

The Origins and significance of the Hoteikan Logos & Patches

There has been some confusion as to the origin and significance of the different logos & patches that are circulating within the Hoteikan System. Here is the historical timeline and facts behind the patches.

1974 was the year that Sensei Reno Claudio & Sensei Bob Hasman decided to add the “Hoteikan” name their group of students. During this time, we were training at the American Karate Academy. Sensei Claudio was teaching Judo & Sensei Hasman was teaching Shotokan Karate. We wore the original Shotokan patch during our karate classes. No unique dojo patches were worn during the judo sessions. In late 1974 Sensei Reno & Sensei Bob wanted to distinguish the karate group from the other dojos and settled on the name “Hoteikan”, which was the name of Sensei Reno’s old Jujutsu school. The patch had the Shotokan Tiger along with the Rising Sun in the background. Within the tiger were 2 karatekas. This patch was worn by the original Hoteikan group of karate students.



In **1977** we moved to the Dojo on 46th street in Brooklyn, N.Y. We had a small but distinguished group of karate students, led by Sensei Hasman. The Hoteikan name was beginning to spread due in part from our accomplishments in the tournament circuit and the Shows & Demos performed by both Sensei Reno & Sensei Bob. Several things were happening during this time. Sensei Reno was still teaching Judo & Jujutsu under the Hoteikan name but the patch said “Hoteikan Karate Do”.

In **1978** the two Sensei’s toyed with the idea of naming the System “Hoteikan Jujutsu Kai-Karate Do” which means the Hoteikan Jujutsu federation and Karate way. This sounded OK but we still only had one patch which said “Karate Do”. It was during this time that Sensei Reno dedicated most of his efforts in training the core Karate group in Jujutsu & Judo.

In **1986** the Hoteikan group opened their own Dojo on 60th St. & Ft. Hamilton Pkwy in Brooklyn. We now had our own Dojo and taught Karate & Jujutsu. Meanwhile Sensei Reno moved to New Windsor, N.Y. in the early 80's and began working at West Point. While Sensei Reno continued to teach privately, he also started coaching the Judo team at West Point. Sensei Hasman & Sensei Armstrong were managing the Dojo in Brooklyn and doing demos along the East Coast. On a funny & very short lived side note, Sensei Hasman & Sensei Armstrong actually toyed with the idea of starting a karate system called the "HAS-STRONG" System. This lasted about 6 months! It sounds silly now, but Sensei Bob & I used to have a Gi with that name on the back to prove it!

In **1988**, Sensei Armstrong began working on a System patch that would cover all the Arts taught by the Hoteikan group. The "Triangle" Hoteikan System logo was born.



With the blessing and approval of the founders, this logo became the official patch and logo of the Hoteikan System. It covered all Dojos under the Hoteikan umbrella and is the Logo our system uses today. The original "Hoteikan Karate Do" patch went under several changes during the last 37 years. First, we added the initials of the 2 founders, Soke Claudio & Soke Hasman on the rays of the rising sun. The next transformation came from Sensei Carrano who updated the Tiger on the patch. Lastly, he changed the name of the patch to read "Hoteikan Dojo". Sensei Armstrong moved to Arizona in 1994 and created his own Dojo patch in **2004**, which reads "Hoteikan System Desert Warriors".



In **2006**, Soke Reno & Sensei Paul Farley put together a West Point version of the Hoteikan patch. In addition, there are several other "Hoteikan" dojos with patches of their own that are under the Hoteikan System.



Here is the list of official Dojos and their patches:

Hoteikan Dojo – Brooklyn, N.Y. – original Hoteikan patch and dojo



Desert Warrior Dojo – Scottsdale, AZ – Desert Warrior patch



Hoteikan Dojo II – Evans, Ga.



Hoteikan West Point Dojo – West Point, N.Y.



Horizons Dojo – Phoenix, AZ



New Bushido Hoteikan Dojo – Sioux Falls, SD.



In closing all our members and Dojos are under the Hoteikan System logo. It is the logo that represents the family of martial artists that are Hoteikan. While you may train at a particular school with its own logo or patch remember, you are part of a larger family, the organization which is the Hoteikan System of Martial Arts!



We are the Hoteikan Family!