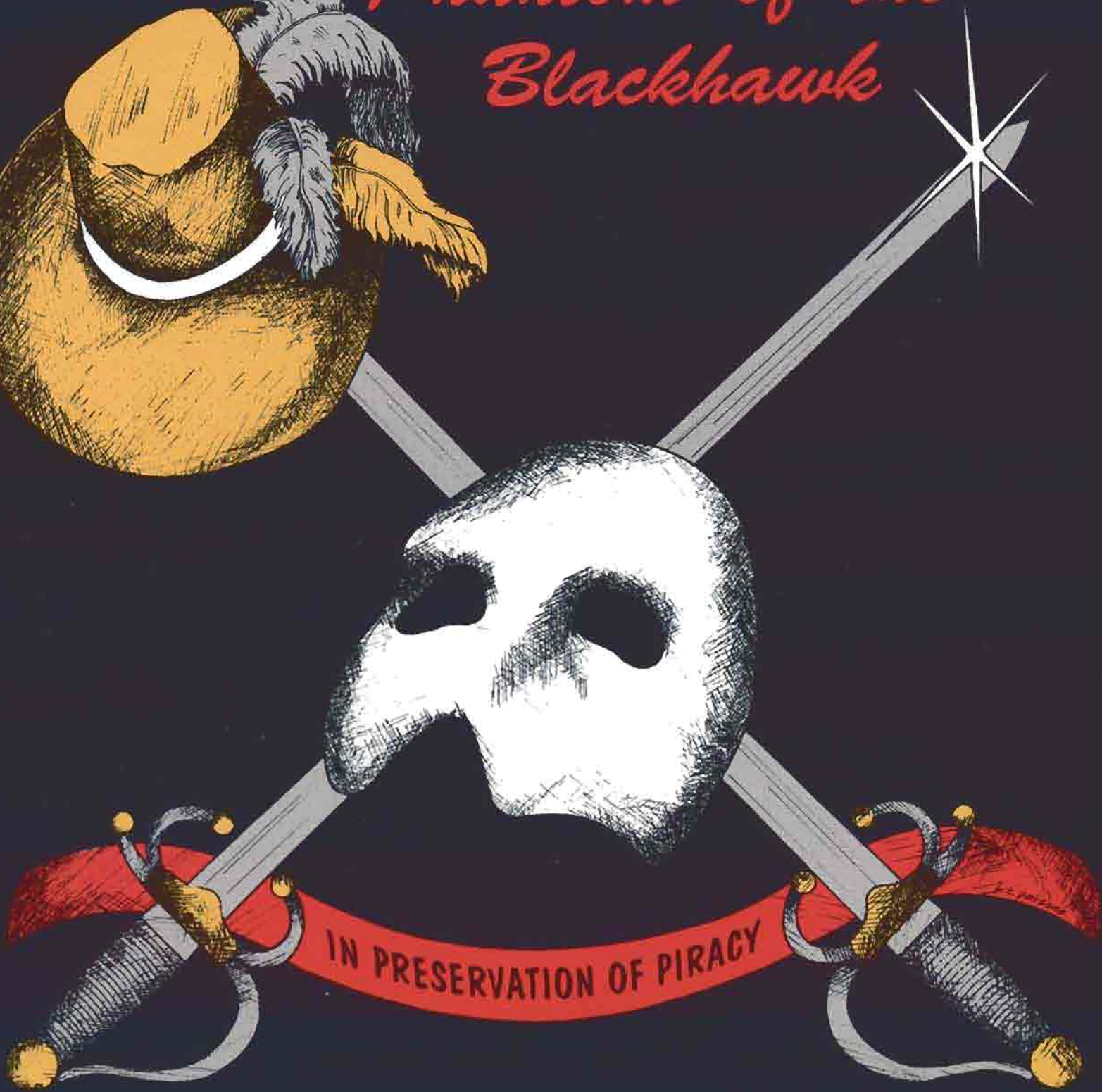


The Krew of Bowlegs presents

*Phantom of the
Blackhawk*



IN PRESERVATION OF PIRACY



~ Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVII ~

James M. "Johnny" Johnson, III

~ Queen ~

Jean P. Blumer



Society of Bowlegs & Queens

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II	ROGER CLARY	... Shelia Lewis
III	JOHN COX	... Mellie Jo Peacock
* IV	DOCIE BASS	... Katherine Tringas
* V	FINLEY DUNCAN	... Alex Patton
* VI	THOMAS BROOKS	... Bettye Williams
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XV	MAURICE McLAUGHLIN	... Mary Ellen Ricks
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XVII	CLIFFORD H. LONG	... Dot Buchanan
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XXXVI	W. HERBERT TINSLEY	... Carlee Foster
XXXVII	JAMES M. "JOHNNY" JOHNSON, III	... Jean P. Blumer

*Deceased



~ IN MEMORY OF ~



DARRELL E. ANKEY ("Ank").....1919 - 1992

This program is dedicated to the memory of "Ank" ... A member of the Krew since 1972, "Ank" served many Bowlegs Captains with honor and distinction. Ank handled difficult jobs with ease. Only the most impossible dreams of Captain Billys and Mates took Ank a little time to engineer and construct. Being a man of actions, no complaints, and very little discussion, Ank only asked what and when. He deserves his place of honor in our pirate log books and in the memories of his fellow mates.



