

KNIGHTS OF SPARTA 2018 PARADE TIME SCHEDULE SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 3, 2018

*Headquarter for our Parade is The Hyatt Place - Convention Center (Convention Center Blvd and N. Diamond St.)

8:00 a.m. – Floats should be available for loading at our marshalling yard on Tchoupitoulas St. (Drive 3 blocks down N Diamond St. from Hyatt Place Hotel to Tchoupitoulas St. - Turn Left onto Tchoupitoulas St - Yard will be on the right approximately 6 blocks down)

KREWE AND COURT MEMBERS MUST HAVE A KREWE ISSUED DASHBOARD PASS TO ENTER THE MARSHALLING YARD TO LOAD FLOATS. NOPD OFFICERS WILL BE AT THE GATE. PASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY KREWE OR COURT MEMBER AT THE FRONT DESK OF OUR HOTEL (THE HYATT PLACE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL) BEGINNING FRIDAY MORNING.

11:00 a.m. – Costume Room (off the hotel lobby) should open (with additional Sparta throws for sale) - All riders must be "paid in full" in order to pick up their costumes and board their floats. **The costume room with close at 2:00 p.m. All costumes must be picked up by that time Additional throws and any problems can also be addressed until 2:00 p.m. PLEASE RE-READ THE LAST SENTENCE CAREFULLY.....AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE COSTUME ROOM WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT 2:00 P.M. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR COSTUME...YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE.**

12:00 noon (approximate) - Floats should arrive at St. Joseph St. (beside the hotel) and throw loading can continue there.

ALL RIDERS MUCH HAVE A KREWE ISSUED SAFETY BELT (AVAILABLE AT THE KREWE QUARTERS FOR \$15 EACH) IN ORDER TO PICK UP THEIR COSTUMES. IF YOU HAVE AN APPROVED BELT FROM LAST YEAR, THAT WILL SUFFICE. IF NOT...YOU MUST PURCHASE A BELT TO BE ABLE TO RIDE.

12:00 noon - Light lunch will be served to the Krewe "alfresco" beside the floats.

Lunch will be:

- 1. Red Beans and Rice**
- 2. Jambalaya**
- 3. Soft Drinks**

3:30 p.m. – All riders should begin boarding the floats for the trip to the formation area on Napoleon Ave. (Members will be returned to the hotel on the floats after the parade is over)

4:00 p.m. SHARP - Floats (with all riders on board) will leave for the formation area.

4:30 p.m. - Limos (King, Queen, Past Court, Etc.) will leave from hotel

5:45 p.m. – Buses will leave hotel for the Gallier Hall / Lafayette Square stands

*** Dress for the stands is casual...but no shorts, tank tops, etc.**

5:30 p.m. – PARADE BEGINS - FULL COSTUMES, HATS, AND MASKS MUST BE WORN FOR THE ENTIRE PARADE - HAIL SPARTA !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

8:30 - 9:00 p.m. – Parade will end at Poydras & Tchoupitoulas.....and floats will then travel back to the hotel for unloading of riders (riders should return their costumes to the costume room)

9:00 - Sparta Spree After Parade Party will begin.....FUN, FUN, FUN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

12:00 midnight – Spree ends.....You don't have to go home...but, you can't stay here !!!!!!!!! HAIL SPARTA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PARADE RULES ARE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

KNIGHTS OF SPARTA PARADE RULES

1. Masks, full costumes, and headpieces must be worn at all times from the start of the parade until the final stop at parade's end.
2. No smoking is allowed on the floats.
3. No excessive drinking, no intoxication, and no public display of alcoholic beverages is permitted during the ride.
4. No lewd or dangerous throws or behavior are allowed on or can to be displayed from the floats.
5. **No nails or screws of any kind can be driven or screwed into the floats. Please help us with this. Our float builder is wonderful to us...and we must not damage his floats.**
6. No boxes can be thrown from the floats during the ride.
7. No glass containers are allowed on the floats.
8. Approved safety belts must be worn at all times from the start of the parade until the final stop at parade's end.
9. All float exit doors must not be blocked by any throws and must be readily accessible for entry and exit at all times.
10. No rider may exit the float until it has come to a full and complete stop at the hotel at the end of the parade.

Should you violate any parade rule(s) you will be expelled from The Knights of Sparta. Also, should you suffer any injury or cause any injury to others, whether physical, financial, or otherwise, as a result of your violation of any parade rule(s), The Knights of Sparta, its officers, board of directors, agents, servants, insurers, assigns and successors will not be responsible for any liability, claims, liens, remedies, debts, damages, injuries, or causes of action of whatever nature, which may arise, either directly or indirectly, from your participating in the parade in violation of any rule(s) for parade conduct.