

**1. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO - BATON  
ROUGE**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation is Mystic Krewe of Apollo - Baton Rouge

**ARTICLE II**

This Corporation is organized and it shall be operated for the purpose of producing an annual Bal Masque celebrating the Mardi Gras Carnival Season. This Corporation is intended to foster unity in the community it serves. Through its AIDS/CRISIS FUND (and scholarship fund) this Corporation shall assist members of the community in need and award 2 annual scholarships.

In furtherance of these purposes, the Corporation is empowered to levy dues on its members and sponsor a variety of fund raising activities as authorized by its Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**

This Corporation shall enjoy perpetual corporate existence unless sooner dissolved in accordance with law. This Corporation shall not be allied with any sect, denomination, political organization or institution. It shall not engage in any controversy, neither endorse nor oppose any causes.

**ARTICLE IV**

The location of its Registered Office is as the Officers of said Corporation shall designate each year in the Annual Report which is filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Louisiana as required by law.

**ARTICLE V**

The name and address of its Registered Agent is as follows:

Mystic Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge  
Attention: Krewe President  
PO BOX 3591  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

## **ARTICLE VI**

This Corporation shall be a non-profit corporation and shall not have capital stock. The Board of Directors shall determine what is necessary or acceptable for the proper functioning of the Corporation. Under no circumstances shall any of the net earnings or assets of the Corporation inure or be distributed to the benefit of its Members, Directors, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article II. The Corporation shall neither participate in, nor intervene, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate. The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## **ARTICLE VII**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the Board of Directors determine.

The Membership of this Corporation shall consist of its duly elected Board of Directors, Appointed Committee Members, and General Membership. Members must meet requirements to be elected to a position as described in the Corporation's By-Laws. Members shall have a right to vote as described in the Corporation's By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

There shall be at least three General Membership Meetings a year and a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors except in December, January and February.

## **ARTICLE IX**

The three general membership meetings shall be held in March, May, and October of each year.

## **ARTICLE X**

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised by a Board of Directors which shall consist of twelve (12) Members in good standing of the Corporation. The Members to be elected are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Captain, Co-Captain, and five (5) Board Members-at-Large.

These elected members shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation. They shall be elected by majority vote of ballots cast. Their term of office shall be for one (1) year. The election for Board of Directors shall be held in October of each year.

The newly elected Board shall take their office on the first day of the following month after the Bal and be formally sworn in before the members at the first meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend, and repeal By-Laws to govern this Corporation provided they are in accordance with and do not conflict with these Articles and any amendments hereafter. Any amendment altering these Articles may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting membership at any General Membership Meeting.

## ARTICLE XII

The names and address of the Board are as follows:

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**SECTION I**

- A. The Mystic Krewe of Apollo - Baton Rouge, also known as MKABR, KABR or the Krewe, is incorporated as a non-profit fraternal organization communicating with the public through one voice only, that of its President.
- B. No person under the age of 21 years shall hold membership in this Krewe.

**SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Members are expected to have the best interests of the Krewe at heart and have respect, understanding and consideration for their fellow members.
- B. A member in good standing is defined as a member that is up-to-date on financial obligations to the Krewe and does not have any disciplinary actions imposed by the Committee on Ethics and the Board of Directors.
- C. A membership extends from February 1 to January 31 of the following year.
- D. Membership in the Krewe is set at the discretion of the Captain and Co-Captain(s) depending upon the Bal Masque venue for the year with the Board's approval. The number of membership must be set before the first meeting of the year.
- E. General membership renewal and dues information must be mailed or emailed to all members from the previous year's membership before the first general membership meeting.
- F. Returning members may renew their membership for the new fiscal year by paying one third (1/3) of the annual dues by the first Krewe meeting, the second installment due by July 1, and the balance due on or before October 1. If a member's first installment is not received before the second installment becomes due, his place will be declared vacant and will be filled with a new member.

