



ORDER OF LASHE'S NEWSLETTER

A Word from President Jamie



April's General Meeting was full of excitement and lots of information. Congratulations to our new committee chairmen for this year!

Ladies- I encourage you to join committees. If there is a committee that you have been wanting to join, now is the time! All of these ladies would love your help this coming year, and what a great way to get to know your sister LaShe's!!!

The April Meeting ended with Queen Melissa choosing her emblem for this upcoming year. Congratulations to Marissa McManus! I know both of you two deserving ladies will represent us well!

Room Captains, please get your financial reports to me if you have not done so already.

Our 2025-2026 Budget was approved at the April General Meeting- this and the Annual Report are both posted on the website for you to view!

Our **May General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **May 21, 2025**, at The Locale. The executive board is still discussing and reviewing options to schedule meetings for the entire year. Our **June General Meeting** will be Wednesday, **June 18, 2025**, at The Locale.

Bienville Costumes was awarded the costume bid for Active, Active Non-riding, Costume Honorary, and Founder Emeritus members. Aryn Carr was awarded the costume bid for associate costumes.

Ladies, please do not reach out to either costumer directly. Violations may result in \$125 fine per occurrence up to expulsion! All communication should be through our Costume Chair (Marissa McManus).

SAVE THE DATE

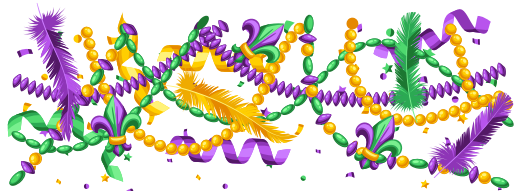
May 21, 2025, 7 pm
General Meeting
The Locale

May 31, 2025
Room 8 Poker Run

June 18, 2025, 7pm
General Meeting
The Locale



May Bar Raffle
Room 14



Congratulations to Floats A,G,J,L,M,N with Teresa Cooper as the Associate rep for Costume Committee!



May will be the ONLY month for Active, Active Non-Riding, Costume Honorary, and Founder Emeritus members to be measured for your costume this year.

If you are unable to attend, Costume Chair (and Emblem) Marissa McManus has the measurement form available on the OOL Facebook page and the OOL Website.

Please turn in measurements to Marissa NO LATER THAN MAY 21, 2025!!

Associate measurements will be held/due in June—details will be announced as soon as plans are complete.

A few reminders for our May meeting...another very busy meeting is in store!

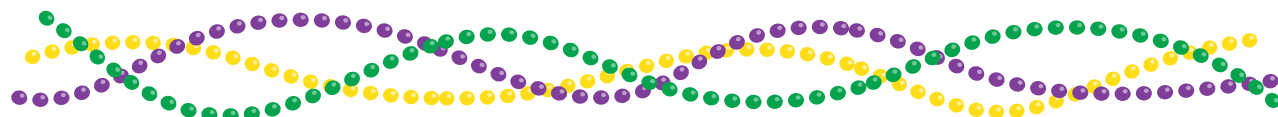
- **May is a dues month** – please make plans to pay your 1st dues installment on or before May 21, 2025.
- The **Ball Committee will present our theme** for this year!
- **May is the only month that Marshal Applications are accepted** – the forms are available on the website, or you can email Vice President/ Mother MOOL Cindy Bishop and she will send you one.

Ladies, I want to remind all to please be mindful of the designated smoking areas at our meetings. The Locale has a beautiful area out back we are allowed to use.

Lastly, don't forget to stop by Hospitality and Ways & Means. I know Paula will have tasty beverages and Christine will have amazing merchandise!

Committee Chairmen

- **Associate** - Lynlee Evans
- **Audit** - Jan Barbato
- **Costume** - Marissa McManus
- **EOC** - Danetta Bean
- **Election** - Cassie Knorr
- **Float Barn** - Paula Blackwell
- **Float Captain** - Bridget Dixon Moseley
- **Float Review** - Summer Frahm
- **Hospitality** - Paula Harris
- **Invitations** - Robin Brown
- **Layaway** - Hayley Clough
- **PR/SE** - Lisa Bullock
- **Photography** - Gail Filotei
- **Room Captain** - Ashley Adams
- **Sunshine** - Melanie Suiter
- **Mother MOOL** - Cindy Bishop



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Queen Melissa

🌟 **So Much Appreciation for So Many** 🌟

First, a heartfelt thank you to our **Past Emblems**, who brought grace, sparkle, and tradition to the announcement of our radiant Emblem Marissa. Your presence lit up the moment and reminded us all of the legacy we carry forward.