BILLY



JAMES M. "JOHNNY" JOHNSON, III, Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVII, is a native of Mobile, Alabama, and Senior Vice President of Sunshine Bank, a subsidiary of First Alabama Bank. Johnny has resided in the Fort Walton Beach area since 1956 and is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He attended Auburn University and received a B. S. degree in Business and has an M.B.A. from the University of West Florida.

Johnny attained the rank of captain in the United States Army and served in Germany and Vietnam. During his service, Johnny was awarded the Bronze Star.

As an active member of the community, Johnny is currently a member of the Humana Hospital Board of Trustees and the White-Wilson Medical Center Advisory Board. He is actively involved in the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Economic Development Council, Hosts Council, Military Affairs Council, and Festival Committee.

Other civic affiliations include: Fort Walton Speech and Hearing Center Board of Directors, Rotary, Sertoma, FWB Yacht Club, Okaloosa County Auburn Club, International Board of Certified Financial Planners, and the FWB Men's Golf Association. He has been active in bankers' groups, Jaycees, and the United Way. Johnny was named Okaloosa County Banker of the Year in 1985-86.

Johnny is married to the former Marie Eubanks. Marie is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and Auburn University with a B. S. degree in Elementary Education. She teaches the Chapter I reading program at Oak Hill Elementary School on Eglin AFB. Marie is a sustaining member of the Junior League, FWB Panhellenic, and Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Club. She is past president of the Mardi Gras Club and the Gamma Sigma chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa education sorority. She is also a member of the Okaloosa County Reading Council and the Okaloosa County Auburn Club.

A member of the Krewe since 1974, Johnny has served several terms on the Board of Directors and was a member of the 1980-81 Honor Guard. Johnny and Marie served as the 1985-86 First Mate and First Mistress.

The Johnsons currently reside in Shalimar and are members of Shalimar United Methodist Church. In honor of Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVII alma mater, the brilliant colors of silver, orange, and blue reigned throughout the year.



QUEEN JEAN P. BLUMER is a native of Dayton, Ohio, and grew up in Olive Hill, Kentucky where she graduated from Olive Hill High School. Jean attended the University of Kentucky and graduated with high honors from the University of West Florida with a B. S. degree in Biology. While attending the University of Kentucky she pledged the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and was named outstanding pledge of the Delta Omega chapter. She was also selected as a Kappa Sigma Little Sister.

Jean is currently employed with the HRS Okaloosa County Public Health Unit as an Environmental Specialist I. She began her career with the Bay County Public Health Unit as an environmental health aid and was quickly promoted to environmental health specialist and was selected as Employee of the Quarter from the Bay County Public Health Unit. Jean was employed at the Santa Rosa County Public Health Unit before arriving in Okaloosa County.

Actively involved in the community, Jean is a member and past president of the FWB Alpha Chi Omega Alumnae Club, member of Panhellenic, past president of the Mardi Gras Club, and member of the Golden Mask Club for past queens. She is a member of the Gayfers Career Club, a Longwood Elementary School volunteer, as well as a Girl Scout volunteer. Jean is a certified open water scuba diver.

The Queen is married to Dr. Philip Blumer, a veterinarian and part owner of Friendship Veterinary Clinic in Fort Walton Beach. The Blumers have two children: Heath, 20, a recent graduate of the Ocean Corporation Commercial Dive School in Houston, Texas, and Erin, 15, a sophomore at Choctawhatchee High School.

The Queen's gown is a beautiful deep, midnight blue adorned with sparkling jewels. Her husband designed the spectacular jeweled train, with the special design of shells, sea creatures, a sea chest with their children's initials. A chambered nautilus (to signify UWF), reflects the couples love for the environment and their desire to preserve this beauty. The lyre of Alpha Chi Omega is also highlighted.

A MESSAGE FROM CAP'N BILLY BOWLEGS XXXVII

As I close the Log of the BLACKHAWK's XXXVII journey, let it be noted that our voyage through the Sunshine State enabled us to fill our treasure chest full to overflowing with wonderful memories of a fantastic year preserving piracy. None of these memories would have been possible without the "labor of love" given by so many of the Honor Guard, Board members, and their spouses. Your participation at work parties, on out-of-town trips, and at all our various activities was beyond the call of duty. Space in the log book does not allow me to express my heartfelt appreciation individually to each of you who participated.

Our voyage has taken us from Mobile's Mardi Gras with Le Krewe de Bienville; Springtime Tallahassee; Hernando DeSoto Celebration in Bradenton; Festival of Rivers in Geneva, Alabama; Old Spanish Trail Festival with Los Caballeros Espanoles in Crestview; Fiesta of Five Flags in Pensacola with the Order of Tristan DeLuna, Krewe of Lafitte, and the Mayoki Indians.

My love, admiration and respect go out to our beautiful Queen Jeanie. She made friends with, and won the hearts of, all those we encountered during our journey. To my lovely wife, Marie, (the power behind the throne) thanks for all the guidance, assistance, and patience you put forth in keeping me sailing straight. To Phil, "lackey" by name but not by deed, thanks for being my steadfast friend!

I will always have a special place in my heart for First Mate and First Mistress Chuck and Gerry Ingram. No one has put forth more effort, been more efficient, organized, and genuinely supportive than these two. To Alyce Ankney - what can I say? Your knowledge of the day-to-day operation of the Krewe, and your loyalty and dedication is unmatched by any other person. To the children of the court and their parents, your efforts to become more involved this year have helped to make it extra special.

