



MYSTIC KREWE OF AQUARIUS

November—December 2005

Krewe's News

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

There will not be a second meeting in November due to Thanksgiving, and no second meeting in December due to Christmas holidays. The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. Beginning January 12, the Krewe will meet each Thursday until the Mardi Gras Ball. These dates are January 12, 19, 26, and February 2.

2005 USO Show

The 2005 USO Show has come and gone. This year's production was one of the best with 24 acts. Many have said, the costumes were the best ever. Some 35 performers played to a sell-out crowd, and the Balinese Room has already invited us back for the 2006 show! Thanks to all the performers who rehearsed for over a month. And thanks to all those who sold tickets, bought tickets, and support our Krewe through events such as this.

Mardi Gras Poster

Hurry and get your copies of our 2006 Mardi Gras poster advertising this year's parade and ball theme, "A Salute to the American Film Industry". For posters, please contact Stephaine Blasé. Congratulations again to Sherry-Rae McMurrey, poster contest winner.

Brisket Sale

The Krewe had a very successful brisket sale the weekend of October 29 at the float barn. Many thanks to John Berend, chair; our cooking team; and to the many Krewe members who came out to help serve dinners and clean up.

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Big Parade and Fat Tuesday Parade

Plans are well underway for the Saturday, February 18 Big Parade. Notification to past parade participants has been mailed, and marching unit entries are already coming in. We easily expect another 100-unit parade in 2006. We still need certificates of insurance for vehicles that will be pulling floats in our parades. Please get copies of your certificates to Solita Walker as soon as possible so we can purchase the necessary insurance.

Mardi Gras Ball and Pageant

The ball committee has announced that "Out of Control" will provide music for dancing and the pageant at the 2006 ball. The ball is scheduled for February 4 at the Galveston Island Convention Center "Grand Ballroom".

Happy Thanksgiving





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We're on the web: www.Krewe-of-Aquarius.com

Upcoming Meetings

- December 8
- January 12
- January 19
- January 26
- February 2

All Meetings begin promptly at
7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall,
1912 Winnie, Galveston



Mardi Gras Events

- Ball and Pageant 2/4
- Barn Bash 2/17
- Big Parade 2/18
- Fat Tuesday 2/28

**Laissez Les Bone Temps
Rouler**

Beads, Beads, Beads...

Beads are one of the most important parts of Mardi Gras. How many is enough? If you toss conservatively and that is hard to do, you will need a minimum of 10 gross for the Big Parade (Saturday) and Fat Tuesday Parade. Some, however, find that you need at least 15-17 gross. There are also other events throughout the year that need beads such as the Barn Bash, the KOA party during the second weekend of Mardi Gras, 4th of July Parade and the Trolley Party—to name a few. So it's wise to buy enough for the entire year. Beads from KOA members must be a minimum of 33" long. They may be ordered online or by telephone from several suppliers in the Baton Rouge/New Orleans area. Online searches for "Mardi Gras beads" will give several company and suppliers in the area, and you may order online, request printed catalogs, or visit the stores. Past experience is that most beads are shipped and arrive at your home in 4-7 days. If you decide to travel to the suppliers to purchase the beads, be sure to check store hours. Other throws may be used during the parades, but remember that throws that are too light, may blow backwards or under the floats. Throws that are too heavy have a tendency to hurt the crowd. And, please remember not to throw anything while the float is stopped. The crowd has a tendency to get close to catch throws, and the float driver cannot see them. You might create the possibility of injury to the crowd, and neither of our parade routes have barriers to keep people away from the floats. (Submitted by Stella Bennett)