



KOINONIA

Annual CBBA/SKKI National Conference

Presented by the Christian Black Association and
Shiho Karano Kai International

CONFERENCE TIMELINE

The idea for Koinonia was birthed in 1987 in Brilliance, OH as a result of an after dinner conversation between Dr. James Rimmer and Dr. Clement Riedner. Seeing a need for CBBA and SKKI members to fellowship annually, Dr. Rimmer offered to host the first ever Koinonia Martial Arts Conference. The rest is history.

- Year 1:** May 11, 1990- May 13, 1990 Ciotti Manor (Herman, PA)
- Year 2: 1991 Ciotti Manor (Herman PA)
- Highlights: Honorary “Doctor of Science” degrees from Koinonia College awarded to Soke Wally Jay, Dr. Andrew Tamper and Soke Fernando Visitacion (Prof. ‘V’)
 - Dr. Rimmer absent due to Operation Desert Storm
- Year 3: 1992 Ciotti Manor (Herman PA)
- Highlights: Koinonia hosts meeting of the “World Head Family/ Head Founders Council”
- Year 4: 1993 Ciotti Manner (Herman PA)
- Highlight: 1st Annual CBBA/ SKKI National Tournament
 - Pastor Fran Pultro first serves as “Conference Pastor.”
- Year 5: 1994 Bonnie Doone Plantation (Charleston, SC)
- Highlight: 2nd Annual CBBA/ SKKI National Tournament
- Year 6: 1995 Bonnie Doone Plantation (Charleston, SC)
- Highlights: 3rd Annual CBBA/ SKKI National Tournament; Shodai Soke Earl Marvin passes away during previous year, remembered at Koinonia.
- Year 7: 1996 Oak Hills Camp (Angola, IN)
- Highlight: 4th Annual CBBA/ SKKI National Tournament
- Year 8: 1997 Oak Hills Camp (Angola, IN)
- Highlights: 5th Annual CBBA/ SKKI National Tournament
- Year 9: 1998 Family First Sports Park (Erie, PA)
- Year 10: 1999 Family First Sports Park (Erie, PA)

- Year 11: 2000 Bonnie Doone Plantation (Charleston, SC)
- Highlights: 3 Inheritances are handed out
Mas Guru Dale Fryer passes inheritance of Chaun Fa Tjimindie to Guru Kevin Mercer
- Dr. Ron Cherry passes inheritance of Shaolinji Toraken Kempo to Prof. Ray Ferrell
- Soke Clement Riedner passes inheritance of Nippon Shiho Karano Ryu to sons Andrew & Matthew Riedner
- Year 12: 2001 Family First Sports Park (Erie, PA)
- Highlight: Nidai Soke Steve Collins attends first year after receiving inheritance
- Year 13: 2002 Skycroft Baptist Conference Center (Middletown, MD)
- Year 14: 2003 Family First Sports Park (Erie, PA)
- Highlights: Dr. James Rimmer hands over direction of Koinonia to Matthew Riedner; Soke Fred Walliser receives 8th Dan in Tae Kwon Do, named Chairman of Korean Division, and attends 1st year as “Soke” Walliser; Mr. Billy Blue Feather of the Iroquois Nation attends as guest of Mas Guru Dale Fryer
- Year 15: 2004 America’s Keswick (Whiting, NJ)
- Highlight: Matthew Riedner unable to attend conference due to passing of Dr. Andrew Tamper; first ever Tameshigiri Demonstration at Koinonia by Nidai Soke Andrew Riedner & Prof. Ron Hagelganz
- Year 16: 2005 America’s Keswick (Whiting, NJ)
- Year 17: 2006 America’s Keswick (Whiting, NJ)
- Year 18: 2007 America’s Keswick (Whiting, NJ)
- Highlights: Nidai Soke Steve Collins, Shodai Soke Fred Walliser, and Shodai Soke Frank DeAngelo invited into Shiho Karano Kan (Personal House of Soke).
- Year 19: 2008 America’s Keswick (Whiting, NJ)
- Year 20: 2009 Hidden Falls Salvation Army Camp (Bedford, IN)