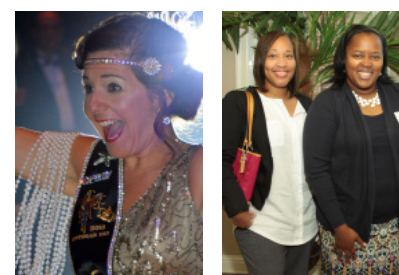


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12/ 15&16	December CLE by the Hour seminar at Petroleum Club
12/20	SBA / Area Law Student Christmas Party - 3:00–5:00 p.m. - Wine Country
1/22	Krewe of Justinian Bal at Shreveport Convention Center
1/27	SBA Membership Luncheon – 12:00 p.m. - Petroleum Club-Speaker: Eric England
1/30	Centaur Parade
2/7	Highland Parade



From The President

by Bennett L. Politz, SBA President, blp@blplaw.com

"My time is up, thank you for yours." - Maury Wayne

This is the final missive the Shreveport Bar Association membership will suffer from me as my year as SBA president comes to an end. It has been a good year. Your Bar Association's Executive Council and Committee Chairs should be commended for their efforts. Thank you all.

However, special thanks are due to three exceptional women. If nothing else, the collective effort from a group of us to convince Dana Southern to take the SBA's Executive Director post was the right move. By all accounts, Dana is an outstanding Executive Director. She makes the president's job easier. Thank you, Dana.

My paralegal, Cynthia Wilkerson, is a valued member of my Booth Lockard family. She cheerfully and without complaint helped me maintain my law practice in the face of countless Bar Association meetings and other commitments. I did not miss any meetings! Thank you, Cynthia.

My wife, Debra, who despite the innumerable lawyer and nonlawyer extracurricular activities that fill my time, realizes patiently that lawyering is what I do; it is not who I am! Thank you always, Debra.

I owe these three women a debt of gratitude I can hardly repay.

One of my mentors in the Boy Scouts program of my youth once told me, "Ben, you get a lot of things because you have been around a long time." That gentleman had a way of bluntly putting things in perspective and grounding me. In many ways, he effectively showed me how to be a chief and a follower. Both are important and necessary roles in any organization. Hopefully, I have learned the difference.

Lastly, I appreciate the opportunity over these past months to share the influences and passions of my life. For that opportunity, I am eternally grateful.

Maury Wayne was a local news anchor from the 1960s who ended the newscast with the tagline, **"My time is up, thank you for yours."** It is a good line for a jury at the end of closing argument.

Seems appropriate now, too, and always remember to do good work.

Remember, do good work!
Ben

*Best Wishes from Your
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for a Merry Christmas and
a Peaceful, Prosperous New Year!*

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The Last Word/"Thank You" Letter to the Bar

by John A. Broadwell

After some time in the local DA's office and the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal, in 1987, I accepted an invitation to join the U.S. Attorney's Office, where I have since represented the interests of the United States and its agencies in civil litigation. My practice has been exclusive to the federal courts in Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Lafayette and Lake Charles.

In 1992, I was treated with radiation for Hodgkin's disease. Now the very treatment which enabled me to watch my two children grow up into successful young adults has produced a rare combination of lung carcinomas which have spread throughout my bones. Ever hopeful for a miracle achieved through chemotherapy, we are aware that, statistically, time is now measured in a few months, not years.

Although I am only 57 years of age, most would say that I have been "robbed" of time. Yet, paradoxically, I have discovered that I have been given the gift of time as I reflect upon my life. One of my many discoveries is an appreciation for the contributions of so many opposing counsel to the richness of my life. So I write to tell you that it has been my sincerest pleasure and honor to have worked with so many wonderful and talented attorneys over the years. It is often said that we should value our relationships with our coworkers because we spend as much time with them as we do our own family members. But I will go further to state that the same can be said for our relationships with opposing counsel.

