



Krewe's News

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Meeting Schedule

June meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, June 12, and Thursday, June 26**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at

USO Show

The venue for the 2008 USO show will remain at the KC Hall with possible show dates of November 8 or 22. The Knights of Columbus made the Krewe a deal that would be hard to pass up in addition to its perks — available parking, great place to practice, and nice areas for dressing rooms.

The first meeting of the USO planning committee and performers will be held on **June 5** at 7 p.m. at the KC Hall. All persons planning an act or wishing to be part of the support groups (stage hands, sound and lights, etc.) should plan to attend the meeting. We are always looking for new performers, acts and volunteers. Plan to attend the meeting because we have a place for everyone and it is great fun.



Mardi Gras 2009 Updates...

2009 Specialty Beads. Stephaine Blasé is working on the Krewe of Aquarius 2009 Specialty Bead. Since our Saturday parade is on **February 14th** this year, the Krewe would like something to commemorate the day and event. Our 2009 bead is planned to read something like ... Aquarius Sez "Be My Valentine in 2009".



Float Theme and Designs. The rebuilding of Float #5 has begun. Chip Shearrow and Andy Kerstens are spearheading the construction, and have good crew to help. Johnny Lidstone asked float captains to meet with their riders to come up with ideas for a theme and design for their floats then Johnny will be calling a float captains' meeting in a few weeks to go over and finalize things. Announcement of float themes will be made at an upcoming meeting.

New Member—Rider Assignments. New members will be assigned places on floats over the next couple of meetings so it is important that if you are a new member and have not located a place on a float, that you plan to attend these meetings. If you already have been invited to ride a float, that's great. John Berend will help coordinate these assignments

Ball and Pageant. Royal court elections will be held at the meeting on **July 10**. Those people eligible and who wish to run for royal court should contact Pat Collier. She already is preparing a list of candidates to represent our Krewe in 2009.

Rooms for Mardi Gras. It not too early to reserve your hotel room for Mardi Gras 2009. Stella Bennett announced that La Quinta on the Seawall, where many of our out-of-town Krewe members stay the weekend of our Barn Bash and Saturday Parade, will offer a room rate of \$119 with a 2-night minimum stay. Stella will be blocking rooms soon.

Trolley Party

Rick and Joni Hupers report the date for the annual Trolley Party is Saturday, **August 23**, which coincides with a Galveston Art Walk. Currently, we have reserved rail trolleys, a fire truck, and the Dancing Queen from Carnes Funeral Home, and plans are to stop at three to four "watering holes" along the way. Tickets will be \$10/person and will be available for sale soon. For new members, the trolley party is one of the Krewe's biggest parties of the year.



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Upcoming Events & Activities

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| • USO Planning Meeting | Jun 5 |
| • Krewe Meeting | Jun 12 & 26 |
| • Dyda's 50th Anniversary Party | Jun 28 |
| • Balance on KOA Dues | Jul 1 |
| • July 4 Parade | Jul 4 |
| • Royal Court Elections | Jul 10 |
| • Luau Party | Jul 26 |
| • Trolley Party | Aug 23 |
| • Brisket Sale | Sept 27 |
| • USO Show | Nov 8 or 22 |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Joan Brown
Robin Brown
John Clark
Tom & Linda Delaney
Brenda Drickey
Billie Raitano**

Krewe Brisket Sale

Andy and Danette Kerstens have set a date for our brisket fundraiser. The brisket sale will be held on Saturday, **September 27**, at the float barn (31st Street and Avenue N-1/2). Brisket cooking will be done the day before at the float barn, and this is always a fun event. This year, besides our famous cooked briskets, we will offer chickens. The briskets will be \$30 each, and the price for chicken is still to be determined. As in the past, we will also serve plates on site or take out. This is one of our top fundraisers, and we hope everyone will support this effort again and plan to sell tickets and/or buy a brisket.



July 4th Parade

The Krewe will enter a float in the Galveston 4th of July parade. Some 25 plus members indicated they want to participate in the 10 a.m. parade that will begin at the Railroad Museum and wind its way downtown. Ronnie Dyda has volunteered to pull a float for those who wish to ride and throw beads.