

# **SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER**

## **Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA**

Under the direction of Hanshi Robert Scaglione  
Founded by Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Belt Workout**

*and*

**Hanshi Robert Scaglione  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

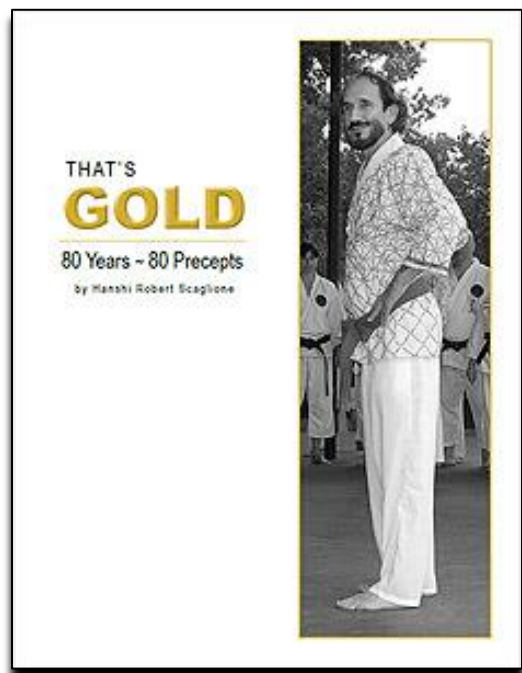


## *Happy Birthday, Hanshi!*

This *Special Edition* of the *Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu USA Newsletter* commemorates the weekend of October 12 through 14, 2018, three days of non-stop, over-the-top training and camaraderie among the Black Belts and Deshi of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu. Domo arigato to Hanshi and all the out-of-town deshi who travelled so far to participate. And a special “Thank you” to all who contributed, especially our gold supporters, in making this event possible.

## *Friday Evening, Oct. 12*

Black Belts assembled at the Ueshiro Downtown Dojo Friday evening for a packed workout, starting with marathon repetitions of Fukyugata San in honor of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro. Kyoshi Michael Mackay then led the class through warm-ups, basics and kata grouped by rank, with Hanshi offering high-level corrections. After the workout over 35 participants headed over to Vincent's restaurant in Little Italy, the site of many dojo dinners from Hanshi's days in New York. Sensei Kevin Reymond presented the assembled group with a lavish booklet called “That's Gold / 80 Years - 80 Precepts” capturing some of Hanshi's most famous teachings. The booklet was edited by Sensei Reymond and designed and produced by Sensei Jonathan Cohen.



## *Saturday Morning, Oct. 13*

The formal Annual Black Belt workout got underway at about 10:00 AM in the Metro Ballroom of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. This was the site of the 50th Anniversary Celebration six years prior. Black Belts warmed up with many repetitions of weapons and empty-hand kata. Hanshi then bowed the group in, dedicating the entire weekend of training to Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro. He then led us through the traditional class, focusing on the Step First principle. At 12:30 everyone adjourned for an informal lunch featuring Zabar's signature picnics held in a reception center at the St. Bart's Community Center. Before the meal, Lauri Werner took a formal group photo on the terrace at St.

Bart's Cathedral. The radiating marble columns of the rose window in the background are a fitting symbol of "Propagating the art of Shorin-Ryu." Domo arigato gozaimasu to Ms. Werner for documenting this historic weekend, and so many other USRKUSA events.



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### *Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 13*

Black Belt training resumed at the DoubleTree, led by Kyoshi David Seeger. Various groups were formed by rank for instruction by the Kyoshi with Hanshi supervising on a rotating basis. Towards the end of the afternoon Hanshi assembled everyone around the wooden floor in the ballroom to reviewed in meticulous detail many of the core principles of our kata and techniques. After formal training ended, Hanshi presented Kyoshi David Baker with the rank of Ku-Dan, 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt. Congratulations, Kyoshi Baker, and domo arigato gozaimasu for your years of service to Hanshi, the Hombu Dojo, the Executive Committee, and most recently the Florida Shihan.

Following a short break, Kyoshi Matt Kaplan led a lively discussion among the Black Belts on ways to grow the USRKUSA Organization. After bowing out Sensei Dawood Emmenuel

and Ron Ballin presented Hanshi with an embroid-ered gi bag featuring the “Dragon vs. Tiger” motif from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal. The bag included an engraved “Happy Birthday Hanshi” pull tag commemorating this milestone occasion. Similar bags are available for purchase from the Hombu Dojo. The Executive Committee then met with all the Shihan in the DoubleTree Hotel's board room to discuss strategies for pooling our resources and furthering the mission statement of USRKUSA.

### *Saturday Evening, Oct. 13*

After a brief respite, all Black Belts met for a sumptuous dinner at Shima Sushi. Many compai were offered honoring Hanshi's impact on our lives, along with the more memorable experiences we've shared with him on and off the deck. Course after course of innovative sushi and sashimi kept arriving, and the festivities lasted well past 10:00 PM.

### *Sunday Morning, Oct. 14*

October 14, 2018 marked the official birth day of Hanshi Robert Scaglione, and he requested he celebrate the occasion with a workout open to all deshi in Brooklyn where he spent most of his years as a youth. Sensei Rob Neff hosted the workout at the Ueshiro Bay Ridge Dojo, located at the Bay Ridge Jewish Center. Kyoshi Sal Scaglione led a spirited workout emphasizing the Fukyugata kata. Hanshi then led the charge through many repetitions of Fukyugata San, ending the workout with a final tribute to Master Ueshiro.



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## *Sunday Afternoon, Oct. 14*

After bowing out, Hanshi led us to the front steps of the Center and gave a virtual tour of his old neighborhoods, starting with the home where he was born and tracing events all the way up to his meeting Grand Master Ueshiro. At 12:30 deshi changed out of gi and gathered back in the dojo, which had been transformed into a banquet hall for a Mediterranean buffet. Each place setting included a hachimaki featuring a stylized Okinawan flower. Sensei Chris Barnes described the head bands as symbolic of perseverance, courage and effort, traits which summarize Hanshi's legacy in Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu.

As a finale, a large cake was brought in decorated with the dragon/tiger motif, a red Shorin-Ryu patch, and nine large candles (for the past eight decades, with one to grow on). Kyoshi Mackay presented Hanshi with a shugi bukuro containing the funds collected from students over the preceding months. With utmost sincerity, Hanshi thanked everyone for making the weekend such a huge success, and encouraged us to "Always keep training."



*“Take kindly the counsel of the years,  
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.”*



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