

KREWE of BOWLEEGS'



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June 8th, 1974

fort walton beach high
auditorium



PIRATE
CAPTAIN
BILLY BOWLEGS

The Billy Bowlegs Festival has William Augustus Bowles, a notorious old boy, as its patron pirate. He arrived in what was to become Florida's Playground Area in 1778 when the Spanish, English and Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf shores and its shipping lanes. Believing himself destined to command instead of obeying, Captain Billy Bowlegs gathered a force of a "couple hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army and White Banditti", a rollicking piratical crew which grew to be the concern of all three of the power-hungry countries. Captain Bowlegs (Bowles) created his own throne and the three nations considered everything from murder to a general's commission to get him on the right side. Financed by loot from a Spanish ship and surrounded by a handful of Indians, Captain Billy invaded English society for support. He was rewarded with a flag of 'English and Indian colors mixed', a silver pipe, tomahawk, a Chain of Friendship and trade supplies, with which he formed the State of Muskogee. The Spanish enticed him to New Orleans and grabbed the head of the State of Muskogee. He was shipped out to Madrid and then to the Philippines, but he jumped ship and returned to his 'state' and greater deeds of piracy. He raided on the Gulf and on shore. His schooners flew his pirate flag, except when they switched to the British Flag to claim their 'salvaged' loot at international ports.

But all good pirates must have an end, and Captain Bowlegs came after he was seized when he was lured to peace talks in the presence of Spanish, American and English agents. The Spanish paid his disenchanted Indians a reward and took poor old Captain Bowlegs to Morro Castle, where he starved himself to death in 1803 rather than 'sink so low as to speak to the Cuban general.' So grab a pirate's costume and HAVE FUN with the modern KREWE OF BOWLEGS!



the history of bowlegs' festival

Back in 1953, a ski show was sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach City Recreation Department to give the local residents and tourists something to enjoy over the Labor Day weekend. It was a crowd pleaser, but the City decided it was too large for them to handle so they asked the Jaycees, then in its first year as an organization, to take it over.

The event became so popular that the following year the Jaycees decided to follow a pirate theme and name it after the infamous pirate, Billy Bowlegs, whose base of operations was the area waters. Each successive year, the growing popularity of the festival reflects a co-operative community spirit and many manhours and dollars contributed to the success of an idea.

The Festival finally grew into a week-long affair and was moved to "open" the beginning of the summer tourist season. The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's Attractions Committee was asked to assume the responsibility of planning the events. Steady growth finally dictated an entirely separate committee under the Chamber to operate this event. This active committee is the Bowlegs' Festival Committee: Charles M. Shoff, Chairman; G.V. Pardue, William K. Webster, Bill Roach, Dr. Malcolm C. Crotzer, Col (USAF Retired) A.L. Hilpert, Larry Wilson, Jim Hall and Bill Burleson, with Marion Stevenson as Coordinator for the Chamber, and Iris Baughman, Executive Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

This Committee is grateful to the City of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, for their continuing support and assistance.

^a krewé is born...

..... Although the Krewé of Bowlegs in actuality is a fledging mystic order, under charter rules and regulations there is nothing occult in the minds of Miracle Strip residents and participants concerning its value as a lofty, social contribution and an invaluable publicity target.

The Krewé, currently active in its twentieth year, is a direct and brilliantly promising multiple of the Billy Bowlegs' Festival. The overwhelming acceptance and ensuing success of the early initial celebrations sparked vigorous local interest and resulted in some extremely gratifying publicity beyond its intended boundaries.

Cognisant of other Gulf Coast events such as Mardi Gras and its Krewe organizations, the Krewe of Bowlegs was conceived and born of a small group of area civic leaders. The Krewe's active membership consists of 179 and is governed by a President (the Captain Billy), Vice-President and Board of Directors who meet at regular meetings to discuss policies, procedures and the general welfare of the group.

The Krewe is composed of prominent citizens and civic leaders whose business help form the foundation of the City and County's economical stabilization and are, therefore, invaluable as Festival supporters.

