

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
PARISH OF ORLEANS  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO de NEW ORLEANS**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION/CORPORATION SHALL BE ***THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO de NEW ORLEANS***, AND MAY BE REFERRED TO AS ***MKA NEW ORLEANS OR MKANOLA***.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION/CORPORATION IS TO FOSTER A KINDRID SPIRIT OF SERVICE, DUTY AND HONOR IN CLASSIC MARDI GRAS TRADITION WITHIN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY. PREDOMINATELY, THIS ORGANIZATION WILL PRESENT FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ENTERTAINMENT AN ANNUAL BAL MASQUE WITH ANY RELATED FESTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF TRADITIONAL GAY MARDI GRAS. THE ORGANIZATION/CORPORATION IS TO BE NON-PROFIT AND AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON RECOGNIZING THEMSELVES TO BE LGBTQ+ OR WHO DESIRES TO BE AN ALLY OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE MAIN PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING, ENCOURAGING AND IMPROVING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE ART, ARTISTRY, CULTURE AND HISTORY OF GAY MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH. 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. AS PART OF THOSE FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, THE KREWE, AS A WHOLE, AND ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL CONDUCT CHARITABLE ACTIVITES AND PARTICIPATE IN AND CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER CHARITABLE CAUSES IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AND THE NEW ORLEANS AREA AT LARGE.

**ARTICLE III**

**CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

THIS ORGANIZATION/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 AND SHALL NOT ENDORSE OR OPPOSE ANY POLITICAL CANDIDATE.

**ARTICLE IV  
REGISTERED AGENT/OFFICERS**

THE LOCATION OF ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AND ITS OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS AS THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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.

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ITS REGISTERED AGENT IS AS FOLLOWS: KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS, ATTENTION: KREWE PRESIDENT, PO BOX 770973, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70177-0973.

**ARTICLE V  
CORPORATE PRINCIPLES**

THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA 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.

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.

**ARTICLE VI  
MEMBERSHIP/MEETINGS**

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL CONSIST OF ITS DULY ELECTED OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FULL MEMBERSHIP, ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERS MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELECTED TO A POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN THE CORPORATION'S BY-LAWS. VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS (OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FULL MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERS, HONORARY MEMBERS AND LIFETIME MEMBERS) HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE AS DESCRIBED IN THE CORPORATION'S BY-LAWS.

THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST THREE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS A YEAR AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**ARTICLE VII  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

THE POWERS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE EXERCISED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST NINE (9) MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE CORPORATION. THE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED ARE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, CAPTAIN, AND FOUR (4) BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.

THESE ELECTED MEMBERS SHALL BE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION. THEY SHALL BE ELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT AND/OR VOTING FROM THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATION AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING OF THE CORPORATION. THEIR TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE FOR ONE (1) YEAR. THE ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD IN MARCH OF EACH YEAR, PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CORPORATION'S FISCAL YEAR ON JULY 1. BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED IN MAY WILL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY FOR THE JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND WILL BEGIN THEIR OFFICIAL TERM OF OFFICE AT THE JULY MEETING.

**ARTICLE VIII  
AMENDMENTS**

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 OF ITS CONSTITUTION AND ITS OFFICIAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND ANY AMENDMENTS HEREAFTER TO EITHER OF THOSE DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS WITH BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS. ANY AMENDMENT ALTERING THESE ARTICLES MAY BE ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AND/OR VOTING AT ANY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

**BY-LAWS**

**BY-LAW 1**

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS / DUES / BENEFITS**

**SECTION 1.** MEMBERSHIP IN THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS IS OPEN TO PERSONS IDENTIFYING AS LGBTQ+ OR AS AN ALLY TO THAT COMMUNITY.

