

**Z KREWE
PRESS INFORMATION PACKET**

2006-2007



**EXCITING EVENTS AND BACKGROUND ON
GALVESTON'S ZANIEST MARDI GRAS KREWE!**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Z Krewe Public Affairs Committee
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**Z Krewe Announces Big Daddy 13 and Big Momma 13
for the 2006-2007 Mardi Gras Season!**

GALVESTON, TX -- Z Krewe, one of Galveston's preeminent Mardi Gras krewes, announces the selection of its Big Daddy 13 and Big Momma 13!

Big Daddy and Big Momma are Z Krewe's Head Zanies. The positions are not elected, and are not Royalty, but they serve as the chief perpetuators of the spirit of Mardi Gras all year long.

Big Daddy is chosen from among members of the Krewe by previous Big Daddies. This year, David McKinney was chosen as Big Daddy #13.

Each Big Daddy then chooses his Big Momma from among Krewe members, and keeps his selection secret until her name is announced at the annual Big Momma Coming Out party.

This year, the Big Momma Coming Out party was held on July 29, 2006. On that evening, Big Daddy 13 David McKinney announced that his Big Momma 13 was Ms. Adrienne Hawkins.

Congratulations to them both! We are certain they will serve the Krewe well, maintaining the excitement and spirit of Mardi Gras now and throughout the 2007 Mardi Gras season, during which the Z Krewe's Mardi Gras theme is "007," a James Bond spy theme.

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Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Public Affairs Committee Chair, Jan Grizzle, at 409-765-5615, or by checking our website: www.zkrewe.net.

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Z Krewe Announces Its Royal Court for Mardi Gras 2007!

GALVESTON, TX -- Z Krewe, one of Galveston's preeminent Mardi Gras krewes, announces its Royal Court for the 2007 Mardi Gras celebration.

On September 30, 2006, Z Krewe held its annual Mardi Gras Kick-Off Party, to kick off the 2007 Mardi Gras season. For 2007, the Z Krewe's Mardi Gras theme is "007," a James Bond spy theme. Over 100 people were in attendance, some dressed as their favorite James Bond personality.

At the kick-off party, the Krewe's annual Royalty Cake Cutting Ceremony was held, and was enjoyed by all. Any regular Krewe member is eligible to serve as a member of Royalty, and can opt to select a piece of Mardi Gras King Cake, in which is a baby in one of five Mardi Gras-related colors: black, white, purple, green, and gold. Members who select the black, white, purple, or green babies serve as Royal Zoots and Zaftigs, Z Krewe's Royal Court. The individuals who select the gold babies get to reign as that year's King and Queen Zanie!

This year, the Mystic Hand of Fate has spoken, and the following Royal Court has been selected:
King and Queen Zanie XIII: Bernie Bolanowski and Kristie Schoppe
Green Zoot and Zaftig: David and Sue Rodgers
Purple Zoot and Zaftig: JT Edwards and Linda Potter
White Zoot and Zaftig: Paul and Jan Grizzle
Black Zoot and Zaftig: Bill and Grace Perez

The Royal Court will be presented, and the King and Queen will be crowned, at the Coronation Ceremony scheduled in the Strand Theatre on January 27, 2007. The Coronation Ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held immediately prior to the annual Z Krewe Ball, which will follow in the Davidson Ballroom of the Tremont Hotel, in Galveston. Guest tickets for the Ball are \$130.00 each, and include admission to the Coronation Ceremony.

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Tickets for the Coronation and Ball, or additional information, can be obtained by contacting the Ball Committee Chair, Barbra Rodgers, at 409-933-4413, or the Royalty Committee Chair, Roz Perez, at 281-480-8410. Information can also be obtained by attending a Z Krewe general monthly meeting from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Baywood Country Club, in Pasadena, Texas, or by checking our website: www.zkrewe.net.

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This year's Ball will be held at the Davidson Ballroom of the Tremont Hotel, in Galveston, on January 27, 2007. The theme of the Ball this year is "007's World of Masks and Mystery," to correspond with the Z Krewe's Mardi Gras theme for the year - "007," a James Bond spy theme.

The Ball will be an elegant black tie event. It will be a black and white ball, with masks optional. During the evening some mysteries will be revealed, and there will be a mask contest, with judging by secret, non-partial judges.

The Coronation of King and Queen Zanie XIII and the introduction of their Royal Court of Zoots and Zaftigs will be held immediately before the Ball, in the Strand Theatre.

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Z Krewe Announces Plans For Zestival 2007: "Z" Best Party In Town!

GALVESTON, TX -- Z Krewe, one of Galveston's preeminent Mardi Gras krewe, announces its schedule for Zestival 2007, the Krewe's official Mardi Gras weekend parties.