Visitors to and citizens of the area are annually in for many days of unprecedented fun and frolic during the celebration with the spotlight of pompous ceremony focused on the Krewe's participation. Hours of volunteered time and sizable sums of money are expended each year on colorful floats, impressive decorations and gaily colored costumes used by the Krewe during the Grand Torchlight Parade and at the Coronation and Balls. The beautiful floats carrying out a "theme" which the masked Krewe ride allow the members to throw showers of souvenir trinkets and candies to the thousands lining the parade route.

The last evening of each Festival week, a Coronation Ceremony discloses with the unmasking of a new succeeding Captain Billy Bowlegs, his Queen, First Mate and the new Honor Guard. The Captain is selected by a secret committee and he, in turn, chooses his entire court.

The Krewe wishes you, one and all, a very wonderful evening and ask that you be on board next year when they once again can be your host for the pageantry of the BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL.

a little egypt ... Mrs. Chris (Susan) Johnson

While anchored on a blue lagoon
In grand Venetian style
Bowlegs and his Krewe got word
Things were swinging on the Nile!

The Pirate Chief and his First Mate
Soon issued their decree
That the BLACKHAWK and its motley bunch
Were headed for the sea.

Though the Mediterranean voyage
Was perilous from the start
Dreams of untouched treasure
Warmed their greedy hearts.



When Egyptian shore was sighted
And the pirates moved inland
It was time to grab a camel
To cross the scorching sand.

For this strange, but fearless
caravan
There was no turning back
Until the wealth of Pharaoh's gold
Filled each and every sack.

As the breezes of the desert night
Soothed their sun-drenched faces
A vision of dancing maidens
Drew them to a cool Oasis.

20th Coronation Pageant



Presentation of the Colors Fort Walton Beach High School
A.F.J.R.O.T.C. Cadets

National Anthem Mrs. Cheryl Caraglior

Overture Music from the Oasis
... John Hutchcroft Trio



प्रतीरुद्रुह -

STAGECRAFTER'S COMMUNITY THEATRE OF FORT WALTON BEACH
..... Director, Nancy Kruzek

American Archeologist..... Stephanie Atkins

Moshe Bob Drake

Russian Archeologist Jan Davis

Sadat Leonard Contreras

"The Mummy" Dan Baugher

Handmaidens ????????????????????

Henry Tom Browning

Nancy Betty Miller





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TEMPLE OF ISIS Cap'n Billy XIX and Court

Music from "Cleopatra" - Alexandria
The Nile

PRIESTESSES OF ISIS Courtesy of:
Fort Walton Beach Ballet Association
..Bernadette Clements, Director

Melodie Hoppa
Kay Williams
Karyn Russell



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Jane Ann Bixby

Presented by Mr. Richard Bixby

Deborah Cris Blackwell

Presented by Mr. William Blackwell

Patricia Ann Brooks

Presented by Mr. John W. Brooks

Jenifer Ellen Cox

Presented by Mr. James Cox

Paula Sue Eyrich

Presented by Mr. Paul R. Eyrich, Jr.

Teresa Annette Keith

Presented by Doctor Joseph C. Wilson

Karen Lucille Rigdon

Presented by Mr. Charles H. Rigdon, Jr.

Madelyn Marie Saxer

Presented by Doctor Robert J. Saxer





RETIREMENT OF THE HONOR GUARD OF 1973

Treasured Trophies Presentation

the Entertainment ...

..... Courtesy of:
Fort Walton Beach Ballet Association
New Orleans Ballet Company

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Lia Frangos
Mary Ann Bragg
Jenny Cox

the Dancers

Kelly Womble
Stephen Hook



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Medely from "KISMIT"
Aria

.. accompanied by: Theresa Lord



पुवइलदनव

Entrance Dance with the Veil on

The Veil Dance the Veil is danced off and
The Veil is Discarded with the outset of the third dance
The Floor Work mild form of acrobatics set off gracefully to
music and incorporated with dancing on the
knees
The Hip Dance a fiery ending!!!





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PRESENTATION OF THE COURT OF 1974

FIRST MATE

ATTENDANTS-OF-THE-COURT

THE QUEEN

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XX

the coronation -

Pharoah's Groom	Bobby Saxer
Arabian Stallion.....	Wimberly Riding School of Valparaiso

HIEROGLYPHIC EXPERTS

Fatima.....	Zo Rowley
Farouk.....	Dick Petermann

Coronation guests are cordially invited to approach the new Captain Billy Bowlegs XX, his Queen and Court, to extend congratulations following the Ceremony and prior to the Coronation Ball.



