

SOULARD MARDI GRAS  
**2005 GRAND PARADE**

***“Broadway on Broadway”***

**Saturday, February 5, 2005**

**Parade Day Rules and Information**

Here is additional information you will need for the Staging Area and Parade. Please pay very close attention to this information and share it with all Krewe members, parade participants, drivers, etc.

The **Staging Area** is the **parking lot South and West of Busch Stadium on 7<sup>th</sup> Street**. (same lot as last year.) Floats, parade vehicles and participants will **enter at the south entrance** on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

The **organization placement number which indicates your position in the parade** will be sent within 1-2 weeks prior to the parade. This number is to be located in the **front, lower left portion window of your lead vehicle** (driver’s left side) when it arrives at the Staging Area and throughout the parade. If you are a multi-vehicle group, you will have additional copies in the mailing. The numbers should be displayed in each vehicle as stated above. If you are a marching group, one person should be responsible for bringing the number with them and presenting it to the marshal at the Staging Area entrance on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. **Please refrain from playing music until you are in your designated spot in the lot.** This is **important** so that you can hear the directions of the marshals.

Floats, vehicles, krewes and participants are to arrive starting at 8:00 a.m. To aid in the organization of the staging area, we are asking that all arrive in the order and times listed below:

Parade Positions 1-20	arrive between 8:00 and 8:30
Parade Positions 21-40	arrive between 8:30 and 9:00
Parade Positions 41-60	arrive between 9:00 and 9:30
Parade Positions 61-80	arrive between 9:30 and 10:00
Parade Positions 81-100	arrive between 9:30 and 10:00

All floats, vehicles, groups and participants **must** be in position no later than **10:15** or numerical position in parade **will be forfeited as well as deposit!** The order is in place and is used at the bandstand and for judging.

**Music volume** should be lowered when entering the Staging Area so that the driver can hear directions from the Marshals. Music volume should remain at a lower level (loud enough for your own krewe) in the Staging Area so that Marshals can coordinate, as

required, with the Krewe. Music volume should again be lowered when queuing for the parade start. Once past the official start point (7<sup>th</sup> & Spruce) the music volume can be turned up. Keep music volume at appropriate level for your float – do not drown out adjacent entries. Speakers should be directed to the crowd on the sides.

**Only floats, parade vehicles and parade participants** will be allowed on the lot. **NO** support vehicles or parking will be allowed on this lot. **NO** vehicles for loading or unloading will be allowed on the lot. All preparation to the float and loading of beads, equipment and materials, etc. should be done prior to entering the lot. Only parade participants boarding the floats and vehicles will be allowed on the lot. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. ANY VEHICLE OF ANY KIND OTHER THAN YOUR KREWE'S FLOAT THAT ENTERS THE LOT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE FINED.**

All vehicles are to proceed **straight** to their designated spot, **drive up to the A-Frame with your number** and **remain** parked/stationary until directed to move into position for the parade. Do not park to the left or right side of the A-Frame.

Krewe members and Parade Participants can take **Metrolink** to the Busch Stadium station or can **park in the area around Busch Stadium**. (Participants are responsible for cost of paid lots and/or meters.) No credentials or badges will be required for participants on your float, though main contacts may be provided with credentials from Mardi Gras Inc. Should MGI provide such credentials, your primary contact must have it on at all times. Please **communicate your organization name & number to your group** prior to parade day. Participants can check at the Information Table for location in the lot if they are unable to locate your group. **MGI DOES NOT PROVIDE PARKING FOR KREWE MEMBERS / PARADE PARTICIPANTS. WE SUGGEST PARKING DOWNTOWN AND TAKING ONE OF THE MANY MODE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INTO SOULARD.**

Trash receptacles and portable toilets will be available at the Staging Area. Please ensure that your group puts trash **INTO** the dumpsters, and not **NEXT** to the dumpsters.

