



The Gryphon Guide

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The Official Newsletter of the Golden Gryphon Society, Sponsor of the Krewe of ALLA

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A Message from the Captain

Mardi Gras 2008 is now just a memory, but planning is well under way for Mardi Gras 2009. Some of Alla's floats are nearing completion and will be available for viewing in the den in the coming months. The board of directors is finalizing plans for the commemorative and other specialized throws, and we'll be letting you know more about those in future newsletters.

Until Carnival, however, Alla has plenty of activities planned. There will be the fishing rodeo, the AllaGalla, the lobster dinner, the AllaBash, membership meetings, and more. I urge each and every one of you to participate in these functions. They raise money for the club's routine expenses and its charitable activities, and promotes camaraderie among the membership.

Lastly, welcome to our newsletter. We hope that it will be informative and also enjoyed by the membership. The newsletter belongs to YOU—so please feel free to submit suggestions, articles, etc. that you feel the members would enjoy.

I have been meeting with officials of Jefferson Parish and the City of Gretna concerning the ending of our parade route. It is the desire of some that our route, and the route of all West Bank parades extend into downtown Gretna. We have been working on several different routes. I will have more to report on this subject at our May meeting.

See you at the May meeting!

by John A. Beninate, II

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 P.M.

Alla's Den, Mardi Gras World

JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 P.M.

Alla's Den, Mardi Gras World

PREMIERE ISSUE

Welcome to *The Gryphon Guide*, the official publication of the Golden Gryphon Society, sponsor of the Krewe of Alla. Members can expect to receive the newsletter every other month (bi-monthly). The Board hopes that the new publication will be informative, entertaining, and timely. Frank Borne, who is the editor of newsletters for the Gretna Historical Society and the Jefferson Historical Society of Louisiana, will serve as *The Gryphon Guide's* newsletter editor, with Al Robichaux, Vice President, assisting as associate editor. Frank will also be helping Al with his book about the history of the Alla organization. They hope to make that publication available later this year. If you have suggestions or comments about the newsletter, or wish to contribute an article about Alla, please contact Frank at fborne@cox.net or 394-0321 or Al at noacadian55@aol.com or 858-1692. The deadline for future issues will be the 10th of the month prior to release of the issue. The next deadline is June 10 for the July/August newsletter. We really would appreciate your contributions—this is *your* newsletter.



The newsletter should consolidate most other fliers and notices and provide more regular notice of club events and other information. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send Frank your e-mail address, and we will get you into our address book. Otherwise, look for the newsletter in your mailbox.

Advertisements will be available for purchase in future editions.



2008 KREWE OF ALLA FISHING RODEO

C & M MARINA & FUEL DOCK

LAFITTE, LA

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

WEIGH-IN: 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

FOOD & LIVE BAND

3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

It is time once again for the Annual Krewe of Alla Fishing Rodeo. The rodeo will be held at C & M Marina and Fuel Dock this year. Given this new venue, all involved are anticipating a better overall experience for the Anglers, as well as, Non-Anglers that want to join us for the food, fun, and live music.

“Chicken on the Bone” will be the live entertainment this year and will bring a new energy to the rodeo we have yet to experience! The food menu will include FRIED TURKEY and HOMEMADE JAMBALAYA, which will be prepared on site by a SPECIAL GUEST CHEF! And, as always, drinks and spirits are included in the cost of the Rodeo ticket!

I would like to ask our membership to aid us in selling sponsorship ads on the Rodeo tee shirt, as well as the Rodeo Advertisement Book. The profit from these ads **BENEFITS YOU DIRECTLY!** Through these avenues, we are able to provide FREE food and BEER at all membership meetings, as well as the FREE breakfast the morning of the parade. Ads on the Rodeo Tee Shirt are \$100 and includes a full page ad in the Rodeo Book.

I look forward to seeing all of you the day of the Rodeo! Remember, if you want to show up for the food and music only, it'll cost you only \$10! Lastly, I am looking for volunteers to help the day



of the rodeo. I need food servers, ticket collectors, etc. Anyone interested in helping out, please feel free to call me at (504) 256-5760.

by Courtney Barousse

The Krewe of Alla Cooks for Christ the King Catholic School Fair

Left to Right (Standing): Nick Nichol; Steve Percle; Caroll Weathers; Paul Leman, Fair Co-Chair; Herman Daigle; Bill Landry; & Kip Nichol

Left to Right (kneeling): Ronnie Dugas & Dustin Dugas

Members of the Krewe of Alla assisted the Christ the King Catholic Church Dad's Club with cooking at the school's annual fair on April 19-20. Fair-goers were treated to a scrumptious feast which included soft-shell crab po-boys, boudin balls, egg rolls, and barbecued chicken and beef. The guys had a great time and invite you to join them next year!

Alla Fact

The Krewe of Alla was formed in 1932, and was originally sponsored by the Westside Carnival and Social Club, Inc. The group was reorganized in 1978 as the Golden Gryphon Society, Inc. Since its formation, the Krewe has staged a total of 70 annual street parades, one 75th anniversary parade, one Gretna Kick-Off parade, and eleven river parades. Due to World War II, Alla did not stage its annual street pageant for the years 1942 to 1946. In 1968, the parade was postponed twice because of inclement weather, and was cancelled for the entire season.

by Al J. Robichaux, Jr.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Alla Seeks New Members

The Krewe of Alla is seeking new members for the 2009 Mardi Gras season. Membership in the Krewe is open to all males of good character who are at least 15 years of age. A person desiring to become a member should obtain and complete a membership application with the signature of a current member who will agree to sponsor him. All applications must be accompanied by a check made payable to "Golden Gryphon Society" in an amount of at least \$100, which will be applied to the annual membership dues of \$385.

The application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, and those individuals who are deemed acceptable will be recommended for approval by the Board of Directors. Once accepted, the new member will be introduced at the first general membership meeting following his acceptance. At that time, the new member will receive a membership lapel pin and a Royal Edict suitable for framing.

Help us bring in new members. A healthy, viable membership will make our organization stand out and present the best parade and ball in all of Mardi Gras.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

The Krewe of Alla wishes to welcome our newest members:

*Justin Joseph Kiger
Gregory R. LeRouge
Gene M. Oser
Steven Joseph Robert*

Alla Extends Condolences



The Krewe of Alla extends condolences to Dennis Dunn, Board Member and Float Lieutenant, on the passing of his mother, Yvonne Angelle Dunn, who died at West Jefferson Hospital on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the age of 81.

by Al J. Robichaux, Jr.

Send announcements (births, deaths, engagements, weddings, etc.) to: Frank Borne at fborne@cox.net or 394-0321 or Al Robichaux at noacadian55@aol.com or 858-1692.

Club Calendar

Clip this column so you don't miss a thing!

General Membership Meetings:

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 P.M.

Dues Increase Deadline

Last Chance to Pay \$385.00

Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 P.M.

Special Events

Fishing Rodeo—C&M Marina, Lafitte
Saturday, May 31, Noon—3:00 P.M.

Alla's RTC Golf Tourney—Stonebridge CC
Saturday, September 20, Time TBA

AllaGalla—English Turn
Saturday, October 18, 8:00 P.M.

Lobster Dinner—Alla's Den
Friday, December 5, Time TBA

AllaBash—Sheraton Hotel
Saturday, January 30, doors open 6:30 P.M.

Alla 2009

Float Loading Day—Saturday, February 14
Parade—Sunday, February 15, 11:30 A.M.

Mardi Gras 2009

Tuesday, February 24

Newsletter Deadline
July/August Gryphon Guide

June 15

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