

The Dragon Tales

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Spring Equinox

2006

2006 Upcoming Meetings

Board = Board Meeting
GM = General Membership Meeting

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

April – COMBO Month

Board – Thurs 27th, 6:30 PM, Newk's
GM - Thurs 27th, 7:30 PM, Newk's

May – COMBO Month

Board – Tue May 23rd, 6:30 PM, The Dubliner
GM – Tue May 23rd, 7:30 PM, The Dubliner

June – COMBO Month

Board – Wed 21st, 6:30 PM, The Dubliner
GM – Wed 21st, 7:30 PM, The Dubliner

July – COMBO Month

Board – Thurs 27th, 6:30 PM, Newk's
GM - Thurs 27th, 7:30 PM, Newk's

Check out our calendar at
www.localendar.com/public/dragonkrewe for
more information regarding Krewe events.

Our group of 35+ that went to New Orleans to be in the Mardi Gras Choctaw Parade on fat Tuesday saw what a Mardi Gras parade is all about.

We were all happy to be there, pumping money into the local community, helping to restore a great city with great people. Our parade was a big success and we all had a blast roaming around the French Quarter's bars, restaurants and voodoo shops. We were invited back next year so look for more details this summer!

The St. Patrick's Parade came and went quickly with a big turnout and nice sized crowds. Lots of green was worn by Brigadoon members, complete with Keeley's big hat and Jason's green beard. What a blast!

Our last parade this season was the Chasco Fiesta and this was well attended and a laid back fun time. The Krewe of Chasco puts on a fun show and Brigadoon's Bob Gardner hosted a nice morning pre-party for us at his house right down the road from the parade. We had a great time!

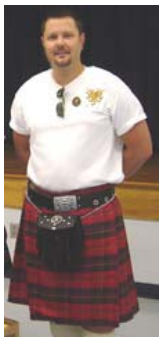
Everyone should heartily support Brigadoon's signature charity event, our Kickball tournament to benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation. Please form a team or volunteer your time to this very worthy cause and the culmination of all our charitable efforts. We sent an awesome child, who was stricken with cancer, last year to the Bahamas and everyone was overjoyed that her and her family had a great vacation.

I can't say it enough, you all are a great bunch of people and it has been a pleasure being your President these last two years. Rocky is getting set to take the reigns in September and I look forward to the many more great times we'll have together in the coming years!

Slainte!

Scott Sestak
Chief

Chiefs Message March 2006



As Brigadoon's parade season comes to a close, we're ramping up for many events in the coming months. The Gasparilla day Parade was a HUGE success! We definitely showcased our Krewe as the most fun and active group out there. We have been very fortunate in the weather department and we have never been in a washed out parade over the last two years.

The Knight parade proved that even in a downpour, our Krewe comes out, has fun and the crowds are just as big!

And now a word from our Tainister



Hi Brigadooners!

Well, the 2006 parade season is coming to a close with the upcoming Chasco Fiesta extravaganza. It has been an extremely fun and memorable season, not only for the participants in the local parades but also for those lucky enough to be in the Mardi Gras in New

Orleans.

One of the main reasons that the season was such a success is due to the hard work and dedication of the Krewe members who helped out getting the float ready and supplying food and drink during the parades. I would like to thank some of you now for your time and efforts.

First of all, thanks to Kirk Collins for the Shot Luge. This is a great crowd pleaser and is turning into a signature activity for Brigadoon's staging party.

Next in line would be the beer committee with John Keeley, Jeff Borgmeyer and Jeff Hix. I remember when Krewe members had to walk to the Caribbean Cowboy's float to buy a draft, or beg one from the Thieves or Shamrock. No more!

Also, a special thanks to those who have supplied us with the savory food during the staging party, including Misti Scott, Darla Taylor, and Kristina Keene (thanks Kristina for those great jell-o shots too!).

And the Tune-mister Doug Smith. The terrific music has added a wonderful new dimension to the float both in staging and as we roll.

Speaking of rolling, the float would not have rolled at all without the hard work of the Float Committee, in one case literally. Peter Flynn and

Scott Sestak spent a whole day under the float one Friday repairing a wheel assembly so that we could be in a parade the next day. Dan Francis has also been instrumental in making sure the float is in tip top condition.

One of the nastiest float maintenance jobs was to paint fiberglass resin on the dragon's wings. Thanks to Scott, Joe Hrvatin, Gwynne Hartson, and Christian Young for assisting with this smelly task.

Thanks to the other Float Committee members for your assistance as well: Andrea Christian, Bidy Fishman, Bob Gardner, Doug Fishman, Erica Klevers, Gordon Ridge, Greg Prine, John Millen, Lisa McAlees, Louie Dalton, Mark Bishop, Mike Gwiazdowski, Mike Jenkins, Mike Mitchell, Mike Westbrook, Peter Wolff, Steve Christian, and Tom Corsi.

In addition, I would like to thank Bob Patton for his help during the past few years. Although not a Krewe member, Bob has done a lot of work for us, some on his own initiative, to make sure our float was in the best shape possible.

