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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Dear SKIF-USA Members;

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish our members a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 2021. Although this has been a particularly challenging year, I would like to point out a few threads in a not so visible silver lining.

First, I would like to thank all of the GHQ instructors for their weekly training sessions on Patreon. These have been highly instructive and motivating to keep Karate-Ka worldwide training. If you have not subscribed to this training, I highly suggest you look into it. Also, I would like to thank all of the SKIF GHQ instructors for their very informative seminars for SKIF-USA. Although we hope to have live seminars soon, the Board will be arranging more virtual seminars in 2022.

Also, I would like to thank everyone who has made the Cross Dojo Training sessions possible. What a great way to keep all of SKIF-USA connected and engaged! If you are an instructor and would like to assist with teaching, don't hesitate to contact Ruben Fung Sensei. He is always looking for assistance from our pool of senior instructors here in the USA.

I also would like to give a shout-out to everyone who assists SKIF-USA with various tasks to make our organization run. David Herascu has been indispensable in making our website functional and beautiful; Ricardo Neves, whose assistance on our newsletter adds so much; and, of course, my fellow board members who give so freely of their time and energy.

Of course, I know this has been an extremely challenging year. Many of our dojos are closed, some for good. And some of our members are faced with grave personal challenges. Our hearts go out to all that are suffering from this pandemic. We pray that peace and restoration will soon come to all of our lives.

I also want to acknowledge that SKIF-USA is still being challenged by receiving documents from GHQ. It is unfortunate, but due to Covid, GHQ has only recently sent documents to the USA. We are still in the process of clearing up any and all issues with documents from GHQ.

Finally, I hope you will all stay safe and believe that better days are ahead. A large part of our training is about perseverance, and I ask that you all trust this training.

Happy Holidays,

Chris Johnson, General Secretary

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