- A. ALL MEMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.
- B. ALL MEMBERS MUST DEMONSTRATE A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND CONTRIBUTE TIME AND FUNDING TO CHARITABLE CAUSES. THEY ALSO SHOULD COMMIT TO SUPPORTING THE PHILANTHROPIC AND HISTORICAL MISSIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS AN INTEREST IN THE ART AND CULTURE OF MARDI GRAS AND THE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.
- C. ALL APPLICANTS FOR FULL OR ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIRE TWO SPONSORS FROM CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. BOARD ACCEPTANCE OR DENIAL IS FINAL.

**SECTION 2.** CATEGORIES OF MKA NEW ORLEANS MEMBERSHIP ARE DEFINED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF AS FULL MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERS, HONORARY MEMBERS AND LIFETIME MEMBERS. GUIDELINES AND VOTING RIGHTS OF THOSE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FULL MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL MATTERS, TO HOLD OFFICE OR SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO BE SELECTED AS ROYALTY OR TO SERVE IN ANY OTHER CAPACITY PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS.
- B. ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERS. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE OPEN TO SPOUSES OR FAMILY MEMBERS OF FULL MEMBERS AND ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE KREWE AT THIS MEMBERSHIP LEVEL. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE LIMITED TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN ANY RECOGNIZED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (WITH VALID PROOF OF ENROLLMENT PROVIDED WITH APPLICATION). ASSOCIATE AND STUDENT MEMBERS MAY PAY A REDUCED DUES RATE AS SET ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ASSOCIATE AND STUDENT MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND IN THE ELECTION OF ROYALTY OR LIFETIME MEMBERS BUT MAY NOT BE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- C. HONORARY MEMBERS. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MAY BE GRANTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE KREWE OR THE COMMUNITY. CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS) SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REQUIRE AT LEAST A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THAT BODY. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RUNS FOR A YEAR AND MUST BE RE-APPROVED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR HONORARY MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO BE SO RECOGNIZED. HONORARY MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION BUT CANNOT VOTE ON OTHER MATTERS OF THE KREWE OR RUN FOR ANY ELECTED POSITION (OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, ROYALTY, ETC.).
- D. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PROVIDED ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS PREVIOUS ROYALTY OR HAVE AN EXTENSIVE RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE KREWE (MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF FULL MEMBERSHIP AND REPEATED SERVICE AS AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER). CANDIDATES FOR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP MUST FIRST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEN APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ALL FULL AND ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERS. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP, ONCE SO APPROVED, RUNS

IN PERPETUITY. LIFETIME MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION BUT MAY NOT VOTE ON ANY OTHER MATTERS OF THE KREWE OR RUN FOR ANY ELECTED POSITION (OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, ROYALTY, ETC.).

**SECTION 3.** MKA DE NEW ORLEANS DUES SHALL BE SET BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

- A. FIRST INSTALLMENT OF \$100.00 IS DUE FROM EACH RETURNING FULL OR ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBER PRIOR TO THE MAY GENERAL MEETING EACH YEAR TO MAINTAIN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY THE OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE OR RUN FOR OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS AT THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING. FAILURE TO PAY THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF \$100.00 NULLIFIES ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE KREWE. THE DEADLINE FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT OF DUES IS OCTOBER 1. EXCEPTIONS ARE WITH BOARD APPROVAL ONLY AND CARRY A 15% PER MONTH PENALTY. DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE.
- B. A CANDIDATE FOR NEW FULL OR ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING SOMEONE WHOSE MEMBERSHIP HAS LAPSED FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHO WILL ACCEPT OR DENY MEMBERSHIP AT ANY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING . A FULL OR ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND A DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FULL OR ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP. UPON ACCEPTANCE, THE INITIAL \$50.00 DEPOSIT WILL BE APPLIED TO THAT MEMBER'S REGULAR ANNUAL DUES AND AT LEAST ANOTHER \$50.00 PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BY THE NEXT MEETING OF THE YEAR. IF A MEMBER IS ACCEPTED AFTER THE OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS, THE REMAINING BALANCE OF ANNUAL DUES WILL BE DUE BEFORE THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AFTER ACCEPTANCE.
- C. A MEMBER MAY BE A MEMBER OF ANOTHER MARDI GRAS KREWE.

