

The Dragon Tales

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President's Corner

Hello Brigadoon!

Well, we are in the middle of Parade Season, with three parades behind us and three more to go. Next up, St. Patrick's Parade on the 15th of March, followed closely by Chasco on March 29th and the **Grand Finale** at Bradenton the weekend of April 26th. It has been a fun season so far, with more good times ahead!

There are some prospective new member changes that have been approved by the Board that I want to let you all know about. If you know any folks who may be interested in our Krewe, you may want to pass this information along to them. The major revision to our new member process is that each prospective new member will be introduced during our June meeting, just after membership has been closed.

The prospect should make every effort to be at the meeting, but if that is not possible, the prospect's sponsor needs to be at the meeting to let everyone know about him or her. This is where each prospect is met and if there are no objections from the Krewe membership, they are made a member in good standing.

However, if neither the prospect or their sponsor attends the June meeting, the prospect's application will be rejected. This is different from the automatic acceptance to membership that used to be the case. We are maturing as a Krewe to where we can become a bit more selective in our membership.

Another item that has been approved by the Board is that every Krewe member, old or new, is required to attend at least one float work day before the Gasparilla Parade. This allows the work to be spread around and not fall to a few members as has been the situation in the past. The float is our greatest asset and greatest source of pride and everyone should have a hand in getting it ready for the parade season.

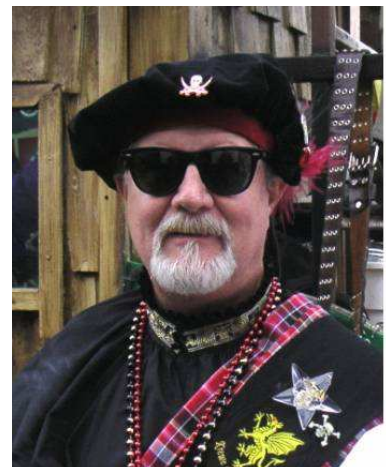
Hope to see everyone at the upcoming parades and Krewe meetings. If you are interested in attending the weekend long party the **IS** Bradenton, you will need to secure a room very soon. The rooms closest to Party Central are already booked up.

Remember to check the Krewe website calendar for the upcoming dates for Krewe meetings. These fall on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through August.

Take Care Everyone!

Cheers!

Rocky
Chief



Letter from the Tainister

Parade Season has been a HUGE success for Brigadoon this year with record attendance by our members at each parade, lots of upgrades to our float, better food/beer and organization at each parade. I'd like to thank Kayleen Mueller for chairing the Parade Committee and doing an awesome job along with the ever helpful Mike Mueller plus Eric, Christine and Guy Paepflow for all their hard work.



St. Pat's is around the corner (my personal favorite) then Chasco on March 29th (Huge fun parade) and then our out of town Bradenton Parade on April 26th. Participation is always key to fun in our Krewe and we invite you to try out the Chasco and Bradenton parades. You will not be disappointed! Everyone who attends these two parades vows to come back the next year.

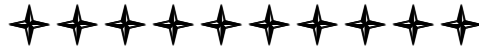
We will need a lot of help next year preparing, organizing, and managing the parades so please think about joining the Parade Committee and have some fun with us! Our Krewe runs itself with many volunteers and their hard work is the only way that we can all have fun. Share the work!

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Scott Sestak
Tainister

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.



DEDICATION

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



Toast

In days of old, When knights were bold
and dragon they did fly, From a
highland moon came Brigadoon and
beads now fill the sky!



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This newsletter appears on our official website four times a year, namely the summer solstice, the autumn equinox, the winter solstice and the spring equinox.



Krewe Facts

Name: Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon
Founded: April 2004
Type: Social, Co-Ed,
Community Service Oriented
Symbol: Dragon (Ironclad)
Citizens: 154
Min. Age: 21
Application Fee: \$150
General Membership Fee: \$150
yearly
Social Membership Fee: \$300
yearly
Membership Status: Closed

Membership Update

Here are only three meetings left for this Krewe year. We are approaching 70% compliance in the Krewe's 4/4 Charity and Meeting Credit requirement. Guy Paeplow, Linda Darnell, Peter Flynn, David Gray and Rocky Stout all have perfect attendance records! Ken McCall leads the Krewe with 12 Charity credits. Check your totals with your Chieftain or email

KreweBrigadoonMembership@yahoo.com

Replacement name tags or second name tags for your parade persona are available for \$7.00 each. Please direct any requests to our membership committee email address of

KreweBrigadoonMembership@yahoo.com

We count on you to keep us informed! Please send any name, address, telephone or email changes/updates to the membership committee email as well. This will help to ensure that our records are accurate and that you don't miss out on any Krewe announcements.



