

February 6, 2008

El Rey XVIII & Mrs. Richard Gonzmart
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Dear Richard & Melanie:

I am writing you in response to your email dated January 31, 2008 (and the subsequent emails that followed). As the Baron of the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago, I apologize to you, your family and your guests for both the behavior of the disc jockey and of our members aboard our boat during the Gasparilla Invasion. I agree that this type of behavior is totally unacceptable and unbecoming of us.

I also want you to know that I am taking the following steps to ensure that something like this does not happen again:

1. I am issuing a memo (copy enclosed) to Knight Ben Geradts (this year's Flotilla Committee Chairman) for inclusion in his final report. This memo states that the disc jockey that was hired for this year's Flotilla not be hired for any Krewe events in the future and that any disc jockey that is hired for next year's Flotilla (and beyond) will be instructed to conduct himself in a proper and professional manner.
2. I am writing a letter to all Krewe members reminding them that they are to adhere to acceptable standards of social behavior at all Krewe functions and that members who do not comply with these standards will be subject to disciplinary action.

Under the circumstances, I feel that this is appropriate action in response to the incident that you described. As I am sure you are aware by now, this matter was discussed at our full board meeting last night. The board unanimously approved my recommendations.

Despite the unfortunate incident that you witnessed, our Krewe continues to strive for excellence. Our membership is strong and more united than ever. Our Education Foundation is close to its goal of raising \$1 million for Latino students in the community. Our Knight Parade is one of the premier illuminated night parades in the southeast. Our Knights with a Heart campaign has become an annual event, with dozens of members visiting children's hospitals in the community. We have many other exciting projects in the works for the future.

I hope that, after further reflection, you will reconsider your decision to resign as a member of the Krewe. Your family has been an integral part of the Krewe since its inception and it would be unfortunate for it to end under these circumstances.

Please note that Ben has also signed this letter as acceptance of what I have written.

Sincerely,

El Baron XXXIV Daniel J. Haya

Knight Bernardus Geradts
Flotilla Committee Chairman