**SECTION 4.** ALL KREWE MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. FULL AND ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERS MUST PARTICIPATE AND/OR ATTEND A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) KREWE EVENTS PER YEAR
2. FULL AND ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBERS MUST ATTEND A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) BOARD AND/OR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS A YEAR.
3. HONORARY MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT OR ATTEND AT LEAST THREE KREWE EVENTS OR ATTEND AT LEAST THREE MEETINGS PER YEAR.
4. LIFETIME MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND KREWE EVENTS AND ATTEND MEETINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS CAN RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP/VOTING RIGHTS, AT THE DISCRETION OF A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SECTION 5.** EACH FULL MEMBER AND EACH ASSOCIATE/STUDENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL RECEIVE ONE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET TO THE ANNUAL BAL MASQUE AND MAY PICK A TABLE TO SELL REMAINING TICKETS AND DECORATE TO HIS/HER LIKING. EACH HONORARY OR LIFETIME MEMBER MAY BE PROVIDED WITH ONE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAY BE ASSIGNED A TABLE TO SELL/DECORATE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CAPTAIN. ANY MEMBER WHO HAS AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE WITH THE KREWE ON OCTOBER 1 AND HAS NOT MADE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THAT OBLIGATION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL

NOT RECEIVE THE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET THAT GOES ALONG WITH MEMBERSHIP AND WILL FORFEIT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TABLE PICKING MEETING.

## **BY-LAW 2**

### **MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS**

**SECTION 1.** MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS SHALL BE HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS FROM THE TIME OF THEIR SELECTION UNTIL THE SELECTION OF THE NEXT MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS. ALTHOUGH THE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IS COMPLIMENTARY, MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS ARE EXPECTED TO MEET OTHER REQUIREMENTS (EVENT AND MEETING ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION) REQUIRED OF OTHER HONORARY MEMBERS. MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS ALSO:

- A. MAY COSTUME IN THE BAL MASQUE DURING THE YEAR OF THEIR REIGN OR THE FOLLOWING YEAR AT THEIR EXPENSE. COSTUMING EITHER OF THOSE YEARS WILL MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR ASSIGNMENT AS A TABLE HOST, BUT THE COMPLIMENTARY TICKET WILL BE AWARDED ONLY DURING THE YEAR OF THEIR REIGN, AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN HONORARY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL MR. AND MISS APOLLO CONTEST TO RETAIN THE MR. OR MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS TITLE AND THE PRIVILEGES OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE KREWE. THE KREWE WILL PAY ENTRY FEES FOR NATIONAL CONTEST AND PROVIDE A PRIZE PACKAGE DETERMINED EACH YEAR PRIOR TO THE CONTEST BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE CASH PORTION OF THE PRIZE PACKAGE WILL BE PAID IN INSTALMENTS, WITH THE FIRST PAYMENT AT THE TIME OF WINNING THE LOCAL TITLE AND THE FINAL PAYMENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE REIGN AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NEXT ANNUAL CONTEST/ANNOUNCEMENT.
- B. MAY BE GRANTED, BASED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ANNUAL REIGN (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMPETING IN THE NATIONAL APOLLO CONTEST AND MEETING ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP DURING THE YEAR OF THEIR REIGN), A HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIP TO COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THE KREWE FISCAL YEAR AS AN HONORARY MEMBER AND TO RECEIVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THAT HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT FISCAL YEAR.
- C. WILL BE EXPECTED TO PLAN AND COORDINATE AT LEAST ONE CHARITABLE EVENT TO BENEFIT A CHARITY OR CHARITIES OF THEIR CHOICE DURING THE YEAR OF THEIR REIGN.

## **BY-LAW 3**

### **THE GOVERNING BODY**

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE MADE UP OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF AT LEAST NINE POSITIONS FIVE OFFICERS (PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, , CAPTAIN, , AND FOUR MEMBERS AT LARGE. ALL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BY SIMPLE MAJORITY BY WRITTEN BALLOT.