Accolades & Praise

Below is a note from the 7+ members of the Shriner's Highlanders Pipe Band that graciously played bagpipes for us during the Knight Parade for FREE. The members of our Krewe deserve all of the credit for being great hosts and for being the BEST Krewe in Tampa!



Dear Scott, Rocky and Krewe,

From all of the band members, we would like to say thank you. We had a super time and as always the Krewe members were most gracious. We all enjoy marching with you in the parades. It is such a hoot to have that big DRAGON follow the pipers billowing smoke. Thanks so much for inviting us.

While marching, I noticed many Krewe members who were clearly intoxicated and making a spectacle of themselves. It was clear that their antics were not well received by the crowd. I am proud to say that none of those people were Brigadoon members.

Your Krewe projected an image of responsible people having fun while maintaining a positive image. U was proud to be a part of that, and I thank you and each of your Krewe. I hope the relationship between us will continue to prosper and grow. We will look forward to the next time we may get together again. Anytime you need some pipers, if we are free, we would be delighted to participate with you or help in any way. >From all of us, to all of you, thanks again, it was a BLAST!

Sincerely,

Ed Smoak –Vice President - Highlanders



THIS PAGE LOOKS DIFFERENT THEN ALL OF THE REST BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY BIG NEWS AND DESERVES SPECIAL ATTENTION!!!

THOSE TWO CRAZY KIDS – RANDY COPPOLA AND AMY RIECHERS AR TYING THE KNOT ON MARCH 8TH. YOU TOO CAN SHARE IN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT AS THE HAPPY COUPLE SET OFF FOR WHAT IS NOW BEING PREDICTED TO BE MANY YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS.

STOP BY THAT CHARMING OLD HAUNT, GASPARS GROTTTO ON FRIDAY MARCH 7TH FROM 9PM UNTIL ASKED TO LEAVE AND HOIST A GROG OR WHATEVER YOU ARE INTO WITH THEM. THERE SHOULD BE A DRINK SPECIAL ON TAP, THERE USUALLY IS.

SORRY, CLOTHING IS NOT OPTIONAL.





Treasures from the Quarter Master

We would like to first congratulate Darla for all her hard work and dedication as Quartermaster for many years. Linda Wilkin and Gregg Heggeland will be co-chairing the committee. We have some new and exciting items coming soon! If you have any ideas or designs you would like to share, please send them to gheggeland1@tampabay.rr.com

We are in the process of designing new trading pins and would love to have suggestions from everyone!

The new belt buckles were a hit! If you would like one, contact Linda or Greg. At the time of posting, there are 2 belt buckles left over. There are also more metal krewes beads available.



Philanthropy Update

On March 2nd, the Krewes of Shamrock, Thieves of San Lorenzo, and Brigadoon hosted the 2nd Annual All Krewes Poker Run benefiting the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

The Run began the Egypt Shring Parking lot on Sunday with registration kicking off at 9:00 and the first vehicle out left just before 11:00. The run was open to motor cycles and cars and trucks. There were vendors and music at the kick off.

The stops this year included Jack Willies, Moly Goodheads, Quake Steak and Lube and of course the ever popular final stop at Kahuna's where the best hand won \$450.00 and the worst hand won \$50.00

There were lots of raffles and auctions all benefiting the Shriners and a 50/50 no give back raffle as well.

Our own Chieftain, Rocky Stout, was interviewed by Channel 10 and you can see his smiling face on video at the channel's website. Nothing better than Bikers and Shriners and a good cause all together in one place!



Brigadoon Parade and Float Rules 2007-2008

Please watch out for each other and follow these rules exactly. Every member acknowledges (by signing the required waiver) that attending a parade or event is a hazardous activity. You assume any and all risks of injury, death or property damage and release the Krewe of Brigadoon of any liability whatsoever.

