

2018 MASTER GRADING (15TH December) and 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WGKA

On December 15th, 2018 saw the celebration of 25 years of WGKA, in Australia. The Master Grading, held at Lalor Dojo, Melbourne was an auspicious event for Senior members of WGKA, involving 7 Senior students attempting Gradings, from 4th, 5th and 6th Dan levels, and 5 others attempting Grades from 1st to 3rd Dan. The Grading began at 8:00am and finished by 2:00pm.

The Grading has topped off an exciting year for WGKA! Kaicho(Founder) Max Fabris was, as is policy of WGKA Dan Gradings, the Chief Examiner for the Dan Grading. Assisting him on the day, were Kyoshi Warren Ross, 8th Dan (NSW Director & Chief Instructor), Kyoshi Joe Ielasi, 7th Dan (Lalor Dojo Instructor), Adam Ross, 6th Dan (Bega Instructor, NSW) and Kyoshi Phillip Chin Quan, 6th Dan (Hornsby, Sydney NSW).



Results from Master Grading

Rear, from left to right: Kaicho Max Fabris, Kyoshi Phil Chin Quan (Hornsby, NSW), Kyoshi Andrew Holman, 6th Dan (Lalor), Renshi Shihan Philip Priest, 5th Dan (Brunswick), Kyoshi Glen Gipperich, 6th Dan (Brunswick), Kyoshi Warren Ross (NSW Director/Chief Instructor)

Front, from left to right: Kyoshi Nick Andrianikis, 6th Dan (Brunswick Dojo Instructor), Kyoshi Joe Ielasi (Lalor Dojo Instructor), Renshi Shihan John Schieven, 5th Dan (Mernda/Epping Dojos Instructor), Kyoshi John Frazzetto, 6th Dan (Brunswick)



Results from Master Grading Photo 2

Rear, 2nd from Left – Shihan John Ryan, 4th Dan (Hornsby)

Announcement

Further to the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of WGKA, the Annual Dinner (Held at Club D'Abbruzzo function centre in Epping, Melbourne) some 180-190 Shihans, students and Family witnessed several stunning demonstrations of Karate-Do, weapons, kata and self-defense by students and Shihan from Lalor and Brunswick Dojos.

Following the presentation of Annual Awards (Gary Merek and Budo), the formal presentations of the newly-graded Shihans of their new belts (obi) and Grading Certificates by Kaicho Max was witnessed by all in attendance.

Last final award was announced by Kyoshi John Frazzetto, 6th Dan (who also is the President of Victoria Karate Federation/VKF!!) To wild applause and cheers from everyone, it was announced that Kaicho Max Fabris was promoted to Ninth Dan, Hanshi (Red Belt!) By extension, VKF, therefore Australia Karate Federation (AKF) and the World Karate Federation (WKF) recognise Hanshi Max Fabris as Ninth Dan Karate-Do!! He was presented with his new (Red) obi and an AKF certificate, denoting his Ninth Dan promotion, by Kyoshi Warren, Kyoshi Joe and Kyoshi John.

Thus completed an important year for WGKA, in recognizing new Senior Shihan and Kaicho (Hanshi) Max, on the 25th Anniversary.