**SECTION I.** THE ELECTION OF ALL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMEBERS SHALL BE HELD IN MARCH, AND THOSE ELECTED SHALL SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON JULY 1.

**SECTION II.** CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS HEREAFTER MUST HAVE BEEN FULL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND ACTIVE IN THE KREWE FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO NOMINATION OR ELECTION. CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OR CAPTAIN SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE KREWE.

**SECTION III.** VACANCIES IN OFFICER POSITIONS OR THE BOARD WILL BE FILLED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- A. IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM. IF THE VICE PRESIDENT DECLINES TO TAKE THAT ROLE, A PRESIDENT WILL BE APPOINTED FROM THE OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS..
- B. ALL OTHER VACANT OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS WILL BE APPOINTED FROM THE FULL MEMBERS BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE REMAINING OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

**SECTION IV.** DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. THE PRESIDENT SHALL WORK TOWARD HARMONY AND COOPERATION AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP. THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT ALL COMMITTEES, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE OVER ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, AND ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE SECRETARY. THE PRESIDENT MAY INSTRUCT THE SECRETARY TO ISSUE CORRESPONDENCE IN REFERENCE TO THE ORGANIZATION OR MAY COMPLETE SUCH CORRESPONDENCE WITH COPIES PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARY FOR OFFICIAL RECORDS. THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH REGARD TO MATTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE FINAL AND SHALL BE EXPEDITED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING A SAFE AND CONVIENT MEETING SPACE FOR ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.
- B. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT AS OCCASIONS MAY DEMAND. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT CONTACT DATABASE OF ACTIVE AND PAST KREWE MEMBERS AS WELL AS A MEMBERSHIP DATABASE OF PAST AND PRESENT ROYALTY, PAST AND PRESENT MR. AND MISS APOLLO NEW ORLEANS WINNERS, AND ANY AWARD RECEIPIENTS. THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT LIAISON BETWEEN ALL IN-TOWN AND OUT-OF-TOWN KREWES. THE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO MAY CHAIR OTHER COMMITTEES AND HELP COORDINATE EVENTS, AS NEEDED.
- C. THE SECRETARY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE SECRETARY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION, MAINTAIN THE MAIL AND . CHANNELLING INCOMING MAIL TO PROPER PERSONS. THE SECRETARY WILL SERVE AS PARLIMENTARIAN, SO THE SECRETARY SHOULD HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER. . THE SECRETARY SHALL OVERSEE THE CONSTITIUION AND BY-LAWS WITH THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING AND PRESENTING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. THE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS OF THE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING ALL PAYMENTS ON DUES. THE TREASURER SHALL KEEP A CURRENT LEDGER OF EACH MEJMBER'S DUES. THE TREASURER SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT PROCEEDS FROM ALL FUND-RAISERS AND EVENTS OR SHALL HAVE A SUBSTITUTE PRESENT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE TREASURER SHALL COUNT ALL CASH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER/KREWE MEMBER. THE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ALL PARTIES PRESENT AND COUNTING CASH SIGN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION CERTIFYING THE COUNTED FUNDS. THE TREASURER SHALL AUDIT ALL BANK ACCOUNTS AND OTHER FUNDING ACCOUNTS REGULARLY, AS WELL AS THE USE OF ELECTRONIC BANK TRANSFERS OR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD AND DEMAND APPROPRIATE RECEIPTS/PROOF SUCH FUNDS WERE EXPENDED ONLY FOR KREWE PURPOSES. THE TREASURER ALSO SHALL NOT ALLOW ANY DISBURSEMENT OF CASH FROM KREWE ACCOUNTS, EXCEPT IN THE MOST EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE TREASURER ALSO SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER RULES OR FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR RECOMMENDED BY ANY OUTSIDE AUDIT OF THE KREWE'S BOOKS. . THE TREASURER SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

- D. THE CAPTAIN SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE ANNUAL BAL MASQUE. THE CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY SHALL EXTEND TO ALL AREAS NOT STIPULATED IN ANY ARTICLE OR BY-LAW SECTION MAKING REFERENCE TO THE BAL MASQUE ONLY. THE CAPTAIN IS TO SEE THAT ALL RULES PERTAINING TO THE BAL MASQUE ARE ENFORCED.
- E. **SECTION X.** BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE MAY BE ASSIGNED VARIOUS DUTIES BY THE PRESIDENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHAIRING COMMITTEES, ORGANIZING FUNDRAISERS, PLANNING SOCIAL EVENTS OR ASSISTING OFFICERS WITH ASSIGNED DUTIES OF THEIR POSITIONS.