- G. The Treasurer shall determine the number of vacancies once the Captain and Co-Captain(s) have set the membership and after the first general membership meeting when general membership renewal forms have been received. New applications for membership must be accompanied by payment of at least half (1/2) the annual dues together with the recommendations of at least two active members. The Board shall vote at any meeting to accept applicants into the Krewe by a majority vote.
- H. Annual dues shall be assessed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. For bookkeeping purposes, the Treasurer shall not accept payment of dues except by check, money order and bank card. No dues are refundable except those of an unsuccessful applicant for membership.
- I. The full amount of all dues must be paid by October 1 each year, except that should a member be unable to pay his dues in full by that date, he must contact the Board who may grant an extension to the member. Should any member not fulfill obligations, the Board will turn that name over to the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics. The Committee on Ethics shall vote on the future of that member.
- J. No member shall speak or act publicly in such a manner as may discredit, disparage or reflect adversely on the Krewe. Krewe members may not use written media, electronic social media or email in any way that may be seen as insulting, embarrassing, harassing, or offensive by other persons with regard to the Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge or its members. Questions as to such activities shall be referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics and the Chairman shall apprise the President of the reason and the recommendation of the Committee prior to the next meeting. The President shall present the committee's recommendation to the Board and the Board shall vote on the recommendation in executive session during the next meeting.
- K. The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws are to remain posted on the Krewe's website. All members (new and returning) are expected to abide by all provisions. When there are revisions in Articles or By-Laws, the revised copy shall be posted on the Krewe's website within two weeks by the Corresponding Secretary.
- L. No member may renew his membership as long as he is in arrears on financial obligations to the Krewe.

#### M. New Membership Procedures:

1. Interested applicants must submit a New Member Application, complete with all information.
2. Interested applicants must submit two names of reference, with contact information, for the Membership Committee to contact regarding the new member.
3. New Members will enter a 3-month probationary membership. The President shall designate an Apollo Mentor for each new probationary member to assist in acquainting them with Krewe procedures and encourage them to participate in Krewe activities to their full potential.
4. Probationary members should assist with setting up and breaking down events and help at events, when possible, during their probationary period.
5. The Membership Committee will issue the probationary member with a membership packet containing the history of the Krewe and the current Constitution and By Laws.
6. At the end of the probationary period, the probationary member will share with the Board a plan of their continued involvement (event planning, event support, goals for the Krewe, etc.).
7. After completion of the probationary requirements, the member may be voted into the Krewe by a majority vote of the Board.

#### **SECTION III - MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION**

General members will be assessed annual dues in the amount of \$250.00. General members will be given two tickets to the Krewe's annual Bal Masque with the option to purchase the remaining eight seats at that assigned table. Any assigned remaining seats not purchased by the deadline set by the captain will be released for public sale.

#### **SECTION IV -MAILING ADDRESS**

Krewe of Apollo - Baton Rouge shall maintain a post office box (P.O. Box 3591Baton Rouge, LA 70821). The Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall have keys for that year. The box shall not be used for personal use, and they shall deliver all mail unopened to the addressee.

## **SECTION V – MEETINGS**

- A. There are two categories of Krewe meetings, one designated a Board Meeting and the other designated a General Membership Meeting. Members are invited to attend all meetings, whether Board or General Membership. An executive session may be called by the President during any meeting at any time during the meeting, at which time only Board Members will be allowed to discuss highly important or sensitive issues.
  
- B. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, except December, January & February, with March, May and October meetings designated as General Membership Meetings. The Board may meet at other times when the President or a majority of the Board feels it is necessary. *Only* Board Members may vote on Board matters.
  
- C. There shall be at least three General Membership Meetings a year and the President may call others with two weeks written notice to each member advising as to the reason for the meeting.
  - 1. The first General Membership Meeting shall be held in March to coincide with the date of the March Board Meeting.
  
  - 2. The second General Membership Meeting shall be held in May to coincide with the date of the May Board Meeting. In addition to such other business as may come before the Krewe, members shall elect a King and Queen to be presented at the next Bal Masque. The election shall be conducted by the Captain and Co-Captain(s).
  
  - 3. The third General Membership Meeting shall be held to coincide with the October Board Meeting, at which time the Board of Directors shall be elected in accordance with the provisions in Article X.
  
- D. Reigning Royalty present at meetings and social events of this Krewe shall be recognized.

## **SECTION VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

No act of the Board shall be official unless a quorum of at least seven members is present and voting. All Board members must be general members of the Krewe.