To our **fabulous Marshals**—what a blast the In and Out Party was! You set the tone for a season full of sisterhood and sass. Thank you for keeping the spirit high and the laughter loud.

I can't say enough about the tireless **Ball Committee**—your creativity and commitment to this year's theme have been nothing short of inspiring. The presentation is shaping up to be a showstopper, and I know it's going to take our breath away.

And a HUGE shout-out to **Layaway and Ways and Means**—you've already logged countless hours making critical decisions that keep us moving forward with style and purpose. Your behind-the-scenes work never goes unnoticed!

🌟 **The Pieces Are Falling Beautifully into Place** 🌟

Every day, I'm in awe of how all the puzzle pieces of this season are coming together. There's a magic in our momentum, a cohesion in our chaos, and a sparkle in our shared vision. It's going to be one for the books!

Let's keep lifting each other up, cheering each other on, and celebrating the incredible force we are when we come together.

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WOW!!! What an honor and an amazing surprise to be named Emblem for the LaShe's!!!

First I would like to thank my lovely Mother/Queen Melissa Davis for allowing me to be by her side this year! I look forward to making many memorable moments together.

Secondly, I would like to **thank everyone in the organization** for being so supportive. I hope I will make each and every one of you proud this year! Finally, I would like to thank the Marshals for the In and Out party. This year I enjoyed getting to attend as not only a Marshal wife, but as the Emblem.



Vice President - Cindy Bishop



Emma-Lee McLain	Elise Wiik	Kelli E. Williams
Kylee Toms	Amber Rowland	Kristina Arata
Molly Nichols	Amanda Rodriguez	Lexis Marvin
Morgan Williams	Lesa Renegar	Autumn Horton
Cheralyn (CJ) Herrington	Victoria Brewer	Robin L. Brunson
Bailey Mann	Ashlynn Hale	Olivia Foster
Victoria Imel	Jennifer Fielder Skipper	Ashley Bass Greger
Mare Louise Cunningham	Debra Diane Sibley-Randall	Lauren Tyson
Kelsey Orsak	Reaghan Turner Humphries	Lori C. Giles
Leilani Holston	Brittany Docen	Cecily Marie Utsey
Niki Lesley	Teryn Colvin	Aimee Gueret
Emily Truchon	Lisa Downard	Hayley Johnson
Tammy Jackson		

Congratulations Queen Melissa and Emblem Marissa! Excited to see what this year brings! Don't forget to attend the May general meeting to find out our theme!

Remember, **May is the only month you can turn in an application** for your husband, son, or brother to be placed on the Marshal waiting list. The application is available on our website and Facebook page. The application fee (\$25.00 non-refundable) must be submitted with the application.

In addition, this month we will be **voting on the ladies listed above.**

Treasurer - Stacey Jessee



DON'T GET FINED... PAY ON TIME! Your first dues installment is due by the May 21, 2025 General Meeting, You have several payment options: (1) OOL website: <https://order-of-lashes.square.site> ; (2) mail in your payment to P.O. Box 850176 Mobile, Alabama 36685; and/or (3) pay at the finance table at the May General Meeting.

The Executive Board is again offering an incentive to pay your dues early!

Article XI Finance

Annual dues can be paid in full by the May monthly meeting or in installments to be paid as follows:

DATE DUE	ACTIVE DUES	ASSOCIATE DUES
May General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
July General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
September General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
November General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00

DATE DUE	COSTUME HONORARY	HONORARY
May General Meeting	\$137.50	\$100.00
July General Meeting	\$137.50	

If a member fails to pay her dues in accordance with the above, she will be charged a twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) late fee and will receive written notification and have ten (10) days from the date of the notice for the Society to receive payment of the dues plus the late fee. If the Society has not received payment within ten (10) days of the notice date, the member will be dropped from the roster without further notice. (7-12-01)

Any Active, Active Non-Riding, Associate, or Costumed Honorary member who pays their dues in full by the May General Meeting will receive a **FREE SET of Ball Invitations!**

Please feel free to contact me anytime should you have questions or need to discuss your account.





Recording Secretary - Donna Diaz

Hey Ladies! I am excited to find out what our Ball Committee has in store for our theme reveal. The only way to find out is to attend the meeting! **Please remember to sign in.**

Signing in is the only way to record your attendance towards your required meetings. And while you are signing in, grab that name tag. Wearing your name tag is the only way you will receive a ballot.