#### **BY-LAW 4**

##### **CODE OF CONDUCT/CORE VALUES**

**SECTION I.** COMPLAINTS REGARDING OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND/OR MEMBERS CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN A MANNER WHICH COULD CAUSE ADVERSE REFLECTION UPON THE ORGANIZATION MAY BE MADE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OPEN ONLY TO BOARD MEMBERS OR OTHERS DEEMED NECESSARY TO THE PROCEEDINGS. THE BOARD MAY CENSURE OR TERMINATE MEMBERSHIP BY A 2/3 VOTE OF THE OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, WITH THE VOTES TAKEN BY BALLOT.

**SECTION II.** CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, EITHER PERCEIVED, REAL OR POTENTIAL, SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROPRIATE ACTION. FAILURE TO REPORT SUCH A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF AN OFFICER, BOARD MEMBER OR MEMBER COULD RESULT IN CENSURE OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY A 2/3 VOTE OF THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING. DISCUSSIONS OF SUCH MATTERS BY THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

**SECTION III.** MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS SHALL BE KEPT IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. FAILURE TO HONOR SUCH CONFIDENTIALITY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THE KREWE'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND COULD SUBJECT AN OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER/MEMBER TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR REMOVAL BASED ON A 2/3 VOTE OF THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SECTION IV.** THE CORE VALUES OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE ROOTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, PHILANTHROPY, HONORING ART AND HISTORY AND FORMING A BOND OF CAMRADERIE. AS SUCH, ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE EXPECTED TO PAY THE APPROPRIATE RESPECT TO EACH OTHER AND TO DEMONSTRATE A SENSE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

**SECTION V.** AS PART OF ITS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS, AS A WHOLE, WILL DONATE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF EACH YEAR'S NET INCOME TO CHARITABLE CAUSES AND WILL EXPECT ITS MEMBERS TO SUPPORT BOTH ITS CHARITABLE EVENTS AND THOSE OF OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH THEIR TIME AND DONATIONS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

#### **BY-LAW 5**

##### **MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD DURING THE YEAR ON A MONTHLY BASIS OR MORE OFTEN, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE PRESIDENT OR, IN THE PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE, BY THE VICE PRESIDENT. FOR THE BOARD TO TRANSACT BUSINESS, A QUORUM OF FIVE OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS IS REQUIRED. ANY BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THAT QUORUM OR



MORE WILL BE CONSIDERED AS AN ACTION OF THE BOARD AS A WHOLE. BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT TWO BOARD MEETINGS MAY BE DISCHARGED OF THEIR DUTIES, UNLESS A VALID EXCUSE IS ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A MEETING OF THE BOARD, ALONG WITH ANY PERSONS DEEMED NECESSARY, SHALL BE HELD WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE BAL MASQUE.

**SECTION 2.** A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SHALL BE HELD WITHIN A MONTH AFTER THE BAL MASQUE. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS PREFERABLY WILL BE HELD ON A MONTHLY BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAMARADERIE, BUT AT LEAST THREE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EACH YEAR. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS AND ANNOUNCED TO ALL MEMBERS AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE. , .

**SECTION 3.** GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETINGS (EXCEPT EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THESE BY-LAWS) ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS.