- A. President. They must have been a general member at least three years, a member of the Executive Committee for at least two years, and must have been appointed and served as a Bal Lieutenant for at least one year. They will work to promote harmony and cooperation among members, preside over all Board and General Meetings, appoint all Committees and execute all decisions of the Board and uphold the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws set forth by the organization. They may not vote on Board business except to break a tie, but they may vote on elections for Krewe officers and for King and Queen. All Krewe correspondence should be addressed to them and they shall, with the Secretary, sign all outgoing Krewe correspondence except that sent by the Captain and Co-Captain(s) relating to Bal activities. Krewe letterhead and stationary shall be used only for Krewe business or as authorized by the President. They shall work in conjunction with the Recording Secretary to ensure the completion and filing of the annual report to the Secretary of State's office. They shall work in conjunction with the Treasurer to ensure the completion and annual filing of tax reports and audit reports. They shall appoint a web master from the Board of Directors.
- B. Vice-President. They must have been a general member at least three years, a member of the Executive Committee for at least two years, and must have been appointed and served as a Bal Lieutenant for at least one year. They will perform such duties as the President may assign and shall act in the absence of the President. When serving as Presiding Officer, the Vice-President shall have no vote on Board matters except to break tie votes. They will serve as Chairman of the Committee on the Constitution.
- C. Recording Secretary. They must have been a general member at least two years and a member of the Board for at least one year. They shall keep accurate minutes of all Board and General Membership Meetings and be the custodian of the minutes which shall be available for review-on request by a member. They He will be required to keep copies of all Board Meeting minutes, all changes made to the Articles and By-Laws for that year, and any other pertinent information to be passed on to the future Recording Secretary as reference material for future Board members. They will also be required to maintain an accurate Krewe membership list with names, addresses and phone numbers to be used for official Krewe business. They will also be required in conjunction with the President to file and complete required annual reporting with the Secretary of State's office.
- D. Corresponding Secretary. They must have been a general member at least two years and a member of the Board for at least one year. They shall, with the President and Recording Secretary shall be responsible for distributing

all Krewe correspondences, compose and send to each member a newsletter within two weeks following a meeting, noting actions of the Board, plans for future events and other information which may lead to more active member participation. They shall also be responsible for maintaining an accurate and current roster containing information for all members.

- E. Treasurer. They must have been a general member at least three years, a member of the Executive Committee for at least two years, and must have been appointed and served as a Bal Lieutenant for at least one year. They shall receive all funds payable to the Krewe, keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements and maintain records in accordance with general accounting principles and recommendations from a certified public accountant. A separate ledger on each member as to dues and other obligations paid and payable must be maintained. The treasurer in conjunction with the President shall work with a certified public accountant to file annual tax reports and audit reports. These reports must be reported to the Board by no later than the August meeting. They must report to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board Meeting for their approval on revenues and expenditures and keep records available for member review on request. They shall submit to the Board the names of any members delinquent in payment of dues as of October 1.
- F. Captain. They must have been a general member at least three years, a member of the Board for at least two years, and must have previously served as Co-Captain. The Captain shall be responsible for the production of and enforcement of all rules relating to the annual Bal Masque. They may appoint one additional Co-Captain at his discretion. The appointment must be announced during the first general membership meeting. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) shall work together in all phases of ball preparation.
- G. Co-Captain. They must have been a member at least three years, a member of the Board for at least two years, and served previously as a Lieutenant. Should no one meeting these qualifications desire the office, the position shall be open to the General Membership.
- H. Co-Captain (Appointed). They must have been a member at least three years, a member of the Board for at least two years, and served previously as a Lieutenant. Should no one meeting these qualifications desire the office, the position shall be open to the General Membership. They will not be a Board member.
- I. Board Members-at-Large. They must have been a member at least two years. They will consist of five members elected from the General Membership to serve on the Board of Directors.
- J. Vacancies

1. Should the office of President become vacant for any reason, it shall be filled by the Vice-President. Should the Captain be unable to fulfill his duties, the elected Co-Captain shall assume his position. Any other vacancy shall be appointed by the Board from the General Membership.
2. Should there be a vacancy on any Standing Committee, the President shall appoint a member to fill that vacancy immediately and announce such at the next Board Meeting.
3. Any Board member who misses two Board Meetings consecutively without permission from the President or without just cause shall be replaced at the third Board Meeting missed. At the Board Meeting, Board Members shall select one member from the General Membership to fill the vacancy.