Special thanks go to Jim Kendrick (Cap'n Billy XVI) for coming "out of retirement" to do the design and art work on these beautiful sets, Sam Burkett for the great job as Pageant Chairman, and, of course, Walt Steigleman, Nancy Krusek, and Charlotte Cohn and their crew for the production and direction of the pageant. Special recognition goes to the Chamber of Commerce Festival Committee, Roger Tate, President, Jerry Schnitzius, Chairman, Tom Ruffin, Nitzi Bennett, Lynne Christen et. al. for all their work in "making it happen"!

This year has provided us with many new friends and unforgettable memories of wonderful experiences. My sincere thanks go out to all of you who have had a part in the BOWLEGS FESTIVAL week and this entire Bowlegs year. As to my successor, Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII, his Queen, First Mate and Mistress, Honor Guard, and Board of Directors, may your voyage with the "PHANTOM" at the helm be as rewarding as the one we experienced with the Honor Guard of Orange and Blue!

BY ROYAL DECREE OF:
CAP'N BILLY BOWLEGS XXXVII
James M. "Johnny" Johnson, III
Dated this 13th Day of June, 1992



FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS



FIRST MATE CHUCK INGRAM

Chuck is a native of Mississippi and received his B. S. degree in Civil Engineering from Mississippi State University. A resident of the Fort Walton Beach area since 1977, Chuck was employed as City Engineer for the City of Fort Walton Beach, Public Works Director, and City Manager. Currently, Chuck is owner of Ingram Engineering, a consulting engineering firm.

Active in the community, Chuck is a member and two-term past president of the Florida Engineering Society, and past secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers at MSU. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Public Works Association, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, and serves as Chairman on the FWB Area Bridge Authority.

Chuck has been president of the All Sports Association of Okaloosa County, and regional problem captain for Odyssey of the Minds for local school children, as well as a problem judge for the statewide competition held in Tampa.

FIRST MISTRESS GERRY INGRAM

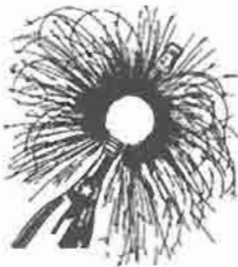
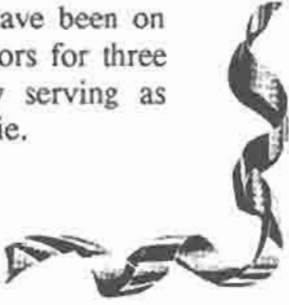


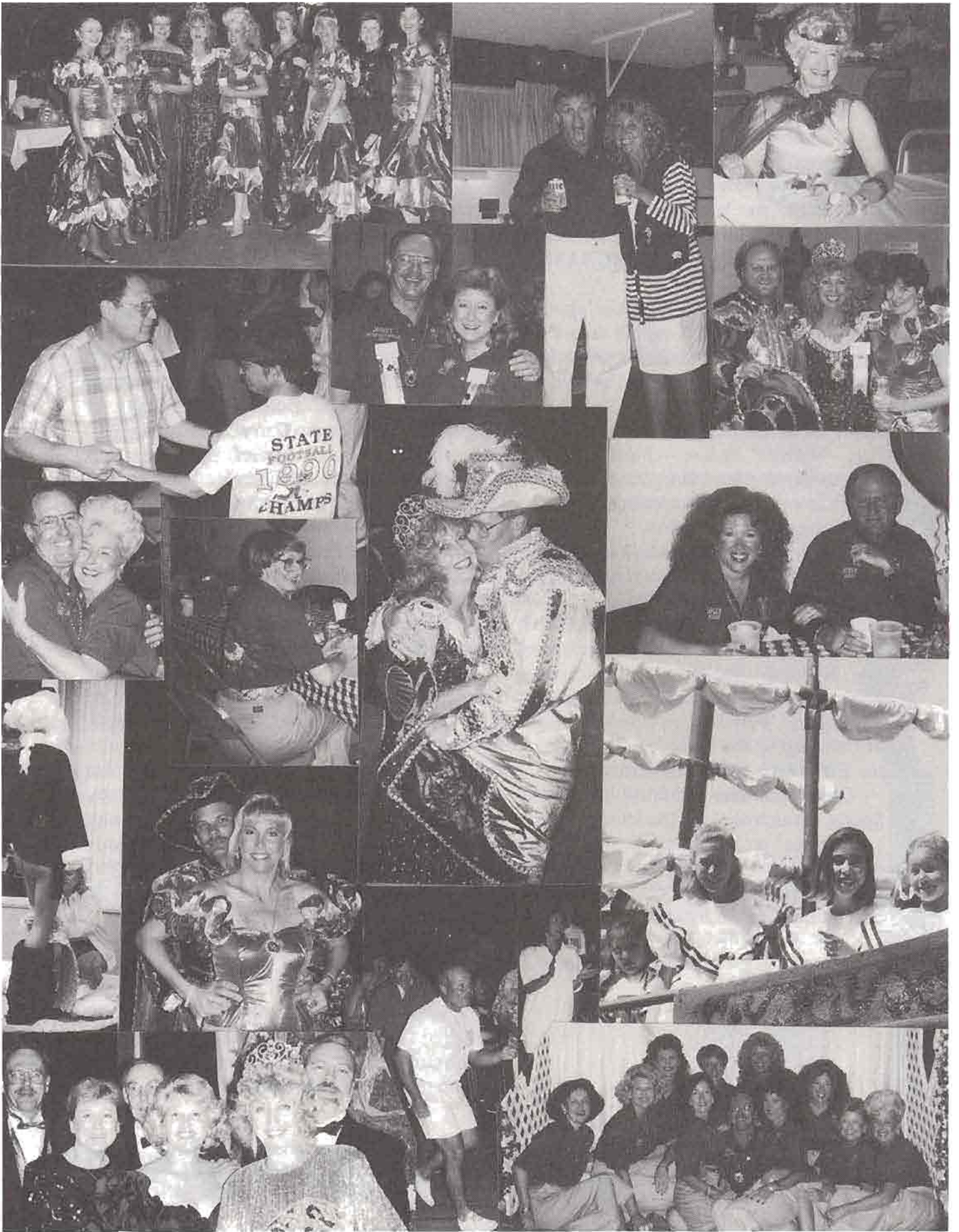
Gerry is the former Gerry Grimes. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a B. S. degree in Business Administration, majoring in accounting, and a M.B.A. from the University of West Florida. Gerry is Senior Vice President in charge of operations and Chief Financial Officer for First Federal Savings Bank of Northwest Florida. She has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1986.