Corresponding Secretary - Tracey Taylor

Updates! Updates! Updates! Thank you ladies for your support and patience as I work through updating website, meeting highlights, and the newsletter. Please send all the feedback so I can continue to make the improvements you request!

Be sure to check out the new **"Quick Lists"** on the website. Also, please check the directory and submit an update if needed!

It's my pleasure to serve you!!



Parliamentarian - Kendra Isenhower

Hello ladies! The bylaws committee has been hard at work to review and make recommendations on bylaws that have been submitted.

This month we will be voting on four bylaws and conforming amendments.

If you need help with the process of submitting a bylaw change, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Please see the "Bylaw Amendments Appendix" at the end of the newsletter prior to the ads section.



Historian - Gabby Smith

Huge Congratulations to our new Emblem Marissa! We're absolutely thrilled to see her shine in both her roles as Emblem and Costume Chairwoman—she is such a fabulous representative for our organization.

In the up coming meetings, I'll begin sharing photos from our history archives to spotlight the wonderful moments and members that have shaped our journey.

Also, a quick note: Gail Filotej, our talented **Photography Chairwoman, is looking for volunteers to help on her committee.** If you have an eye for capturing memories or simply want to get involved, please consider joining her team!

Let's keep honoring our past while celebrating our present!

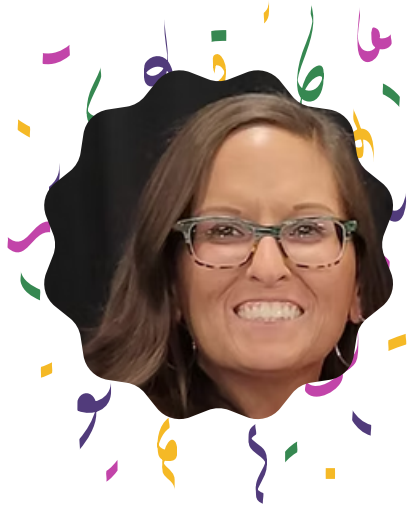




Board Seat 1 Parade - Sara McKinley

WE HAVE A NEW FLOAT BUILDER!!!! Mythic Float Works, LLC will be working their artistic magic to give our floats the much needed TLC they deserve. We will have the best looking floats on the streets of Mobile!

Queen Melissa and I met with the float builder AND the float artist to design 11 beautiful themed floats. I can not wait to see the transformation. Speaking of THEME.... **HAPPY THEME REVEAL MONTH LADIES!!!!**



Board Seat 2 Ball - Nicole Rayborn



The Ball Committee met in April to officially kick off planning for the 2026 Ball. Recently, a group of us met with OVG to provide our feedback on the 2025 ball. Our concerns around the temperature, food, liquor, general set up of the Convention Center, etc. were discussed. Several changes are in the works on their side with nothing set in stone yet. They are not ready to schedule meetings to plan the 2026 balls. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

Be sure to attend this month's General Meeting. The committee has been hard at work planning the **Theme Reveal skit**. You don't want to miss an entertaining evening!

Board Seat 3 Ways & Means - Christine Bramlett

Well, well, well — y'all showed UP last month! A massive THANK YOU to every fabulous LaShe who shopped Ways and Means at the last meeting. Your support keeps us looking fierce and funding all the fun — we see you, and we love you!

Now, let's spill the tea on the **Toast shirts**... they were hotter than a Gulf Coast summer, and we are *obsessed!* BUT — listen up, ladies — they are **LIMITED EDITION**. That's right: no do-overs, no reorders, no "but I meant to grab one!" If you didn't get yours yet, this is your sign — grab it this month or forever hold your peace.



Coming in hot for May: brand new goodies at the Ways and Means store! AND after the big theme reveal, you'll get your first peek at this year's **theme shirts and theme huggers**. We're ready to help everyone find their perfect size and style!

Bonus tip: Ways and Means opens early — so swing by before the meeting chaos starts. If your room's on raffle prize duty, we're your one-stop shop — and yes, we'll even gift wrap it so you look like you've got it ALL together.

Thanks for keeping Ways and Means successful — don't forget your cash, check, or card and come see us!

Sneak Peek Sneak Peek



2025-2026 Committee Chairmen

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Mother MOOL	Cindy Bishop	251-623-0642	OOLVicePresident@gmail.com



Associate - Lynlee Evans

Happy (almost) summer, LaShe's! As we prepare to welcome our newest members, I'm reaching out for a little help. I'm still looking for a few amazing women—whether you're a longtime member or just recently joined—to **serve as Big Sisters!** We all remember how unfamiliar (and exciting!) it can feel to step into something new. This is a wonderful opportunity to make someone feel welcome and help them navigate the ins and outs of our organization.

