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Happy New Year from Grand Master Lee!!

“God has been very good to KMA this year! Many great things have happened, or are in the works for the future. I want to thank everyone that has played a part in the successes of 2011 - which means EVERYONE!! Every member of our KMA family has shared their time, talents and blessings to make our school the best. THANK YOU ALL!!”

- Grand Master Lee

Here are some of the highlights of 2011 at KMA:

In June, we hosted the 4th annual U.S. Open Hap Ki Do Championship. Thank you to Master Mike Ormstead for serving as the Tournament Director for this event, and thank you to all of the referees, staff members and masters from our fellow Hap Ki Do schools for participating! In August, several members of KMA traveled to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario to participate in the first ever Canadian Open Hap Ki Do Championships. Again, Master Ormstead was at the helm, along with Master Frank Sacchetta Master Dean Wainwright and many other masters and instructors. These leaders worked very hard with the rest of the referees and staff to ensure that the tournament was run smoothly. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

In September, Grand Master Lee traveled to Toronto, Ontario to meet with Grand Master Young Sik Lee, CEO of the Kyunghyang Media Group. KMG is one of the premier Korean-language media outlets in the world today. While at the Toronto meeting, GM Lee was appointed to the position of President of the U.S. branch of KMG. This corporate partnership will benefit KMA in many ways, including the promotion of Hap Ki Do around the world!

In November, GM Lee, along with delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico, traveled to the IHF world headquarters for the annual meeting of the board of directors. IHF Chairman Hong Kee Lee and President Sung Kwang Myung gave a warm welcome to our delegation! On December 3rd, Grand Master Lee was officially appointed to the position of Tournament Director for the 9th Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championship, which will take place in 2013 in Korea! Many people from the KMA family will play large roles in the success of this championship. On December 4th, the delegation met with the Moo Moo Kwan Hap Ki Do Board of Directors, and were presented with many awards for their outstanding leadership in the Hap Ki Do community.

This past year, we welcomed many new members to the IHF family, including Masters David Hamilton, Jamie Begley Hamilton and Mark Stacey from Cincinnati, Ohio. Master Hamilton oversees the administration of 27 schools in the midwest from his headquarters, the Ahn Tae Kwon do Institute. WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Coming up in 2012:

This spring, on April 27 and 28, GM Lee and the rest of the KMA leadership will travel to Ohio to run the Hap Ki Do portion of the Ahn Classic martial arts tournament. We are very excited to be teaming up with the Ahn Tae Kwon Do Institute to run a great event!

2012 World Hap Ki Do Championship at Kellogg Arena



On August 3rd and 4th, KMA will host the 2012 World Hap Ki Do Championship at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. This annual version of the tri-yearly event run by the IHF is part of GM Lee's plan to gain additional recognition of Hap Ki Do around the world!

"My vision is to solidify this tournament as an annual part of the Battle Creek schedule of events," says GM Lee. "I want Hap Ki Do to be a part of Battle Creek's culture. This is a great place to host a great celebration of the spirit of the martial arts! Many

outstanding companies, such as Kellogg and Post, were born here in Battle Creek. It is fitting to have a great sporting event born here as well."

THANK YOU to the sponsors of our previous events, including the City of Battle Creek, the Kellogg Company, Post Cereals, the Battle Creek Community Foundation, the Calhoun County Visitors Convention Bureau, Battle Creek Unlimited, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the McCamly Plaza Hotel, Erick Henkel Automotive Group and all the other local businesses and organizations that have worked with us to make these events successful!

The USIHF Youth Demonstration Team had a great first year!

Congratulations to all of our Demo Team members on a fantastic first season of representing the USIHF to the world! The team grew in ability and maturity throughout the year, and rose to the challenge to take first place at the Canadian Open Hap Ki Do Championship! You have all done a spectacular job!

In addition, team member Jeremiah Smith auditioned for a role in a movie, and was the subject of a feature story in the Kyunghyang Media Group's cable television news, broadcast in Canada and South Korea!

Thank you also to our team coach, Asst. Master Jason Ricker, for your awesome work with the team! Your dedication to excellence has been the backbone of this team's success. Under your direction, the team will make a great showing in 2013 in Korea!

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KMA 2012 Class Schedule

Monday

10:00 - 10:50am Family Class (Ages 4+)

5:45 - 6:30pm Kids Class (White-Purple Belts, Ages 7 - 12)

6:40 - 7:40pm Adult Class (Ages 13 +)

Tuesday

5:10 - 5:40pm Little Eagles (Ages 4 - 6)

5:45 - 6:30pm Kids Class (Orange - Black Belts, Ages 7 - 12)

6:40 - 7:30pm Family Class (Ages 4+)

7:40 - 8:20pm Adult Demo Team (Team Members ONLY)

Wednesday

5:45 - 6:30pm Kids Class (White-Purple Belts, Ages 7 - 12)

6:40 - 7:40pm Adult Class (Ages 13+)

Thursday

5:10 - 5:40pm Little Eagles (Ages 4 - 6)

5:45 - 6:30pm Kids Class (Orange - Black Belts, Ages 7 - 12)

6:40 - 8:00pm Youth Demo Team (Team Members ONLY)

Friday

5:45 - 6:30pm Free-Sparring Class (Ages 7+)

6:40 - 7:40pm Adult Class (Ages 13+)

Saturday

9:30 - 10:30am Kids Class (ALL RANKS, Ages 7 - 12)

10:40 - 11:40am Adult Class (Ages 13+)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

01/07/2012 - KMA Ski Trip @ 3pm

01/14/2012 - Holiday Party @ 12pm

01/21/2012 - KMA Ski Trip @ 3pm

01/28/2012 - Gup Testing @ 12pm