While attending the University of Alabama, Gerry was a charter member of Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Chi Chapter, an honorary accounting society.

Gerry is a member and past treasurer of Preserve the Gulfview Hotel, Inc., the American Society of Women Accountants, member of the FWB Chamber of Commerce, a graduate of the Chamber Leadership Development Program, member of the Chamber Business Assistance Committee, Economic Development Council, Financial Managers Society, and serves as treasurer of St. Mary's School PTO.

The Ingrams are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and have one daughter, Sydney, 8. They were on the 1986-87 Honor Guard and have been on the Bowlegs Board of Directors for three terms. Sydney is currently serving as crown bearer for Queen Jeanie.







James E. Keeler

Jim, a resident of Fort Walton Beach since 1977, is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. He has received a B. S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida and a M. S. degree in Systems Control Engineering from the University of West Florida.

He has worked in the defense industry at Eglin AFB since 1985 and is currently employed with Sverdrup Technology as a Senior Engineer. He is a member of the Association of Old Crows and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Jim is married to the former Kimberly Gates of Fort Walton Beach, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and a former Princess in the Court of Captain Billy Bowlegs XVII, Thomas B. Ray. She received a B. S. degree in Business Operations from Florida State University and a M. B. A. degree from the University of West Florida.

While attending FSU, Kim was an active member of Chi Omega Sorority, Lady Scalphunters, and Gold Key. She is currently employed as a Closing Officer for Old South Title & Abstract in Shalimar, and is an active member of the Junior League.

The Keelers are members of St. Simon's Episcopal Church.

William B. Kemp, III

Bill is a native of Oxford, North Carolina. He attended the University of Alabama, Livingston University, and Troy State University receiving a M.S. degree in Counseling and Guidance. Bill is a former Navy Lieutenant and has been employed with Eglin AFB since 1968 in the Civilian Personnel Office.

He is a member of the Jaycees, Okaloosa County Mental Health Association, Gulf States Federal Personnel Council, and the AARP.

Bill's wife, Champee, is a native of Meridian, Mississippi and has taught math for many years, and is currently teaching at Oak Hill Elementary School on Eglin AFB. She is actively involved in numerous educational support activities on the local, state, and national levels. Champee is a past president of the Okaloosa County Education Association, and a registered lobbyist with the State of Florida.

The Kemps have two daughters and one son: Jan and her husband are expecting their first child, Kathy is a recent graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, and Billy is a sophomore at the University of Alabama.





Russell Kendrick

Russell is a native of Fort Walton Beach and graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He has a B. S. degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Architecture from Auburn University. Russell is a partner with the local architectural firm, Kendrick/David/Dowling Architects, Inc.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Okaloosa County Auburn Club, Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Scholarship Fund, the United Way, and the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Russell is married to the former Robin Rhodes of Atlanta, Georgia. Robin is a graduate from SW Missouri State University with a B. S. degree in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is also a graduate from Auburn University with a M. S. degree in Education. Robin teaches children with Autism at Silver Sands School and is a volunteer for the Special Olympics. She is an active member of the Okaloosa Aids Support and Informational Services.

The Kendricks are active members of St. Simon's Episcopal Church where they have led the High School Youth Group for four years. This summer they are leaving for Virginia where Russell is entering the Episcopal Seminary. They have one son, Aaron, age 11 months.

Eddie A. Negron, M. D.

Dr. Negron is a native of Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Medical Technology and the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where he received his M. D. degree in 1983. Dr. Negron was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, and completed a residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Negron has been in private practice at the White-Wilson Medical Center since 1987. He has served on the White-Wilson Clinic Board of Directors, is a past president of the Okaloosa County Medical Society, past delegate to the Florida Medical Association, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff at the FWB Humana Hospital. He is currently a member of the American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and Okaloosa County Medical Society.

Dr. Negron is married to the former Pat Wright of Lancaster, Wisconsin. Pat is a former Respiratory Therapist and is a current member and past vice-president of the Okaloosa County Medical Auxiliary.

The Negrons reside in Shalimar and have three children: David, Jason, and Marisa.





Richard A. Roberts

Dick is a native of Elyria, Ohio. He is a graduate of Oberlin College with a B. A. degree in Biochemistry. Dick has served as an officer in the U. S. Air Force and has been employed with Hughes Aircraft Company since 1977. Currently, Dick is the Eglin District Manager and is involved with Eglin's flagship program and the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM).

