

Shipwrecked In A Mysterious Cove



Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII

Samuel B. Burkett, III and Queen Kathleen P. Dlabal



First Mate & Mistress

Jeff and Katherine McInnis

Honor Guard

Left to Right: Freddy and Mary Carr,
Walter and Cindy Carter,
Frank and Jaciel Robbins,
Gene and Gloria Smith,
Clay and Nancy Carnathan



Left to Right: Jamie and Jennifer Smith,
Tim and Kelly Quigley,
Nick and Josie Nicholson,
Tim and Kathy Ray,
Michael and Patty Shawbitz





Captain Billy's Message

Words cannot express my sincere appreciation to all of you who made my year as the 43rd Captain Billy Bowlegs an outstandingly successful year. Selecting Ms. Kathleen P. Dlabal as my Queen was the best decision I made all year long. She was truly the heartbeat of our year, always gracious and giving, and we are the best of friends! First Mate C. Jeffery McInnis and First Mistress Katherine A. McInnis are without a doubt the best First Mate and Mistress I could ever hope for. Always organized, supportive, and willing to do whatever it takes to get the Honor Guard ready for every event. Thank You both! And, from the bottom of my heart, thanks to our Lackeys. To my wife, Lisa, you are the best Lackey a Captain could ever have. Thanks for the support and thanks for our three Children. To Kathy's Husband, Tom, thanks for taking care of our Queen and recording our year. My year would not have been complete without you two!

The Top 3 couples made a collective decision to make this 43rd year family oriented. We have eight children among us, two of which were born during all of these activities. We love them all! Additionally, thanks to our Children of the Court and their Parents for enjoying this Family Year with us! I thoroughly enjoyed All My Children of the Court. Wow, what an Honor Guard! Never have I witnessed a group have so much fun and work so hard. Thank you all for making my year better than I ever dreamed possible. I hope we stay close for life! When is the next party?

Thanks to the Board and Support Committee. This year we had plenty of movers and shakers, and I could not have been any happier with the way the general board and committee worked together. Thanks! A special thanks goes to my Board Officers and Executive Support. You guys tackled the toughest jobs and worked to make sure all went well within a tight budget. And the Executive Secretaries, Helen Spencer and Carol Vesey, are simply outstanding! Thanks for your dedication to the entire Krewe. Also thanks to Bobbi Spencer who drove our float everywhere. We won first place in almost every parade we entered!

I could not have had better SOB Support. Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXIX, Richard L. Manley, advised me and kept me out of political turmoil. Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII, Harry E. Barr, took care of the complex Protocol associated with the Krewe, and Captain Billy Bowlegs, XLII Gregory A. Artabasy, hosted the visiting VIPs. Thanks guys!

And finally, I wish to exclaim what a wonderful organization this Krewe of Bowlegs is and has become. We should all be proud of giving so much to our beloved community.

In Preservation of Piracy!

Samuel B. Burkett, III
Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII





Samuel Benjamin Burkett, III

is a native Floridian and has lived in the Fort Walton Beach area for over 15 years. Sam is married to the former Lisa Mason of Hattiesburg, MS. Lisa is a former Queen of Bowlegs for Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXIX, Richard L. Manley.

Sam is employed with Sverdrup Technology as Director for the Program Executive Officer Support Department. He has a BS in Computer Sciences and Statistics from the University of Southern Mississippi, a MS in Management from Troy State University and a MS in Systems Engineering from the University of West Florida. Sam has also completed the course work required for a Ph.D. in Computer Sciences at Florida State University. At Sverdrup Technology, Sam has earned annual outstanding performance awards six times, has been the technical employee of the quarter, and was awarded the Sverdrup's Master Builder's Award. He serves on the Board of the United Way, a Member of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach Chamber's Leadership Program, a board member of the Military Affairs Council, and is a member of the Hosts Council. Sam is a member of the Shalimar United Methodist Church, the



Association of Old Crows, American Defense Preparedness Association, International Test and Evaluation Association, National Contract Management Association, and the Association of Computing Machinery.