#### **BY-LAW 6**

##### **COMMITTEES/AWARDS**

**SECTION I.** THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO MAY ESTABLISH SUCH STANDING COMMITTEES AS ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEEMS NECESSARY, SUCH AS A CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND CHARITABLE/PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE. MEMBERS OF SUCH COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SECTION II.** OTHER COMMITTEES MAY BE ESTABLISHED AS NEEDED FOR SPECIFIC FUNDRAISING EVENTS, BALL PLANNING, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, MR. AND MISS APOLLO, OR OTHER NEEDS. MEMBERS OF SUCH COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR THE NECESSARY TERMS, NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR, BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SECTION III.** MKA NOLA MAY PRESENT AWARDS TO ITS MEMBERS OR THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE PROVIDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE KREWE. SUCH AWARDS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE CAPTAIN, PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MKA NOLA MAY ALSO ESTABLISH SUCH HONORS AS A "ROYALTY CLUB" TO RECOGNIZE ITS PAST ROYALTY OR A "CHARTER MEMBERS" CLUB TO RECOGNIZE THE FAITHFUL SERVICE AND LONGEVITY OF ITS CHARTER MEMBERS.

#### **BY-LAW 7**

##### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CAN ONLY BE AMENDED BY SUBMITTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT FOR REVIEW AND REFERRAL TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AFTER REVIEW, SUCH AMENDMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR THE FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE APPROPRIATE VOTES, BASED ON ARTICLE VIII OF THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS CONSTITUTION.

#### **BY-LAW 8**

##### **PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS/FESTIVALS**

THE KREWE MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY MARDI GRAS EVENT OR FESTIVAL PARADE PROVIDED THAT THE EVENT DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION. COST OF

PARTICIPATION SHALL BE VOTED ON BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND FINANCING OF PARTICIPATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**BY-LAW 9  
BAL MASQUE RULES**

**RULE I.** THE BALL LIEUTENANTS OR CO-CAPTAINS SHALL BE KREWE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND CHOSEN BY THE CAPTAIN. THIS POSITION DOES NOT ENTITLE A LIEUTENANT OR CO-CAPTAIN TO BOARD MEMBERSHIP. THIS SHALL BE AN HONORED AND WORKING POSITION OF AUTHORITY TO ASSIST THE CAPTAIN.

**RULE II.** THE CAPTAIN SHALL, .NOMINATE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL (BY BALLOT VOTE) ROYALTY. ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE BAL MASQUE MUST BE KREWE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING. ENTERTAINMENT, ENTOURAGE, AND SPECIAL INVITED GUEST(S) CAN BE APPROVED BY THE CAPTAIN AS EXCEPTIONS.

**RULE III.** THE CAPTAIN MUST PRESENT A PLANNED PROGRAM OF EVENTS AND A DETAILED, ITEMIZED BUDGET TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL BY A DATE SET FORTH ON THE KREWE CALENDAR. ANY AND ALL CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM AND/OR BUDGET MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE CAPTAIN MUST MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER ON ALL CONTRACTS AND MUST HAVE THE BOARD'S APPROVAL ON ALL CONTRACTS AND TO SPEND ANY AND ALL MONIES. CAPTAIN WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

**RULE IV.** THE BAL MASQUE IS TO BE FORMAL IN PRESENTATION AND THEREFORE REQUIRE FORMAL ATTIRE TO ATTEND BY KREWE MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC. TECHNICIANS AND BACKSTAGE PERSONNEL MAY BE EXEMPT BY THE CAPTAIN'S CHOICE.

**RULE V.** TO REIGN AS ROYALTY OF APOLLO, A MEMBER MUST BE ACTIVE IN THE KREWE AT LEAST TWO (2) YEARS, WITH EXCEPTIONS BY BOARD APPROVAL ONLY. THE CAPTAIN SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE THOSE PEOPLE HE OR SHE FEELS QUALIFY FOR ROYALTY. IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THIS, SAID PERSONS MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING (FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE) WITH THE KREWE. THEIR IDENTITY SHALL REMAIN SECRET UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CAPTAIN CHOOSES.