If you're interested in being a Big Sister—or have questions about what's involved—please let me know! Let's continue building the kind of sisterhood we're all proud to be part of.



Costume - Marissa McManus

Congratulations to these lovely ladies on being chosen for the costume committee this year: Float A- Abigail Baxter, Float G- Kassidy Boutwell, Float J- Ashlie Gillespie, Float L- Gina Bush, Float M- Sonya Stephens, Float N- Emalee Gibson, and Associates- Teresa Cooper.

May is Costume Measurements for Active, Active Non-Riding, and Costume Honorary. Please come early to be measured by the Costumer. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email your form to me by May 21st . The form is available online to download. Associates will be measured in June.





Photography - Gail Filotei

This year is going to be amazing! The photography committee can't wait to document the fun times and special events through photos.

Anyone interested in joining my committee, please reach out. If you have a need for a photography committee member at your event or party, please let me know so I can add it to our calendar. **Smile big and shine for the camera!**

PR/Special Events - Lisa Bullock

Hello beautiful ladies! I am super excited to be your PR/Special Events chair for this year! I am even more excited to kick off this season of giving! The committee is working to provide our spotlight organization for the month of May, but details are not final yet. I will post on Facebook to spread the word once approved.

In keeping with OOL tradition, we will also be **collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House** of Mobile ALL YEAR LONG! Jars will be placed on tables and at Hospitality. If you would like to collect them at home as well, I will gladly take them off your hands when we meet.

Thank you ladies for all you do inside our organization and out!



Room Captain Chair - Ashley Adams

Thanks to the Executive Board that raised the maximum number of members to **48 for each room**. If you have been thinking about changing rooms, now is the time before all the new members are voted in.

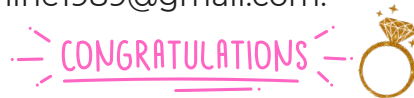
The Room Transfer Request form is on the website. You can submit to oolroomcaptchair@gmail.com or oolvicepresident@gmail.com.



Sunshine - Melanie Suiter

It is my honor to serve as your OOL Sunshine Chair for 2025-2026. I hope to share with you all our members good and unfortunate sad news each month.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at the following email address, oolsunshine1989@gmail.com.



Micky Farmer (Room 2) on her recent Engagement to Nash Troia.

Our continued thoughts and prayers for our Sisters:

- **Gayle Bishop** (Room 10) and **Cindy Bishop** (Room 9) on the passing of Gayle's mother and Cindy's grandmother.
- **Elizabeth Stowe** and **Jennifer Stowe** (Room 5) on their mother's recent surgery.
- **Trisha Marie Guy** (Room 3) as she recovers from recent surgery.
- **Lisa Lairmore** (Room 8) on the passing of her father, Fred Sprinkle.
- **Amy Coarsey** and **Alex Coarsey** (Room 11) on the passing of Linda Ashford Coarsey, Amy's mother-in-law and Alex's grandmother.
- **Ginger Renee Phillips-Dueitt** (Room 2) on the passing of her young cousin.
- **Kim Knorr** (Room 11) continued healing prayers.
- **Nancy Thompson** (Room 11) as her husband Edwin recovers from recent surgery.



*****Bylaw Amendments Appendix*****

Ladies, the following Appendix is 11 pages long (pgs. 10-20) and covers several Bylaws. Please review all of the proposed amendments thoroughly as one section contains a grouping that must be voted on together.



The first proposed bylaw amendment was submitted by the executive board and is as follows:

Current

ARTICLE VI – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 6. The Costume Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, the Chairperson appointed by the President and six (6) Float Captains whose names shall be randomly drawn at the first General Meeting after the Annual Meeting. The committee shall work closely with the Queen, the Ball Chairperson, and the Costume Vendor. (9-14-94) (12-12-02) (9-20-18)

Change

Section 6. The Costume Committee shall consist of **seven (7) members** Float Captains of **each lettered float and the Committee Chair float**. The Chairperson **will be** appointed by the President. **and six (6) Float Captains whose names shall be randomly drawn at the first General Meeting after the Annual Meeting**. The committee shall work closely with the Queen and the Costume Vendor. (9-14-94) (12-12-02) (9-20-18)

Reason

Each float should have representation on the costume committee and participate in decision-making as well as the process of fittings, sorting, and distribution of costumes.



Keep Reading!

