree with.

I have worked very hard and always tried to do what I thought was correct for Kenshokai and him. In the earlier days after the resignation, there were many hours of reflection as to the next step for me and my students and other members that also wanted to follow. I reached out to get opinions from incredible Shihans and Legends about the next step. I wrote to Hanshi Patrick McCarthy explaining my situation, and he told me to start my own group, and that if I needed any help, I could reach out to him. I'm going to follow his advice and start a new group.

The name we have chosen is *KENSHINKAI*. Ken (拳), represents the continuation of Kancho Shojiro's fist; Shin (心), represents our pure heart; and Kai (会), represents the group of members which form this association.

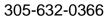
The changes that will be made are the following:

- All Katas will be done as performed by the OGKK, with a rhythm very similar to the WKF competition.
- We will keep Gekisai Shodan, Gekisai Nidan, Unsu, Niseishi and Kensho.
- Rank testing, if a member has the necessary time in a rank and wants to test, he/she can.
- All requirements for rank testing will be on the official website, <u>www.kenshinkaigojuryu.com</u>.
- The membership fee will be \$25.00 for a lifetime.
- Rank fees we will be set the same as what the member's country Karate Federation charges.
- Karate is not a business for our organization, but a passion, and we will treat it that way.

Anyone that has questions can call me or email me.

Regards,

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