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THE MYSTIC KREWE OF THE KNIGHTS OF AQUARIUS

HISTORY

The Mystic Krewe of the Knights of Aquarius was organized in March of 1985 to celebrate the revival of Mardi Gras festivities on Galveston Island. In 1987, Galveston's Mardi Gras celebration was extended to two weekends. With great enthusiasm, The Krewe of Aquarius officially opened the 1987 Mardi Gras festivities with the first daytime parade along Galveston's famed Seawall Boulevard that first weekend. The Krewe of Aquarius serves the community through its fundraising and charitable contributions to several local nonprofit organizations such as The Women's Crisis Center, Our Daily Bread and the Transitional Learning Community.

MEMBERSHIP

The Krewe of Aquarius is governed by four executive officers, a krewe captain and six members of the organization's Board of Directors. The 1990-91 officers are: Johnny Lidstone, president; Dot Cortemeglia, vice president; Elzie Rourke, secretary; Robert Roberts, treasurer; Geneva Lidstone, krewe captain; and board trustees, Mozelle Carson, Jody During, Ed Mikesh, Merle Lidstone, Jack Veiga and Scott Dedecker. The krewe meets regularly; annual dues are \$50 per member. Each membership is approved by the Board of Directors. Each year, the president appoints a chairperson to head three areas: Ball festivities; the Grand Parade; and the Ways and Means Committee. Throughout the year, the krewe hosts a diversity of fundraising events to support its Mardi Gras activities and charitable contributions. The Krewe also has a social director who plans many social activities for krewe members and guests each month. *To apply for membership contact Johnny Lidstone 409/763-0820 evenings or write to Krewe of Aquarius, Membership Information, P.O. Box 111, Galveston TX 77553*

MARDI GRAS PARADE

On February 2, 1991, the Krewe of Aquarius will present the fifth annual Mardi Gras Grand Truck Parade at 10:00 a.m. along Seawall Boulevard from 14th to 59th Streets. The 1991 Grand Truck Parade, to the theme of "Hallelujah Hollywood" will present a tribute to the movie capital of the world. The parade will feature more than 50 theme decorated unites as a well as a host of marching bands and drill teams from the region. The Krewe has constructed and decorated three new floats to carry members and The Royal Court. Parade participants will be throwing beads, specially-minted doubloons and souvenir cups to the crowd. For more information about the Grand Truck Parade, call 409/763-0820 in Galveston or 713/331-3126 in the Houston area.

Parade Marshalls are Don Nelson Channel 13, Host of "Good Morning Houston" along with Buzz Bunny & Friends presented by Astroworld, Houston Texas. They will also visit Children's Shriners Burns Institute with Sue Bobb, Committee Chairwoman.