



Krewe's News

January 2011

From the Krewe President...

Dear Krewe Members,

Our Krewe has had a very successful year, and we have much to be proud and happy about. Over the past year, our fundraising efforts have flourished, and have kept our Krewe financially healthy. I want to thank all who chaired events as well as all our Krewe members who supported our activities. It is because of our membership that we are the great organization we are. And it all really pays off when our floats turn onto Seawall Boulevard at 14th Street during our annual seawall parade, and you see the crowd of Mardi Gras revelers shouting and having the time of their life. For me, after all these years, the thrill remains, and I know I am speaking for many of our members. This year we will celebrate *100 Years of Mardi Gras on Galveston Island with a "Texas-size Mardi Gras"*.

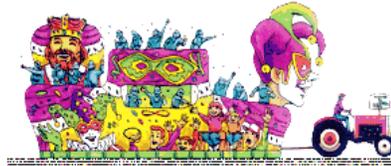
Let me wish you all a Happy New Year; may it be a good one. Now it is Mardi Gras time, and the show is just beginning. See you there.

Johnny Lidstone

Meeting Schedule

The Krewe will meet every Thursday in the month of January beginning on January 13. Other dates are January 20 and 27. We will also meet twice in February (February 3 and 10). Our monthly "Pot Luck" supper will be after the January 13 meeting. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The Krewe Celebrates "100 Years of Mardi Gras on Galveston Island with a Texas-size Mardi Gras"



Royalty. Congratulations to our new Knight Joe White and Lady-in-Waiting Michelle White. The Whites will accompany Count Pat Muldowney and Countess Nancy Muldowney at the 2011 pageant. A special election was held at the December meeting to replace Dan and Michelle Loubiere who resigned from the court.

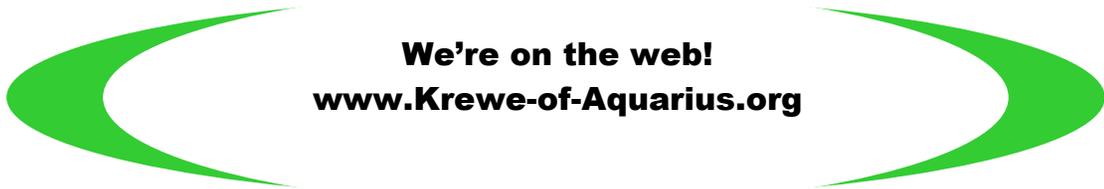
Royalty Photographs. Members of the 2011 Royal Court had their photographs taken at the San Luis Hotel on December 19. The photos will appear in our traditional advertisement announcing Mardi Gras for the Krewe to be published in the Galveston County Daily News later this month.

2011 Ball and Pageant. The annual Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Ball and Pageant will be held on Saturday, February 12, at the San Luis Hotel Grand Ballroom. There will be a happy hour from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by the evening festivities. There will be posting of the colors by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Color Guard followed by the Mardi Gras pageant. The festivities will culminate with the coronation of the 2011 King and Queen. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. with the Pee Wee Bowen Band playing until midnight. A breakfast buffet will be served at 11 p.m. Tickets for non-members are \$65/person and may be obtained from Pat Collier.

Mardi Gras Parades. The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius will kick off the 2011 Mardi Gras season with its **Annual Seawall Parade** at noon on Saturday, February 26. The parade will feature marching bands, drill teams, and lots of floats including our Krewe floats. By this time, all Krewe members should have a spot secured on a float; if not, please contact Johnny Lidstone. Members are responsible for purchasing their own throws, and if you are a new member, just ask anyone in the Krewe for recommended sources. In good Mardi Gras etiquette, remember you do not ever ask a fellow Krewe member for beads to throw. If they are offered, that is another story. The Krewe expects all riders to be in costume for the Seawall Parade as this has been an unwritten rule and tradition of the Krewe since its first parade. If you have questions, as always, please talk with your float captain. Last of all, smoking is prohibited on all floats, and in the float barn. The float captain/driver meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at barn. All members are welcome, but float captains and drivers must be present. The **Fat Tuesday Parade** will be held on Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m.



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Upcoming Krewe Events and 2011 Mardi Gras

Krewe Meetings	January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10
January Pot Luck Supper	January 13 (after meeting)
Krewe Pageant and Ball	Saturday, February 12, 7 pm
Captain/Drivers Meeting	Wednesday, February 23, 7 pm
Barn Bash	Friday, February 25, 7-11 pm
Seawall Parade	Saturday, February 26, 12 noon
Fat Tuesday Parade	Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm

Christmas Party— Membership Party

The Krewe had a great Christmas and Membership Party on December 11 at Crow's Cantina. Lots of members attended, and at last count, we added seven new members to the Krewe roster. Thanks to Charlsey and Mary for a very nice party.

Welcome New Members



New Members:

- Debby Prince, 2602 Avenue O-1/2, Galveston, 7750
- Michael Bussey, 3 Maple Lane, Galveston, 77551
- Margie St. John, 3 Maple Lane, Galveston, 77551

Returning Members:

- Joe & Tess Guerrero, 6515 Gainesville, Houston, 77020

Krewe Barn Bash

Galveston's biggest Mardi Gras party, our **Krewe's Barn Bash**, will be held on Friday, February 25, at the float barn (31st and Avenue N-1/2) from 7 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets for Krewe members will be on sale soon. Put on your dancing shoes, and don't miss our annual get-together. Thank you to Terrie and Aldan Kahla who have organized and chaired this event for the past seven years.