

The Dragon Tales

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2005

Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/dragonkrewe> for more information regarding Tampa krewe events and other area happenings.

2005 Brigadoon Meeting Schedule

GM = General Membership Meeting

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings, this counts as a meeting credit too.

October

Board – Mon 17th	6:30 PM	Dubliner
GM – Wed 19th	6:30 PM	Dubliner

November

Board – Thurs 17 th	6:15 PM	Storman's Palace
GM – Thurs 17 th	7:15 PM	Storman's Palace

December – COMBO Month – Holiday Celebration

Board – Tues 13th	6:15 PM	Location TBA
GM – Tues 13th	7:15 PM	Location TBA

Directors, finalizing the new Krewe budget, setting priority projects for our float improvement efforts, induction into the IKC, applying to many parades for the upcoming year, recruiting and inducting new members, designing and ordering new Krewe beads, attending clan socials plus other Krewe socials, continued charity events each month plus our busy meetings.

Volunteer and Participate!

One item that I must stress to our members is participation in all of our activities. Our Krewe has some great members who volunteer many countless hours for all of our enjoyment, and we need to see all of you out there helping!

We have many activities for you to participate in and some critical ones include: Parade safety workers, after parade clean up crews, float work days, meetings, committee activities, socials and charity events. Please participate and volunteer when we post our activities on the website and through e-mails. Active participation by everyone in Brigadoon is critical to our success!

We are all looking forward to a great year and thank you all in advance for your help, support and participation in our fun activities! And remember, if you have great ideas, skills to lend, comments and suggestions, we want to hear from you. Please communicate actively with your Chieftain.

Slainte!

Scott Sestak
President – Krewe of Brigadoon

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This newsletter appears on our official website three times a year, namely the autumn equinox, the winter solstice, and the spring equinox, The Public Relations committee welcomes input into its contents. Simply submit copy to PR@KreweofBrigadoon.org.

Dedication

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

Chief's Message September 2005



Welcome New Members

Citizens of Brigadoon, we have new members among us, about 50 of them! Our Brigadoon Village welcomed almost 50 new members this summer and our membership cap of 150 has been reached. Great job everyone!

One Crazy (busy) Summer!

This summer has been a very busy one behind the scenes and many activities have set us up for a great parade season. Some of the projects completed this summer include: Election of new Chieftains on the Board of

Wish Story of Sydney

8-year old Sydney loves to watch the television show *That's So Raven*, listen to pop music and eat strawberry cr me savers. Her favorite color is pink and her favorite game is twister. She loves to write and her favorite sports team is the Tampa Bay Lightning. Sydney is a lovely and beautiful girl who is full of life.

Sydney has been diagnosed with Neuroblastoma. Neuroblastoma is one of the most common solid tumors of early childhood usually found in babies or young children, rarely older than 10 years. The disease originates in the adrenal medulla or other sites of sympathetic nervous tissue. The most common site is the abdomen (near the adrenal gland) but can also be found in the chest, neck, pelvis, or other sites. Most patients have widespread disease at diagnosis.

One night while visiting with her neighbors, Sydney heard stories of a wonderful place in the Bahamas call the Atlantis Resort. Ever since she heard the stories, she decided that her wish was going to be to visit this beautiful resort. Sydney is a young girl with few inhibitions so while on her trip to Atlantis, she plans to swim with the dolphins. Although Sydney's trip recently had to be postponed due to her condition, as soon as she feels better, she will have her wish fulfilled. Together with supporters like you, we make these wonderful wishes like Sydney's come true!



Wish child Sydney

Kickball Tourney Success



In case you have not heard, you all know that Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon sponsored a kickball tournament for Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Sarasota/Tampa Bay, Inc.

We raised over \$3000 for our wish child, Sydney. Organizing other charitable events is always in full force and we can't wait to see everyone signing up and participating in future endeavors.

Mike Gwiazdowski, our Philanthropy Chair would like to thank some of our krewe members for all their help.

- Jen Flebotte, Kristina Keane, Lisa McAlees, Jessica Weston, and Ericka Kleevers - Committee members. They contacted our sponsors for the event.
- Stuart Suls, John Keeley, Tess Barsuaskas., Gwynne Harston, and Scott Andreasen - Gave us a lot of good ideas on the format of the tourney.
- Gordon Ridge, and AnnMarie Courtney - Graphics and web design.

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As Autumn traditionally brings a time of harvest, and preparation for the coming winter, we have all been called to honor this time of bounty with gratitude and celebration, the past few weeks have given us a dramatic assessment of who and what we have and how each can speak best from our hearts



Membership Updates And the votes are in!

