

Neil Godfrey ~ *Kyoshi*



Kyoshi ~ Neil Godfrey started martial arts training in 1977 at the Leroy Springs Recreation Complex. Hanshi Danny McCall was putting on a demonstration at the Open House for the Complex and after the demo he asked if anyone in the audience was interested in started class. So, Mr. Godfrey signed up for the 1st class held and been there ever since.

Over the years he has held many positions within the American FreeStyle Shorei/Shorin Karate Club.

Born September 12, 1957 in Rock Hill, SC. Raised in Fort Mill, SC.

Family:

Married to Sharon M. Godfrey, September 21, 1975.

Two children:

(daughter) Nikki Godfrey-Hill, (husband) Rob Hill.

(grandson) Blake Hill, (granddaughter) Xan Hill. All of Fort Mill, SC.

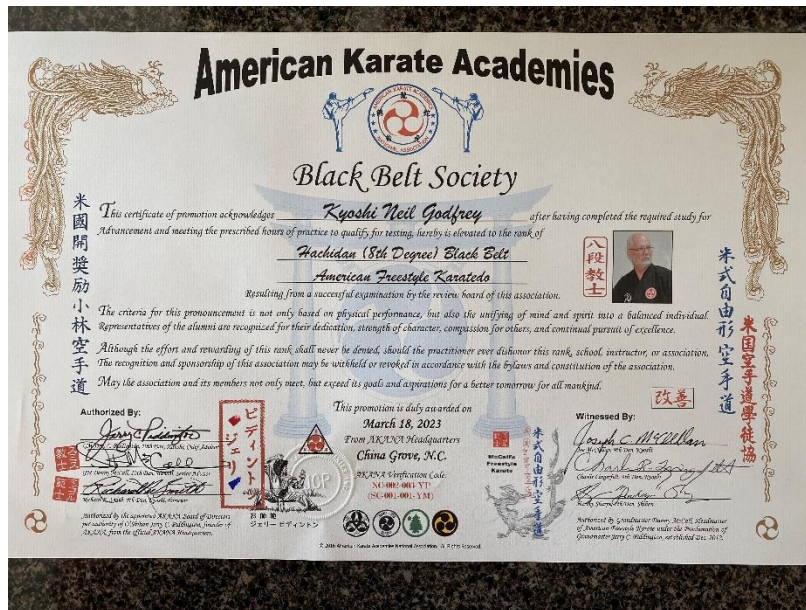
(son) Gregory Godfrey, (wife) Ashley Godfrey.

(grandsons) Parker Godfrey, Anderson Godfrey, and Graham Godfrey, All of Fort Mill, SC.

Over the years Mr. Godfrey has held many positions within the American FreeStyle Shorei/Shorin Karate Club. Presently Mr. Godfrey holds the following rank certifications.

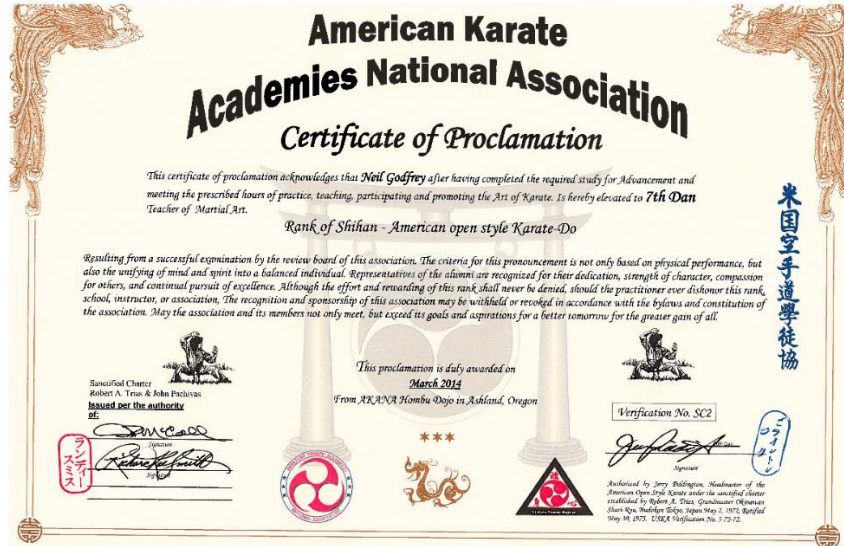
8th Dan (Hachidan) American Freestyle Shorei/Shorin Karate-Do (03/18/2023), Verification No. 025. Authorized by Hanshi Danny R. McCall, Headmaster of the American Freestyle Karate under the sanctified charter established by, Jerry Piddington Grandmaster Okinawan Shuri-Ryu, Budokan Tokyo, Japan May 2, 1972, Ratified May 30, 1975. USKA Verification No. 5-72-72.

