

KARATE FIVE BLACK BELT DOJO PROMOTIONS

October 28, 2018 - ANOTHER MILESTONE. On October 1st the Karate 5, under the leadership of Grandmaster Maurice Msarsa , Grandmaster [Willie G Wilson](#), Sensei Linda Wilson, Sensei Melbert Lee Jr., presented Leaders Dwayne Troutman and Andrew Gaff their Sho Dan promotions. When individuals reach this milestone, they are not only presented their rank but also a promotion celebration event, including a dinner banquet.

This night of celebration was also for C.J. Burnett and Marcus Campbell who are now 2nd degree Black Belt Instructors. The Karate Five does not give celebration parties for Junior Black Belts. The average time to receive a black belt at Karate Five Dojo is between 4 years minimum to 6 years. Average is 5 to 6 years. We feel with this type of commitment they deserve a celebration. We would like to thank everyone for their contributions for a very successful event.

Grandmaster Msarsa lecture to the students was, "Your journey now is at another level in your life with your martial arts training." Grandmaster Wilson's instructions to the students was, "This is a way of life in martial arts, don't waste these opportunities for greatness in your life."



Charlsie "CJ" Burnett



Marcus Campbell



Andrew Gaff



Dwayne Troutman



CJ Burnett, 2nd Degree Black Belt Instructor and Andrew Gaff promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt, Sho Dan



Dwayne Troutman promoted to Sho Dan 2nd Degree Black Belt. In background standing behind Grandmaster Wilson are Grandmaster Msarsa, Sensei Linda Wilson, Sensei Melbert Lee Jr., and Instructor Anston Wilson (left) John Whitehead and CJ Burnett



(Above) Gandmaster Maurice Msarsa and (Below) Andrew Gaff receiving his 2nd Degree Black Belt Sho Dan Certificate from Grandmaster Willie Garfield Wilson



Karate family and friends joined the Sensei, staff, instructors, students, family and friends in a Celebration Promotion Dinner



A feast of contributions were donated by the Karate family's students, family and friends for the Black Belt Promotion Event Celebration



On each corner of the cake the names of the black belt students being promoted were: (L-R) Marcus Campbell, CJ Burnette, Dwayne Troutman and Andrew Gaff