The second proposed bylaw amendments were submitted by four members in good standing and are as follows:

Current

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 22. The Executive Board may elect to procure additional floats during special Anniversary years (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, etc.), to allow Active (Non-Riding), Honorary, Costume Honorary, and/or Associate members to participate in the Annual Parade. If the Active (Non-Riding), Honorary, Costume Honorary, and/or Associate member elects to ride, she must notify the President by the announced cut-off date. Once the President has been informed, she will notify the Float Captain and Costume Chairpersons. The riding member will be responsible for paying additional organization and room dues equivalent to Active dues. The member must also abide by all deadlines and fines related to Ball, Rehearsal, Costume Measurement and Costume Fitting. The member will be assigned to said float(s) in order of request. Unless otherwise stated, float ride selection for special riders will be by float seniority followed by organization seniority. The member's status does not change, and she does not receive any rights or privileges other than parading rights for the Anniversary year. (6-20-13)

Change

The Executive Board may elect to procure additional floats **during special Anniversary years (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, etc.)**, to allow Active (Non-Riding), Honorary, Costume Honorary, and/or Associate members to participate in the Annual Parade. If the Active (Non-Riding), Honorary, Costume Honorary, and/or Associate member elects to ride, she must notify the President by the announced cut-off date. Once the President has been informed, she will notify the Float Captain and Costume Chairpersons. The riding member will be responsible for paying additional organization and room dues equivalent to Active dues. The member must also abide by all deadlines and fines related to Ball, Rehearsal, Costume Measurement and Costume Fitting. The member will be assigned to said float(s) in order of request. Unless otherwise stated, float ride selection for special riders will be by float seniority followed by organization seniority. The member's status does not change, and she does not receive any rights or privileges other than parading rights for the Anniversary year. (6-20-13)

Reason

This change allows for floats to be rented for any year. If an additional float(s) is procured, more members would be given the chance to ride. Increased dues for temporary rider fees can help cover the cost of floats and add additional revenue for the organization. This would also increase member participation with Layaway and Ways & Means. This change does not mean that a float(s) will be rented every year but allows the organization more flexibility to rent a float(s).

If passed, the following bylaws will conform to correspond with this change:

Sections: 11G, 19G, 20F and 23.

***The following grouping (pgs. 12-18)
must be voted on together!!***

The third proposed bylaw amendments were submitted by four members in good standing and are as follows:

Current

Article XI - Finance

Section 1. Annual dues for Active/Active Non-Riding members shall not exceed \$550.00 and

will include one (1) costume, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; parading rights (Active), voting rights, and a number of Ball invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. (10-17-91) (12-14-95) (3-15-01) (1-21-10) (6-21-12) (5-18-17) (5-18-23) (5-16-24)

Annual dues for Associate members shall not exceed \$500.00 and will include one set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; one (1) Associate Costume and a number of Ball Invitations to be determined by the Executive Board. (10-17-91) (12-14-95) (3-15-01) (1-21-10) (6-21-12) (5-18-17) (5-18-23)

Annual dues for Costume Honorary members shall be \$275.00 payable \$137.50 by the May general membership meeting and \$137.50 by the July general membership meeting. Upon request, a Costume Honorary member will receive one (1) set of Spring Event invitations, if held; and one (1) set of Fall or Winter Event invitations, if held. Costume Honorary members

will be required to participate in the Annual Ball; she will be provided a call out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation. (12-11-08) (6-21-12) (5-18-17) (5-16-24)

Annual dues for Honorary members shall not exceed the cost of a set of Annual Ball invitations and will include, upon the members request, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; and one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; as well as an Honorary call-out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation should she desire to participate in the Annual Ball. (3-15-01) (6-20-02) (6-21-12)

Section 2. Annual Active/Active Non-Riding and Associates dues can be paid in full by the May monthly meeting or in installments to be paid as follows: (5-18-17) (5-18-23) (7-20-23) (5-16-24)

	Active/ Active Non-Riding	Associates
May General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
July General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
September General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00
November General Meeting	\$137.50	\$125.00

Honorary dues are due in full by the May meeting. (6-20-02)

Proposed

Article XI - Finance

Section 1. Annual dues for Active/Active Non-Riding members shall not exceed **\$800.00** and will include one (1) costume, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; parading rights (Active), voting rights, and a number of Ball invitations to be determined by the Executive Board.

Annual dues for Associate members shall not exceed **\$650.00** and will include one set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held; one (1) Associate Costume and a number of Ball Invitations to be determined by the Executive Board.