Hachidan certificate earned in 2023.



7th Dan (Shihan) American Open Style Karate-Do (03/14/2014), Verification No. SC 2.
 Authorized by Jerry Piddington, Headmaster of the American Open Style Karate under the sanctified charter established by Robert A. Trias, Grandmaster Okinawan Shuri-Ryu, Budokan Tokyo, Japan May 2, 1972, Ratified May 30, 1975. USKA Verification No. 5-72-72.

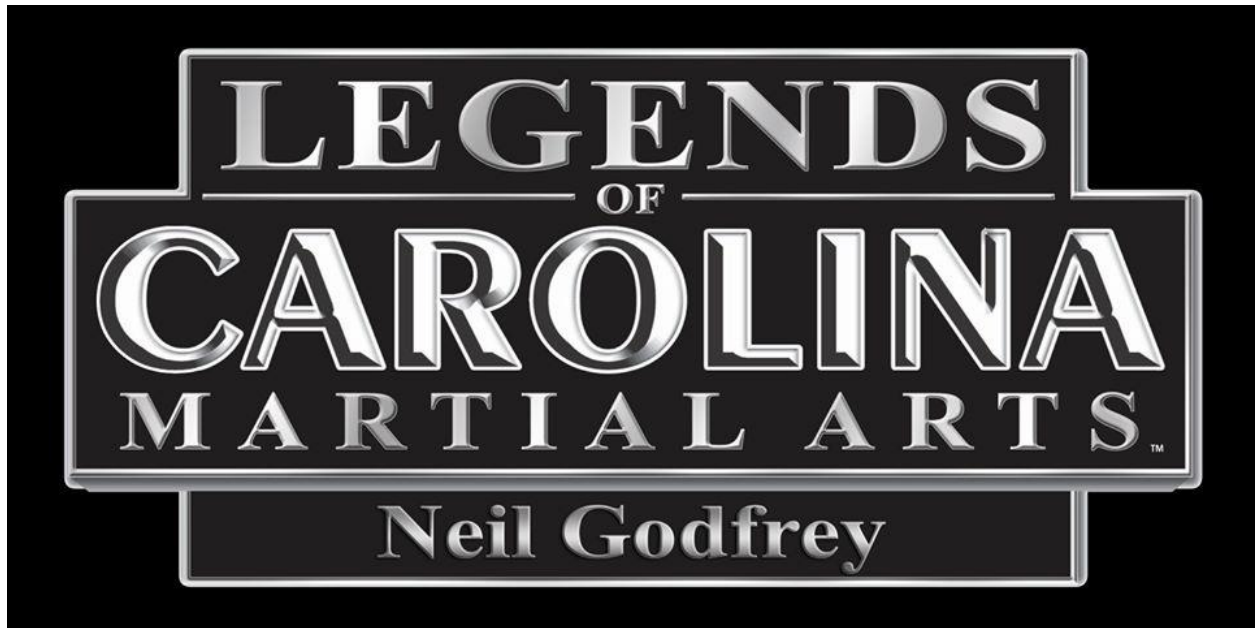
Shihan certificate earned in 2014.



Inducted into the World Karate Union Hall of Fame, June 28th, 2008, in Tannersville, Pa. "Instructor of the Year" * American Open Style Karate.



Inducted into Legends of Carolina Martial Arts, July 2020:



Certified Glass Walker:



Certified Fire Walker:



Life Member of International Shuri-Ryu Association:



LIFE MEMBER

let it be known that

Shihan Neil Godfrey

Is a Lifetime Member held in high regard of the

International Shuri-Ryu Association

The officers, council members and board of directors wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and dedication to the ideals of Shuri-Ryu and the endeavors of the International Shuri-Ryu Association.

