

Articles of Piracy

Krewe Motto

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Krewe Logo:

The Krewe Logo shall be a Peg Leg Pirate

Krewe Colors:

Krewe Colors shall be Red and Black

Mission Statement:

Ye Notorious Krewe of the Peg Leg pirate, Inc. (hereinafter to be referred to as "The Krewe") is committed to helping amputees,

their families and organizations that work with or assist amputees. An amputation is defined as the full or partial removal/loss of a

body part (limb, nose, ears, etc.) due to accident, disease or birth defect.

At the same time the Krewe intends to participate in community parades, host and participate in fund-raising events, enjoy the companionship of others and have a good time in the spirit of all pirates.

Respect:

Each member of the Krewe shall pledge to respect the confidentiality as it pertains to Krewe members and Krewe business. Every member will respect the diversity of each person involved and shall work to the greater good of all. Each member shall understand that Krewe membership is by invitation only. Membership carries with it certain responsibilities. Every member must act professional in all Krewe interactions and events, both public and private, and also through use of social media (written and verbal interactions).

Should an issue occur please refer to the By-laws.

Costumes/Garb:

Krewe Costumes/Garb (hereinafter to be referred to as "Garb") will include the primary collars of black and red and includes the Krewe patch, as described within these By-laws. Garb with patches may only be worn to functions sanctioned by the Krewe or events pre-approved by the Board. Your pirate attire may be worn to other functions if you do not display the Krewe patch. There is a basic structure and style that all

members and guest (adults and children) are required to adhere to. We are a pirate Krewe and as such our Garb needs to reflect the same.

For the men, it is black pants (no shorts), but pants may be cut below the knee, a black vest (sleeveless or capped) or black coat and a red shirt with sleeve length between the elbow and wrist.

The women will have either solid black pants, black or predominately black with red accent skirt(s), (must be at least fingertip length), a solid black sleeveless or capped vest. A black or predominately black with red accent corset may be worn in lieu of or with the vest. A wide black belt or waist cinch can be worn in lieu of the vest or corset. A red shirt (no tank tops or see through clothing).

Head covering is required and must be in keeping with Pirate style attire. A do rag/bandana can be worn. Shoes or boots must be black (no flip flops or open toed shoes). A black coat is permitted.

The exceptions to the Garb requirements are Veterans Parade, red/white/blue can be substituted for the black and red. The Knight parade lights may be worn on the Garb and hats. During St Patrick's Day Krewe events green and gold may be worn in lieu of the red and black. A kilt may be substituted for pants.

Security Chair is responsible and will make the decisions for the security uniforms.

Fundraising Events:

The Krewe sponsors several fundraising events throughout the season to raise money needed for our Operating and Charity funds.

The Annual Sporting Clays shoot is our biggest event and raises a majority of monies necessary to fund our charities and scholarships. All Krewe members are encouraged to help obtain sponsors and shoot teams, sell 50/50 tickets, and promote the event. Member attendance is expected the day of the event to help set up the area, clean up afterwards, and supervise various events that we offer the shooters.

During the year additional events maybe held to support our Krewe endeavors. It takes member participation to make these events successful.

Conduct At Krewe Sponsored Events:

Krewe members are expected to attend social and ceremonial functions of the Krewe in Garb or Krewe approved attire. All Krewe members shall keep a good public image and maintain proper personal decorum at any event where you represent the Krewe or are

known to be part of the Krewe. All members are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as not to discredit themselves, the Krewe or our sponsors. Please refer to the By-laws.

Mutinous Actions and Procedures:

Behavioral complaints: inappropriate behavior at any function where the member is representing the Krewe or known to be a representative of the Krewe (whether in Garb, Krewe attire or other attire) will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the act (determined at the sole discretion of the Board), the result can range from suspension from Krewe events and other rights such as voting, up to termination of membership indefinitely without the privilege of future application or consideration.

Disciplinary Committee:

The purpose of the Disciplinary Committee will be to research and investigate matters in which there are reports/allegations that Members have violated the Krewe's Articles of Piracy, Code of Conduct and/or Bylaws. Disciplinary action(s) will be determined upon verification by the Committee that a violation has occurred and based upon the severity of the infraction(s) resulting action ranging from a written notice for a minor infraction through termination of Membership for a severe infraction can be recommended.

The Disciplinary Committee Chair will inform the Board of their findings and recommended discipline action, and vote will be taken at that time by the Board to accept their recommendation(s).

A new disciplinary committee shall be formed at the beginning of each Krewe year consisting of an odd number of committee members. The committee shall consist of a maximum of two (2) Board members, which will exclude the Executive Board members, and a maximum of three (3) Members in Good Standing. Volunteers for the committee will be accepted at the June General Krewe Meeting. If there are more than two (2) volunteers from the Board or more than three (3) volunteers from the general Krewe membership, then names for each shall be "drawn from a hat" to form a committee of no more than five (5). The Committee will select a Committee Chair from within themselves.