This year, Z Krewe's Mardi Gras theme is "007," a James Bond spy theme.

Zestival I will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007, from 6 p.m. until midnight, and will feature the Pee Wee Bowen Band for live entertainment. Guest tickets are \$75.00 each.

Zestival II will be held on Friday, February 16, 2007, from 6 p.m. until midnight. Entertainment has yet to be announced, but will no doubt be a crowd-pleaser. Guest tickets are \$75.00 each.

Zestival III will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007, from noon until midnight, and will feature the Tommy Dardar Band for live entertainment. Also, the World Famous Philadelphia Mummers will perform on our balcony during Zestival III. Guest tickets are \$125.00 each.

All Zestival parties will be held in the Trumpets on the Strand Building, overlooking Galveston's Historic Strand District. The ticket price includes food and drink tickets, a full bar, live entertainment, restrooms, security, a bead room for storage of your beads, and additional beads available for purchase.

Additionally, you can enjoy Mardi Gras Galveston from the Trumpets balcony, and will have scheduled times when you can throw "Z best beads" to the crowd below! Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend.

Sponsorships for Zestival are also available.

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Tickets or additional information can be obtained by contacting Jay Hawkins at 281-331-2739, or at a Z Krewe general meeting from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Baywood Country Club, in Pasadena, Texas.

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Z Krewe Announces Its Processional Plans for Mardi Gras 2007!

GALVESTON, TX -- Z Krewe, one of Galveston's preeminent Mardi Gras krewes, announces its Processional plans for the 2007 Mardi Gras celebration.

On February 17, 2007, Z Krewe will hold its annual Zany Processional through the Historic Strand District.

The annual parade will be led by the Krewe's Big Daddy and Big Momma #13, who will be followed by King and Queen Zanie XIII and their Royal Zoots and Zaftigs. The parade will also feature bands, military units, and revelers from other Mardi Gras clubs.

The parade will proceed along Mechanic Street, from 25th to 20th Streets, up 20th to Strand, and then back up the Strand to 25th Street. During this event, hundreds of Zanies will throw "Z Best Beads" to the crowd.

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Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Processional Committee Chair, Sandy Taylor, at 713-467-6435, or by attending a Z Krewe general meeting from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Baywood Country Club, in Pasadena, Texas.

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Mark Your Calendar! Z Krewe Meetings and Events 2006-2007

August 2006

1 General Meeting

September 2006

6 (Wednesday) General Meeting
30 Mardi Gras 2007 Kick-Off Party/
Cake Cutting Ceremony
Rail Road Museum, Galveston

October 2006

3 General Meeting
21 Clean Galveston Walk-About

November 2006

7 General Meeting

December 2006

5 General Meeting

January 2007

9 General Meeting
16 Special Meeting
23 Special Meeting
26 Big Daddy/Big Momma Party
27 Z Krewe Coronation and Ball,
Tremont Hotel, Galveston
30 Special Meeting

February 2007

4 Super Bowl Party
6 Special Meeting
9 Member-Sponsor Party
10 Zestival I
13 Special Meeting
16 Zestival II
17 Tailgate Party, Processional, and
Zestival III
20 Mardi Gras! Pancake Day and
Fat Tuesday Parade

March 2007

6 General Meeting

April 2007

3 General Meeting - Election Meeting

May 2007

1 General Meeting - Annual Meeting

June 2007

5 General Meeting

Future Mardi Gras Dates

2008: February 5 (Z Krewe Theme: Pirates)

2009: February 24 (Z Krewe Theme: Italy)

2010: February 16



Z Krewe: The History

“In the beginning George said let there be Mardi Gras and it was good. Then Z Krewe was formed and it was Z best.” This was the inscription engraved on a plaque that was presented to the manager of Trumpets on May 4, 1994, Z Krewe’s inaugural meeting and official birthday. “George” is a reference to George Mitchell who revived the Mardi Gras! Galveston celebration in 1985.

But Mardi Gras! Galveston was forever changed when John and Chris Moen, Joe and Donna Bumpas, Tom and Joyce Aiken, and Jim and Nancy Manlove began to debate the qualities of the perfect krewe. Our founders wanted a krewe that would be, first and foremost, dedicated to perpetuating the spirit of Mardi Gras and all its grand traditions; where the organization’s structure would keep it running smoothly without internal strife, and where any man could be king and any woman could be queen. This would be a krewe grounded in fairness. For months, they met and developed the original bylaws. Discussions moved quickly from A to Z.

