

The Dragon Tales

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2004

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- General Membership Meeting to be announced

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- 12 - Sant' Yago Illuminated Knight Parade
- General Membership Meeting to be announced

March 2005

- 12 - Rough Riders/St. Patrick's Night Parade
- General Membership Meeting to be announced

Dedication

For Ironclad, our dragon,
whose Spirit resides within us all.

Welcome

We are celebrating an awesome beginning for the Krewe of Brigadoon. Although it hardly seems possible, quite magically our krewe has an active website (<http://www.KreweofBrigadoon.org>), an official brochure, a first issue of our seasonal newsletter, and a soon-to-be-ready-to-go float with our mascot; Ironclad, along with a host of community projects to our credit. With that said, we want to acknowledge and thank our initial Board of Directors and Chieftains for their dauntless energy and vision. We now want to congratulate and welcome our new Brigadoon officers and wish them much success.

President - Chief:

Scott Sestak

Treasurer - Tacksman:

Kristina Keane

Secretary - Barb:

Christina Schaefer

We know that their energies will take us forward into a glorious 2005 Parade Season.

Our First Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of

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the official quarterly newsletter for Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon. This newsletter will appear on our official website four times a year, namely the autumn equinox, the winter solstice, the spring equinox, and summer solstice. The Public Relations committee encourages and welcomes your input. Please submit your ideas, copy, and photos to PR@KreweofBrigadoon.org.



Chief's Message



Reflecting back on my first Gasparilla Parade in 2001 when the Super Bowl was in our beautiful city of Tampa, I remember the massive throngs of people lining the streets screaming at the top of their lungs for strands of beads in a frenzy of total excitement. Just moving from the D.C. area to Tampa and witnessing this spectacle, I knew that I was in the right place. There were a projected 300,000 people lining Bayshore Boulevard that year and everyone was having an absolute blast.

I remember seeing the numerous colorful floats and decorative costumes passing plus how my arms were getting tired and my throat was sore from screaming. We all wondered how the krewes got started and how to become a member to get into the parade, where the real fun happens. I subsequently met numerous members of various krewes and found out that this was going to be an adventure for my friends and me.

Guavaween was my very first parade as a krew member and I didn't know what to expect. Where do I line up? How many beads should I buy? Did I forget something? Not to worry, everything went off without a hitch and the crowd loved our kilted krew. Many parades later, I still reflect on how standing on the other side of the fence feels. From atop a float and down on the street; I now love seeing all the smiling faces as our float passes, feeling very much like we're on stage.

I hope that each of you experience all the excitement of the parade season since this is the main reason why we all join krewes in the first place, in addition to meeting many wonderful and generous people. It is truly a unique experience that you will remember for a lifetime, and it only gets better each year you participate. In no time you'll know the difference between all the beads and how best to whiz them into the crowd safely, three at a time.

So get your costume together, start shopping for throw beads and specialty beads, flashing pins, and any other kind of goodies you can find at the beads stores. Brigadoon is going to have a ton of

FUN this year and you won't want to miss a second of the festivities! Sure, charity events, meetings, work days, and socials take time too but, the rewards are great, the friendships you make will last a lifetime and the difference that we all make in the community will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

...And beads now fill the sky! Brigadoon!

Scott Sestak
Chief

The Brochure is here!

Have you seen the hardcopy of our krew brochure yet? It is a three section foldout that contains some vital facts, photos, and statistics about our krew.

The brochure highlights our mission: *Ye Enchanted Krew of Brigadoon was formed by many, not one: to encourage and facilitate camaraderie and fellowship by providing an opportunity to support local charity organizations and to participate in local parades.*

Our Story, Our Logo, Our Costumes, Our Citizens, and Our Float are the main features of the brochure. This handy flyer will certainly be a great public relations piece to share with local business partners as we consider future plans in areas of community service, charities and related endeavors.

Who Are We? Did You Know?

Name:	Ye Enchanted Krew of Brigadoon
Founded:	April, 2004
Type:	Social, Co-Ed, Community Service Oriented
Symbol:	Dragon (named Ironclad)
Citizens:	As of April 2004: 111
Minimum Age:	22 yrs and over
Application Fee:	\$50
Initiation Fee:	\$100
Annual Dues:	\$100
Membership Max.:	100
Membership Status:	Closed



Around Town Celtic Dates

November 19th

7 Nations Celtic Rock Band
Dunedin Brewery, Douglas Avenue
Show starts at 8:30 pm.
Please call 727-734-9515 for more information.