All of these rules are very important to your safety and are designed to keep you happy and safe.

Parade Rules

All Members must be in the approved full Brigadoon kilted costume with at least an approved shirt, kilt, logo sash and shoes.

Walking during any parade is only allowed behind the stairs in the back of the float. **Do not pass the back corner of the float. Walking alongside the float is strictly prohibited.**

Keep all drinks/beer in colored solo cups. Cops will be very strict this year.

Walk only a few yards behind the float. Stay together. Watch out for other floats, units and obstructions in the road and around corners.

Do not pick up any beads off the ground, ever. Always throw beads underhand to someone who is looking right at you.

No wearing of roller blades, skates, high heels or non-walking shoes allowed.

Stay away from the crowd, they have been known to grab people/people's beads.

Do not give or throw beads to police officers, parade marshals or other officials.

Float Rules

The Village upper deck will be open with a safety monitor present. Always face forward up there while watching for traffic lights and wires, stay aware and obey the safety monitor.

Always watch for any overhang, traffic light or bridge. Traffic lights will hit you if you do not duck.

Do not touch ANY wires or objects overhead. They have an electrified Trolley system in YBOR and it will kill you.

No walking or standing is allowed in-between the tow vehicle and float for any reason, at any time. Stay at least a few feet from all sides of the vehicle and float at all times.

No fastening of new items to the float anywhere inside or out.

Do not throw beads or any other object at wires, objects, roofs etc. Only throw beads to people that are looking at you.

Do not hang anything from the dragon's head, teeth, arms or body.

No sitting or standing on any part of the dragon, sides of the float, front ledges, bar or stairs.

Do not linger on or near the stairs or inside the village, this is a passageway only.

You must clean up all of your own trash before departing the float.

Brigadoon Parade and Float Rules 2007-2008 (Con't.)

No clear cups or clear containers for beer or drinks allowed, mask any liquor bottle. No glass bottles/containers. **No smoking is allowed on or near the float.**

Stay far away from the tow vehicle and float around any turn, street narrowing/division, obstruction or bend etc. YBOR is a narrow parade route and you may get pinned/trapped.

General Rules of Conduct

Act Responsibly – Meaning DO NOT GET DRUNK. Anyone drunk, especially guests, will be reprimanded harshly this year. Parades are NOT fraternity parties, do not get drunk! Do not drink and drive! Serious penalties will be handed out this year for disorderly members and guests at any parade. Possible penalties: Ejected from parade or loose your parade privileges this year, or worse.

Do not bring any dangerous items or illegal substances to any parade. This is cause for immediate ejection and possible harsh consequences. (No drugs, no knives or swords, no replica knives or swords, no dangerous items or chemicals of any kind).

Conduct – Everyone must act appropriately and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Unwarranted advances or forward behavior by any member towards another member/public will be taken very seriously. Keep your hands to yourself and actions under control. Members are responsible for monitoring their own alcohol consumption. Visibly Intoxicated members will be assigned a permanent spot on the float and/or escorted away from the parade/event immediately if they present a danger to themselves or others. Obey Brigadoon's Parade Security Marshals. Arguing with security and constant reminders to members will not be tolerated this year.

Please act professionally at all times, respect all officials, police and Brigadoon marshals.

Do not solicit at any time flashing or showing of any body parts for beads or otherwise. Do not flash the crowd at any time. Do not throw FOOD or any other objects besides beads at the crowd.

Watch out for your fellow members, avoid all other floats, vehicles and obstructions along the parade route and watch your step!

Wear your full costume at all times, no modifications are allowed.

Do not get involved, in any way, in any altercation or word exchange with the crowd or other Krewes/Officials.

Do not return any comments directed at you or others. Walk away fast and speak with a parade marshal or police if you notice any suspicious/dangerous behavior.

While the parade is moving: Stay very close to our float unit. Do not mingle with other Krewes or allow other Krewes to board our float. Tell someone immediately if you notice any non-member on our float.

After the parade ends stay together in groups and watch out for intoxicated attendees. Stay well away from any intoxicated person, do not involve yourself in any word exchange or altercation at any time. Stay in well lit populated areas.

These rules are for your protection and are not all inclusive. Please stay in control at all times and constantly survey your surroundings.

Think safety, watch out for your fellow Krewe members and HAVE FUN!