Sam and his wife Lisa were on the Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXV, C. LeDon Anchors, First Mate and Mistress to Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII, Harry E. Barr, and Sam has served on the Krewe Board of Directors for four years. Sam has been the Chairman on the Coronation Pageant, Coronation Ball, Holly Ball, Honor Guard Party, and the SOB Party. Sam is a Past President of the Sertoma Club, Shalimar Methodist Men's Club, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, his high school's student council, and is an Eagle Scout. Lisa, is Vice President and Manager of Vitro Press and Advertising, a Tracor Company. Lisa is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she earned a BS in Communications and has a MS in Management from Troy State University. Lisa is currently on the Board of Directors for WSRE TV and the NW FL Girl Scouts Association. She is a past President of the Junior League, past Vice President of the United Way, past Chairman of Hosts Council, and an active member at the Chamber of Commerce. Lisa is a member of the Bowlegs Society of Queens, Economic Development Council, the TECHMEN Organization and Chi Omega Fraternity. Sam and Lisa have three children: Mason Victoria, 5 1/2, the Crown Bearer for Queen Kathy Dlabal; Samuel Benjamin (Ben) IV, 3, Special Attendant for Captain Billy XLIII, Sam Burkett; and Loren Elizabeth, 5 months. Mason is involved with the Ballet Conservatory, YMCA T-Ball, Church Choir and attends St. Mary's private school. Ben attends Trinity United Methodist preschool and is extremely busy being a three year old, much to the exhausting delight of his Nanny, Mabel Bates. Loren is finally sleeping through the night!

QUEEN



Queen Kathleen P. Dlabal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven J. Polgar of Laurel, Delaware. Kathy graduated from the MacQueen, Gibbs, Willis School of Nursing in Maryland, received a B.S. Degree in Allied Health Science from Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and graduated from Charity Hospital School of Anesthesia in New Orleans. She has been a practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist since 1976.

Kathy has been active in the community. She was the 1992-1993 President of the Okaloosa County Medical Alliance, served for two years as President of the Board of Catholic Social Services, and was a past President of the Board of St. Mary's School. She has hosted many charity events in her home.

Queen Kathy is married to Krewe of Bowlegs member, Dr. Thomas Dlabal, who is a native of Independence,

Missouri. Dr. Dlabal has been a practicing Orthopedic Surgeon in this area since 1984. Tom and Kathy were on the 1992-1993 Honor Guard of Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII, Harry Barr. Their son, Matthew, is ten years old and is the sword bearer for Captain Billy XLIII, Sam Burkett. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is eight years old and is the train bearer for her mother, Queen Kathy. The Dlabal family resides in Shalimar and attends St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The Queen's gown is made of imported gold lace over gold brocade, designed on an empire line with sweetheart neckline and A-line skirt that ends in a sweeping train. The lines of the gown are emphasized with beaded black velvet and the entire gown is encrusted with rhinestones, crystals, and gold seed beads. The mantle is made of black velvet, bordered in cloth of gold and black Venice lace. The theme of a clipper ship is made with gold sequins, and a sunset and ferns are flowing in the wind. The Medici collar of gold sequined and beaded French lace is adorned with rhinestones and crystals. Kathy's crown of Austrian crystals features the clipper ship, with her monogram, her children's monogram and symbols representing the careers of both Kathy and Tom.