## **SECTION VII - ELECTIONS**

- A. General members (members in good standing) are eligible to run for election and vote in both elections of the Board of Directors and Royalty. Voting shall be by a signed and dated ballot, provided to all general members via mail, email, or the Krewe's Facebook page in advance of the meeting (or at the meeting, on request).
- B. The Committee on Elections shall notify members about the general election of Board of Directors no later than the second Monday in August. A nomination form will be provided which must be dated, signed and returned to the committee before the September Board meeting. After receiving nominations from the General Membership, the Committee on Elections shall mail (or email) the official ballots within seven days after the September Board meeting. Ballots may be cast in person at the October General Membership Meeting or mailed to the Krewe's post office box (or emailed to the chairman of the Committee on Elections Chairman) signed and dated by the Member prior to that meeting.
- C. The election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted at the third General Membership Meeting in October. The Committee on Elections shall count the ballots and report the final tabulation to the President who shall announce the results.

## SECTION VIII – COMMITTEES

The newly-elected President shall appoint members to the Standing Committees. The official announcement of Committees shall occur during the First General Membership Meeting. The President may recall any appointee to any of the Standing Committees if he deems it necessary.

- A. **Committee on Elections**, comprised of one Board Member and two General Members, one of whom the President shall designate as Chairman. The duties and responsibilities are provided in Section VII Sub-Sections B, C and D.
  
- B. **Committee on Means and Budget**, comprised of the President, who shall serve as Chairman, the Treasurer, the Captain and Co-Captain, and three General Members. This Committee should periodically review the finances of the Krewe and if necessary meet to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
  
- C. **Committee on Membership**, comprised of one Board Member and two General Members, one of whom the President shall designate Chairman. This Committee promotes awareness of membership in the community and shall receive all applications and present them to the Board of Directors.
  
- D. **Committee on Ethics**, comprised of one Board Member and two General Members, one of whom the President shall designate as Chairman. The duties and responsibilities are provided in Section II Sub-Section I and J.
  
- E. **Committee on the Constitution**, comprised of the Vice-President, who serves as Chairman, two Past Presidents, Captains or Co-Captains, and two General Members. The duties and responsibilities are provided in Section IX Sub-Section A.
  
- F. **Committee on the AIDS/Crisis Fund (and scholarship fund)**, comprised of five members, one of whom shall be a Board Member-at-Large designated as Chairman, and four members from the general membership. The Committee shall control all expenditures from the Fund.

The Committee on the AIDS/Crisis Fund (and scholarship fund) shall determine what money is available to the Fund and the extent the Fund can finance requests.

**AIDS/CRISIS FUND guidelines by which the committee shall adhere to:**

1. Providing emergency assistance in payment for housing (rent or mortgage), utilities (including telephone), for medications, and any other expenditure that the Committee deems unanimous in decision (i.e.; funeral expenses).
2. The Committee will distribute grant money requests to area agencies that request and provide HIV/AIDS services.

No check shall be made payable to any individual client, but shall be made payable to the provider of utilities, home mortgages, or rental housing, pharmacies or similar providers. No assistance shall be given by the Committee except through applications to members or by reference from recognized referral agencies and accompanied by the Committee-Approved Application Form.

3. The Committee shall be responsible for raising the funds for the AIDS/CRISIS Fund.
4. The Committee shall also raise funds for the AIDS/CRISIS Fund in conjunction with the annual Bal Masque.

**Scholarship fund guidelines by which the committee shall adhere to:**

1. Name: The Mystic Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge Scholarship.
2. Applications: The scholarship application can be obtained from the Krewe's website. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for maintaining and updating the scholarship application.
3. Scholarship Committee: The purpose of the Scholarship Committee is to propose and conduct a minimum of four fundraisers to replenish the

scholarship fund; as well as promote the scholarship within the community.