Dick is a past president of the Hampton Chapter of the National Security Industrial Association (NSIA), two-term past president of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Defense Preparedness Association (ADPA), and is currently serving on the ADPA Board of Directors.

Currently Dick enjoys coaching basketball, soccer, and Little League baseball. He has served as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament Chairman for the American Legion Baseball National Tournament.

Dick is married to the finest wench ever, Jeannie, a native of Poquoson, Virginia. Jeannie attended Longwood College in Virginia and was a cheerleader coach for five years. She is a past president of the Poquoson Women's Club, and has been a professional in real estate for nine years with licenses in Virginia and Florida. She is a Million Dollar Club real estate broker with Coldwell Banker's Deep South Realty.

The Roberts reside in Shalimar and have two children: Jeff, a junior at Choctawhatchee, and Valerie, a graduate from the University of Florida.

Daniel C. Perri

Dan is a native of West Virginia, and has been a resident of the Fort Walton Beach area since 1956. He is a graduate of Tulane University, received his law degree from American University in Washington, D.C., and his masters of law in taxation from Georgetown University. In his current practice, Dan specializes in tax, estate planning, corporate, and business law.

Dan is active in the Playground Area YMCA where he serves on the Board of Directors. He is also a board member and past Chairman of the Friends of the "Y" Fundraising Committee.

Dan is married to Patricia, a native of Pensacola. She is actively involved with the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. Patricia is also a member of the Junior League and has served on the Board of Directors.

The Perris own and operate Perri's Restaurant where Patricia manages the day-to-day operations while Dan manages the kitchen and cooks on occasion.

The Perris reside in Shalimar and have two children, Christina, 10, and Michael, 13.





Timothy W. Smith

Tim is a resident of Fort Walton Beach and a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He is owner of Gary Smith Ford, Gary Smith Honda, and Tim Smith Acura.

Tim is a supporter of the American Cancer Society and has served as past chairman of the Cancer Cablethon. He has coached the Mary Esther Little League baseball team for the past three years, and is a former judge in the Miss Fort Walton Beach High School Pageant. He is an avid fisherman and enjoys spending his leisure time aboard his boat, The Pair-a- Dice.

Tim is married to the former Sharon Lefebrie. She is a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School and has served as captain of the Shalimar Point Northwest Florida Tennis League for the past two years.

The Smiths are members of the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach where Sharon has been involved with preschool and girls youth groups. They have three children: Melanie, 11, Gary, 9, and Travis, 8.



Rodger Tate

Rodger, a native of Pensacola, Florida, has resided in Fort Walton Beach since 1981. He is Division Vice President of Sales for Environmental Waste and is the current president of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

He has served on the Chamber's Board of Directors since 1989 and is a graduate of the Leadership Fort Walton Beach program. Rodger serves on the City of Fort Walton Beach Crime Committee and is a charter member of the Walton Guard, a civil war reenactment group. He is co-chairman of this year's Cellular One Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival.

Rodger is married to Marnie, from Youngtown, Ohio. She is an agent with Northwestern Mutual Life and an investment broker. She is a past Chamber of Commerce president and is Life Member. Marnie is an Honorary Squadron Commander at Hurlburt AFB and is a member of Sugar Beach Sertoma. She is an active member and past president of the Emerald Coast American Business Women's Association, and serves on the Okaloosa Judicial Planning Committee. Marnie was the Okaloosa County Chairman for the 911 Emergency Telephone System and is a past member of the Board of Trustees for Humana Hospital.

The Tates are members of Trinity United Methodist Church and have three children: Jason, 17, Justin, 8, and Jennifer, 4.



T. Edwin Watts

Edwin, a native of Bonifay, Florida, has resided in Okaloosa County most of his life, and is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He is President of Edwin Watts Golf Shops, Inc., with Fort Walton Beach serving as the business headquarters. Edwin became the Head PGA Pro at the Fort Walton Beach Golf Course in 1968 and then ventured into the mail order business in 1976.

Edwin currently serves on the Board of Directors for AMSOUTH Bank. He is an avid golfer and runner.

Edwin is married to Mary, a native of Waco, Texas. She is also an avid golfer (of course), gardner, and an instrument rated pilot. She is a member of, and works part-time as supervisor of flying at, the Eglin Aero Club.

The Watts reside in Shalimar and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. They have two children: John, a student at the University of West Florida and full-time employee in the business, and Lisa, a full-time student at the University of Florida majoring in Public Relations.



Foley Wood

Foley, a native Floridian, grew up in Wausau. He came to Eglin AFB in 1965 after a 22-year career as Manager of a computerized Management Information System in the Air Force. He has been employed as a Fort Walton Beach High School teacher for the past 16 years in Aerospace Science.

He is president of the FWB Jubileers Shrine Unit, and is active in the Shrine Club and Hadji Temple, Elks BPOE Lodge 1795, FWB Yacht Club, Moose Lodge, and the local FSU Booster Club.

Foley is married to Mary, an employee of the Eglin Federal Credit Union for over 26 years as Executive Secretary to the President. She is a member of Preceptor Gamma Phi Sorority, the FWB Mardi Gras Club, Elkettes, and Maids of Mecca Ladies Shrine Group.

Foley (with partner Mary) is a professional Square Dance Caller and Country-Western Dance Instructor, accredited and licensed by the World-Wide Association of CALLERLAB, BMI & ASCAP, and has recorded on Fluttersheel Records of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Woods are members of Trinity United Methodist Church.