Society of Bowlegs and Queens



I	Nathan Fleet	Dian Sloat
II	Roger Clary	Sheila Lewis
III	John Cox	Mellie Jo Peacock
* IV	Docie Bass	Kathryn (Tringas) Wise
* V	Finley Duncan	Alex Patton*
* VI	Thomas Brooks	Bettye Williams
VII	William Roberts	Jean Long
* VIII	Hilary Stewart	Agnes Bass
IX	Wilson Minger	Carol Duncan
* X	Dr. Henry C. White	Ella Clary
XI	Winston Walker	"Sug" Brown
XII	Dr. Malcom Crotzer	"Boota" Walker
XIII	H. French Brown, Jr.	Carolyn Crotzer
XIV	Judge Erwin Fleet	"Neen" (Gill) McHaney
XV	Maurice McLaughlin	Mary Ellen Ricks
XVI	Jim Kendrick	Lynne Mathews
XVII	Clifford H. Long	Dot Buchanan
* XVIII	Robert Morrison	Jo Fleet
XIX	Joe Guidry	Helen Kendrick
XX	G.V. Pardue	Tena McLaughlin
XXI	Dr. William W. Thompson	Mickey Harbeson
XXII	Roy L. Ricks	Betty (Eyrich) Kruzel
XXIII	William B. Harbeson, III	Kay Stokes*
XXIV	William E. Spain	Sara (Brooks) Clemmons
* XXV	Robert C. Blizzard	Blanche Brackin
XXVI	C. Walt Ruckel	Donna Trum
XXVII	Thomas B. Ray	Joan Schweizer
XXVIII	H. Gene Smith	Wava Ruckel
XXIX	Chris A. Johnson, Jr.	Adelaide Harris
XXX	Kenneth E. Williamson	Gloria Smith
XXXI	Dr. Alex D. Trum	Susan Johnson
XXXII	Ralph D. Fallin	Martha Kilpatrick
XXXIII	James R. "Randy" Stokes	Beverly Anchors
XXXIV	William D. Nelson, Sr.	Virginia Glynn Barr
XXXV	C. LeDon Anchors	Deborah L. Roberts
XXXVI	W. Herbert Tinsley	Carlee Foster
XXXVII	James M. "Johnny" Johnson, III	Jean P. Blumer
XXXVIII	Harry Barr	Patricia B. Tringas
XXXIX	Richard L. Manley	Lisa M. Burkett
XL	Scotty Foster	Cissy Brown
XLI	C.L. "Chuck" Ingram	Marie E. Johnson
XLII	Gregory A. Artabasy	Patricia P. Perri
XLIII	Samuel B. Burkett, III	Kathleen P. Dlabal

* Deceased

First Mate and First Mistress

JEFF and KATHERINE McINNIS

C. Jeffrey McInnis, a Partner in the law firm of Anchors, Foster, McInnis & Keefe, P.A., is a native of Northwest Florida. He graduated from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, where he was Student Government Association President, and from Florida State University with a double major in insurance and risk management. Jeff is a lifetime member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He holds a Juris Doctorate Degree from Stetson University College of Law where he served as President of the Student Bar Association.

Jeff is currently serving on the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, Board of Trustees for Ft. Walton Beach Medical Center and is the past president of the Florida School Board Attorneys' Association. He is the attorney for the Okaloosa County School Board. He is entering his twelfth year as a member of the Board of Trustees of Okaloosa-Walton Community College, and has served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of that Board. Jeff is a Past-President of the Niceville/Valparaiso/Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee and Host Council.

Since becoming a member of the Krewe of Bowlegs, Jeff has served on the 1990-91 Honor Guard of Captain Billy Bowlegs XXVI, Herb Tinsley, and as First Vice-President of the Krewe Executive Board to Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXIX, Dick Manley and Captain Billy Bowlegs XL, Scotty Foster.

The First Mate is married to the former Katherine Atkinson of Ft. Walton Beach, who was a Princess in the Court of Captain Billy Bowlegs XXV, the late Bob Blizzard and Queen Blanche Brackin. She attended Auburn University where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and the Auburn Water Ski Team. She holds a B.S. degree in political science from Florida State University and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. Katherine is a former member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Okaloosa County and the Junior League of Ft. Walton Beach. She currently serves as a member of the School Advisory Council for Kenwood Elementary School, and coordinator for Vacation Bible School for Shalimar United Methodist Church.

Jeff and Katherine have three children: Miller Ann, 6 1/2, Queen Kathy's scepter bearer and she served as a special attendant in the Court of Queen XL, Cissy Brown, Bradley Ford, 2 1/2, and Morgan Katherine, 15 months. They are members of the Shalimar United Methodist Church.



Honor Guard



NICK AND JOSIE NICHOLSON

Dennis "Nick" Nicholson is a member of the Okaloosa County Commission, a small business owner and financial counselor. He grew up in Canton, Ohio, and entered the U.S. Air Force after graduating from high school. He attended Oklahoma State University while stationed in Enid, Oklahoma, and spent 12 years in foreign countries during his career. He was Superintendent of Accounting and Finance at Hurlburt field prior to his retirement. He has served on the Fort Walton Beach City Council. He is a member of Kiwanis, All Sports Association, Economic Development Council, Tourist Development Council and is Chairman of the Regional Utility Authority.

Josephine "Josie" Nicholson, a native of England, met her husband when he was stationed in London. She is a civil service employee at Hurlburt field and is coordinator of the Family Child Care Program. She also served as Assistant Director of the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center. She is active with the Lung,

Diabetes, and Heart Associations. The Nicholsons have four children, Deborah, Scott, and Suzanne of Fort Walton Beach and Sandra of Pensacola, and four grandchildren.