The process for the Disciplinary Committee to begin investigation of an alleged infraction(s) shall start with the accuser notifying an existing Board member or Disciplinary Committee member describing the infraction(s). Upon notification that Member will inform the Admiral and Captain and/or the Disciplinary Committee Chair, along with the accused, that a formal complaint has been brought to their attention and investigation will commence. It is then the duty of the Disciplinary Committee to research and investigate the allegation(s). This process is to be completed with 30 days of the initial notification from the accuser. Once their investigation has been completed,

the Committee Chair will bring to the Board their findings along with their recommendation(s). At that point, Board vote will be taken on the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation(s). The Chair of the Disciplinary Committee will proceed to notify both the accuser and the accused of the imposed action(s) or lack thereof verbally and in writing.

Termination Of Membership:

Any member who is no longer a Member in Good Standing, or who no longer meets the eligibility requirements as outlined in the By-laws may have their membership terminated.

Parade Participation Requirements:

-) All parade participants (members/guests) not in appropriate Garb may not be allowed to participate in a parade at the discretion of the Parade Chair and 2 board members.
-) All new members must have attended the mandatory New Member Orientation to be allowed to participate in a parade.
-) A signed parade liability waiver (Members, Guests and Children) must be completed prior to the parade in order to participate.
-) Please arrive promptly at the bus staging area. The bus will not wait for you. If you miss the bus, you must make alternative arrangements to get to the staging area on time before the parade starts.
-) If you encounter any problems while on the bus report them to the Parade Chair or a Board member.
-) When exiting the bus, all personal items must be taken with you, do not leave anything on the bus.
-) It is recommended to bring your beads to the float prior to the day of the parade. You will be provided ample opportunity to do so.
-) Food is provided for the Krewe at each parade. Members are requested to help setup the food and clean up with all trash disposed of in the designated containers.
-) Participation in parades is a privilege and not a right. Our Krewe must be invited to participate in the parades by the sponsoring Krewe. Inappropriate conduct viewed by the sponsoring Krewes parade officials is noted and may cause a denial to participate in the following years parade. There is no appeal procedure if we are denied. Always follow the directives and instructions given by Board Members or the safety team. If a member causes denial of the Krewe to future parades or loss of registration to IKC (Inter-Krewe Council), this will be grounds for immediate membership termination.

-) The Krewe provides beer, soda and water for the parades, if you are going to consume anything stronger than water, know your limits. There is a fine line between “having a good time” and “drunk and disorderly”. Should a member of our Krewe suggest you stop drinking, it is time to do so! If a Board member or safety team member suggest you stop drinking. DO IT immediately. All beverages other than water must be in a Krewe approved/supplied opaque cup. No glass containers or cans will be used to consume beverages. Any personal alcoholic beverage that is brought for parade consumption must be given to the Krewe bartender labeled with your name. You are not permitted to pour your own drink; this is the responsibility of the bartender provided by the Krewe. Drinks are to be placed in drink holders under the railings and not on the seat to prevent spillage.
-) Only authorized members and the bartender are permitted into the bar area. The area is small and others in the area prevent the bartender from having access to the items needed to make the drinks.
-) Absolutely no smoking allowed on the float or on the ramp/steps of the float (to include e-cigarettes). During staging, keep a safe distance from the float if you are smoking. The materials on the float are flammable.
-) No illegal drug or un-prescribed controlled substance will be tolerated at any Krewe event. Use of such will result in immediate termination of membership.
-) No concealed weapons of any kind will be allowed at any parade regardless of a valid concealed weapons permit.
-) Replica weapons (i.e. non-sharpened swords, daggers, non-firing pistols, etc.) worn for show are allowed, no replica weapons are allowed to be worn during the children’s parade.
-) Always stand clear of the float and tow vehicle while it is moving. Do not ever walk in front of the float vehicle or get between the tow vehicle and the float while it is moving.
-) Do not attempt to exit the float or try to jump on the float while it is moving without assistance. The ramp/stairs are available for those times that it is appropriate. In order to be safe never leave anything on the ramps/stairs, they should be used solely for access to the float. Anything left on the ramp/stairs will be disposed of by the Float chair or designated member.
-) Keep in mind that the float is a moving vehicle with frequent stops and starts. Like the deck of a ship, it moves without notice. Make sure that there is something close by that is stable and available for you to take hold of.
-) After the parade has begun access to the storage area underneath the float is not authorized for anyone.
-) Bead boxes and bags are to be stored under the float and must not be in the aisle during the parade. Beads/bead belts are to be hung on the railing of the

float for use during the parade. During the time food is being served, beads are not to be hung over the side of the float where the food is located. The Krewe is not responsible for lost or stolen beads and all storage before, during and post the parade is at your own risk.