THIRTY-EIGHTH CORONATION

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Lackeys..... Dr. Philip W. Blumer & Marie E. Johnson

FROM THE BEACH TO THE OPERA

Opening..... APPLAUSE

ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXXVII, JOHNNY JOHNSON FIRST MATE AND FIRST MISTRESS, CHUCK AND GERRY INGRAM

Processional..... KEY LARGO

ARRIVAL OF QUEEN JEANIE

Processional..... SOMEWHERE

INTRODUCTION OF THE 1991-92 CHILDREN OF THE COURT

Farewell..... IT'S A SMALL WORLD

INTRODUCTION OF THE 1991-92 HONOR GUARD

Captain Billy's Pirates Relinquish the Medallions of Honor and Return to the Krewe

Processional..... UNDER THE BOARDWALK
 MASTER OF THE HOUSE..... Cast
 PAGLIACCI..... Christopher Ross
 BARBER OF SEVILLA..... Michelle Cohn, Melissa Rice
 SOFT SHOES..... Walter Steigleman, Cast

INTRODUCTION OF THE GRADUATING SENIOR YOUNG MEN

Chad Alan Grace	Christopher Blake Russell
Timothy Gross	Kenneth Herbert Tinsley
Chad Houghton	Eric Ferman Pryor
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Jason Matthew Jones	Jason Tate
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PRESENTATION OF THE PRINCESSES

LEIGH BAYER
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Bayer

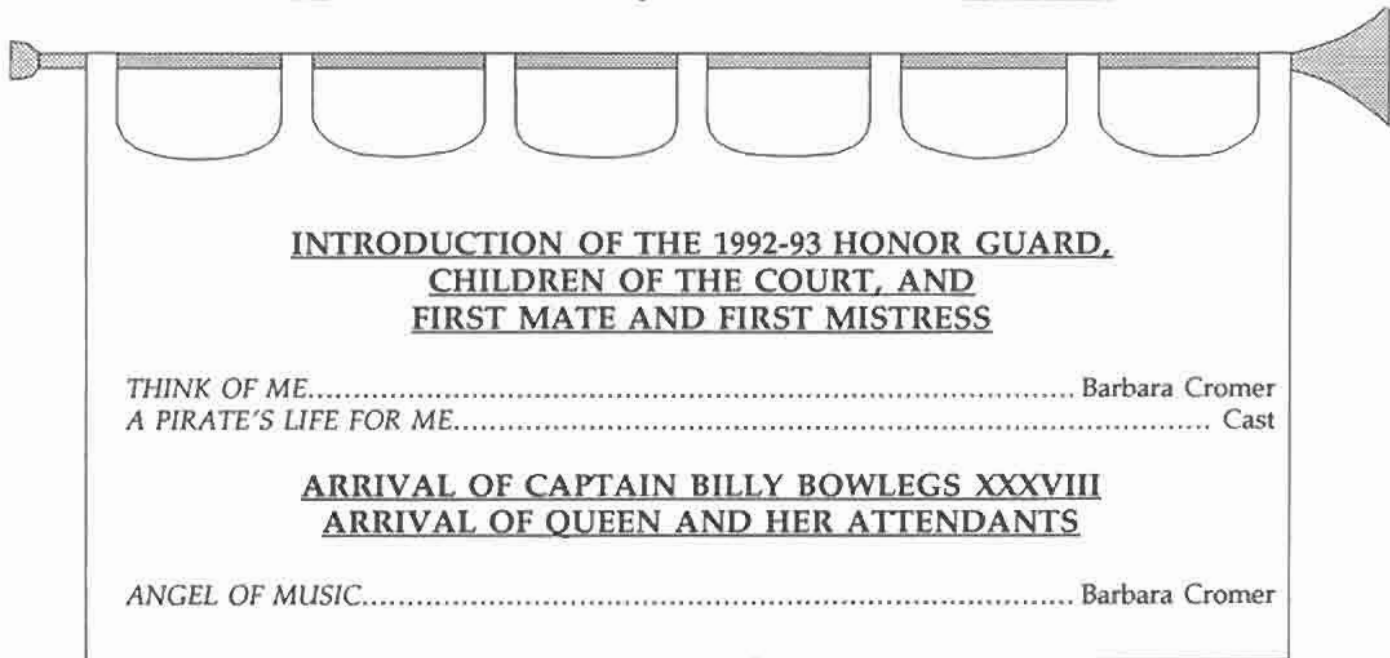
TAMMY GAIL WATTS
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Watts

JAMEE LOUISE LEE
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee

PATRICIA JO ROOKSTOOL
granddaughter of Ralph L. McGuire

MUSIC OF THE NIGHT..... Cast

PRESENTATION OF QUEEN'S COSTUME AWARDS



INTRODUCTION OF THE 1992-93 HONOR GUARD,
CHILDREN OF THE COURT, AND
FIRST MATE AND FIRST MISTRESS

THINK OF ME..... Barbara Cromer
A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME..... Cast

ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXXVIII
ARRIVAL OF QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS

ANGEL OF MUSIC..... Barbara Cromer

CORONATION CEREMONY AND PROCLAMATION

CAST

Martin Cohn
Michelle Cohn
Joe Lester
Denis Milonas
Cynthia Rhodes
Melissa Rice
Christopher Ross
Walter Steigleman