Annual dues for Costume Honorary members shall be **\$280.00** payable **\$140.00** by the May general membership meeting and **\$140.00** by the July general membership meeting. Upon request, a Costume Honorary member will receive one (1) set of Spring Event invitations, if held; and one (1) set of Fall or Winter Event invitations, if held. Costume Honorary members will be required to participate in the Annual Ball; she will be provided with a call out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation.

Annual dues for Honorary members ***shall not pay dues unless a set of invitations is requested. The request for a set of invitations must be submitted no later than the December General meeting and payment is due when requested. Honorary Members requesting a set of invitations shall receive an Honorary call-out ribbon and one (1) escort invitation.*** Upon the members request, one (1) set of invitations to the Spring Event, if held; and one (1) set of invitations to the Fall or Winter Event, if held, will be issued.

Section 2. Annual Active/Active Non-Riding and Associates dues can be paid in full by the May monthly meeting or in installments to be paid as follows: (5-18-17) (5-18-23) (7-20-23) (5-16-24)

	Active/ Active Non-Riding	Associates
May General Meeting	\$200.00	\$162.50
July General Meeting	\$200.00	\$162.50
September General Meeting	\$200.00	\$162.50
November General Meeting	\$200.00	\$162.50

Honorary dues are due in full by the May meeting. (6-20-02)

Current

Article XI - Finance

Section 9. All financial obligations are to be paid to the Finance Committee, this includes membership dues, assessments, purchase of pins, cups, coins, event invitations, etc., and any fundraisers. Only room dues (that are paid to the room) and donations to the monthly bar are exempted. (10-17-91) (12-15-05)

Proposed Change

Article XI - Finance

Section 9. All financial obligations are to be paid to the Finance Committee, this includes membership dues, assessments, purchase of pins, cups, coins, event invitations, etc., and any fundraisers. *Only room dues (that are paid to the room) and* Donations to the monthly bar are exempted.

Current

Article XI - Finance

Section 12. All delinquent monetary obligations owed to the organization, which includes monetary obligations owed to rooms, must be paid by December 31st of each year. This includes all special orders, layaway, float fund, fines, and late fees. Members will be notified of the amount owed ten (10) days prior to the cutoff date. Any member who fails to pay her Monetary obligations by December 31st will be charged a \$50.00 fine. The fine will be distributed as follows:

If the entire balance is due to the organization, the organization receives the entire fine; If the balance is due both to the organization and to the room; the fine is equally divided between the organization and the room; If the balance is only room related, the entire fine is distributed to the room. The balance owed the organization and the \$50.00 fine must be paid by Float Load Day or the member will not be allowed to load the float and will be removed from the roster without further notice. Costume, invitations, ribbons, and layaway merchandise will not be distributed until all monetary obligations and the fine are paid in full. No exceptions. (12-10-98) (11-12-00) (3-15-01) (5-15-07) (4-21-11) (7-18-19)

Proposed

Article XI – Finance

Section 12. All delinquent monetary obligations owed to the organization, *which includes monetary obligations owed to rooms*; must be paid by December 31st of each year. This includes all special orders, layaway, float fund, fines, and late fees. Members will be notified of the amount owed ten (10) days prior to the cutoff date. Any member who fails to pay her Monetary obligations by December 31st will be charged a \$50.00 fine. *The fine will be distributed as follows:*

If the entire balance is due to the organization, the organization receives the entire fine; If the balance is due both to the organization and to the room; the fine is equally divided between the organization and the room; If the balance is only room related, the entire fine is distributed to the room: The balance owed the organization and the \$50.00 fine must be paid by Float Load Day or the member will not be allowed to load the float and will be removed from the roster without further notice. Costume, invitations, ribbons, and layaway merchandise will not be distributed until all monetary obligations and the fine are paid in full. No exceptions.

New**Article XI – Finance****Section 14**

Fifty dollars (\$50) of the annual Active / Active Non-Riding / Associate dues will be allocated towards a Parlor fee. The Parlor fee includes any drinks or food served at all meetings, new member orientation, float load, and rehearsal. Any Honorary / Costume Honorary member that chooses to be involved in these functions will have the option to purchase the Parlor rights. The Treasurer will provide the member with a Parlor card to present to Hospitality.

Reason: This does not increase the Annual Dues but adds a benefit included with the dues. The practice of a “donation” is skirting the rule of not selling alcohol and could lead us into trouble. It is known that roughly 20% of members fully support all our endeavors. The parlor fee is inclusive of all members to ensure they share the burden of funding the organization. This allocated roughly \$20,000.00 as income to hospitality with an estimated slight increase in expenses.

