

RE: An open letter to all IMSS KAI Membership

For those of you I haven't met personally, my name is Reid Brasher. I have been married for almost five years to my beautiful wife Sensei Kristian "Sweetie" Brasher, and we have an adorable daughter that will be two soon.

I studied directly under Soke Dave Shelton for almost 16 years and earned 5TH Dan. Soke Dave also honored me with the title Shihan-Dai. I was Soke's Assistant Chief Instructor for our style, Shorin Ryu Matsumura Soken Do. After much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to honor Soke Dave's wishes and become the Chief Instructor for our class and the President of the IMSS.



As mentioned in a previous press release, I was awarded the title Soke-Dai, and the certificate from Soke Dave was dated and signed by a group of grandmasters who are also committed to seeing the IMSS grow and succeed.

I've initiated a few organizational changes that I believe will help lead the IMSS to a strong and bright future. I'd like to introduce everyone to our new Associate Kai Director, Soke John Primeaux. We are in the process of finalizing the selection of members for a High Dan Board and reviewing State Directors. We are also currently in process of updating the website to reflect these changes.

Our immediate goals for the future:

- 1) Increase membership in the IMSS
- 2) Bring attendance up for both the Spring Seminar and Fall Camp
- 3) Update and maintain our website

I would love to come and visit all the schools in the IMSS for regular classes or rank tests. I will do my best to adjust my work schedule to make this happen. Weekends will probably work best for me due to my work schedule. If anyone has any concern, questions, or comments please feel free to contact me.

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Please save the following dates:

- I hope to see everyone at the Spring Seminar April 18TH.
- And the dates for the Fall Camp have been set for November 13th, 14th, & 15th.

More information on both are coming soon.

Change is always difficult, especially in times like this. I believe the best way we can honor Soke Dave is to make our organization thrive.

Soke-Dai Reid Brasher