MUSIC

Barbara Cromer, Keyboard
Keith Trott, Drums



BEHIND THE SCENES

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LIGHTING DESIGN..... Martin Cohn & Jim Keeler
LIGHTING OPERATOR..... Lisa Walker
SPECIAL MUSIC..... Tom Morey
TECHNICAL SUPPORT..... Stage Crafters Community Theatre
VIDEO PRODUCTION..... Emerald Coast Video Productions
PYROTECHNICS..... Robert Eskald
SEATING CHAIRMAN..... Jeff McInnis

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BEHIND THE SCENES (Continued)

1992-93 QUEEN:

Gown Design, Masque & Hat..... Karen Thornton, Mobile
Crown, Earrings & Scepter..... Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collection of Mobile
Hairdresser..... Linda Wise, Linda's Beauty Salon
Nails..... Candy Buczynski, Linda's Beauty Salon

FIRST MISTRESS AND HONOR GUARD LADIES:

Costume..... Aggie Marler, Destin
Earrings & Masques..... Debra Holbrook

CHILDREN OF THE COURT:

Costume..... Carole Chubb, Ft. Walton Beach

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXXVIII:

Costumes..... Karen Thornton, Mobile

FIRST MATE & HONOR GUARD MEN:

Costumes..... Bienville Costumes, Mobile

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Husband of Queen Jeanie

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:..... Alyce Ankney



William Augustus Bowles

A notorious old boy, so the legend goes, and patron pirate of the BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL and the KREWE OF BOWLEGS, was born in 1763 on the Maryland frontier. At the age of 13, he joined the Loyalists Corps to fight against the American rebels. Two years later he was sent to Pensacola to join the British forces. He was commissioned an ensign in the British Navy at 16 years old. After the war, he rebelled against military life, insulted a British officer, and went into hiding with the Creek Indians (so the legend goes!). He married a tribeswoman, a chief's daughter, and in 1781 was welcomed back by the British to help battle the Spanish at Pensacola. During that time the British, Spanish, and Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf shores and its shipping lanes. Believing himself destined to command instead of obeying orders, Bowles gathered a force of a "couple hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army, and white banditti".

This rollicking piratical crew grew to be the concern of all three of the power hungry countries. Captain Billy 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 the British society for support. He was rewarded with a flag of "English and Indian colors mixed", a silver pipe, a tomahawk, a chain of friendship, and trade supplies with which he formed the State of Muskogee. He was eventually captured by the Spanish and shipped to Madrid, Spain. While being shipped to the Philippines, he jumped ship and returned to his "state" and greater deeds of piracy. However, all "good" pirates must have an end, and Captain Billy's came after he was lured to peace talks and there betrayed by his Indian troops. The Spanish imprisoned him in Cuba in the infamous Morro Castle, and there on December 23, 1805, Captain Billy died.

Two centuries later the memory of William Augustus Bowles lives on in the annual Billy Bowlegs celebration. To the Fort Walton Beach/Destin area, Captain Billy left a heritage of pirate tales, great adventure, and buried treasure.

FESTIVAL HISTORY

The **BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL**, now in its 38th year, began as a Labor Day Water Ski Show sponsored by the City of Fort Walton Beach Recreation Department. As the event became more popular, the City recruited the local Jaycees (with a membership of 17) to take over the responsibilities. The water ski show was then expanded to include a parade, fish fry, and dancing.

The idea of a Gasparilla type celebration centered on a pirate theme eventually became more popular. The choice of the notorious and legendary **WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BOWLES** as their patron pirate was a unanimous decision. Bowles, alleged dastardly deeds were widespread throughout what is now known as the **EMERALD COAST**.

Once the celebration proved to be overwhelmingly successful, a small group of merchants, together with the Jaycees, secretly gathered to choose from its membership a Captain Billy Bowlegs to serve as the reigning pirate for the three-day festival. Captain Billy's identity remained a mystery until the unmasking ceremonies the evening of the grand ball.

The late **NATHAN FLEET**, a downtown retail merchant, was selected as the first Captain Bowlegs. He played the role so well, that he lead the pirate crew again the following year.

Today, the festival includes numerous activities for residents and visitors to participate in and enjoy. Some of the public events include: pirate skirmishes, treasure hunts for children and adults, night-time fireworks, arts and crafts shows, boat parades, marathons, fish fries, square dancing competition, softball tournaments, karate tournaments, and much more. The festival highlight is the Saturday landing of Captain Billy Bowlegs and his motley crew (including their illustrious wenches). The gaily costumed pirates land on the beautiful white sandy beaches of Fort Walton Beach and proceed to capture the city and hoist the "Jolly Rodger", signifying the city is once again under pirate rule for an entire fun-filled week. Once on shore, the cunning pirates woo the crowd by throwing jewelry, candy, cups, and silver coins.

Over the years, the beautiful Torchlight Parade has become a favorite community event. Similar to the Mardi Gras parades held in Mobile and New Orleans, the masked crew throws favors to the public. The brilliantly colored costumed pirates once again, make the parade an event not to miss.

The pirate week is climaxed by the unveiling of the new Captain Billy Bowlegs and his stunning court at the annual Coronation Pageant, which is open to the public. Known as one of the areas finest productions, the pageantry will far exceed anything imaginable. As the new First Mate and First Mistress, Honor Guard, and Children of the Court are unmasked, the crowd anxiously awaits the arrival of Captain Bowlegs and his glamorous Queen. The pageantry has always been and will continue to be spectacular.