Over the last 30 years, attorneys have challenged, sharpened, taught, sometimes "schooled," laughed with and befriended me. Numerous friendships have developed over the years with opposing attorneys who understand that the litigation experience is far greater than the sum of its parts. Attorneys who fail to appreciate this deprive themselves, in part, of the richness of the work we do. I have always said that the best part of my occupation is the people with whom I work, and that includes the many attorneys I have worked with over the years. These days they offer me not only extensions of time, but phone calls and emails to inquire of my condition and to offer their sincerest sympathies and prayers. Class acts, these folks.

At a minimum, litigation teaches us how not to comport ourselves. But if we permit it to do so, litigation can move us to be better lawyers and individuals. After three decades of practice, I can identify only five lawyers out of hundreds whom I'd just as soon never see again. That is a remarkable statistic which speaks well for our Bar. But even those difficult experiences were learning opportunities for me, and perhaps they can be so for you as well. We should not be defined as a profession by those of whom we read in the "Discipline Reports"; rather, we are defined by those who exercise grace and professionalism in the representation of their clients.

So I extend my sincerest thanks to every lawyer on the other side of the caption with whom I have dealt. You unwittingly helped to shape me and enabled me to grow not just as a lawyer, but as an individual. And to the envy of many, I can say that you enabled me to enjoy my profession.

Peace and grace to you all,
John

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Broadwell passed away this September after a long battle with cancer. John joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1987 and handled civil matters. Before he passed, John wrote an open letter to other attorneys. This is reprinted from *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 62, No. 2, August/September 2014, published by the Louisiana State Bar Association.

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Donald E. Hathaway Jr. Will Lead the SBA in 2016



Donald E. Hathaway Jr. begins his term as president of the Shreveport Bar Association on January 1, succeeding Bennett L. Politz to the one-year post. Donald is a member of Sockrider, Bolin, Anglin, Batte & Hathaway law firm. He represents plaintiffs in personal injury and workers' compensation claims, as well as handling criminal matters. He is a Master in the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Donald married Camille Talbot Latour of Abbeville in 1992 and they have two children, Donald Hathaway III and Thomas Hathaway.

Serving with Donald Hathaway on the 2016 SBA Executive Council are **Rebecca Edwards**, president-elect; **Bennett L. Politz**, immediate past president; **James C. McMichael Jr.**, vice-president; **Amy Gardner**, secretary-treasurer; **Eron Brainard**, member-at-large; **Curtis R. Joseph Jr.**, member-at-large; **Brian R. Carnie**, member-at-large; **Marcus Edwards**, member-at-large; **Judge Karelia R. Stewart**, judicial liaison; **Luke Thaxton**, Young Lawyers' Section president; and **Susannah O. Stinson**, Krewe of Justinian Captain. The Women's Section president will be named in late December.



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Veterans Appreciation Lunch

The Shreveport Bar Association honored its members who have served or are currently serving in the military at its annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon held on Veterans Day, November 11, at the Petroleum Club.

After the Colors were posted by cadets from Youth Challenge Program and Louisiana National Guard, Camp Minden, Dr. Gale Odom kicked off the program with a powerful and heartfelt rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner. Centenary College Choir then presented a stirring performance of Armed Forces Medley. It was a rousing salute to veterans of the five branches of the military with each service member standing when his or her branch of service song was sung.

Gen. Robin Rand was then introduced by Col (Ret) John Odom. The four-star commander of Air Force Global Strike Command spoke to a packed house of 135 and delivered a powerful but humble message of service and sacrifice. Gen. Rand offered examples of service and sacrifice from his own experience and family, from people he has commanded and from people in the audience. He also offered a gracious tribute to Vietnam Veterans, a group often overlooked in tributes. He drove home his message with the touching and eloquent example of a young airman of Vietnamese descent whose life was affected and forever changed by that war and the unheralded service of the men and women who fought it.

Gen. Rand, commander of more than 31,000 airmen at bases spread across the nation, has his headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base. AFGSC, the service's youngest Major Command, is in charge of the nation's bombers and land-based missiles. Gen. Rand is a command pilot with more than 5,080 hours in his logbook, more than 470 of them in combat.