**RULE VI.** PAST ROYALTY OF MKA DE NEW ORLEANS SHALL HAVE STANDING LIFETIME INVITATIONS TO THE BAL MASQUE (AT THE PREVAILING ENTRANCE FEE).

**RULE VII.** THE TRADITIONS OF CARNIVAL WILL BE ADHERED TO IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE BAL MASQUE IN AREAS NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

**RULE VIII.** REIGNING MONARCHS ARE PRIVLEDGED TO NAME A COURT FAMILY AND USE SUCH FAMILY IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO BENEFIT AND PROMOTE THE KREWE.

**RULE IX.** BECAUSE REIGNING AS ROYALTY IS REGARDED AS BOTH A PRIVILEGE AND AN OBLIGATION, ROYALTY WILL BE EXPECTED TO PLAN AND COORDINATE AT LEAST TWO CHARITABLE EVENTS TO BENEFIT A CHARITY OR CHARITIES OF THEIR CHOICE DURING THE YEAR OF THEIR REIGN.

**BY-LAW 10  
GENERAL STANDING RULES**

**RULE I.** ANY PERSON HOLDING THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING.

**RULE II.** ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE PRESENTED A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND THEY SHALL BE EXPECTED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.

**RULE III.** ALL SECRET BALLOT VOTING MUST BE HELD AS CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. UPON VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, THE PERSON OR PERSONS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AS IN ARTICLE VI, CODE OF CONDUCT. VOTING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY "SECRET BALLOT," WHEN REQUESTED, OR BY ROLL CALL VOTES OR SIMPLE "YAY OR NAY" SYSTEM. EMAIL VOTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALSO MAY BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MEETINGS, WHEN NEEDED. VOTES OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE BY SIGNED AND DATED BALLOTS EITHER VIA EMAIL OR IN PERSON AT MEETINGS OR BY ROLL CALL VOTES AT MEETINGS.. VOTING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS BY RECORDED VOTE.. .

**RULE IV.** MEMBERS OF THE KREWE SHALL BE IN PROPER ATTIRE FOR THE SETTING OR FUNCTION.

**RULE V.** THE NAME *MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS* IS THE SOLE PROPERTY OF THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS. MEMBERS OF MKA DE NEW ORLEANS MAY NOT PUBLICIZE THE NAME, IN PART OR WHOLE, WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MEMBERS OF MKA DE NEW ORLEANS MAY NOT ENTER INTO VERBAL OR WRITTEN AGREEMENTS REPRESENTING THE KREWE WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**RULE VI.** MKA DE NEW ORLEANS GENERAL STANDING RULES WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. WHEN MKA DE NEW ORLEANS RULES DO NOT COVER A PARTICULAR SITUATION, ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE UTILIZED.

**RULE VII.** UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THESE BY-LAWS, ALL VOTES WILL BE COUNTED BASED ON THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING OR THE MEMBERS VOTING BY WRITTEN BALLOT ON ANY MATTER WHETHER THE VOTE REQUIRES 2/3 OR A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF 50 PERCENT PLUS ONE TO PASS, SO LONG AS A QUORUM HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. QUORUMS FOR BOARD MEETINGS REQUIRE AT LEAST HALF OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT. QUORUMS FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR VOTES REQUIRE AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT OR VOTING BY WRITTEN BALLOT.

**RULE VIII.** THE PRESIDENT MAY CALL AT ANY TIME FOR AN EMAIL VOTE ON ISSUES THAT ARE TIMELY. PROXY VOTING ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PROHIBITED AND CAN ONLY BE VOTED ON BY BEING IN ATTENDANCE AT THAT MEETING.

**RULE IX.** A KREWE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IS DEFINED AS A MEMBER WHO IS CURRENT WITH PAYMENT OF DUES AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY PENDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

**RULE X.** DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION. IN THE EVENT THE KREWE SHOULD DISBAND AND THE CORPORATION IS DISSOLVED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ALL REMAINING MONIES AND ASSETS SHALL BE DONATED TO A CHARITY VOTED ON BY THE LAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**RULE XI.** MEMBERSHIP AND BAL MASQUE INVITATION LISTS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE KREWE AND SHALL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL THIS RULE DOES NOT PRECLUDE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH LISTS TO ALL KREWE MEMBERS FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE OR FOR USE FOR KREWE BUSINESS.