Jotting ideas on the backs of bar napkins, they came up with the name of Z Krewe and all the witty words beginning with “Z” that make up the “Zanie” lexicon. They chose Z Krewe so that we could be Z best, have Z best balls, throw Z best beads, and so on. The name Z Krewe also coined a catch phrase in answer to the question, “What does the Z mean?” The phrase is, “It’s a Zecret!” However, the inspiration was ignited when a certain member of a certain little old band from Texas came into the bar. Thank heavens! Or we could have been just another krewe with mythic proclivities.

“Zanies” are what we call our Z Krewe members. Webster spells it “zany” but we zaniily spell it “Zanie!” It means a comical person given to extravagant or outlandish behavior; one who acts the buffoon for the amusement of others, characterized by being absurdly ludicrous in style and dress... in other words, Z Krewe!

The first distinct zany identities were two zanies considered our annual krewe captains. These two head cheerleaders, known as Big Daddy and Big Momma, lead the Krewe into Carnival and make sure the traditions of food, libation, music, and fun are upheld. These Zanies are not royalty, but hold a special place in the life and spirit of Z Krewe. Big Daddy, chosen by all the previous Big Daddies, chooses his Big Momma from among the female members. Substantial bribes and much attention are lavished on Big Daddy as he searches for his Big Momma.

Of course, what would any Mardi Gras Krewe be without royalty? When Z Krewe was founded, it was established that any man could be king and any woman could be queen. The king cake, a Mardi Gras tradition that began in France during the 12th century, ensures the impartiality of royal selection. In Z Krewe, all regular members can try for the prized gold babies. Hopefuls select a slice of cake, hoping a gold baby is buried inside. The king and queen are selected by pure chance and the luck of drawing the right slice of cake. Reigning as king or queen allows an individual to play an important part in this centuries-old tradition. Only our kings, both past and present, can wear a sword or the emblem of a sword. Only our queens, both past and present, can wear the symbol of the chalice.

The remaining royal court is comprised of those who draw the green, purple, white, and black babies. Ladies of the royal court are titled Royal Zaftigs; Zaftig meaning voluptuous woman. Our royal men are titled Royal Zoots; Zoot meaning a flashy sharp-dressed man.

Although official Mardi Gras colors are purple (representing justice), green (representing faith), and gold (representing power), Z Krewe chose gold, green, and black as its colors...TO BE ZANY! Black represents the mystery and mystique of Z Krewe and Mardi Gras. Gold is reserved for King and Queen Zanie, while their royal court is composed of green-, purple-, white-, and black-clad Zoots and Zaftigs. White represents those who have gone before, the Second Line waiting for us in the hereafter.

The inaugural Z Ball was held at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City in 1995. Z Krewe made a grand debut that evening that would proclaim to all that we only go Z Best. It was a beautiful evening with three bands and two separate buffets, one with a complete pig holding an apple in its mouth. King and Queen Zanie I were crowned and robed with beautiful trains designed by Danny Morgan Studios of Galveston. Z Krewe got off to a first-class, if over-budgeted, start.

So, how to we raise some much needed money? By throwing a party! Thus was created Zestival, which is what we continue to call our Saturday bashes during Mardi Gras. Those crazy Zanies, Jim and Nancy Manlove, held the first Zestival in their apartment home, which was conveniently on the Strand. Furniture was cleared, a four-piece blues band was hired, and food and libations were served. It was a mega-event with over 100 people...and one single solitary bathroom! But the party helped put Z Krewe back in the black where it's never strayed. Zestival I & II attract over 600 ticket holders each weekend of Carnival and are Z Best parties available to Mardi Gras revelers.

Z Krewe is now a not-for-profit organization with many old Mardi Gras traditions full of pomp and circumstance, zaniness, and fun. With a regular membership of 150, and ambassador members from all around Texas and as far away as South Carolina and Minnesota, Z Krewe is still creating new traditions each year.

The concept of Z Krewe is not to have one leader, but to perpetuate the spirit of Mardi Gras by drawing from its ranks of many fine men and women who bring new ideas and energies that will ensure our stability and creativity for decades to come. Active committees and outstanding leadership has kept Z Krewe on the right track as a first-class organization. Members continue to build camaraderie and friendships as they work together on special projects and first-class events. In our first decade, Z Krewe, has donated thousands of volunteer hours to many community programs and events, and over \$50,000.00 to local charities and to scholarships for students to attend local community colleges.

Whether Zanies are painting the streets green or cooking up pancakes for schoolchildren on Fat Tuesday, Z Krewe is known as the zaniest krewe of Mardi Gras! Galveston. Along the way, we have made a difference in the lives of many!