Here are the election results and your new 2005-2006 Krewe of Brigadoon Board of Directors:

Tannister – Rocky Stout

Chieftains:

Clan 1 – Scott Andreasen
Clan 2 – Mike Mitchell
Clan 3 – Peter Flynn
Clan 4 – John Priest
Clan 5 – Colm Conway
Clan 6 – John Millen
Clan 7 – Nancy Taylor
Clan 8 – Leann Collins

Each Chieftain represents you, your ideas and questions on the board, so please communicate with them actively. They should be your first call for questions regarding Krewe functions, events and policies.

And returning for year two of their term are:

Christina Schaefer - **Secretary**
Kristina Keane - **Treasurer**
Scott Sestak - **President**

BIG Thanks goes out to last year's Chieftains and Board Members! Scott Andreasen, Kristina Keane, Zeleste Agosto, Christina Schaefer, Keith Fulmer, Vincent Jones, AnnMarie Courtney, John Herbst, Peter Flynn, Erick Aponte and Rocky Stout.

Everyone on the Board will be doing their best to provide an awesome Krewe experience for you this year!

Krewe of Brigadoon at Fantasy Fest??

It could happen!!

While the majority of the Krewe will be supporting Guavaween, several members have expressed the desire to be in the **Captain Morgan - Fantasy Fest Parade** in Key West

this year. Barb and I are already planning to be in Key West for the whole week of Fantasy Fest and are more than happy to try to make this happen. Everyone I have talked to has indicated it would be fun to go as our own Krewe. I have already contacted the parade people and will be starting the application process.

This is a link that has a list some hotels that still have vacancy.

<http://www.vacationkw.com/fantasyfestrates.htm>

Additionally, typical websites like hotels.com, travelocity.com, etc. still list availability. Key West Hideaways has several types of lodging available, some accommodating large groups: <http://www.keywesthideaways.com/> We are staying at the Island City House: <http://www.islandcityhouse.com/>

Don't know what happens at Fantasy Fest? Check out the official website:

<http://fantasyfest.net/>

It would be helpful to get a tentative count of how many of you crazy people may be going.

Please just send to Doug
(JollymonDoug@aol.com)

Sprucing Up Our Float: Float Work Days

We need your help! Float work days are being scheduled for just about every Saturday until Guavaween. On Saturday Sept. 10, a number of Krewe members were out there working on Ironclad. The float looks pretty good in spite of a wet Tampa summer. It is currently under cover of an aluminum structure so no direct sun will be on the workers. Detailed painting, redoing the dragon's wings, re-lighting, and attention to the sound system are things being looked at. You do not need tools, special skills or construction knowledge to help out. Come dressed comfortably, and maybe have some bottled water with you. We will be doing a lot of painting, building and upgrading of our float. Please watch for e-mails and e-Vites announcing our work day schedule. THANKS!!



Krewe Parade Participation Requirements Review

All members in Brigadoon are required to attend four meetings and participate in four Krewe sponsored charity events BEFORE the Gasparilla Day Parade on Jan 28th 2006. If you do not meet these requirements, you will not be able to walk in any parade until you fulfill the 4/4. Please get your meetings and charity credits done EARLY. There will be one meeting and one charity event in January 2006. If you miss your requirements, there will be a per meeting/per charity credit buy out option offered in December/January. Watch for details posted soon on this last resort option.

Krewe Clan sponsored Socials

With the new clans organized, it's time to arrange socials for the upcoming year. Each clan will have a turn hosting a monthly social which is open to all Krewes and their guests. The general guidelines are:

1. It should include adults only.
2. A theme should be developed for the social.
3. It should be held where there are least snacks and/or appetizers available.
4. Drink specials should be negotiated if possible.
5. At the clan's option, they can work with the philanthropy committee to develop a charity opportunity.

Any other decisions are at the discretion of the clan. If your clan would like to host a social during a parade month or would like to trade months with another clan, please let me know. Please coordinate with me to get your social advertised to the whole Krewe.
(jollymondoug@tampabay.rr.com)

The Year of the Dragon 2005/2006 Clan Sponsored Social Schedule:

Oct-05	Parade – no social
Nov-05	Clan 3
Dec-05	Clan 4
Jan-06	Parade – no social
Feb-06	Parade – no social
Mar-06	Parade – no social
Apr-06	Clan 5
May-06	Clan 6
Jun-06	Clan 7
Jul-06	Clan 8
Aug-06	Clan 1
Sep-06	Clan 2

Thanks, Doug Jenkins

Krewes Kare!



The 50+ Krewes who bring entertainment & beads to Bay Area Parades are now working together to bring aid to hurricane victims in our neighboring cities and states.