Upon arrival at the Staging Area, either the first or second contact must be available at the float at all times as assigned marshals will be contacting you for any **required information** and to check for your **fire extinguisher**. If you have not provided a copy of the **driver's license and insurance**, you must bring a **legible copy** with you for the marshals to collect. All floats, vehicles and groups must carry proof of insurance throughout the parade. **Check in MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10:30 AM.**

If information and paper work has not been collected by 10:45 or when the motorcycles leave to start the parade, it is the responsibility of the main contact to bring it to the

Information Desk. Missing paperwork (drivers license and insurance information, release forms, signed rules, etc.) will result in the loss of the deposit.

As each float, vehicle or group is queued, marshals will verify that **wheel walkers** are provided if required and that **safety concerns** are addressed. The marshals have the right to pull any participant out of the lineup if wheel walkers are not provided or there are safety issues. (You must have a wheel walker for each axle of your vehicle unless the distance between the street and the side rails is under 8". Refer to Float Guidelines.) At any time along the route, wheel walkers are not in place and it is noted by a Marshal, you will forfeit your deposit. (Note: all floats and vehicles are required to have **fire extinguishers** on board. It is recommended that floats also have a first aid kit and water available.) Drivers are to be able to communicate with someone on the float at all times in case of emergency.

**No** items are to be left at the staging area when entering the parade. Each group is responsible for leaving their area **clean and free of debris** when they leave the staging area. All trash should be on the float or in receptacles in the Staging Area.

All **Throws** are to be approved **prior** to or at the Parade meeting, which is **prior** to Parade day. You may **not throw items in the staging area**. Items can be thrown **after the float passes the designated start point that will be discussed at the Mandatory Krewe Meeting**. Drivers and wheel walkers may **not** distribute throws, as it is their job to observe safety precautions. All items must be thrown **over** the fence and barricades.

The parade will start **PROMPTLY at 11:00 a.m.** The start of the parade will be signaled by the start of the Harley Davidsons at 10:45. All participants, floats and vehicles should be ready at that time.

Banners preceding the floats must be carried by walkers, provided by the Krewe, for the entire parade route. These banners are not to be attached to the vehicle. Only Event Sponsors are to have any business signage on their floats. No signage should appear on the float. Banners that are provided for business entries **MUST BE CARRIED**. Banners **MAY NOT** be tied or fixed onto the front of your vehicle/float. Failure to carry the banner will result in fines.

The parade will be paced and have a constant flow. **NO STOPPING** will be allowed. Drivers are to follow within 20 feet or as close to that as possible and keep pace. Performances are not to hinder the pace of the parade at any time. All entries can pause to acknowledge the bandstand on the east side of the street near Soulard Street, but are not to stop for any length of time which would hinder the constant flow.

Participants on the vehicles are to **remain** on the vehicle once the parade has started and along the parade route until they reach the drop point. **NO** participants are to board vehicles along the route.

The **Parade Route** is very similar to the routes of past years. Though we have not as of application deadline finalized the route or disbandment procedure, it will be provided to you no later than the Mandatory Krewe Meeting.

**NO stopping for unloading participants** will be allowed until floats or vehicles reach the disbandment area. **Police will be marshalling the disbandment area and stopping before the location noted will result in the forfeiture of your deposit and possible ticketing by the Police!!**

**These and all previous rules and instructions of the parade marshals and police officers must be obeyed at all times. NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES OR INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MARSHALS OR POLICE WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF YOUR DEPOSIT. MARSHALS AND THE POLICE MAY PULL ANY FLOATS, VEHICLES OR GROUPS FROM THE PARADE IF THEY FAIL TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.**

**Mardi Gras Inc. reserves the right to amend, revise, add, or subtract to these rules as deemed necessary by situation or for reasonable cause as parade day draws near. Such changes will be conveyed to your krewe in writing via e-mail to your krewe contact and will be considered binding just as these existing rules are.**

*Thank you for participating in the Grand Parade!! We hope everyone has a fun and safe Mardi Gras!!*

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