KREWE HISTORY

The 1957 Bowlegs Festival souvenir program lists the original Krewe membership of 75 men. Today, many Bowlegs members are second generation pirates, carrying on the tradition set forth by their pirate fathers. Rodger Clary, Captain Billy Bowlegs II, served as the first Captain Billy under an organized charter.

As indicated by the Constitution & Bylaws, Krewe membership is limited to 170, plus the the number of former Captain Billys. Each Captain Billy automatically becomes a member of the Society Of Bowlegs, otherwise known affectionately as our SOB's.

Hours of talented volunteer time, plus sizeable sums of money are expended each year by Krewe members and their wives. Colorful floats, beautiful decorations, and numerous throws are utilized by the Krewe plus custom-made costumes are worn during the parades, pageant, and coronation ball. The masked Krewe members shower the public each year with souvenir trinkets, "gold" doubloons, and the crowd favorite - cups. **ALL KREWE EVENTS ARE PAID FOR FROM KREWE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES, NO OTHER FUNDING IS RECEIVED.**

A new Captain Billy is selected each year from the Krewe membership by secret ballot. The past seven Billys are soley responsible for the secret nominations. Once the new Billy is selected, he chooses his Queen, First Mate & Mistress, ten Honor Guard men, and the Children of the Court. The identities of the entire court are kept secret until the elaborate Coronation Pageant.

The late Docie Bass, Captain Billy Bowlegs IV, was the first to select his Queen from the Krewe membership. Previously, the Queen's were "captive wenches" and beauty contest winners. Past Queen's belong to the SOCIETY OF QUEENS, and perform many functions for the Krewe including the annual tea for graduating senior girls (daughters and/or granddaughters of Krewe members). These young ladies serve the court as Princesses and are presented at the Coronation Pageant. Both the graduating senior girls and boys are invited to the Coronation Ball following the Pageant.

Periodically new events are added to the festival, and in 1989 the Friday night skirmish became a success. The Friday night and Saturday skirmishes take place between the City of Fort Walton Beach Militia (Walton Guard) and the Bowlegs Krewe. Armed with black powder cannons and muskets, the Militia perform a colorful and noisy defense when they engage the Krewe in battle on the Sound. These exciting family events, as well as the Monday night Torchlight Parade are open to the public.

The Krewe of Bowlegs appreciates the participation and cooperation of the citizens of the Greater Fort Walton Beach area, and will continue to carry on the tradition of fun, food, and entertainment for people of all ages.



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regards,

The Phantom of the Blackhawk
Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII

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Seated, l-r

Mandi Brechin

*daughter of Dr. & Mrs.
James M. Brechin*

Erin Blumer

*daughter of Dr. & Mrs.
Philip W. Blumer*

Sydney Ingram

*daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
Chuck Ingram*

Standing, l-r

Forrest J. Townsend, III

son of Dr. & Mrs.

Forrest J. Townsend, Jr.

Matthew McGee

son of Mr. & Mrs.

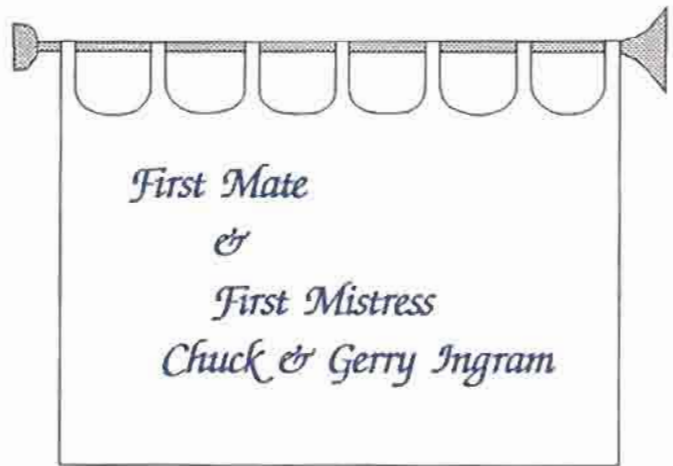
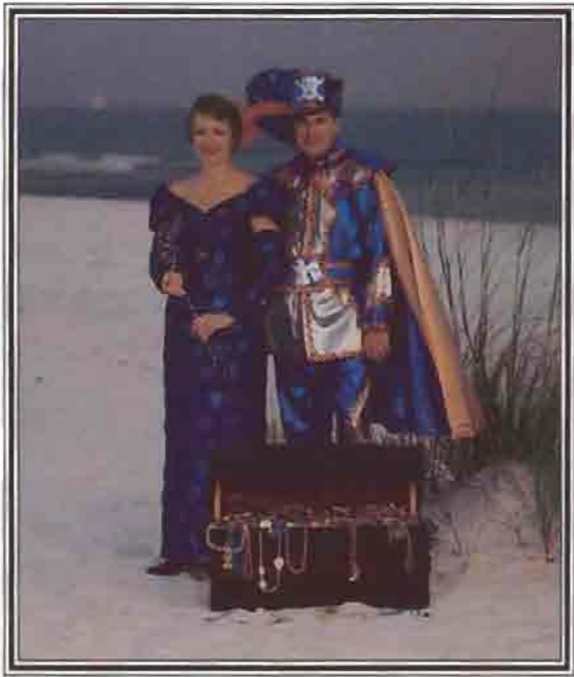
John McGee

not pictured is Margery Nabors

daughter of Dr. & Mrs.

James E. Nabors





Honor Guard

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Patricia & Dan Perri
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