TIM & KATHY RAY

Tim Ray, a native of Pensacola, moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1974. He is a 1979 graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. After attending college, he went into the building, real estate, and land development business with his father, where he continues to work. Tim is a certified building contractor and real estate broker. Tim's father, Thomas B. Ray, was Captain Billy Bowlegs XXVII. Tim's wife, Kathy, a native of Crestview, worked for Orlando Technology for 13 years, but has recently retired in order to spend more time with their 6 year old daughter, Nicole.

Honor Guard

GENE & GLORIA SMITH



J.E. (Gene) Smith is a native of Huntsville, AL and moved to this area in 1978. Since 1981 he has served as CEO/ General Manger of Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative (Chelco) and is also President of Chelco Services. After graduating from Columbia Military Academy, he went on to Athens College and completed his education at the University of Alabama. Gene is President of the Boards of Alabama Electric Cooperative, Florida Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, United Utility Supply Cooperative Association., and OWCC Foundation. He is Secretary of the National Food and Energy Council Board and is active on the Boards of the National Cooperative Services Corporation, Okaloosa Community Development Corporation, Okaloosa County Economic Development Council and Okaloosa-Walton United Way.

Gene is married to the former Gloria Bell, a native of DeFuniak Springs. She graduated from Walton High School and attended OWCC where she studied business.

After a career in utility management, she operated a fashion consulting business and is now a homemaker. Volunteer work has included serving on the Executive Board and Sustainer Advisory Board of the Junior League. Both she and Gene enjoy playing golf where they live in Bluewater Bay. They are members of First Presbyterian Church and have two grown sons, Jamie Smith and Trey Senterfitt.

FREDDY AND MARY CARR



Freddy Carr, former president and CEO for Barnett Bank, Northwest Florida, moved here from Alabama in 1987. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University and is a graduate of Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking of the South. A former president of the United Way and the Community Development Corporation, he is currently president of the Okaloosa-Walton Community College Foundation, president-elect of the Economic Development Council, a United Way director, a member of the Military Affairs Council of the Greater Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, and a Rotarian. Mary Carr studied biology at the University of Kansas. She is a homemaker and mother to their three children, Christopher, Brett and Anna. She also volunteers at their schools. They attend Christ our Redeemer Church in Niceville.

Honor Guard

JAMIE AND JENNIFER SMITH



James R. "Jamie" Smith is a lifelong resident of Ft. Walton Beach and a graduate of Ft. Walton Beach High School. While earning his degree in drafting, he was named Collegiate All-American and became a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor fraternity. He holds a State Certified Building Contractors License and is a partner and vice-president of Walton Properties and Construction, Inc. He is a member of the Ft. Walton Beach Sailfish Club.

Jennifer Lee Smith, a lifelong resident of Okaloosa County, is a graduate of Ft. Walton Beach High School. She attended the University of Maryland European Division for two years while living in Europe and received her bachelor's degree in social science from the University of West Florida. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors and has her license with Century 21 Coastal Realty Services. She also is involved with a new family business, Riverhill Antiques, in Sandestin, where she works as a sales consultant and buyer.

TIM AND KELLEY QUIGLEY



Dr. Tim Quigley and his wife, Kelley, residents of Shalimar, are natives of Mississippi. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, and his medical at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson. He has been an anesthesiologist with White-Wilson Medical Center for four years. Kelley Quigley received a bachelor's degree in English from Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi. She is an active member of the Okaloosa County Medical Alliance. They have one child.

Honor Guard

MICHAEL & PATTY SHAWBITZ



Dr. Michael Shawbitz was born at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, and raised in Michigan. His bachelor of science degree in microbiology and public health is from Michigan State University, where he also studied medicine at the College of Human Medicine. He completed his neurology residency at the University of Illinois. He is a diplomat of the American College of Neurology and Psychiatry and practices neurology at White-Wilson Medical Center. He serves on the center's properties board and on the board at St. Mary's School. Patty Shawbitz, from Illinois, received her bachelor of nursing degree from the University of Evansville, Indiana, and has focused her career on intensive-care and recovery room nursing. They have lived in Ft. Walton Beach area since 1983, and have two children, Nathan, 9, and Bailey, 6.

