



Krewe's News

May 2010

Meeting Schedule

May meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, May 13, and Thursday, May 27.** Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Newsletter—Mail or Email?

In an effort to trim expenses, the Board discussed ways to cutback on operating costs, and one option is to email the monthly newsletter to members. We realize some members do not have internet access or simply prefer to have the paper copy mailed. Therefore, members will be able to choose to receive the newsletter through email or continue to have it mailed. At the May 13 meeting, there will be list for members to select which option. If you choose email, we need to confirm your correct email address. Regardless, our newsletters are always posted and archived on our website.

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An Update from your Officers and Board Members

The newly elected officers and board members are ready to submit the 2010/11 budget for members' approval at the May 13 meeting. We



We hope all members will try to attend this meeting. The proposed budget incorporates some cost effective savings. For instance, we will not be re-doing our floats for Mardi Gras 2011, and plan to cut back on monthly newsletter expenses. At this time, the Krewe looks financially stable; however, we must stay on top of things with our fundraising efforts or the \$10,000 deficit we had last December may very well raise its ugly head again later this year. The proposed budget is something the Krewe can successfully operate from, and there is a clear message in this proposal that the new board is committed to putting our Krewe back safely in the black.

The board discussed membership, and the fact that our current numbers are down from last year. The board understands that membership usually picks up before the year's end, but we would like to have the membership back to around 180 much sooner than December.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shirley and Pat McGraw who behind the scenes put out this monthly publication for the Krewe. It's not always easy and almost thankless, but the McGraws love doing the newsletter for me and the Krewe. I have seen newsletters from other Krewes and organizations, and none come near our *Krewe's News*.

I'm looking forward to 2010 and our Mardi Gras 2011. Hope to see many of you soon at our meetings and events.

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Upcoming Meetings

- KOA Meeting May 13
- KOA Meeting May 27

Lone Star Triathlon

We would like to thank all members who took the time last weekend to help out the Krewe and volunteer at the Lone Star Triathlon. It is a great fundraising event, and a good start for 2010 and the Krewe. Our friends with Iron Man in Gilford, New Hampshire love the Krewe and cannot say enough good about us each year.

Krewe Appointments

The Krewe has several appointments since our last meeting...

Ball and Pageant. Ginger Robinson will be joining Pat Collier as co-chair for the 2011 ball and pageant. Pat planned to step down; however, she has agreed to help with planning next year's ball and make the transition to Ginger. **Parliamentarian.** In the past, the Krewe had a parliamentarian, but somehow the position got left behind. Judith Dubose has agreed to serve as Krewe parliamentarian. She is well versed on Robert's Rules of Order and meeting etiquette. **Sergeant at arms.** Terry Robinson has agreed to serve as the Krewe's sergeant at arms. Terry takes his position seriously and will do a good job keeping order at meetings. **Bylaws Committee.** A by-laws committee is being appointed to review our current bylaws. Fran Grabiell will chair the committee; and two other Krewe members will be appointed by the Krewe's president to the committee.