

Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago



February 12, 2008

Dear Fellow Krewe Members:

At our last Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 5, our Board discussed an email that I received from one of our members regarding the behavior of the disc jockey and our members on the Flotilla. In addition, I have received some complaints from non-members who watched our Krewe in the Gasparilla Parade and reported inappropriate behavior by some of our members.

As the Baron of the Krewe, I want to remind all of our Members that they are to conduct themselves in a manner which is in keeping with our By-Laws and our commitment to promote our Latin Heritage. This means that no member should engage in behavior that would embarrass themselves, their families or the Krewe (such as soliciting or enticing women to bare their breasts, acting in a lewd or lascivious manner or drinking to the point of intoxication) at any parade, flotilla or Krewe Function.

Our By-Laws provide a mechanism for members to be disciplined for their inappropriate actions. I am enclosing a copy of Article XIII of our By-Laws (which has recently been revised) which addresses our disciplinary actions and procedures. It is very important that we follow these procedures and not attempt to circumvent the system that is in place.

The best way for us to control inappropriate behavior is to police ourselves. I strongly encourage any member that witnesses inappropriate behavior to write a letter to the Baron identifying the members involved and the facts pertaining to the incident. This letter will then be turned over to the Member-at-Large (who is also the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee) who will investigate the complaint and (if warranted) schedule a hearing. I can assure you that any such complaint will be given serious attention.

While this kind of behavior might have been tolerated in years past, I believe that it is time that we rise above participating in this type of behavior. We have a perfect opportunity this Saturday at our Knight Parade to put our best foot forward and show the community what we already know: that the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago is the best Krewe in town! Please do your best to help us make this Krewe even better!

Viva Sant' Yago!

El Baron XXXIV Daniel J. Haya