

Upcoming Events

6 April – Membership Drive

Membership Cook Off / Drive

6 April – 7PM

Fleur de Lis Center

1645 N. Causeway Blvd

Mandeville, La., 70471

2019/2020 Dues Breakdown

Membership \$399

Family Dues

1st Family Member \$399

2nd Family Member \$349

3rd Family Member \$299

Any additional Family Members will be \$299

Dues for:

Maids (ages 16-25)

Jr Maids (ages 10-15)

Pages (young men ages 10-15)

These dues are \$250 – they may but are not required to purchase throws from the Krewe (includes The Ball)

Dues cover ride, membership parties, throw ordering party, throw pickup party, float rental among other events.

Social Membership just to enjoy free activities will \$100

Krewe News



Our History

On a balmy April's Fool evening in 1987, near the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, eleven businessmen gathered at Benny Delauzin's home to form a new carnival Krewe that would bring a first-class parade to Mandeville. The ladies of the Krewe of Eve had successfully paraded the year before. By February 12th, Orpheus had grown to 225 men and paraded for the first time on the Friday night before Mardi Gras in 1988 with thirteen floats and as many local and regional marching bands. Reaction was overwhelming...both from riders and parade goers. Riders who had ridden in other parades in New Orleans were amazed that folks here actually say "Thank You", when tossed beads or other throws. The family orientation of parading in Mandeville was a pleasant departure for many seasoned riders who were used to rowdy crowds and big city hassles. The public and press declared Mandeville's new Krewe a "great success" and the Organization grew into the Northshore's premier men's carnival organization.

****Note** WE are now a CO-ED Organization**

The Original Krewe of Orpheus

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Parade Day 328

DAYS

Time until Friday, February 21, 2020
(New Orleans time)

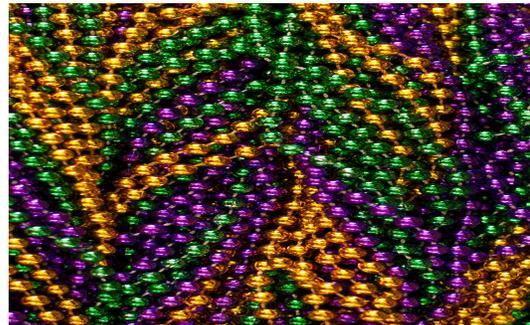
Questions and Answers

Q. When and where was the first Carnival Celebration in North America?

The earliest Carnival celebration in North America occurred at a place on the west bank of the Mississippi river about 60 miles (96.6 kilometers) downriver from where New Orleans is today; this Mardi Gras on the 3rd of March 1699 and in honor of this holiday, Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur d'Iberville, a 38-year-old French Canadian, named the spot Point du Mardi Gras (French: "Mardi Gras Point") near Fort Jackson.

Q. Why are the traditional colors Purple, Green and Gold?

When Grand Duke Alexis visited in 1872, his welcoming committee handed out purple, green, and gold beads to the party-goers that year, as they were the colors of his home. The trio of shades came to symbolize the festivities and were later given meanings: purple for justice, gold for power, and green for faith.



Did you Know: Since its first impromptu celebrations in the early 1700's, Mardi Gras had been regularly cancelled or banned for its destructive drunken parties—that is until 1837, when a secret society known as the Mistik Krewe of Comus aimed to elevate the chaotic experience, replacing the debauchery with lavish balls and parades. Eventually, the "Fat Tuesday" celebrations of New Orleans garnered much support and enthusiasm, later establishing itself as the Mardi Gras capital of the country