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New Addition to Elite Few

GARNER, North Carolina (February 1, 2010) – JKO Karate in Garner is pleased to announce one of its members has reached a tremendous personal milestone by earning his black belt on Friday, January 29th. “Most people will never set foot in a karate club, and many of those who do will never get a black belt,” said senior instructor Ed Craft. “This is really a great achievement.”

“To finally make black belt rank is a long time goal come true,” Holly Springs resident Tim Wewer said. “I know it’s just the start of another long road in my training, but I couldn’t have picked a better instructor and organization to help me along. To have instructors and students from other states willing to come and support me at my test says a lot about my fellow JKO members.” In addition to his teachers at JKO Karate in Garner, Wewer was able to train for his test with other instructors in the organization. Also helping him were the head of the JKO, Hanshi Minobu Miki of San Diego, California, JKO second-in-command Renshi Howard Smith of Bristol, Virginia, and master instructor Shihan Rob Alvelais of Mountain View, California – all of whom studied with and received rank from Kenzo Mabuni, son and heir of the founder of Shito Ryu Karate-Do. “I felt very prepared for my examination. Every class is a test,” the new black belt shared.

Wewer and his wife, Martha, moved to the area just over two and a half years ago from the outer banks for work. When asked why he would drive forty minutes one way past other martial arts schools to attend classes at JKO Karate, Wewer said, “This is the most challenging dojo I’ve ever trained at, both mentally and physically. Sensei Ed expects you to give 100% at every class. Every class is an opportunity to improve.”

Craft related that “Tim sets a great example for the other students. He shows them what dedication, persistence and humility look like. Tim demonstrates the quality and character of a JKO black belt. I’m really proud of him. I don’t think a better person could have presented themselves to be our club’s first black belt.” JKO Karate will celebrate another milestone, its three year anniversary, in March of this year with special events. To learn more, visit www.jkogarner.com or call (919)521-4438.

In the photo from left to right: Sensei Henry Norris, Tim Wewer, Sensei Ed Craft