



# KMA HAP KI DO NEWS

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Some current news and highlights from the past four months...



GM Lee with Dr. Un Yong Kim, Founder of The World Tae Kwon Do Federation and Former Vice President of the International Olympic Committee

## GM Lee Inducted into Hall of Fame

Grand Master Lee was inducted into the Martial Arts World Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 6, 2009, in Las Vegas. GM Lee and Master Ormstead traveled to Las Vegas to attend the 2009 Martial Arts Expo, the largest annual gathering of professional martial artists anywhere in the world. In addition to his induction while at the Expo, GM Lee and Master Ormstead met with other business professionals of the martial arts world to promote the 8<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships in Battle Creek next August. Lee worked closely with International Hap Ki Do Federation Vice Chairman Jeon Yang Jae, Grand Master Marshall Gagne from South Carolina, and Master Cheon Gyu Choi from South Korea, to spread word of the World Hap Ki Do Championships to the assemblage and to gather support for the event.

Many of the biggest names in the martial arts industry were in attendance at the black tie Hall of Fame Awards Banquet, including Grand Master Y. K. Kim, founder and chairman of Martial Arts World Magazine, and industry giants like Don Wilson and Ernie Reyes. Also in attendance was Great Grand Master Dr. Un Yong Kim, founder of the World Tae Kwon Do Federation and former vice president of the International Olympic Committee.

Lee was admitted to the Martial Arts World Hall of Fame for his "tremendous contributions and achievements in the martial arts industry".



## KMA Holds Press Conference

On Sep 25, 2009 KMA held a press conference at McCamy Plaza Hotel to kick off the 8<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships. Senior Grand Master Joon Pyo Choi, the 1988 U.S. Olympic Tae Kwon Do Team Coach traveled from Columbus, OH, to be on hand, as he is serving as Honorary Chairman of the event. During the press conference, Mayor Mark Behnke presented GM Lee with the Key to the City of Battle Creek.



GM Lee Presenting Mayor Behnke with Honorary Black Belt and Certificates

## Mayor Behnke Receives Honorary Black Belt

Battle Creek City Mayor Mark Behnke received an honorary Black Belt from GM Lee and the International Hap Ki Do Federation on October 20.

The honorary position was given to recognize the Mayor's support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships. GM Lee wanted to acknowledge Behnke for his support of the tournament and willingness to lend his time and talents to help make it a success.

"Mayor Behnke has pledged his full support to the success of this Championships," said Lee. "He has even agreed to serve on the 2010 Championship Executive Committee after his term as Mayor is completed. We are deeply grateful for his assistance."

The honorary black belt was presented to Mayor Behnke at a City Commission Meeting by Lee, along with Hap Ki Do Masters Bob Schreiner and Mike Ormstead. At the presentation, Schreiner read the citation aloud, as follows:

*Today, we honor Battle Creek City Mayor Mark Behnke by awarding him the rank of*

*Honorary Black Belt in the International Hap Ki Do Federation. The Honorary Black Belt is reserved for those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions*

*to the betterment of the martial arts, through either word or deed. Mayor Behnke has done exactly that through his spirited support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships.*

*Mr. Behnke's steadfast dedication to bringing the community together in support of this*

*International event will be instrumental in its success, and we are deeply grateful for his involvement.*



## KMA Hosts First In-House Tournament

On November 14, 2009, KMA hosted its first In-House Tournament, which was a huge success! This tournament was directed by Assistant Master Instructor, Rick Brown. Rick did an awesome job coordinating this event, in which 39 students competed. **Thank you, Rick!** Congratulations to all competitors and thank you to all Black Belts who served as Referees for this event.

## GM Lee Traveling to South Korea

GM Lee will travel to South Korea in early December to participate in several meetings, including the 2009 IHF Board Meeting, the Korean Tourism Organization meeting to discuss their sponsorship of the 8<sup>th</sup> Triennial World Hap Ki Do Championships, and a meeting with officials from the City of Seoul to explore the possibility of bringing their elite King's Palace Guard to participate in the 2010 Championships Opening Ceremonies.

## KMA Schedule Through 2009

**(Schedule will change Jan 1 - to lengthen class hours...watch for notices at KMA)**

Mon: 5:00-5:30pm Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)  
Mon: 5:45-6:30pm Super Ninjas (White thru Green Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)  
Mon: 6:30-7:20pm Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)

Tue: 5:00-5:30pm Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)  
Tue: 5:45-6:30pm Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)

Tue: 6:40-7:30pm Demo Team

Wed: 5:00-5:30pm Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)  
Wed: 5:45-6:30pm Super Ninjas (White thru Green Belts, 7 thru 12 years old)

Wed: 6:30-7:20pm Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)  
Wed: 7:30-8:30pm Moo Yea (Kum Sool)

Thur: 5:00-5:30pm Little Ninjas (4-6 year olds)  
Thur: 5:45-6:30pm Super Ninjas (Blue thru Black Belts) Plus

Thur: 6:40-7:30 Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)  
Open Class (all ranks, all ages for 2010 Championships Training) **(Free Sparrers must have full gear!!)**

Fri: 5:30-6:20pm Open Class (all ranks, all ages for 2010 Championships Training) **(Free Sparrers must have full gear!!)**

Fri: 6:30-7:30pm Moo Yea (Kum Sool)

Sat: 9:30-10:15am Super Ninjas (all ranks, 7 thru 12 years old)  
Sat: 10:30-11:30am Open Class (all ranks, 13 years old & older)  
Sat: 11:30-12:00 Black Belt Class

**\*\*Reminder that all KMA students must bring their sparring gear to every KMA class\*\***

**On Gup Promotion Saturdays, all classes as usual and all Gup Tests begin at 3:30pm.**

## Black Belt Magazine!!

The January and February 2010 issues of Black Belt Magazine will both publish a full-page ad for the 2010 Championships. Black Belt Magazine is a widely read publication throughout the U.S. and all around the world. Be sure to buy your copy of these issues as soon as they hit the stands.

## 2010 Championships Flyers and Invitation Letters Being Sent

KMA is currently in the process of mailing out beautiful, high-quality flyers and invitation letters to all Hap Ki Do practitioners in the U.S. and all around the world. These materials were generously paid for by the International Hap Ki Do Federation.



## 2010 Championships Sweatshirts Fundraiser!!

KMA is currently selling beautiful, embroidered sweatshirts for the 2010 Championships. This is a great way to support the event AND a great gift idea for your loved ones and yourself!! "Youth" sizes are \$25 each; all other sizes are \$28 each.

Please make all checks payable to: KMA Community Project Fund.

## KMA Weather Policy Reminder

For the safety of our students, **KMA will be closed during "Tornado Watches" and "Tornado Warnings"**. If a **"Tornado Watch or Warning"** is announced in advance, to be in effect during KMA class hours, KMA will be closed.

If a **"Tornado Watch"** announcement is made during KMA class hours, class will be stopped and students will be sent home. For students whose transportation is not at KMA, Class Instructor(s) will stay at KMA until student transportation arrives. Parents – please stay posted on weather advisories.

If a **"Tornado Warning"** announcement is made during class, **everyone** inside the school will take cover in the Girls' Locker Room until the warning has expired. We can be reached by calling 963-5425, 317-0552, or 964-7031.

If KMA must close for any reason, it will be announced on WBCK (FM 95.3), WOOD TV (Channels 8 & 41), and WWMT (Channel 3).

## Thought for the Month

The Light of the World knows no power failure.  
*Merry Christmas!!*



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