COURT of 1973

ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀਨ ਬੀਲੀ ਬਰਵੀਏ ਫ਼ੁਫ਼, XIX

ਜੇਰੀ ਫ਼ਰੀਠ ਫ਼ੁਫ਼ੀਵੇਰ

..... this stalwart gentleman is the son of Lula Guidry and the late Vilffrey Guidry of Church Point, Louisiana. Raised in Louisiana's Bayou Country, he left his business there in 1941 to join the Army Air Corps and was subsequently stationed at Eglin AFB in 1942. He has been in Fort Walton Beach since 1950 where he opened his first business and soon became active in various organizations and City activities.

Among his many achievements .. nine years as a Fort Walton Beach City Councilman, two of them as Mayor-Pro-Tem. He has been a member of Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce since 1954 and is this year's President. His great interest in the military community is reflected in his successful Chairmanship of the Military Affairs Committee. During his active years in the Krewe, he has served three times on Honor Guards, in 1968 was First Mate, 1972 Board of Directors and is Chairman of Billy Bowlegs' Festival Committee Pro-Am Golf Assn. He is a member of St Mary Catholic Church. He is married to the former Zelena Birge of Florala, Ala. and they have a daughter, Joann, a Princess of last year's Court. They reside in their Cinco Bayou home on Beachview Drive.

For relaxation and enjoyment, he fishes, plays golf and is an avid hunter. When asked how he felt about Fort Walton Beach and the area, he replied, "I have enjoyed living in Fort Walton Beach for the past 24 years and I feel that I am a part of its growth. The people and surroundings of our growing town are overwhelming and I firmly believe that Fort Walton Beach is one of the most beautiful cities in the U.S.A.!"

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ਲਾਫ਼. ਟ. ਜੇਲਫ਼ੀਠ ਫ਼ੀਠੀਵੇਰੀਠ, III

..... claims Lancaster, Pennsylvania as her birthplace. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Toney. Following attendance in schools in her native State and graduation from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, she came to Fort Walton Beach in 1951 and practiced her profession in a local clinic.

She has been active in civic and charity work such as the Heart Fund Drive and March of Dimes and lists among her accomplishments: charter member and first President of Junior Women's Club; charter member and a Past-President of Junior Service League. A member of St Simons Episcopal Church, she has served as a past officer in the Ladies Auxiliary. She is the wife of the 1970 Billy Bowlegs, Jim Kendrick, and resides on Yacht Club Drive with the former "Billy" and their two sons, Russell and Paul.

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..... as the "right hand" to the Cap'n, the days "Bill" spent with the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War, has come in handy for the nautical days of last year. He is from Aliceville, Alabama; attended the University of Alabama and graduated from Business Administration College, Birmingham, Ala. A host of activities include Lake Lorraine Country Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce Host Military Affairs Committee, Vice-Chairman of Housing Authority Board, and attends First Baptist Church. He has served on the Krewe Honor Guard and as a past Board of Directors' member.

He is Vice-President of Auto-Sav Tire Stores and President of the Florida Inspection Stations. He lists hunting, fishing and golf as past-time hobbies. Wife, Hazel, attended Troy State College and enjoys hobbies of bridge, sewing and the sport of golf. They reside at 331 Sudduth Circle with their son, Randy.

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These salty, good and sturdy ten, who were the "inside men" of ye Krewe and listed alphabetically, so that among peers, all are equal and should be given equal recognition, along with their "wenches".....

..... WARREN D. BROCKMAN (COL, USAF RET)
Hails from the Piedmont region of South Carolina - the town of Greer. Following graduation in 1941 with a B.S. Degree in General Science from Clemson University, he entered military service as an aviation cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Military assignments over the next 28 years were numerous with extensive duty overseas and an assignment in Vietnam during 69-70. On retirement, he and his lovely wife, "Ernie", acquired Wilson's Fashions and presently operate the establishment. They live on Mooney Road with their two children, William H. and Tina A.