Current

Article II – Membership

Section 11

D. Honorary members shall be able to request room transfers via the room transfer form and enjoy full privileges as defined by the room members. Honorary members will not be considered in the number of Active, Active (Non-Riding), and Associate members assigned to the rooms. Therefore, the Honorary members’ dues, if any, shall be set by each room but cannot exceed those paid by other members. (8-20-98) (11-15-18) (11-17-22)

Proposed Change

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More Below!



Current

Article II – Membership

Section 20

D. Costume Honorary members shall be able to request room transfers via the room transfer form and enjoy full privileges as defined by the room member. Costume Honorary members will not be considered in the number of Active, Active Nonriding and Associate members assigned to the rooms. Therefore, the Costume Honorary members' dues, if any, shall be set by each room but cannot exceed those paid by other members.(11-15-18) (11-17-22)

Proposed Change

Article II – Membership

Section 20

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Current

Article II – Membership

Section 21. Founder Emeritus members are granted gratuitous lifetime membership and shall o receive the same membership privileges as Active Members. Founder Emeritus members shall DECLARE in writing their RIDING status at the Annual meeting each year. Founder Emeritus members shall pay one-half of the room dues. (6-20-13)

Proposed Change

Article II – Membership

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Still More!



Current

Article II – Membership

Section 22. The Executive Board may elect to procure additional floats during special Anniversary years (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, etc.), to allow Active (Non- Riding), Honorary, Costume Honorary, and/or Associate members to participate in the Annual Parade. If the Active (Non-Riding), Honorary, Costume Honorary, and/or Associate member elects to ride, she must notify the President by the announced cut-off date. Once the President has been informed, she will notify the Float Captain and Costume Chairpersons. The riding member will be responsible for paying additional organization and room dues equivalent to Active dues. The member must also abide by all deadlines and fines related to Ball, Rehearsal, Costume Measurement and Costume Fitting. The member will be assigned to said float(s) in order of request. Unless otherwise stated, float ride selection for special riders will be by float seniority followed by organization seniority. The member's status does not change and she does not receive any rights or privileges other than parading rights for the Anniversary year. (6-20-13)

Proposed Change

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*But Wait,
There's More!*



Standing Rules for Rooms and Floats

Current

- ~~1. Room dues are to be set by majority vote of room members present at the first room meeting following the OOL Annual Meeting; however, they shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year. (10-21-04) (11-15-07)(9-20-12)~~

Proposed

- 2 Rooms shall be allowed to hold fund raisers (number set by the Executive Board) to meet the needs of functions held by the room if they so choose (Example- room Queen and Emblem parties). The maximum number of rooms members are determined periodically by the Executive Board.**

- ~~12. Room dues paid or owed by the member to her given room shall be transferred with the member at the time of her transfer. Any room transfer granted less than ninety (90) days prior to the Ball, shall result in a forfeiture of room dues transferred. (1-15-98) (6-16-05) (11-15-07)~~

Reason: We all know that prices of goods and services is not going down. The Convention Center is already wanting to go up on prices. Going forward our ball venues will not have rooms as we have had in the past, even when the new Civic Center is completed. These changes eliminate the room dues and folds the historical maximum amount of \$200.00 into the organization dues. This will eliminate the payment to the room and the room having to pay the organization. This change also recognizes the long history of our Honorary members and eliminates their dues unless they request a ball invitation. The change for the Costume Honorary members reflects the most recent invitation and costume cost since they are obligated to participate in the Annual Ball per another Bylaw unless excused by the President. A larger difference in dues for Active and Associates is once again established. This increase will bring in a larger amount of dues collected last year including the assessment, thus eliminating the need for an assessment this year barring unforeseen circumstances. Our founders and members have worked hard to establish a strong organization. It is time we all invest in the future to ensure we remain this way.

The grouping above (pgs. 12-18) must be voted on together!!



Last One!

The second proposed bylaw amendments were submitted by four members in good standing and are as follows:

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Current

Section 4. Applications for membership are to be presented to the Vice-President, on the appropriate OOL application form with the non-refundable fee and signed by two (2) members in good standing. The Vice-President will record the date and time the application is received and place the applicants name on a prospective member list in the order their application was recorded. The Vice President will then turn the application over to the President to deliver to the Secret Committee. Those favorable from the Secret Committee are returned to the President for Board Review and if the Board passes on them, they are eligible to be presented to the organization. When an opening(s) exists, eligible ladies shall be brought forward from the Prospective member list in the order in which they were recorded and presented to the organization membership at a General Meeting and voted on by secret ballot. Five (5) negative votes automatically exclude a candidate. If a candidate receives four (4) negative votes, an investigation by the President is in order. Members so voting must appear before the President within one week (7 days) to explain reason for negative vote or the candidate will be accepted into the organization. The rejected persons shall not be presented for membership more than three (3) times. Any applicant rejected (3) times shall be debarred as candidates. (10-17-91). The Recording Secretary shall record only the names of those elected to the membership. (10-17-91) (5-17-18)