-) All Krewe members are reminded to ensure the aisles remain clear of trip hazards. All personal items are to be stored under the seat during the parade so that all attendees will have a place to sit.
-) Standing on the float seats or bar area is not permitted. Seats are for sitting only. The Float Upper deck is open during parades, but caution must be used if you intend to stay there during a parade. Some parade routes have low hanging branches and/or wires which may or may not hit the float but definitely will strike an adult standing on the Upper Deck if their situational awareness is lost during the parade.
-) Barricades are in place to keep the crowd out of the street, and you cannot, for any reason, cross these barricades absent a medical emergency with appropriate medical personnel. The float cannot voluntarily stop during the parade to allow a member to exit the parade to mingle with the crowd, family member or friend. Stay on the street side of the barricades.
-) If a medical emergency should arise, advise any Krewe member immediately. EMS personnel will be notified if you have to be removed from the float. Normally you will be transported to the nearest hospital, if warranted. If you are simply ill and refuse treatment, a seating place will be provided for you on the float.
-) At the end of the parade, the float must move quickly off the parade route to avoid bottleneck congestion. Gather your personal items and get off the float quickly as there will be other floats directly behind the Krewe float. Heed all warnings given to collect your personal bags and property. Beads cannot be left hanging over the sides of the float during transport back to storage. Every attempt should be made by members to remove beads from the sides of the float or at the very least flip the belts up over the rails to the inside of float. It is acceptable to ask another attendee to do this for you if you are unable to prior to disembarking the float.
-) After the parade has ended, for safety reasons stay together as a group when walking to the bus. If you take the bus to the parade and have indicated that you plan to take the bus home, do not leave the group. If you are not returning on the bus, notify a safety team member or a Board member of your intentions.
-) Prior to each parade there is a work party to get the float prepped, put supplies on board, get the music system all setup and beverages loaded for the bar. The day after each parade there is a work party to clean up the float, take the music system down and store it, supplies stored away in storage area.

-) During our parade season each and every member needs to take part in helping with the preparation and cleaning of the float as well as getting it ready for parades. Work parties are not just at parade season but anytime there is an event that the float will be present. There are times when guest and others ride our float, and we want to make sure it is presented in a well-kept manner.
-) Work parties are not only a time to work on the float together but a great time to socialize with one another and enjoy the company of our fellow Krewe members.
-) A lot of work goes into the building, improving and maintaining our float and we all should do our best to see that we keep it in good operating condition.

The Children's Gasparilla Parade:

-) Guests under 21 (hereinafter to be referred to as "Children") may participate in the Children's Gasparilla Parade only.
-) The children must be at least six (6) years of age to ride the float or at least ten (10) years of age to walk the parade route with a parent or guardian.
-) Children must be a family member of a Krewe Member and /or a special guest.
-) Children must adhere to all Krewe rules, and the sponsoring adult Krewe member is absolutely responsible for the safety of the child and must stay with the child the entire duration of the event.
-) The sponsoring adult Krewe member must provide a signed release on the behalf of the child, signed by the parent or legal guardian of the child.
-) Children must be in a pirate costume and are encouraged to wear our Krewe colors.
-) The Children's Gasparilla parade is alcohol free.
-) The Upper Deck is not authorized for Children during the parade and only with adult supervision during pre-parade staging.
-) No metal replica weapons (i.e. swords, daggers, pistols, etc.) are allowed during the Children's parade only plastic/foam toy weapons are authorized.

Pirate Of the Year:

The Pirate of the Year award will be awarded annually to an Existing Member in Good Standing selected by the Krewe through a nomination and majority vote of Existing Members in Good Standing, who have been members for a minimum of one year.

However, the Admiral and Captain are not eligible for nomination/selection of this award during their time in office and a member previously selected as the Pirate of the Year will be ineligible for re-nomination for 3 years from the award date. The Member selected as Pirate of the Year will be formally recognized and the award presented at the Krewe's annual holiday party.

Criteria:

-) Is a Team Player.
-) Is a respected member of the Krewe.
-) Has demonstrated achievement, innovation, and leadership throughout the year.
-) Serves as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others by exemplifying the highest standards in his or her volunteer work.
-) Is committed to the mission of the Krewe and assists others through shared knowledge and mentorship.

Challenge Coin Tradition:

The tradition of the YNKPLP coin challenge is the most common way to ensure that Krewe Members are carrying their coin.

The challenge only applies to those Pirates that have been given a coin formally by the YNKPLP Board. The tradition of the

Coin challenge is meant to be a source of morale in the Krewe. The act of challenging is called a "Coin Challenge" and is usually loudly announced.

The challenge, which can be made at any time, begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. Continuously rapping the challenge coin on a surface may initiate the challenge. (Accidentally dropping a challenge coin is considered to be a deliberate challenge to all present.) The Pirate being challenged must immediately produce their YNKPLP coin and if they fail to do so must buy a drink for the challenger. However, should the Pirate being challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a drink for them. Don't forget to carry your YNKPLP coin at all times. Ye be warned!!

YNKPLP Agreement of Articles of Piracy Waiver

Please print, sign and return to Membership Board.