..... FRANKLIN L. FISHER (COL, USAF RET)
From Lake Arthur, Louisiana, he attended L.S.U. until leaving during his senior year in 1941 to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. His outstanding military career began at Kelly Field, Texas, and at the end of World War II, he was flying P-47 fighters on Okinawa which was the first of four Far East tours. In Korea, he accounted for downing 4 Russian-built MIG 15's

and in Vietnam, he flew combat and test missions. On tour of duty in Washington, D.C., he was part of an organization named by President Truman that determined that the Russians did have an atomic bomb. As a Fighter Squadron Commander, he led the first trans-Atlantic high-altitude in-flight refueling mission which paved the way for present day fighter deployment tactics. Tours at Eglin were as Director of Munitions Test for Armament Development Test Center and three and a half years as Commander of the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing. He is a recipient of the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and 20 other awards and decorations. On retirement, he joined the Valparaiso Bank & Trust Co. where he serves as a Vice-President and head of Trust Dept. He is active in civic work and serves on Military Affairs and Host Committees of the Valparaiso and Fort Walton Beach Chambers of Commerce. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club and Krewe of Bowlegs. He is Past-President, Eglin Chapter, Air Force Association and presently State Vice-President. He is married to the former Mary Brock; they reside in Fort Walton Beach and have three children: Brock and daughters, Kim and Jayne who attend F.S.U.

..... ROBERT W. GATES (COL, USAF RET)

A product of Aberdeen, South Dakota, "Bob" attended Northern State South Dakota School of Mines, Keystone Airline School, Command and Staff School, Joint Services College, Oxford, England, and the Air War College. Since retirement as Wing Commander (1971) Hurlburt Field, he has been active in Lions Club, YMCA Board of Directors, Chairman of Annual Bob Hope USO Golf Tournament, and Host Committee of Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is a realtor with John Brooks Realty. Married to the former Agnes (Ginny) Botik, they reside on Yacht Club Drive with their five children.

..... GERVIS GUIDRY

Born in Church Point, Louisiana, where he attended school until he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941. During his military career, he was assigned to bases in North Africa, Italy, Germany, Holland and state-side bases in Florida and California. He retired in July, 1966 at Edwards AFB, Calif. and moved to Fort Walton Beach. At that time, he went into business with his brother, Joe, in operating the National Car Rental Agency. Presently, he is with Galloway Supply Co. He is married to a Virginian, the former Marie Musser. They have 3 children and reside in Fort Walton Beach on Fulmar Circle.

..... H. LAKE HAMRICK

Long known in the area for his many community activities, Lake is a corporate representative with Westinghouse Electric Corp. Born in Detroit,

Michigan, he holds a B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from Wayne State University; a B.S. in Commercial Science from Detroit Business University. He lists achievements as: Past-President, Eglin Chapter, Air Force Association; member American Ordnance Assn; Association of U.S. Army; Association of Old Crows; Treasurer, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and Host Military Affairs and Finance Committees; Westinghouse Vet Employees Assn; and Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church. He lives at 206 Sotir Ave with wife, Shirley. They have four children: Ralph, Hugh, Roger and Dale and two grandsons, Ralph, Jr. and Keith. Hobbies are boating, fishing, reading and "attempting to keep track of Shirley and her many activities".

.....GRANVILLE MARTIN

Known to everyone by the familiar name "Cookie", he is a native of Marion, Ohio, and has resided in Fort Walton Beach for the past 10 years. He graduated from Rio Grande College and Ohio University. For six years, he was a high school principal and also basketball coach in Southeastern Ohio. He is employed with local Ford dealers in sales and management. Residing at Sudduth Circle with wife, Elva Lee, hobbies are antique collecting and all major sports.