Proposed

Section 4. Applications for membership are to be presented to the Vice-President, on the appropriate OOL application form with the non-refundable fee and signed by two (2) members in good standing. The Vice-President will record the date and time the application is received and place the applicants name on a prospective member list in the order their application was recorded. The Vice President will then turn the application over to the President to deliver to the Secret Committee. Those favorable from the Secret Committee are returned to the President for Board Review and if the Board passes on them, they are eligible to be presented to the organization. When an opening(s) exists, eligible ladies shall be brought forward from the Prospective member list in the order in which they were recorded and presented to the organization membership at a General Meeting and voted on by secret ballot. **Twenty (20) negative votes automatically exclude a candidate. If a candidate receives four (4) negative votes, an investigation by the President is in order. Members so voting must appear before the President within one week (7 days)**

to explain reason for negative vote or the candidate will be accepted into the organization. The rejected persons shall not be presented for membership more than three (3) times. Any applicant rejected (3) times shall be debarred as candidates. (10-17-91); The Recording Secretary shall record only the names of those elected to the membership. (10-17-91) (5-17-18)

Reason

Five is not a fair representation of our membership and is much too low of a number of members to keep an applicant from membership. This also removes the language of an investigation by the President because there was no associated result if someone did appear before the President. If you vote no, you consider your reason valid, and the President and/or board should not get to decide if your reason is "good enough or not". It also removes the limitation on the number of times an applicant can reapply. If someone wants to pay the application fee, let them.



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ROOM 8

Dog River Poker Run

MAY 31ST

Stop 1:

10:00- 11:00am

The Grand Mariner

Registration & first draw

Stop 2:

11:15-12:45pm

The Taite's

2805 Bryant Road 36605

Stop 3:

1:00-2:30pm

The River Shack

Split the pot

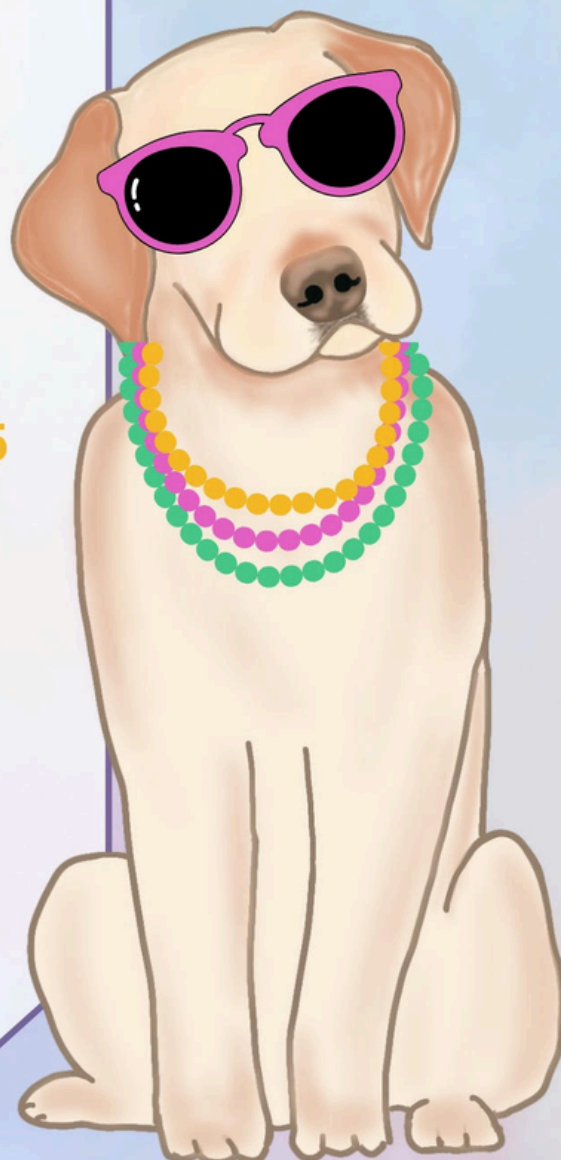
Stop 4:

2:45-4:00pm

The Hamilton's

2717 Gator Rd 36605

Final Draw





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