The Inter-Krewe Council has partnered with Angel Flight Southeast to collect supplies for and deliver to Hurricane Katrina victims and relief workers. With donated warehouse space, semi tractor-trailers and equipment from John's Floatyard, the IKC effort includes members of all krewes and the community.



Needed items include over the counter medications, cleaning supplies, safety and work wear, tarps and bedding (see attached list). We're thrilled to announce that items have already begun coming in! Keep up the good work!

Donations are being accepted daily at **John's Floatyard, 7102 Interbay Boulevard in South Tampa**, as well as additional area locations to be announced.

Angel Flight Southeast, a non-profit organization consisting of volunteer pilots and their aircraft, will fly filled planes to any areas that need supplies. The IKC, founded in 1992, has a mission to foster a spirit of cooperation and camaraderie among the member krewes and to provide a forum for information about the parades and other krewe-related activities. "Krewes Kare" follows that mission to encourage all krewe members and the public to drop off desperately needed supplies. A huge "Krewes Kare" kickoff will take place Saturday, September 24th - location to be announced - emails will be sent out.

Many krewes will be holding individual fundraisers at locations around the Bay Area to collect money and supply donations. Watch your email for invites and announcements.

As always, check the website often www.interkrewe.org <http://www.interkrewe.org> for updated lists and details on promotions about our "Krewes Kare" effort!

Katrina Relief Needs

As of September 14, 2005

Harrison County (Gulfport)

Assorted boots – sizes 9, 10, 11, 12
Hard Hats
Flashlights
Batteries for flashlights
Bug Spray

Ball Caps
T-shirts – Sizes L, XL, XXL
Battle Dress Uniforms (various sizes)
Diapers

5 gallon water coolers
Ice Chests

Immodium (anti-diarrheal medicine) Sinus Medicine
Allergy Medicine
Aspirin and Ibuprofen
Hand Sanitizer

Twin Bed Sheets
Air Mattresses
Remnant Carpet

5 gallon (empty) gas containers
Work Gloves
Safety goggles
Hand Saws
Tool Belts
Chain Saws – *in high demand*
Hammers
Nails
Buckets
Mops
Rags
Paper Towels
Big push brooms
Box fans
Window unit air conditioners
Tarps—as many as possible
Updates to this list will be distributed as they are received.

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Building Brigadoon: Float Funding Initiative

Providing individuals the opportunity to sponsor various components of the Krewe of Brigadoon's float through financial contributions to our float fund.

Sponsorship Plans:

- \$25 Citizen Float Sponsorship (Membership only)
1" x 2" affixed to the village wall with the sponsor's name and 2005
- \$65 Dragon's Lair Sponsorship
3" x 5" affixed to the castle wall with the sponsor's name, 2004, and the dragon logo
- \$500 Pub Sponsorship
- \$800 Ceilidh Entertainment Equipment Sponsorship
- \$1000 Illumination Equipment Sponsorship
- \$1000 Village Services Sign
(1 of 5, for one parade season and it is renewable each year)
- \$2000 Dragon Sponsorship

Mail your check to:

Krewe of Brigadoon
2401 West Morrison Avenue , #202
Tampa, Florida 33629

Sponsorship plans that are \$500 and more can be purchased by an individual or a group. Please indicate Float Sponsorship on your check. To ensure that your plaque is on the float before the Gasparilla Day Parade, mail you check so that it is received by the Krewe of Brigadoon no later than January 15, 2006. For additional information or for other sponsorship proposals, please contact Ann Marie Courtney at courtney_a@firn.edu.

"Spirituality is not a belief system. It is a way of life. Reading a holy book, going to a sacred place or practicing a particular ritual can all be very helpful, but ultimately spirituality has to be in the every moment of life, and in every action. When we do gardening, or baking bread, or send an email to a friend or a colleague we do it as a meditation, as a service, as an expression of our love. Then, that ordinary activity is transformed into a spiritual action. When we are our most creative selves, when we are in the sphere of imagination and when we are grounded in joy then we are unselfconsciously practicing spirituality."
--Satish Kumar

Over the past few weeks as we prepared to assemble this Autumn Edition of Tales we are glaringly reminded that courageous action mostly takes place in the midst of the details and difficulties of life. But courage, inspiration and energy emerge from the human heart - a territory that cannot be mapped and divided. Difficulties can fall away when we make our inner territory larger, while simplifying our outer work. Hope you are all safe and well and far away from the NO carnage. If any of you have family or friends who live in that area our prayers are with you for a speedy recover.

www.dragonkrewe.org

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

