



Krewe's News

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Meeting Schedule

March meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, March 12, and Thursday, March 26**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget— **Officer and Board Elections** will be held at our March 26 meeting.

Krewe Dues & Membership - Time to Join ...

Krewe membership opens on April 1. Dues will remain \$165/person. To remain a member in good standing, you must pay at least one half of your dues by April 1 with the balance paid by July 1. Current members who do not pay at least half their dues by April 1 will need to pay dues in full (\$165). For more information, contact Mari Berend, membership chair. As always, the Krewe will plan a membership party in the late spring.

Officer/Board Meeting

The Krewe officers and board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at the KC Club Room. If any Krewe member wishes to address the board, they must contact Johnny Lidstone by Tuesday, March 3, to be placed on the agenda. Also, if any board member cannot attend, please let Johnny know.

From the Krewe President...*Johnny Lidstone*

Krewe Members and Friends,

Remembering Mardi Gras 2009—Wow! What a Mardi Gras (in spite of "Hurricane Ike").



Everything was perfect—the parades rolled out without a hitch, the ball and pageant festivities were spectacular and more fun than ever, the weather cooperated and even seemed balmy and spring-like at times, the crowds swelled to numbers we have not seen in the last few years, and there were beads, beads and more beads everywhere. Our Krewe got quite a bit of publicity in area newspapers, television, and radio, and there was even a spot on the Weather Channel with clips from our parade. I have received many compliments and even heard some revelers comment that this was just the boost that Galveston needed. With sheer determination, we saw the show through to the end and what a great show it was from an exciting ball and pageant to the ever popular "Fat Tuesday" parade and party.

We have lots to look forward this coming year. This is a milestone year in our Krewe history—we will celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2010. The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius holds a prominent place in Mardi Gras history on the island, and we will celebrate this splendid event with much pomp and circumstance. You know—the Krewe has come a long way since the "Truck Parades" of 20+ years ago.

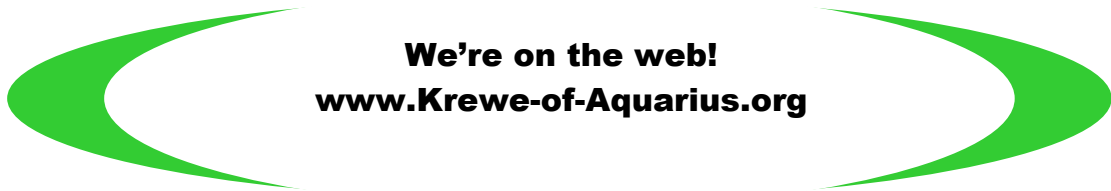
I want to thank everyone for a most successful and special 2009 Mardi Gras. I hope you all enjoyed it.

Officer and Board Elections

It's election time for the Krewe, and members will be electing officers and board members for the 2009/10 year at the March 26 meeting. The Krewe President will appoint a nominations committee, and at the March 12 meeting, the committee will take nominations from the floor. Members wishing to run for a position must be at the meeting to accept the nomination in person to be placed on the slate. No nominations will be taken from the floor at the election meeting (3/26). The committee will poll all incumbents as to their desire to run for re-election for their position then finalize the ballot. Voting will occur by secret ballot at the March 26 meeting, and elected officers and board members will take office on April 1 (beginning of the Krewe's fiscal year).



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Upcoming Events & Activities

- KOA Board/Officer Meeting **March 5**
- KOA Meeting **March 12**
- KOA Meeting & Elections **March 26**
- KOA Membership Opens **April 1**
- Lone Star Triathlon **April 4 & 5**

Lone Star Triathlon

The Lone Star Triathlon is just around the corner—April 4 and 5. This will be our first big fundraiser of the year. We will be on Seawall both days on the bike route. On Saturday, our times are 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; on Sunday, times are 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Coordinators are asking for as many people as possible, but at least 25 volunteers from our Krewe each day. The sign-up sheet will be available again at the March 12 meeting. Last year, \$2,000 was donated to our Krewe from this event, and the same amount is promised this year.

Fundraising

Last year, the Krewe lost some of its fundraisers due to Hurricane “Ike”. The time has come to get serious about fundraising again. I know Andy and Danette are already talking about a brisket sale in the late spring. I have spoken to Pat and Chip who are already planning to bring back the “Pub Krawl”. There also has been talk about the USO show and when and how to bring it back bigger and better. There has been some discussion about holding a Cajun festival with Zydeco band, gumbo, and crawfish at the float barn. This might be a big undertaking, but it could be a popular way to raise funds and have a good time. And don't forget, the Krewe has a couple of social events that double as fundraising — the summer “Luau” and the famous “Trolley Party”. If you have an idea for fundraising, please present it to the Krewe and be prepared to chair the event.

Krewe Floats

It's time to make a game plan for some of our floats. Two need some “TLC”, and some others need some sprucing up. Most our float are rather new, though, and will just need decorating for 2010.