November 20th

Dunedin Celtic Festival, Highlander Park
7 Nations Celtic Rock Band
Please call 727-734-9515 for information.

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Our Krewe Float: A Creation in the Works

The Float committee and other enthusiastic Krewe members have been very busy during the past several weeks constructing Brigadoon's awesome float. Work has taken place at the construction site in spite of incredible downpours, three hurricanes, and typical Tampa summer weather. Nevertheless, the results have been worth the work.

Check out these statistics on our float:

Height:	13 Feet
Width:	8 Feet 6 Inches
Length:	50 Feet
Riders:	25 to 35 Citizens
Walkers:	60 Citizens
Music:	Scottish

Work will continue each weekend until the float is complete. All Krewe members are welcome to help out. You need not be skilled, but just willing to pitch in.

Contact Dan Francis (dfrancis@unistrut.com) or Peter Flynn (peter.flynn@certegy. or peterbylt@aol.com) for more information on dates and times and how you can help.



Krewe Quest

Krewe Quest kicked off on August 18th and three members of the Krewe of Brigadoon were there to represent. Jason "Leadfoot" Hochman, Erica "Shotgirl" Kleaver, and John "Go Spongebob, Go" (GSG) Millen took to the streets of Tampa with a list of 10 clues for 10 destinations.

They started off quickly thanks to Jason parking in the middle of the street effectively blocking three other krewes. At James Joyce, John shot a quick game of darts and Erica drank a quick shot!

They moved quickly though the list and only had a little trouble at the Wing House where John had to eat a plate of nachos. He scarfed most of it into his mouth in one try and the judges told Erica she could help. Being a great team player, Erica inhaled what John missed and they then bolted for the SUV.

What they soon discovered was the pile of jalapenos hidden on the bottom. Most of what she ate was pure pepper and there was only a warm bottle of water in Jason's SUV. Way to take one for the team, Erica!

At Windy City Pizza, Jason was hungry and jumped out to take the slice. They watched the slice move from the box to his mouth without pause. He took three steps and the judge called him back because he had to consume it on the premises. Jason turned, opened his mouth, and the pizza was gone! The judges jaw dropped and we cracked up when she said, "I've never seen anything eaten that fast before." The look on her face was priceless.

However, the night wasn't all fun and games. Attempting to chug warm PBR almost made John quit right there. Thank you Erica for helping John once again. Going to the Fox and Hounds, John was convinced a Guinness awaited him. When they arrived, John bolted in to slam his favorite stout. However, what awaited him was a 6 ounce cup of Guinness. The folks at the bar got a laugh out of watching Spongebob yell at the judges, "You're serving Guinness in a darn Dixie cup?" On his way out, he heard the now familiar shout, "Go Spongebob, go!"

They made good time and finished in the middle of the pack. It was fun seeing all the costumes and a good excuse to meet new people. Food and beer was provided at the Cuban Club afterwards. They were hungry and thirsty after tearing around Tampa for 2 ½ hours and Erica was finally able to drink something that wasn't a shot or half a warm PBR.

185 Days to Gasparilla Pub Crawl Thank You

Thank you so much for being a part of this year's 185 Days to Gasparilla Charity Pub Crawl. The event was held on Howard Avenue in South Tampa on July 31, 2004 and was a huge success. Even though the event is only in its second year of operation, it drew over 340 people. The Krewe of Bobbie C. Davis, Krewe of Agustina de Aragon, and Krewe of Brigadoon sold beads at the different bars to supplement the fund raising.

On August 12, 2004 Tampa Charities, Inc. and the krewes that sold beads contributed \$3,800 in proceeds to benefit Meals On Wheels of Tampa. The cost to feed one person for one week is \$17.50, so we were able to feed 217 people for a week.

I hope that you feel the Krewe of Brigadoon benefited by being a part of the event. We definitely want to thank you for being apart of the event. You guys really kicked butt in bead sales!!!



Kickoff the Krewe Party: A Good Time!

