



THE FIGHT GYM
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TO ALL CURRENT FIGHT GYM MEMBERS, AND TO WHOMEVER ELSE IT MAY CONCERN:

I've been running The Fight Gym for twelve years, since I was 24 years old.

As many of you know, we started as an MMA program based out of the Kuk Sul Do Academy, expanded into a fully-equipped MMA gym, evolved into a grappling-focused gym with some "striking" (read: cardio kickboxing) classes thrown in, and eventually became the BJJ and S&C gym we are today.

The gym's evolution traced my own evolution as a practitioner and teacher. As my own philosophy, understanding, and focus changed, so did the gym's.

In this way, the history of The Fight Gym is the history of my own ongoing effort to be an ever-more knowledgeable and capable instructor and representative of my teachers and their arts.

This has been an incredibly rewarding process, but it has also been a fundamentally exhausting one.

I've been reading back through the blog I maintained from mid-2013 to mid-2016, during the lead-up to my promotion to black belt in BJJ and the year and a half that followed. It has been a strange but gratifying process: strange to dive back into a perspective and outlook that now often feels foreign, and strangely reassuring to discover moments when it does not: when the me that I still recognize is staring back across the intervening years.

I was talking to a carpenter friend of mine the other day. He was telling me how, the older he gets, the simpler his philosophy of life becomes.

"A lot of it comes down to that thing Clint Eastwood said in *Dirty Harry*," he said. "A man's got to know his limitations."

Well this is me, knowing my limitations. Reading back through this blog has made me realize just how much passion and drive and inspiration has disappeared from my relationship with the work. I feel that I'm no longer in a fit state to serve my students, to

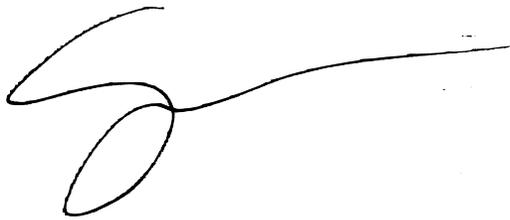
represent myself or my teachers. Accordingly, on September 1, 2019, The Fight Gym will close its doors for the last time.

Classes will continue through August 31. All memberships will be cancelled on August 2, 2019, but all current members whose memberships expire during the month of August may attend classes through the close of business at no additional charge.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the students and training partners, current and former, that I've had the chance to work with over the past 12 years. I have truly learned as much—if not more—from you all as you have from me. Thank you.

When Jason and I started training in BJJ there were only a handful of black belts in the state of Ohio, let alone our local area. Now there are gifted and qualified black belts with schools all over the region. I feel very confident that any of you hoping to continue your training will be able to find a new home where you can continue your journey.

I wish all of you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a long horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

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