Robert H. Bowles, 10th Dan, Hanshi
Director, International Shuri-Ryu Association



Life Membership of Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai:



Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai

**OFFICIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP
CERTIFICATE**

This is to Verify

Neil Godfrey

The above named person is officially registered as a member of the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai and is looked upon in high esteem.

This person has been endorsed and certified as an official Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai member. This person is entitled to the appropriate privileges, benefits, and assistance provided by the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai. This person agrees to abide by the standards governing membership and adheres to the principles and training methods set forth by the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai.

Issued this 7th day of June 2017

傳徳義
トロイブライス七段
教士



Troy J. Price, Kyoshi
Director, Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai
7th Dan Shuri-Ryu Karatedo & Shuri-Te Ju-Jutsu

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武術会












Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai

RANK HOMOLOGATION DIPLOMA

This is to Confer


Neil Godfrey

Hereby recognize the Black Bak Yudansha Grade of **Shichidan** / 7th Degree
Conferred upon by the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai

This certificate is bestowed upon the above named person in recognition of their efforts in achieving this peak level of standards in Martial Arts. The Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai acknowledges the technical skill and diligent study of this martial artist. In accordance with the ideals and principles set forth by the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai, this certificate of rank homologation is hereby granted.


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Troy J. Price, Kyoshi
7th Dan Shuri-Ryu Karatedo & Shuri-Te Ju-Jutsu
Director, Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai

首里手
武術会
半國開英
勳小林空手道
七段






Certificate issued for the Martial Art of:
American Free Style Shorei Shorin Karatedo

Certificate # 0042

A little flying fun in the early years with Hanshi Danny McCall:



Training in martial arts:

Since 1977 under Hanshi Danny R. McCall in Fort Mill, SC, and in Denver, NC.

Since 1986 under Kyoshi Charles Lingerfelt in Fort Mill, SC.

Additional training sessions:

Hanshi Ridgley Abele - Shuri-Ryu

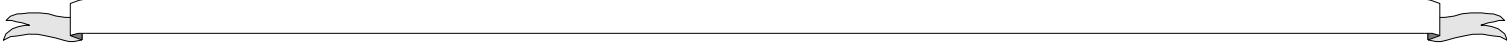
Kyoshi Troy Price - Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai

Martial Arts Organizations:

- Dojo Association (past)
- U.S.K.A (past) United States Karate Association (Grandmaster Robert A. Trias)
- S.E.K.A. (past) South Eastern Karate Association
- I.S.A. (present – Lifetime Membership) International Shuri-Ryu Association (Hanshi Robert Bowles)
- Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai (present - Lifetime Membership)
- A.K.A.N.A. (present) American Karate Academies National Association (Grandmaster Jerry Piddington)

Martial Arts Responsibilities:

- A Senior Instructor in American Open Style Karate-Do
- A Senior Instructor in American Freestyle Shorei/Shorin Karate-Do
- Set and organization of testing, demonstrations, and seminars associated with American Freestyle Shorei/Shorin Karate-Do
- 30 plus years of record keeping associated with American Freestyle Shorei/Shorin Karate-Do
- Creating Certificates and Certifications associated with American Freestyle Shorei/Shorin Karate-Do



Martial Arts Tournaments over the years:

- Hanshi Danny McCall's Warrior Tournament - Denver, NC
- Kyoshi Charles Lingerfelt Tournament of Champion - Fort Mill, SC
- Larry Dillingham
- Ricky Taylor's "Red Rose Tournament" - Fort Mill, SC
- Penny Shannon - West Virginia
- Gary Dillingham
- Flame Williamson "Stump Town Nationals" - Shelby, NC
- Larry Bullard - Boone, NC
- Wayne "T-Bird" Funderburk
- Dewey Earwood
- Lee Jenkins
- Nathaniel White - Lancaster, SC
- Charles Burris
- Battle of Atlanta - Keith Vitale
- Atlanta Pro-Am
- more through the years

Everyone's life is driven by something. Knowing your purpose gives meaning to your life and purpose always produces passion. Nothing energizes like a clear purpose.

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