



Krewe's News

March 2010

Meeting Schedule

March meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, March 11, and Thursday, March 25**. 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 25 meeting.

Officer and Board Elections

It's election time for the Krewe, and members will be electing officers and board members, who will take positions on April 1, for the 2010/11 year. The appointed nominations committee will take nominations from the floor at the March 11 meeting. Voting will be held at the March 25 meeting. 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 (3/25).

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From the Krewe President...*Johnny Lidstone*



Reflections of 2010 Mardi Gras

Krewe Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone for a very successful Mardi Gras. From our Ball and Pageant to our Barn Bash on to both Parades, we put on an impressive and memorable show for our 25th Anniversary. Many have commented what fun we had. Now it time to start preparing for next year's events — 2011 will herald 100 years on Mardi Gras on Galveston Island. How exciting it is to have two fantastic birthdays in a row.

The Krewe has several social and fundraising events in the works. We are planning a Zydeco Festival soon and talking Trolley party for this summer. And again, having a Pub Krawl come fall. As far as fundraising goes, preliminary plans are to have two brisket sales and do our ever-popular garage sale. And within a few months, we will be gathering cast members for our 2010 USO Show which always is a big fundraising and a lot of fun. The board is always open to ideas, so please don't be bashful, let us know what you would like to do.

We have a lot to look forward to this coming year. Let's make it the greatest yet.

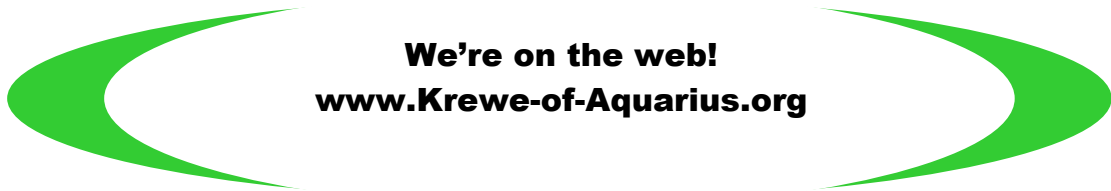
Krewe Dues & Membership - Time to Join ...

Membership opens in the Mystic Krewe of Aquarius for 2010-11 on April 1. If you are a returning member, you may pay your membership dues in full or choose to pay them in two installments. If you decide to use our installment plan, 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 to remain in good standing. As always, if you have friends or know of anyone interested in becoming a member, please sign them up.

The Krewe board realized we must address rising costs and its effects on our budget, so a plan was presented to raise dues by \$10 annually (\$175) for 2010-11. A vote on this will be brought to the membership at the March 11 meeting.



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Upcoming Events & Activities

- KOA Meeting—Vote on Increase in Dues **March 11**
- KOA Meeting—Election of Officers/Directors **March 25**
- KOA Membership 2010-11 Opens **April 1**
- Lone Star Triathlon **April 24-25**



Lone Star Triathlon

Our first major fundraiser of 2010 will be the Lone Star Triathlon. It will be held on April 24 and 25. We have been asked to volunteer for three events: two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Sponsors indicated that if we get enough Krewe members to volunteer to handle the three events, they promised more money to our Krewe this year. Let's all do our best to pull together for this fundraiser. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Krewe Floats



The board presented a plan to keep floats "as is" for the 2011 Mardi Gras. There was no opposition to the plan, and many agreed it was cost effective and our floats looked fantastic so it would be nice to show them off again. The savings will allow the Krewe to rebuild finances. As many know, the Krewe had a financial hardship in 2008-09 when it had to cancel four fundraisers due to the hurricane.