



**Name:** Sensei Juan German Queris  
**Born:** 1953, Havana, Cuba

Sensei Juan G. Queris has been a martial artist for well over thirty years. His martial arts journey began learning the Chinese art of Kung Fu under Master Lee Ping in New York City, New York. He received his first-degree black sash in this discipline at the age of seventeen years. Subsequently, he followed other martial arts disciplines, listed below, which took him through numerous trials and triumphs. He competed extensively during the early seventies and eighties. During this time he won such tournaments as the *New England Karate Open* in 1971, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in kumite (*fighting*) and 1<sup>st</sup> place in kata (*forms*); the *Penn State Championship* in 1972, 1<sup>st</sup> place in kumite and 1<sup>st</sup> place in kata; the *All-American Karate Tournament* in 1971 and 1972 held in New York City, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in kumite; the *Tournament of Champions* during 1972 in Connecticut; and other such competitions, until winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in kumite and also the *Grand Championship* at his last competition, the *Silver Cup Tournament* in Miami, Florida in 1993.

Sensei Juan opened his independent school in 1997 teaching the residents of the Doral Isles community in Doral, Florida. Soon thereafter, he attracted a variety of students: children, young and mature adults, male and female. His students ranged in age between 4 and 60 years; reflecting the wide acceptance and appeal of Sensei Juan's teaching methods and abilities as a successful educator of the art of traditional karate-do and effective overall self-defense techniques.

During 2001, Master Sensei Eihachi Ota, Hanshi (9<sup>th</sup> degree), and Head of the Zen Okinawa Shorin-ryu Karate do & Kobudo Association of the United States (S.K.K.A.) picked Sensei Juan to head the Florida chapter of his organization, the Okinawa Shorin-ryu Karate-do & Kobudo Association Florida (S.K.K.A.F).

The S.K.K.A. is recognized worldwide and directly affiliated with the prefecture of Okinawa in Japan. Sensei Ota was a student of O'Sensei Shoshin Nagamine (1907-1997), who founded the Matsubayashi style of Shorin-ryu karate-do in 1947. This mandate bestows upon Sensei Juan a high degree of stature and recognition as a true martial artist of the highest caliber.



**Martial Arts Curriculum:**

- Chinese **Kung Fu**; Master Lee Ping –  
**1970:** Black Sash
- Korean **Jidokwan Tae Kwon Do**, Heights Karate Institute  
New York City, New York; Master Henry Cho & Carlos  
Farrell – Quan Yahmg Nym  
**1972:** 1<sup>st</sup> degree; **1974:** 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; **1977:** 3<sup>rd</sup> degree;  
December **2004:** Sah Bum Nym
- Korean **Hapkido**; Master Kim Jung –  
**1977:** 1<sup>st</sup> degree; **1979:** 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- Okinawan **Shorin-ryu Karate-do** -
  1. Sensei Luis Fernandez & Master Sensei Eizo  
Shimabukuru – *Shobayashi* style >> 1987: 1<sup>st</sup> degree;  
1990: 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; 1995: 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
  2. Master Sensei Eihachi Ota – *Matsubayashi* Style >>  
2003: 5<sup>th</sup> degree - Godan

Sincerely yours,

Juan G. Queris, Sensei  
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