4. Funds Allotted: We will offer a \$2,000.00 award applied to a fall academic semester and two tickets to our annual Bal Masque to each of the two recipients. The board may vote at any time to increase the dollar amount of the awards if funds are available. Scholarships will be presented at the Krewe's annual Bal Masque (unless it is awarded to an applicant who is not at least 18 years of age). The deadline for scholarship applications will be June 15 of each year.
5. Eligibility: An LGBTQ+ student or ally of the LGBTQ+ community starting or currently enrolled in an accredited postsecondary or vocational institution of higher education in the state of Louisiana. The applicant must show proof of good academic standing (not on academic probation or suspension). The recipient is required to submit a 500-1000 word essay on how they are involved in the LGBTQ+ community, what they have done to help or promote the LGBTQ+ community, and how the scholarship will help in their journey towards their career and scholastic goals.
6. Decision of Recipients: The two winners will be chosen by the MKABR Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary will receive all applications by the deadline, June 15. The Recording Secretary's scores on an applicant will only be included by the President in the case of a tie. The two people with the highest totals will be awarded the scholarships.
7. Funds collected: The scholarship committee will conduct fundraising to keep the scholarship fund replenished for each year's awards. The MKABR Board of Directors, in conjunction with the outgoing Bal Captain(s), may make the decision to transfer a percentage of any Bal revenue, after all expenses are paid, towards the scholarship fund. A minimum of \$4,400.00 shall remain in the scholarship fund.

8. Funds Paid: The MKABR will issue a check in honor of the scholarship recipients and mail it directly to the credited postsecondary or vocational institution.

- A. **Media and Public Relations Committee**, comprised of the Captain, Co-Captain(s) and three General Members, one of whom shall serve as the Chairman, and the webmaster. The purpose of this Committee is to facilitate a greater awareness of the Krewe to outside organizations and individuals through recognized media in the community it serves.

### **SECTION IX – REVISION**

- A. General Members may submit proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws in writing to the Vice-President. The Committee on the Constitution shall examine each proposal for conformity with the existing Articles and By-Laws for clarity and content then present By-Law proposals to the Board for a final vote. Proposals to the Articles of Incorporation shall be distributed by the committee to the General Membership by the Board meeting the month prior to a General Membership meeting.
- B. In any parliamentary question which may arise and which is not provided in these By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.
- C. All amendments to the Article of Incorporation or By-Laws shall be governed by Article XI of the Articles of Incorporation.
- D. Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws will become effective immediately on the date of voting and any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation will be filed with the Secretary State's Office during the filing of the Annual Report.

### **SECTION X – FUNDRAISING**

- A. Funds from a Krewe fund raising event must be counted as soon as possible after the event by the Treasurer in the presence of at least two Board Members.

- B. Members incurring Krewe operating expenses shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer on presentation of receipts and approval by the President or Captain.
- C. All Krewe expenses must be paid with a Krewe check or credit/debit card. Cash may not be dispensed.
- D. Tickets to fundraisers may be sent to each Member who encouraged to sell or purchase them. All tickets will be numbered and assigned to members with a record of such being by Secretaries and Treasurer. Members will be held accountable for all tickets issued to them, must return unused tickets and/or money to Treasurer within 30 days of an event. After 30 days of the event, a bill will be issued to each member with outstanding tickets and payment is expected upon receiving the bill.
- E. The Board of Directors shall determine the types of fundraising activities the Krewe will undertake, the purposed locations and dates of such activities and prospective budget for each event. A Member of the Board shall serve as Chairman of each event and shall appoint a Co-Chairman from the General Membership.

### **SECTION XI-AWARDS**

The Krewe may present the following five (5) Awards:

- A. **Apollo's Hall of Fame Award** is based on meritorious service to the Krewe. The President will meet with the Active Members of the Hall of Fame to submit three nominees for this Award. The General Membership shall vote by mail-in (or email) ballot during the first week of December. The Captain and/or Co-Captain(s) shall present the Award at the Royalty Luncheon.
- B. **Hal S. Phillips, Jr. President's Memorial Award** is based on service to the President above the call of duty. The President annually shall select the recipient for this Award. This Award shall be presented by the President at the Royalty Luncheon.
- C. **Truman May Memorial Captains' Award** is based on service to the Captain and Co-Captain(s) above the call of duty. The Captain and Co-



Captain(s) annually shall select the recipient for this Award. This Award shall be presented by the Captain and Co-Captain(s) at the Royalty Luncheon.

- D. **Founder's Brotherhood Award** is based on the Member who promotes brotherhood among the Members and community he serves. Past Recipients shall select the recipient of this Award. This Award is given at the discretion of the Past Recipients at the Royalty Luncheon.
- E. **Rick Pizzolato Memorial Friend of the Krewe of Apollo Award** is based on service to the Krewe by a non-member. Any Member of the Board of Directors may nominate a candidate for consideration. The Board shall annually select a recipient with a majority vote by secret ballot to be counted by the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall present this Award at the Royalty Luncheon.