VETERANS LUNCHEON

Highlights



MEMORIAL & RECOGNITION



Newly Admitted Attorneys Recognized

Attorneys, judges, family members and members of state and local government paid tribute to 11 deceased members of the legal profession at the First Judicial District Court and Shreveport Bar Association sponsored Memorial and Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, November 5, 2015, in the main sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church.

Honorable Robert P. Waddell, Chief Judge, presided over the ceremony, and SBA Memorial and Recognition Chairman John Kalmbach served as Master of Ceremonies for the program. John Kalmbach worked with Judge Roy Brun and Sharon Porter from the First Judicial District Court to plan a great memorial program.

Deceased members honored and their presenters were **James D. Caldwell** presented by John Milkovich; **James B. Gardner Sr.** presented by Ronald E. Raney; **James “Fleet” Howell Sr.** presented by John T. Cox Jr.; **Neilson Scott Jacobs** presented by William T. Allen III; **William “Bill” Nader** presented by Joseph B. Cordill Jr.; **Judge Charles B. Peatross** presented by John M. Frazier; **Judge Charles Rex Scott II** presented by Bennett L. Politz; **Judge Tom Stagg** presented by Judge Donald E. Walter; **Judge John Silver Stephens** presented by William T. Allison; **George “Warren” Thornell** presented by M. Thomas Arceneaux; and **Frank Vincent Zaccaria Jr.** presented by Michael Vergis.

Following the memorial ceremony, Ryan Goodwin, president of the Young Lawyers Section of the SBA, introduced 12 new attorneys to the Court: **Drew Burnham, RJ Giglio, Sarah Giglio, Felicia Hamilton, Ashley L. Jackson, Devan D. Malone, Robert G. Pugh III, John Alex Radford, Nathan M. Telep, Patrick T. Wiggins, Anne E. Wilkes, and Zachary A. Wilkes.**

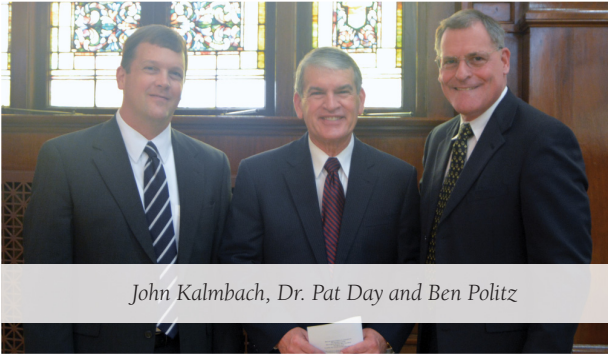


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(L-R) Robert Pugh, Gahagan Pugh, Judge Jay Caraway, Nathan Telep and Judge D. Milton Moore III

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John Kalmbach, Dr. Pat Day and Ben Politz



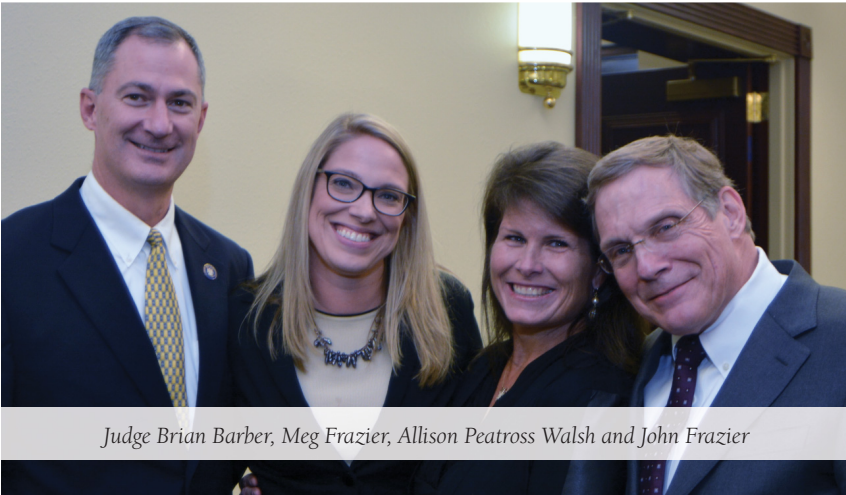
John Kalmbach, Memorial & Recognition Chairman