#### **BY-LAW 11 ELECTIONS PROCEDURES/RULES**

**RULE 1.** THE PRESIDENT OF THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS WILL NAME A NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR. THAT COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS PROCESS, AS PER BY-LAWS.

**RULE 2.** THE NOMINATION/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE WILL SOLICIT NOMINATIONS OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP.

**RULE 3.** THE NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE WILL VERIFY NOMINEES DESIRE AND ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN NOMINATED. CONFIDENTIALLY WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING THIS PROCESS.

**RULE 4.** NOMINEES MAY ONLY RUN FOR ONE POSITION. ANYONE NOMINATED FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PICK THE OFFICE FOR WHICH HE/SHE WANTS TO RUN BEFORE THE OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES AND/OR BALLOTS ARE PRODUCED BY THE NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

**RULE 5.** THE NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE WILL PRODUCE THE OFFICIAL BALLOT, WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS MEETING IN MARCH. BALLOTS MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL, MAIL, IN PERSON OR ANY OTHER EXPEDIENT MEANS BEFORE OR AT THE ELECTIONS MEETING. TO BE COUNTED, ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE PRESIDENT DECLARES ELECTIONS ARE CLOSED AT THE ELECTIONS MEETING.

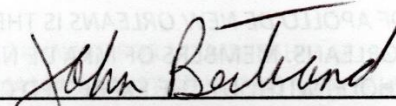
**RULE 6.** ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER CASTING THAT BALLOT (BECAUSE OF CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS PROVISIONS THAT ELECTIONS BE HANDLED BY BALLOT AND THAT ALL MEMBERS BE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AT OR BEFORE THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING IN MARCH) TO ENSURE EACH MEMBER VOTES ONLY ONCE. EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S BALLOT/VOTES WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY THE NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

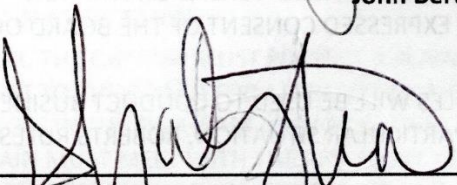
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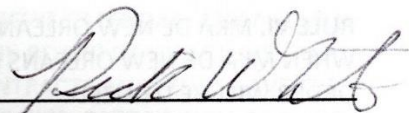
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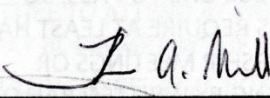
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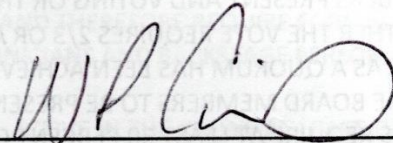
THIS CONSTITUTION (ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION) AND BY-LAWS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE MAJORITIES OF THE MYSTIC KREWE OF APOLLO DE NEW ORLEANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS MEMBERSHIP ON THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

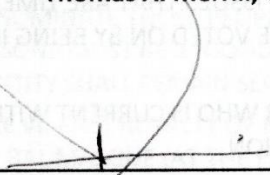
  
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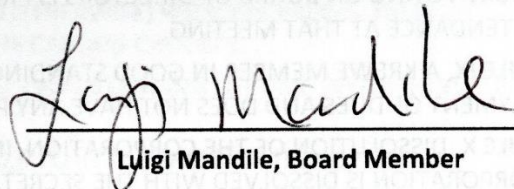
  
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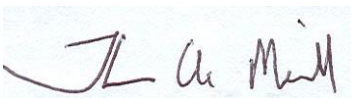
  
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**SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT (BY-LAW 11, ELECTIONS PROCEDURES) ADOPTED ON APRIL 24, 2022,  
AND CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**Thomas A. Merrill, President**

  
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**Walter Patrick Cain III, Secretary**