



*A word to all students, parents and future students*

Having studied Martial Arts for over forty-six (46) years, I have been blessed to have been taught by some of the greatest Grandmasters to ever teach Martial Arts: Grandmasters Rhee, Ro, Roberts, and Grandmaster Ahn. I have also taught over 1,736 students in Virginia, Maryland, D.C., Connecticut, and here in Ohio. Many have come to me to learn just enough to be able to go on to do their own thing *in my name*. Or, they've go on to say, "I was taught by Grandmaster Smith Sr." Although this statement may be true, it may also be misleading.

I have personally "sanctioned" only two (2) schools through my Grandmasters: Roberts Karate (Connecticut Dojang), and Five White Tigers Martial Arts (formerly known as Smith Martial Arts Academy). After opening a Grandmaster Robert's "sanctioned" school in Goshen, Ohio, I personally took Master Trusty under my wing to insure he would continue the legacy and teachings that were passed on to me by my mentors.

Martial arts are an ever changing entity; changes in techniques, changes in application of techniques, changes in the way forms *Bunkai* are taught. Therefore, I personally work with Master Trusty to insure that the students of FWTMA are on the leading edge of those changes. I do this by continuing to teach the Black Belt Instructors and Students of FWTMA, as well as insuring that Master Trusty's techniques and knowledge of the arts are true to *my* Grandmaster's teachings.

I am very proud of Master Trusty. He has far exceeded my expectations in a very short time. He has been a man of integrity, honesty, high moral character, and he continues to teach without compromises. In his pursuit of higher knowledge, Master Trusty is studying with me, while also pursuing an Art that is thought to hold many secrets of the Martial Arts; an Art that it has been said, gave life to almost all Eastern Martial Arts, Tai Chi Chuan. He now studies with a very accomplished Tai Chi Master, Ralph Dehner. This knowledge of both the Internal and External Martial Arts is a rarity to find in a Master Instructor. Master Trusty is now transferring this knowledge to his students. He is truly taking what Master Dehner and I are teaching to the next level.

In closing I would like to welcome you to the Five White Tiger Martial Art's family, and I look forward to seeing you on the training floor.

Sincerely,

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