*Judge Charles Scott Family
Meredith Scott, daughter-in-law; Cheryl Pharris, Sister-in-law; Alexis Scott; Kermit Pharris, Jr.; Rex Scott, Son*



Sally Gardner stands next to a painting that she and Jim Gardner donated to the Shreveport Bar Center



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Women's Section Christmas Party
6:00 p.m. at the Home of Amy Gardner

December 15-16
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3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Wine Country

January 22
Krewe of Justinian Bal
Shreveport Convention Center

January 27
SBA Member Luncheon
12:00 Noon at the Petroleum Club [15th Floor]
Speaker: Eric England, Executive Director
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- 8:30 A.M. Family Law
60 Minutes Judge Karelia R. Stewart - First Judicial District Court
- 9:30 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 9:35 A.M. Professionalism
60 Minutes Judge Stephens Winters - Fourth Judicial District Court
- 10:35 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 10:45 A.M. Helpful Hints from A to Z from Fannin Street
60 Minutes Judge Jeanette Garrett - Second Circuit Court of Appeal
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$25)
- 12:45 P.M. Technology in the Courts
60 Minutes Melissa Allen - United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 1:45 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 1:50 P.M. Appellate Practice and Procedure
60 Minutes Michael Collum - Second Circuit Court of Appeal
- 2:50 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 3:00 P.M. Torts Update
60 Minutes Jerry Edwards - Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

- 8:00 A.M. Registration
- 8:30 A.M. Practical Tips for Navigating Federal Court
60 Minutes Magistrate Judge Mark Hornsby - United States District Court, Western District
- 9:30 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 9:35 A.M. Ethics
60 Minutes Justice Scott J. Crichton - Louisiana Supreme Court
- 10:35 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 10:45 A.M. Psychological Issues Facing the Courts
60 Minutes Dr. Todd Lobrano - Goebel and Vigen
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$25)
- 12:45 P.M. Criminal Law for Court Appointed Civil Lawyers
90 Minutes Judge Michael Pitman - First Judicial District Court, Alan Golden - Former District Defender for First Judicial District and Donald E. Hathaway Jr. - Sockrider, Bolin, Anglin, Batte & Hathaway
- 2:15 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 2:30 P.M. Successions
60 Minutes Ben Politz - Booth, Lockard, Politz & LeSage
- 3:30 P.M. Service Members Civil Relief Act-Overview and Practice
60 Minutes John S. Odom Jr., Colonel, USAF (Ret.) - Jones and Odom, L.L.P.

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Spotlight On Professionalism

by Gay Gaskins, ggaskinsmediation@bellsouth.net

The Wisdom of Ron Raney on Law and Life

While many people have a charming public persona, the mettle of a man can be determined by how he treasures those close to him: his family, his firm members and his staff. Ron Raney is quick to brag on his family. He describes his wife and

helpmate of 27 years, Cindy, as “the best.” One loving example he shares arises from the time he was stricken seriously ill and hospitalized for three weeks. Cindy stayed overnight with him for every one of those nights, even though she had to get up early and make sure the girls got to school.



The girls are Elizabeth and Melissa. Both Ron and Elizabeth are fervent LSU fans and enjoy watching the games together. Recently, Elizabeth could not take the time to

travel home for a game due to her study schedule at Mississippi College School of Law. That Saturday afternoon, Ron decided the game was not the same without her company, so he packed up and drove to Mississippi to watch it with her. He also enjoys an affectionate bantering and wisecracking relationship with Melissa, who is majoring in biology at Louisiana Tech with her eye on a career as a physician assistant.