The "kickoff" party for the new Krewe of Brigadoon was a great success. We enjoyed the hospitality of MacDinton's Irish Pub down at SoHo on Thursday, September 2nd. Somehow we squeezed this one in among hurricanes and had a pretty good evening after all. Members enjoyed \$10 all you could drink from 7 pm - 9 pm. And the weather DID permit some BBQ. But most of all, friends met new friends, the message of Brigadoon got out there, and we had a great evening of camaraderie among Krewe members and others, not quite so lucky as us.

Krewe Members Help Clean the Coast

A number of Krewe of Brigadoon citizens helped make the Gandy Beach just a bit cleaner recently. On Saturday morning, September 18th, members donned rubber gloves, grabbed plastic bags, and scavenged the Tampa side of the Gandy Bridge looking for "that not from nature" items. Tires, bottles, cans, lots and lots of Styrofoam were the bulk of items picked up. A Ranger came by and complimented the Brigadoon members for their efforts. We also had several citizens thank us. This area is somewhat controlled by private ownership, the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, and the Department of Transportation. The ranger said that due to the configuration, nobody really wants to take responsibility for its upkeep.

A special thanks to our pick up man, Rocky Stout! Visitors and the residence of the Gandy bridge area say, "Thank you" all for a great effort.

Special thanks to:

Gwynne Hartson
Mike Gwiazdowski
Jaclyn Chisholm
Debbie Faklis
Lisa McAlees
Jessica Flebotte

Scott Sestak
Jimi Lynch
Nancy Taylor
John Keeley
Jessica Weston

Hurricane Collections

Thank you very much for your help.

Together, we raised \$545 and filled the trunk and back and front seats of a large car.

Saturday, August 21st the donations and the cash and checks were dropped off at the Regional Response Center that had just opened at the Florida State Fairgrounds. The state set up this center to serve as a central receiving and shipping point for donations and supplies that came into the area for distribution to the counties affected by the hurricanes.

The effort is being coordinated by Adventist Disaster Response, an organization run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church that received the state contract to manage the supply distribution. The state Emergency Operations Center will direct shipments of donations and supplies coming from other parts of the state or the country to the Regional Response Center, where the items will be sorted. Adventist Disaster Response then will contact the affected counties daily; take orders of needed items and ship out the supplies. Various Hillsborough County departments also will be assisting at the facility.

School Supplies



Great job Brigadoon! At our first General Membership meeting in July, we were presented with our first charity opportunity. We collected a trunk load of

school supplies plus \$440. 68 citizens attended the meeting and 67 citizens contributed to the supplies drive.

AnnMarie Courtney went shopping with the cash and distributed the supplies to the needy Hillsborough County School support organizations.



Upcoming Charity Opportunities

Metropolitan Ministries

Hello Krewe of Brigadoon citizens! Below is an event in which you can earn a charity credit with no cost to you other than your time.

Metropolitan Ministries, founded in 1972, is one of America's most effective, innovative and leading caregivers serving the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless in our community through a broad range of programs and services that alleviate suffering, promote dignity, and instill self-sufficiency. Metropolitan Ministries is a not-for-profit, faith-based organization and is supported by generous individuals, dedicated volunteers, corporations, churches, synagogues, civic groups, schools, donors and collaborative partners.

On October 2nd, the Krewe of Brigadoon has committed to sending 5-10 volunteers to help in their kitchen cooking and serving food and/or sorting materials within their store. The event is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Their facility is located at 2002 North Florida Avenue in Tampa. Each person must bring a ball cap or hairnet to work in the kitchen. In addition, long pants or jeans are required. Michael Gwiazdowski will be there to sign volunteers in and looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Humane Society of Tampa Bay

On October 16th and the 23rd between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day, we will be helping the Tampa Bay Humane Society with their Annual Pumpkin Patch event. The patch is located in Old Hyde Park Village between Swann and Dakota Avenues.

We already have a full crew of Brigadooners going on the 16th but still need more on the 23rd.

This is a fun event! The Humane Society will be selling pumpkins to earn money for their organization. Krewe members will be responsible for helping kids glue or draw decorations onto their pumpkins. Others will be in charge of photographing children sitting in the pumpkin patch.