It's what they call lagniappe! *Laissez les bon temps rouleur!*

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**Past Royalty:
King & Queen Zanie's Royal Courts of Z Krewe**

I. Bill White & Mary Hamblin, 1995

The Masks of Asia – the Orient

Green: J.R. Orsak and Nancy Manlove

Purple: John Kennon and Joyce Aiken

White: Tom Aiken and Janis White

II. Frank Godek & Adrienne Hawkins, 1996

New Orleans – The Big EaZy

Green: Richard Roy and Donna Bumpas

Purple: Jim Manlove and Nancy Manlove

White: John Moen and Marci Roy

III. Allen Taylor & Joyce Aiken, 1997

Mexico

Green: Tom Aiken and Janis White

Purple: Phillip Loick and Nancy Manlove

White: Larry Phillips and Theresa Baumeister

IV. John Moen & Linda Bridges, 1998

The Roaring Twenties

Green: Jim Manlove and Peggy Wooster

Purple: Wayne Coon and Jeannine Lord

White: Shelby Wagner and Tammi Schenk

V. Don McClure & Sigrun Burke, 1999

Vegas on the Gulf

Green: Nelson Haver and Deborah Tomlinson

Purple: Allan Vogler and Peggy Wortham

White: Jim Manlove and Sue Lyons-Vogler

VI. Brent Romero & Adrienne Hawkins, 2000

Texas 2000

Green: Larry Kram and Virginia Allison

Purple: Hank Smith and Grace Allison

White: Jay Hawkins and Glenda Willis

Black: Jim Manlove and Desi McKinney

VII. Jim Manlove & Toni Caputo, 2001

Space Above & Beyond

Green: Bob Harris and Nancy Manlove

Purple: John Pfeiffer and Jan Grizzle

White: Steve Ramsey and Nina Kay Greenberg

Black: David Boltze and Rose Ramsey

VIII. Jeff Boyle & Tammi Schenk, 2002

Salute to the British Isles

Green: Bob Harris and Carolyn Mytholar

Purple: Shelby Wagner and Glenda Willis

White: David Boltze and Marsha Van Manen

Black: J.T. Edwards and Linda Pritchard

IX. Paul Grizzle & Barbara Rodgers, 2003

Mysteries of the Rainforest

Green: Bob Harris and Nancy Manlove

Purple: Allen Taylor and Linda Pritchard

White: John Pfeiffer and Glenda Willis

Black: J.T. Edwards and Donna Bumpas

X. Bob Harris & Linda Pritchard, 2004

Hail, Hail Rock & Roll

Green: Jay Hawkins and Donna Bumpas

Purple: Bryan McMurtrie and Glenda Willis

White: John Gardner and Nancy Manlove

Black: Steve Ramsey and Jan Grizzle

XI. Robert Carmody & Glenda Willis, 2005

Salute to the Red, White, & Blue

Green: Tommy Delesandri and Jan Grizzle

Purple: Brian Lab and Tara Ramsey

White: Kevin Snedecor and Shirley Yarbrough

Black: Frank Petronella and Tommie McMillan

XII. Paul Rodgers & Joy Hall, 2006

Wild Wild West

Green: J.T. Edwards and Colleen Fountain

Purple: Benton Vandiver and Norma Shaw

White: Fred Schenk and Donna Bumpas

Black: David McKinney and Grace Perez

XIII. Bernie Bolanowski and Kristie

Schoppe, 2007

007, a Salute to James Bond

Green: David and Sue Rodgers

Purple: JT Edwards and Linda Potter

White: Paul and Jan Grizzle

Black: Bill and Grace Perez



**Big Daddies and Big Mommas
who have served Z Krewe are:**

1. Jim Manlove and Donna Bumpas (1994-1995)
2. Jay Hawkins and Leslie Petkovsky (1995-1996)
3. Fred Schenk and Gayle Yarborough (1996-1997)
4. Joe Bumpas and Donna Alexander (1997-1998)
5. Joe Bumpas and Donna Alexander (1998-1999)
6. Tom Aiken and Nancy Manlove (1999-2000)
7. Chuck Capps and Sandy Taylor (2000-2001)
8. Donnie James and Peggy Wortham (2001-2002)
9. Larry Kram and Kathleen Capps (2002-2003)
10. Shelby Wagner and Roz Perez (2003-2004)
11. John Moen and Elaine Guyote (2004-2005)
12. Frank Godek and Jeannine Dienst (2005-2006)
13. David McKinney and Adrienne Hawkins (2006-2007)

Z Krewe Officers, 2006-2007

President: Desi McKinney

Vice President: Sandy Taylor

Secretary: Heather Jackson

Treasurer: Joe Bumpas

Executive Committee Members, 2006-2007

Chair: Jeannine Dienst

Vice Chair: Mary Ann Martin

Donna Bumpas
Paul Grizzle
Scott Jackson
Kristie Schoppe
Kevin Snedecor

Executive Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with times and locations announced at the monthly General Meeting.