Ron loves being surrounded by family and feels he has been blessed with having Cindy’s mother live with them for more than 20 years. He also cherishes the 10 years during which his mother also resided with them, because “the grandmoms” were a wonderful influence on his daughters. His own parents’ impact on him is evident by his description of them:

Quite simply, my parents were the most hard-working, honest, caring people I’ve ever known. Their word was their bond, and they went above and beyond in serving others. From a very early age, their work ethic and integrity were a big influence on me.

Ron started with the Lunn Irion law firm straight out of law school and has been with the firm for 34 years. His practice is mainly in the area of insurance defense and he also represents the Louisiana Nursing Home Trust. Ron feels fortunate to practice with his fellow firm members and is highly complimentary of those who guided and mentored him as a young attorney. He also quickly let me know that he has a wonderful, talented and hard-working staff consisting of his assistant and paralegal, Jan Melton; file clerk, Ginny Daniel; and staff nurse, Margaret Willis.

This substitute Sunday School teacher at Broadmoor Baptist has clear tenets for his life and law practice. His value system

is constant, whatever be the venue. I found inspiring and instructive Ron’s philosophy, some of which I have listed here as the “Wisdom of Ron Raney on Law and Life”:

- Number 1 Rule: No matter what the other person does, take the high road.
- Keep things as simple as you can.
- Focus on your case preparation from the perspective of presenting it to a judge or jury.
- It is important to be able to sleep at night. If something doesn’t feel right in your head and heart, don’t do it.
- Before a trial or other significant proceeding, always go to the scene or location where the litigation arose.
- Embody the “My Cousin Vinny” lesson of talking to the witnesses to learn the strengths and vulnerabilities of the case.
- Outline the significant issues in 4 or 5 major points that need to be proved in order to win your case, and concentrate your efforts on those points. Then, worry about your opponent’s case and prepare your own case with that perspective in mind.
- If you will just do the work that needs to be done in a file, the billable hours will follow.
- The practice of law can lose meaningful communication in electronic exchanges. Clients usually prefer email these days, but often a 15-minute conversation can accomplish more than an hour-long email session. Also, the immediacy of email can impact an attorney’s professionalism in that it can lead to unwise responses and misunderstandings.
- Your opponent in the case should be your adversary, but not your enemy. Always remain mindful of the difference.
- “Hate” is wrong and a waste of emotion. Negative feelings cause undue stress – on the one who has them.
- A nasty response or “putting someone in his place” never accomplishes anything of lasting value.
- If you do not give excuses or point fingers, people, including judges and jurors, will develop respect for you.
- When you make mistakes, take responsibility and apologize. Be honest and upfront with the court.
- Remember that our profession is called the “practice” of

law because no one ever gets it perfect.

- If it is not reasonably arguable that your client is not liable, you gain more credibility with the court or jury by acknowledging that fact.
- Listen to that little voice within your heart of hearts because that is where you hear the voice of the Lord.

Attorney Patrick Jackson has recently had several cases in which Ron was the opposing lawyer, and Patrick describes his working relationship with Ron:

Ron is a consummate professional. Even though we have several highly contested cases, I am always able to work well with Ron. We routinely make agreements outside scheduling orders with a simple phone call. I can always trust his word, and I have never felt the need to “memorialize” our conversations in a letter that has become all too common in our practice. Ron has my cell, as we both generally work weekends, and it is very common for us to work out matters via text or cell calls on Saturdays and Sundays. I wish all the defense counsel I oppose had his work ethic and honesty. Ron treats the practice as a marathon – not a sprint. I have never had him even attempt to take advantage of some trivial matter in a case. He serves his clients very well. I know I am going to be in for a fight, but he never throws rabbit punches. We could all elevate the practice if more folks were like Ron.

Mark Perkins compliments Ron’s professional manner, saying, “Whether I have been adverse to or aligned with Ron, he has always exhibited gentleness and intelligence, and is generally soft-spoken. He can say in a few words and in a gentle tone what many others have to rant in high, shrill tones. He is an encouraging mentor to lawyers in and out of his firm.”

Clearly, Ron is living by his “rules.”