Upcoming Tampa Krewe Events

News from the Thieves of San Lorenzo

The Thieves of San Lorenzo announce: the first annual "Rooster Funeral Dress Rehearsal", Thursday, Oct. 7 at Malios, S. Dale Mabry, Tampa. 6:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This is a charity fundraiser to benefit our US Military. Please bring pre-paid phone cards, magazines, beef jerky, slim jims, low carb health bars, crystal light ice tea, lip balm, sun screen, eye wash, dvds, cds, trail mix, pop corn, insoles for their boots (nothing that will melt please, 120-130 degrees), peanut butter crackers, and nuts. How about a letter so they know we appreciate them?

There will be a prize for the most original costume, relating to the cock funeral, and a prize for the krewe that has the most members participating in costume. A couple more contests are still in the works!

Tommy, the grieving rooster owner, is our Grand Judge, along with others. Hope to see you there!

Krewe of Grace O'Malley Treasure Hunt

Gaspar's Grotto
7th Avenue, Tampa
Saturday, October 2, 6:00 p.m.

What's more fun than a barrel of monkeys? Ye Loyal Krewe of Grace O'Malley's Annual Treasure Hunt.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 2nd beginning and ending at the fabulous Gaspar's Grotto in Ybor City. You will travel up and down 7th Avenue and even take a trip to Channelside in search of pirate booty. Be the first team back with all the treasure to win the hunt.

Team size can range from 4 to 6 people. Teams must stay together in order to complete the hunt. We will also have door prizes and raffles.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Make checks payable to YLKGOM and send to: Joni Cusimano at 15406 Heathridge Drive, Tampa 33625. The deadline for registration is September 24, 2004.



Costume Guidelines

Clothing Components

- a. Shirts
 - Shirts should be a pull over peasant or pirate type shirt (white/off white)
 - Suggested fabric types – cotton, muslin, fabric blends
 - Neck line styles and sleeve length can vary to suit personal preference
 - No bare mid-drifts
- b. Kilt/Skirt
 - Tartan like print - not checkered or gingham
 - Fabric Types – wool, cotton, fabric blends
 - Hem length can vary to suit personal preference
 - Long skirt can be single layer tartan or layered with solid color underneath tartan
- c. Vest/Bodice Garb
 - Required when wearing long skirt
 - Optional when wearing kilt
 - Suggested fabric types – cotton, canvas, wool, leather, twill
 - Lacing options include front, side, or back
 - Solid color required
- d. Shawl/Sash with Krewe badge
 - Krewe approved shawl or sash with Krewe Clan Badge (patch) required
- e. Kilt Hose
 - Required when wearing kilt
 - Suggested style – light weight wool/nylon blends or heavy cotton
 - Flashes optional
- f. Footwear
 - Black low heeled (no more than 1 inch) when wearing kilt
 - Low heeled (no more than 1 inch) when wearing long skirt
- g. Accessories
 - Sporrans - optional
 - Head Gear - optional (Tam, Balmoral, Glengarry)
 - Belts – bead belts suggested
 - Kilt pins – optional

Shopping List for Kilt Option

Required Items

- Kilt
- Shirt
- Kilt Hose
- Sash with Krewe Badge
- Black shoes

Optional Items

- Headgear
- Sporrans
- Flashes
- Vest
- Kilt Pin
- Bead Belt

Shopping List for Long Skirt Option

Required Items

- Long Skirt
- Shirt
- Vest
- Shawl with Krewe Badge

Optional Items

- Headgear
- Sporrans
- Flashes
- Vest
- Kilt Pin
- Bead Belt

Items can be Purchased

Online:

www.sportkilt.com
www.ebay.com
www.renaissancekilt.com,
www.scottishlion.com

Local Vendors:

Dunedin Scottish (near Brandon)
Features Costume Store

Tailors:

Seamstresses- Jeannie Stewart 727-384-0778, Hyon's
Alterations 813-249-5353
Moon's Dress Shop 813-253-0859
Thuy Lieu Tailoring & Alterations 813-935-4916

Thank You

Lastly, over the past few months we have met many wonderful and talented friends whose generous energies have contributed to the composition of this newsletter. Truly it is said, that when all of us carry a feeling of gratitude and generosity within our hearts, as we give, so we receive. We grow through each encounter and in doing so we pave the way for the abundance of the universe to flow without measure into our lives.

In Days of Old, When Nights were Bold, And Dragons they did Fly, From a Highland moon, Came Brigadoon, And Beads now fill the Sky!