..... GEORGE J. NIED (LT COL USAF RET)

George hails from what was the country town of Union, New Jersey, where he was once in the florist and nursery business. In 1940, he entered active military service with a National Guard Sqdn. He flew heavy bombardment-type aircraft on anti-submarine patrols off the Eastern Seaboard. Later in WW II, he served in England as a Command Pilot and Operations Officer; commanded a troop carrier squadron based on Okinawa. He is an Assistant Principal, Choctawhatchee High School and holds a B.S. Degree from Syracuse University and Masters in School Administration from F.S.U. Membership is held in Host Committee of Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. Keenly interested in boating and water sports, he has served as a past Vice-Commodore and Commodore of the Fort Walton Yacht Club. He maintains his interest in flying and presently holds an FAA Flight Instructor's rating. He is a member of the Okaloosa County School Administrators Assn. and National Assn. of Secondary School Principals. His wife is the former Mary Oakes of Yazoo City, Miss. The Neids have two daughters: Donna, a Senior at FSU and Diane, a Sophomore at Pensacola Junior College.

..... WILLIAM WAYNE PATTON

This avid University of Alabama supporter was born in Livingston, Ala. He attended Livingston University, Davidson College, N.C. and the Uni of Alabama. He graduated as a flying cadet from Kelly Field, Texas,

and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Dec 1941. Served in the South Pacific and European theaters during WW II as a fighter pilot, receiving a regular commission in 1946. Retired from the Air Force as a Major in March 1949, when he located in Fort Walton Beach and opened his real estate business. Wayne Patton Agency in 1951. He is a member of and served as a Past-President of Kiwanis Club of Fort Walton Beach; Past-President Board of Realtors and Past District Vice-President, Florida Assn. of Realtors; Past-President and presently on Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Twice he has served as Senior Warden and is presently Vestryman of St Simon Episcopal Church. Main hobby is hunting and intermittent golf and fishing. His wife, "Alex" is a former Queen of the Krewe. They reside on Yacht Club Drive and have two daughters, Mrs. Alex Browne and Jowane, Sophmore at Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.

..... DENZIL C. ROBBINS

Born in Opp, Alabama, where he attended secondary schools, graduating from Auburn University with a B.S. Degree in Building Construction. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. His business is Robbins-Kirkland Contractors, Inc. of which he is President. Active as a member of the Executive Board of Okaloosa-Walton Junior College Apprentice Committee and First United Methodist Church, he has resided in Fort Walton Beach for the past 14 years with his wife, Merle, and their two children, Clay and Deana. They live in Wynn Haven Beach.

..... KENNETH E. WILLIAMSON

Obtained a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1950 from the University of Alabama and participated in Executive Development Program 1962, Cornell University. He has been a resident of the area since 1954. He is Past-President and member, Eglin Chapter, American Ordnance Assn; National Electronic Commission A.O.H.; Past-Secretary and member, Eglin Chapter, Air Force Association; Past-President and member Rotary Club; Past Board of Directors, Eglin Chapter Association of Old Crows; Past-President Edwins School P.T.A.; Director, First Peoples Bank; Chairman, Host Committee, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and is on Board of Directors, Alpha Lodge #172; 32° Mason, Hadji Shrine and Fort Walton Beach Shrine Club; President, Automation Industries, Inc., Vitro Services Division. He lists golf as his hobby and past-time. He resides on Country Club Road, Shalimar, with his wife, Doris,

बपट्टन'इ attendantsइ

..... Joann Guidry and Paula Eyrich

कार्यविह -

Coronation Coordinator.....	Jim Kendrick
Lights and Sound.....	V.C. Clements, Jr.
Costumes.....	Queen Helen Florida Fabrics
Clarence of New Orleans - Krewe	Mary Jay Shop -Queen
Joyce Licht - Honor Guard & Attendants	
Stage Set.....	Krewe of Bowlegs & 1973 Honor Guard
Stage Hands.....	Bob & Dot Blizzard Charles & Barbara Born
Ushers.....	Fort Walton Beach High School A.F.J.R.O.T.C. Cadets & "Skydettes"
Program Artwork.....	Kathleen Robinson
Program	Alyce Ankney

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.....In past years, the new Court listing was provided as an "insert" to the Program and distributed at the end of each Coronation Pageant Program. It should be noted that this procedure will be eliminated due to the difficult problems surrounding secrecy, printing and presentation.

The previous year's Court will appear in each current year's Program. The Court of 1973 has been reprinted this year to inaugurate this new policy, for your information and pleasure.

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.....MAY YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE AS LASTING AS THE SANDS OF THE SAHARA

