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WORLD KYUNG CHUNG DO SELF DEFENSE FEDERATION BANQUET- 1981

On January 10, 1981, The World Kyung Chung Do Self Defense Federation held it's annual banquet today in Alexandria, La. The almost one hundred guests celebrated a dual ceremony. After a steak dinner, the winners of special awards were presented their bounty, and the Father of Keichu-Do Karate, GrandMaster Soke Karl W. Marx Sr., America's own Internationally recognized 10th degree Red Belt celebrated with his students the 20th anniversary of Keichu-Do American Karate.

This year's W.K.C.D. top competitors were: Sensei Mark Williams, 4th Dan, Kumite Champion; Michael Abshire, purple belt, Weapon's Champion; Maurice Salemi, brown belt, Kata Champion; and Ms Jill Hardin, purple belt, Outstanding Keichu Student of the Year.

Each year, every member's competitor's total win record is tabulated and the competitor with the most tournament placements is declared W.K.C.D. National Champion. 1980 Outstanding Competitor of the Year and W.K.C.D. National Champion was won by brown belt, Maurice Salemi, who competed in 20 tournaments from the Fort Worth Pro Am Nationals to the Battle of Atlanta including tournaments in Texas, La., Mississippi Alabama, and Georgia. Mr Salemi won 25 trophies with 10 first places and 8 records to say the least. He placed in Weapons, Kata, and Kumite, a record 128 total points and 87 win points.

With competition for the Outstanding Instructor of the Year coming from many countries outside the United States, this year's Championship became an International event. Instructor's from France, Belgium, Greece, Philippines, Asia, United Kingdom and the United States to name a few, competed for the title World Champion Self Defense Instructor. This competition is the only one of its' kind and the very first to make such an award.

This year's winner and 1980 World Champion Self Defense Instructor is GrandMaster Karl W. Marx Sr. of Baton Rouge, La., U.S.A. Runner up was France followed by Belgium and Greece.

- 1st place: U.S.A.- 668 pts.
- 2nd place: France- 507 pts.
- 3rd place: Belgium- 433 pts.
- 4th place: Greece- 297 pts.
- 5th place: U.S.A.- 260 pts.

Some instructors are unable to compete in tournaments because of rank, health or age or because there are fewer tournaments in their locale, this new type of competition gives everyone a chance to compete again.

Special Guests at the Banquet included, Chris Zimmerman- 6th Dan, Charles Lincoln- 6th Dan, Carrol Baker- 5th Dan, Ralph Williams- 5th Dan, Mark Williams- 4th Dan, Linda McCoy- 3rd Dan and Michael McGann- 3rd Dan.

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NEW TERMINOLOGY TO LEARN:

Bowing in Ceremony:

The dojo instructors (Sensei) and junior instructors (SempI) line up at the start of a training session in the traditional kneeling position (seiza) on the left hand side of the (shoman) front wall; in Japan, the place of honour. Facing the line up of students on the opposite side, who also kneel, in descending order of rank or grade (highest is closest to shoman and lowest is at the end). When everyone is still, the highest graded student, brown belt or whoever, in the line facing the instructors says in a loud voice, "Mudanshi Sensei, ni rei" (Bow to the Teachers). The whole class then bows formally to the instructors who gravely returns the bow. Then all bow to the Senior