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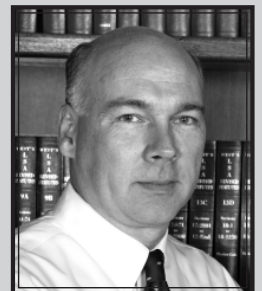
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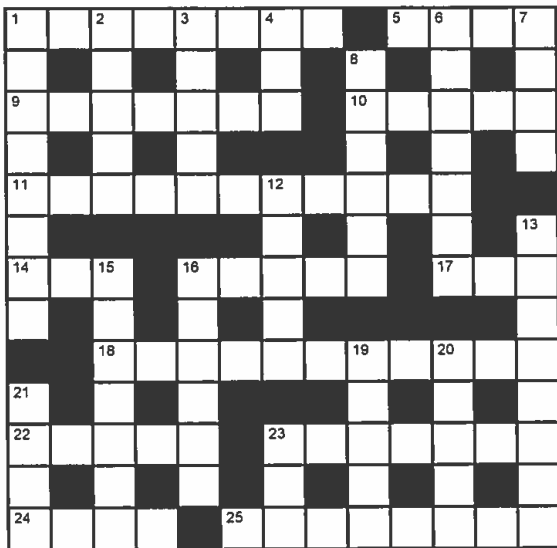
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Those Other Krewes

by Hal Odom Jr.



Across

- 1 Krewe named for where its parade rolls (8)
- 5 Popular way to serve tea, and sometimes coffee (4)
- 9 Naturally occurring spectrum (7)
- 10 Confess (to) (3, 2)
- 11 Keepsakes, souvenirs (11)
- 14 Go out, as the tide (3)
- 16 One of the Mardi Gras colors (5)
- 17 Biggest Mardi Gras city in the western hemisphere (3)
- 18 "Laissez les bon __" (5,6)
- 22 Faint, melodramatically (5)
- 23 Junk food associated with a spurious criminal defense (7)
- 24 In addition (4)
- 25 Another name for Mardi Gras (8)

Down

- 1 Krewe whose name means "pulling together" (8)
- 2 Brothers who published fairy tales (5)
- 3 One of the cabinet departments (5)
- 4 At this moment (3)
- 6 Krewe named for a mythological human horse (7)
- 7 Inside information; controlled dangerous substance (4)
- 8 Something to sneeze at (6)
- 12 Consecrate (5)
- 13 What the Avon Lady used to ring (8)
- 15 They may be pinned to your costume (7)
- 16 Krewe named after a zodiac sign (6)
- 19 With "The," satirical e-mag (5)
- 20 In which Jesus calls his first apostles (4, 1)
- 21 Local TV station that once preempted an LSU football game to show a weather radar (4)
- 23 Not yet scheduled (1, 1, 1)

Justinian Float Rider Application

KREWE OF JUSTINIAN FLOAT RIDER APPLICATION

Centaur Parade, Saturday, January 30, 2016

Highland Parade, Sunday, February 7, 2016

Name: _____ (indicate if royalty by title and year)

Spouse: _____ (indicate if royalty by title and year)

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

The floats are available on a first come, first served basis. You may pay a deposit of one-half of your total cost to reserve your spots and throw package(s). Any balance of your cost will be due by January 15, 2016.

Centaur Riding Fee per person for Krewe members & family _____ @ \$150.00 = \$ _____

Centaur Riding Fee per person for Non-Krewe members _____ @ \$200.00 = \$ _____

Centaur Throw packages (must have at least one per couple) _____ @ \$350.00 = \$ _____

Centaur Upgrade Throw Package (includes two dozen Justinian specialty throws) _____ @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

Highland Riding Fee per person for Krewe members & family _____ @ \$90.00 = \$ _____

Highland Riding Fee per person for Non-Krewe members _____ @ \$90.00 = \$ _____

(All Highland riders are responsible for their own throws)

TOTAL COST \$ _____

DEPOSIT (1/2) INCLUDED: \$ _____

Return this form and send checks to: Krewe of Justinian, 625 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71101

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On Sunday, the twentieth of December
From three to five o'clock p.m.

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