

NOTE TO MY FACEBOOK DHARMA FRIENDS
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Not all of my friends are astrologers. Many are dharma practitioners or at least very interested in the dharma. This is for my dharma friends.

I have undertaken to create a dharma-related site where the sangha from the monastery I work with, Karma Triyana Dharmachakra or 'KTD' as we call it, can gather, post stories and photos, meet others with similar interests, and form friendships. Some of you here on Facebook who follow the dharma may be interested in checking it out. The link is below.

http://www.kagyu.org/forum/dharma_news.html

Let me know if you like it or have any suggestions on how to improve it, public or by private message..

Michael

KTD Dharma News & Forums
The Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Community

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News & Highlights

- The Kalachakra Symbol**
Here is a nice version of the Kalachakra good syllable that you can save and use.
- The Sixty Year Astrology Cycle**
The sixty-year animal element cycle used in practice calendars and astrology.
- Dharma Tattoos?**
That's right, so read on. Maybe not for everyone, but this is some serious art.
- The Art of Feng-Shui**
A free look on Feng-Shui, inspired by J.E. Tai-Siu Rinpoche.
- The Tibetan Earth Lords: Sa Dak**
A free ebook on the Sa-Dak, the Tibetan earth-hord system of nature protectors.
- The Heart Center KTC/KDCG**
The Heart Center was founded in 1972 and today is a dharma center that has been visited by many rinpochees and lamas.
- Accumulating Billions of Merits**
How the Dallas KTC is taking names and accumulating merits.
- Sangha Shrine**
And your shrine here is the main shrine room at the Heart Center KDCG.
- The Columbarium with a Wide-Angle Lens**
The beauty and elegance of the Karma Ling Columbarium.
- The Thirty Lunar Days or Ethics**

Greetings!

Welcome to **KTD Dharma News**, an area devoted to the KTD community, where sangha members can share with one another. I am **Michael Erlewine**, director of Heart Center KDCG, and connected to KTD for almost 30 years.

I volunteered to help get this new sangha news forum started. Don't panic because many of the posts, articles, poems, graphics, etc. are by me. So far I am the only one here, and I did what I hope all of you will do: posted just about everything I could to help get this started. I am looking forward to your posts, photos, stories, and news. Please join us and together we can create an area to learn more about dharma, each other, and share our experiences... [Read More](#)

The Crystal Cave of Guru Rinpoche

One pilgrimage spot that everyone tried to talk me out of going to was the legendary Crystal Cave (Shel Drak) of Guru Rinpoche on Crystal Mountain, a key pilgrimage site for many Tibetans. After all, this was Guru Rinpoche's first meditation cave in Tibet. It was here that he bound the demons and Bon influences under oath... [Read More](#)

Come Home to Visit Your Mother (receive her blessing)

Every year, **Karma Triyana Dharmachakra** plays host to an annual reunion of graduates from its Karma Ling Three-Year Retreat Center.

But instead of parties or outings, a Three-Year Retreat "dear reunion" focuses on practice. Each year, the retreat graduates take part in what is called a "Drukched" (or "Practice Offering" in Tibetan)... [Here is the story.](#)

The Birth of Astrology in Tibet and China

The Story of how the Tibetans and Chinese believe astrology arose in the world (and my visit to that area of the world with Chenge Karthar Rinpoche) is worth telling... [Here is the story.](#)

The Heart Center Library

Lama Karma at the 2010 Harvest Gathering