There were many others who helped clean, maintain, and supply the float over the past year. I sincerely want to thank you too for your assistance, and I humbly apologize for any omissions that I have made.

Cheers!!

Rocky Stout
Tainister

Membership is open!

Our 150 member Krewe is recruiting new members for next year. Our waiting list is already 20 deep and spots will fill quickly. If you know someone who may be interested in the Krewe, feel free to bring them to a meeting or any event. Applications with the \$150 application fee are due by July 1st. Mail them to the address on the form. Dues for current members are due by July 1st.



Mission Statement

Ye Enchanted Krewe 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.

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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@dargonkrewe.org

Spring Equinox 2006

Since springtime is the beginning of a new cycle you might find it is beneficial to have all your energies heading in the direction in which you desire them to go.

Move boldly toward your dreams today. Your sense of reality may not be perfectly in tune with the actual situation, but don't worry about it. Put wings on your shoes and take off into the stratosphere. Push the boundaries. The only way you are going to grow is if you go beyond your normal mode of existence. Spring is the season to go soaring off into the great beyond.

Farewell 2006 Parade Season

The 2006 parade season was great. We had a blast. We have tons of pictures of the Shot Luge. We did a good job clarifying the Krewe of the Brigadoon is *the* krewe. So it's over now. It's time to hang up your kilt and retreat to the couch until next year.

No, no, no! It's time for Brigadooners to rally for the charities. Take all the energy spent on parades and parties and start thinking charities,

charities and charities. After all that's the *other* reason we all joined this Krewe, right!

The first big Brigadooner opportunity is the annual kickball tournament on April 29th. The Kickball Committee has been working overtime (even during parade season) to finalize all the details for this great event. The Make-A-Wish Foundation really appreciates our efforts and hopes this year's event surpasses last year.

That said, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. If you have some time to spare at the end of April, please get in touch with Lisa McAlees about volunteering. It's a very deserving cause and like last year the Krewe of Brigadoon would like to be able to sponsor one entire wish.

In addition to the annual Kickball tournament, each month we select a charity to coincide with our general meetings. It's important to participate and contribute to earn your charity points (remember each Krewe member needs four of these to participate in the parades each year). If you know of a charity that could benefit from one of our meetings by all means tell your Clan Chieftain and he or she will pass it along to the Philanthropy Committee.

Finally, don't forget about the Clan Socials. It would be great if all the Clan Socials could coincide with a deserving charity. These are just another great opportunity for Brigadooners to shine on behalf of a charity.

It's a party, its fun, it's great socializing among the Krewe and why not benefit a charity. So, put your thinking cap on and get busy organizing some great socials that can truly benefit some deserving organization!

Dedication

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



2nd Annual Kickball Tournament



The Krewes of Brigadoon will be hosting the 2nd Annual Kickball Tournament, Saturday April 29th. All proceeds benefit Make A Wish Foundation.

When: April 29th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Where: Gasden and South West fields in South Tampa - same fields as last year. Elimination games will be played on both fields. Final tournament games will be played at Gasden.

Format: Like last year, each team will play 3 games in the morning. The teams with the best records will then proceed to the Finals. T-Shirts, goodie bags and food will be provided to all participants.

Cost: The cost is \$25 per player or \$250 per 10-person team. Subs are allowed but they must each pay \$25.00. Team Captains are responsible for collecting money for their teams and giving it to me. Please make all checks out to the Krewes of Brigadoon.

Teams: We need 16 teams of at least 10 players. Each team must have at least two female players.

If you have formed a team or would like to be a team captain, please e-mail me at lumac1@hotmail.com. I will forward you a Roster, Lineup Cards, and a Waiver which must be signed prior to play by ALL players. The Referees will not start a game without all waivers. If you would like to play but do not have enough players to form a team, please also e-mail me and I will try to place you on a team.

Volunteers: We are still in need of referees and volunteers to work at each field.

Krewes Clan sponsored Socials

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 Krewes.

2006 Clan Sponsored Social Schedule:

Apr-06	Clan 5
May-06	Clan 6
Jun-06	Clan 7
Jul-06	Clan 8
Aug-06	Clan 1
Sep-06	Clan 2
Oct-06	TBA
Nov-06	TBA
Dec-06	TBA

Doug Jenkins
Social Committee Chair
jollymondoug@tampabay.rr.com

PR Committee Needs You

If you are interested in joining this committee, please let us know. We could use help and guidance with a number of things. We are looking for members who are available to help promote the Krewes at various times throughout the year. If you are interested, contact us at pr@dargonkrewes.org



Still need your Kilt?



Sport Kilt has extended us a 10% discount off all our orders. This is where most of us have purchased our kilts. You will need to order using their phone number: 1-800-451-KILT Mention that you are with Krewe of Brigadoon and enjoy!
www.sportkilt.com

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The 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.

www.kreweskare.org

Krewe Member Business Directory

Take time and check out the Krewe Member Business Directory on our web site. This directory is being updated regularly with information to Members businesses.

www.dragonkrewe.org/sidenav/businesses/member_businesses.htm

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