## SECTION XII - BAL MASQUE

- A. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) shall select all Members of the Court.
- B. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) must present a planned program and budget to the Board of Directors for their approval. It is the Captain and Co-Captain(s)'s responsibility to see that a planned budget is submitted to and approved by the Board no later than the August meeting.
- C. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) shall propose a location of their choice and the date and time for the Bal Masque to the Board of Directors for their final approval.
- D. It is the Captain and Co-Captain(s)'s responsibility to assure that the presentation of the King and Queen and participating Royalty is paramount to the Bal Masque.
- E. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) on announcing the New Royalty for the upcoming Bal masque, shall present the Reigning King and Queen the Pin designed exclusively for the Krewe of Apollo by Lee Michael's Jewelers.
- F. Nominations for King and Queen of the Bal Masque will come from the Captain and Co-Captain(s), limited of no more than six nominations, three

for each title. Intended nominees must be submitted to the Constitution Committee prior to any agreements, announcements or public nominations to ensure potential nominees meet the guidelines outlined in this paragraph for nomination. (Any names submitted will be held in the strictest confidence by the committee.) Royalty Candidates must have been members for three full years at the time of nomination. Royalty Candidates must have been a main tableau presenter during two Bal Masques. Royalty Candidates must have been appointed and served as a Bal Lieutenant for at least one year. If an eligible member does not desire the nomination, and no other members meet these requirements, it is up to the discretion of the Bal Captain to nominate any Krewe member in good standing. The General Membership will vote for King and Queen at the May General Membership Meeting with only the President, Captain, and Co-Captain(s) counting the results. Newly voted Royalty Elects will be required to sign a contract, providing at a minimum that they agree to abide by all rules in the Krewe Constitution and By-laws; to appear at both balls (for ascension and return); and conduct themselves in such a manner as to neither dishonor nor embarrass the Krewe. Failure to comply may also result in the loss of title. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) will make the official announcement of Royalty-elect at the Captains' Royalty Announcement Party.

- G. The Returning Royalty, Reigning Royalty, Captain, and Co-Captain(s) each will receive one complementary table to the annual Bal Masque.
- H. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) shall be responsible the for distribution of all invitations to the Bal Masque only after the Treasurer certifies that the member is in good standing and having paid all obligations due.
- I. The Captain and Co-Captain(s) may issue a complementary admit card to the Captain and Reigning Royalty of all Sister Krewes at their discretion.
- J. The Reigning King and Queen are required to host the annual Royalty Dinner inviting only Royalty from previous years.
- K. The Luncheon honoring the Reigning King and Queen shall be held the Sunday following the Bal Masque.
- L. Traditions of Carnival will be adhered to in the presentation of the Bal Masque in areas not otherwise specified.

M. The Captain and Co-Captain elect will have access to \$5,000.00 that will be maintained within the Krewe's savings account. These funds may be used to pay deposits and must be replenished by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## **SECTION XII – MR. AND MISS APOLLO**

- A. The President and Board of Directors shall determine a mechanism (either pageant or nomination) for selecting Mr. and Miss Apollo Baton Rouge before the June meeting.
- B. The Board of Directors shall vote on the nominees for Mr. and Miss Apollo Baton Rouge, if a pageant is not to be held.
- C. The Krewe shall present a crown and sash to be awarded to Miss Apollo and a medallion and sash to be awarded to Mr. Apollo before September 1.
- D. Mr. and Miss Apollo are required to represent the Krewe at the National Pageant.
- E. The Krewe shall pay entrance fees for both Mr. and Miss Apollo to the National Contest. The Krewe shall award both Mr. and Miss Apollo \$500.00 each to help with expenses. \$250.00 will be distributed at their crowning and \$250.00 at their step down provided all requirements have been fulfilled. The Krewe shall offer a paid membership to both Mr. and Miss Apollo the following year provided they meet the requirements for eligibility and are successfully voted into the Krewe.
- F. Failure to compete in the National Pageant will result in forfeiture of the title.
- G. If a title is forfeited, the crown/medallion and sash will be returned to the Krewe.
- H. The Krewe shall give two tickets each for the annual Bal Masque to Mr. and Miss Apollo.