



MYSTIC KREWE OF AQUARIUS

January—February 2006

Krewe's News

Mardi Gras Ball

The KOA Mardi Gras Ball and Pageant will be held Saturday, February 4, at the Galveston Island Convention Center "Grand Ballroom". Evening festivities begin at 7 p.m. with a happy hour. The 2006 King and Queen Coronation and Pageant follows at 8:00 p.m., and the ball continues on until 1 a.m. with music for dancing provided by "Out of Control". A buffet will be served at 10:00 p.m., and a cash bar is available throughout the evening. Invitations and tickets for non-Krewe members (\$65) are available from Pat Collier.

The pageant rehearsal will be held on Monday, January 30, at the convention center at 7:30 p.m. All members of the 2006 Royal Court are expected to attend, and since there is only one hour to rehearse, the court are asked to be on time.

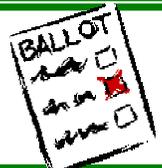
KOA Mardi Gras Parades

On Saturday, February 18, the crowd will witness one of the largest parades in all of Mardi Gras when The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius parades down Seawall Boulevard for the 19th consecutive year and kicks off Galveston's 2006 Mardi Gras. This year, the parade will feature some 75 units in its 1-1/2 hour parade beginning at 12 noon. Our captain, Johnny Lidstone, announced that we have many new units joining us this year's parade includ-

ing an equestrian unit from Louisiana and the Roller Derby Girls, all 80 of them, from Houston. The parade will also feature over 15 marching bands, drum corps, and dance drill teams including the JROTC unit from Pearsall High School south of San Antonio who will lead our parade. Other ROTC units featured will be from Ross Sterling and Robert E. Lee High Schools in Houston. Floats coming from as far as Angleton and several from Houston will join our parade, and two new business-sponsored floats from Galveston will also parade with us for the first time. Other Krewes participating in our parade are the Krewe of Thalasar and Krewe du Lac. On Tuesday, February 28, our Krewe will roll the floats out again for the "Fat Tuesday" parade beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the downtown area. This parade continues to grow each year, and this year we have even more Krewes, bands, and drill teams than ever before. Look to see Ball High School, La Marque High School, and Washington-Marion High School in Lake Charles—to name a few.

Reminders: The required float captain/driver meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the float barn. And for Krewe members wishing to ride on their floats from the barn to the parade staging area on Saturday morning, February 28, please meet at the barn no later than 7:00 a.m. As in the past, float captains or a representative should be at the barn early to see that floats are removed and lined up on 31st.

Elections. March is election time. On Thursday, March 9, the slate of officers will be presented and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The annual election of officers will be held on Thursday, March 23.





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

Meeting Schedule

The Krewe will meet just two more times before Mardi Gras. The meeting dates are Thursday, January 26, and Thursday, February 2. Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Our next general meeting will be Thursday, March 9.

Barn Bash

The annual Barn Bash will be held on Friday, February 17. Tickets are available for Krewe members to purchase from Pat Collier at the next two Krewe meetings. Tickets for Krewe members are \$10; non-Krewe members, \$15. Dienst Distributing once again will donate several kegs of beer, and Red Bull will donate \$500 to be used to purchase meat to be cooked by our Krewe Cooking Team. Donations are needed from Krewe members for the dessert table; all desserts must be store purchased because of health regulations. Our thanks to Dienst Distributing and Red Bull for their donations. And a special thank you from our Krewe to Peggy Manhart for her cash donation of \$2,500 for the Barn Bash.

Sponsors and KOA Advertisement

Sponsors. Tilman Fertitta will make a donation again for our parade, and his family will participate in the parade in their Rainforest Café Tram for the third year. Miller Lite will once again be a major sponsor for the "Fat Tuesday" Parade, and have promised a donation of \$2,000. Miller Beer and Dienst Distributing have been sponsors for about five years. Also, the Krewe of Gambrinus, who has helped out for the past four years, will donate \$500 toward the "Fat Tuesday Parade"

KOA Advertisement. Rhonda Sykes is selling ad space (\$5 blocks with names of supporters and advertisers) to publish a full page ad in the Galveston News on the Friday, February 3. It will feature information about KOA activities this Mardi Gras season.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Bill Atkins
Shane & Ashley Cantrell
Dennis & JoAnn Doherty
Jim Hallmon
Kody Kahla
Jon Pierson

Children's Baskets

A Krewe tradition dating back to the first parade in 1987 is distributing children's baskets at the hospital. Baskets will be put together at the Flores' house on Sunday, January 29 at 3 p.m. and distributed to the children on Friday, February 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- KOA Meetings 1/26, 2/2, 3/9, 3/23
- Pageant Rehearsal 1/30
- KOA Ball & Pageant 2/4
- Float Captain/Drivers Mtg 2/15
- KOA Barn Bash 2/17
- KOA Parade 2/18
- KOA Fat Tuesday Parade 2/28

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All meetings begin promptly at 7:30 at the
K.C. Hall, 1912 Winnie Street, Galveston