



# Krewe's News

## March 2011

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### Krewe Dues & Membership - Time to Join ...

Krewe membership opens on April 1, and dues are \$175. If you are a member in good standing, you may pay your dues in two equal installments of \$87.50 with the second payment due by July 1. New members, or current members who choose not to pay at least half their dues by April 1, will need to pay dues in full (\$175).

The Krewe will focus on bringing in new members this year. Our membership rolls were a little short in numbers (about 15 people) last year. We still should be proud; our membership remains larger than some. Reports are that a couple of local Krewes' membership fell below 100 last year. More than likely, this can be attributed to our economy, in general, as well as the fact that the Galveston area is still feeling the effects of Hurricane Ike. The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius continues to hold a prominent place in Galveston's Mardi Gras history, and we remain a strong force in its annual revelry.

### From the Krewe President...

*Johnny Lidstone*



Krewe Members and Friends,

What a grand time Mardi Gras 2011 has been and what wonderful celebrations and festivities. Our Saturday parade rolled out without a hitch, and the weather cooperated despite a little fog. It always is exhilarating as the floats turn the corner at 14th and Seawall. The crowds swelled into the boulevard this year and begged for beads, beads and more beads.

Our ball and pageant on February 12 was a huge success. Many thanks to Ginger for a great evening. Our royal court went overboard with costumes, gowns, trains, and headpieces. And congratulations go to King Michael McKinney and Queen Linda Davidson. Most people seemed happy with our new location, the band, and breakfast buffet.

The Krewe again staged another very successful barn bash on February 25. Chip is still working on the final figures. I wish to thank all who volunteered. A special thanks to Aldan and Terrie Kahla as well as Andy and Danette Kerstens. Aldan and Terrie have chaired the event for the past several years, and plan to retire. Yes, AK says he is passing the torch.

And we still have this weekend's Momus party and our most favorite Fat Tuesday parade and party. I want to thank everyone for a most successful year.

Enjoy and have fun and continue to let the good times roll.

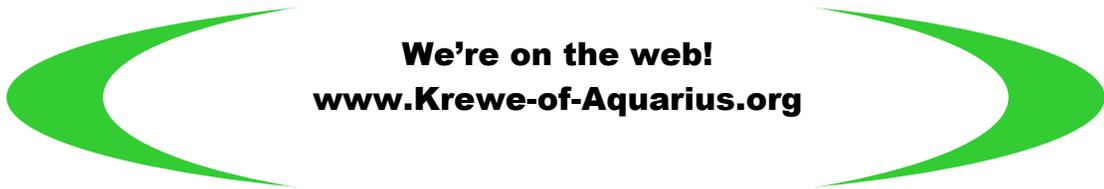
### Meeting Schedule

March meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, March 10, and Thursday, March 24**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, is our monthly pot luck supper. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert.





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### Upcoming Events & Activities

- KOA Meeting **March 10**
- KOA Meeting & Elections **March 24**
- KOA Membership Opens **April 1**

### Triathlon Sign up and Fundraising

Working the bike course at the April Triathlon is the Krewe's first big fundraiser for 2011. At the Thursday, March 10 meeting, we will begin signing up volunteers. Speaking of fundraising, it sounds a bit early, however, the Krewe needs to start identifying months and days for our annual events. If you chaired an event in 2010 and wish to again or if you have new ideas for fundraising, please contact Johnny Lidstone.

### Officer and Board Elections

It's election time for the Krewe, and members will be electing officers and board members for the 2011-12 year at the March 24 meeting. The Krewe President has appointed Mary Kees as election foreman, and Shirley McGraw will assist her with the election.

To be eligible to run for an office, an individual must be a Krewe member for one year (as of April 1, 2011) and a member in good standing. Elected officers and board members will be expected to attend officer and board meeting which as called several times during the year, and the board is charged with the responsibility of presenting a budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Incumbents who wish to remain on the ballot (no nomination needed), must let Mary Kees know by Thursday evening, March 10. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the March 10 meeting. Elected officers and board members will take office on April 1 (beginning of the Krewe's fiscal year).