WALTER AND CINDY CARTER



Walter Carter, a native of Shalimar, is a 1980 graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He attended Bay Area Technical School where he received his Industrial Electronics degree. He is employed by TRACOR Services on Eglin AFB as an Electronics Technician supporting a variety of assignments. He is a certified Pyrotechnist supporting Mellrose Fireworks Corporation for the past ten years and also has business interest in Carter's Christmas Trees of Northwest Florida. Cindy Carter has lived in Ft. Walton Beach since 1969, a 1983 graduate of Ft. Walton Beach High School. She is attending OWCC for a Computer Science degree. She is employed by TRACOR Services on Eglin AFB as a computer systems operator for the Guided Weapons Evaluation Facility. Cindy is an active member in the Junior League of Ft. Walton Beach. The Carter's have two children, Jordan Lynn, 8 and Frederick Taylor, 6. The Carter's live in Shalimar.

Honor Guard

FRANK AND JACIEL ROBBINS



Frank Robbins, born in North Carolina, has lived in this area almost continuously since 1967, when his parents retired here from the Marine Corps and he began attending Pryor Junior High School. A Choctaw graduate, he holds a bachelor's and master's degree in physics from the University of West Florida and a master of science in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He worked as an electrical engineer for NASA on the Apollo program, and later came to Eglin to work in guided weapons programs. Currently he is director of the Precision Strike System Office at Eglin and a member of the board of directors for the American Defense Preparedness Association. Jaciel Robbins, a native of Washington, D.C., came to this area and entered Ruckel Junior High School, graduate from Choctaw. She attended OWCC and received bachelor's and master's degrees in business management from Troy State University. She is chief of

contracts for the Air Combat Training Systems Program Office at Eglin. The Robbins have three sons, James Robbins, Raymond Johnson, Jeff Johnson, and 2 year old grandson, Tyler.

CLAY AND NANCY CARNATHAN



Clay Carnathan a Ft. Walton Beach native, is a merchant home builder and a real estate broker. He is a graduate of Troy State University and a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He is on the City Council and is Mayor Pro-Tempore of the city. He also served on the Tourist Development Council, is a member of Sertoma and the Viking Band Parents Association. Previously, he was president of the Building Industry Association of Okaloosa and Walton Counties and vice president of the Florida Homebuilders Association. His wife, Nancy Kimmel Carnathan, is also a Troy State graduate and is a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She is an accountant with the CPA firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram a member of the Ft. Walton Beach Panhellenic and a former member of the Junior League. Clay and Nancy have two children, Shannon, a 10th grader at Ft. Walton Beach High School, was a child of the court for Captain Billy XL, Scotty Foster. Patrick is an Elliott Point Elementary School fifth grader. The family attends the First United Methodist Church of Ft. Walton Beach, where Clay and Nancy serve as counselors with the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Special Thank You

On behalf of my beautiful Queen Kathy, my hard-working First Mate Jeff and First Mistress Katherine, and supportive Lackey's Lisa and Tom, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Children, our Honor Guard, the Board and Committee, and to all of those that made this year so very special. A special thanks to OWCC for the Grand Pageant Facility, the City of Fort Walton Beach for it's critical Festival support, and to the Chamber for Hosting the Billy Bowlegs Festival! Also, a special thanks to our local military bases that support us with powerful presence and gracious facilities.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DR. RICHBOURG AND THE ENTIRE OWCC ARTS CENTER STAFF! This is truly the best Pageant the Krewe of Bowlegs has ever enjoyed and it could not be possible without the hard-working support of OWCC. A special thanks also goes to Dan and Bobbi Nelson for leading the Krewe's Pageant Committee. You all did an outstanding job.

Thanks for being part of the 43rd year of the Krewe of Bowlegs.

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Forty-Fourth Coronation

"Rescue from a Mysterious Cove"

June 13, 1998

Prelude

Welcome

C. LeDon Anchors, emissary of Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII
Dr. James R. Richburg, President, Okaloosa-Walton Community College

Okaloosa-Walton Community College Show Choir - "Soundsations"
Introductions

Act I

Okaloosa-Walton Community College "Dance Ensemble"
"Spice Up Your Life"

Witch Doctor - Tom Mosley

1997-1998 Arrivals

Honor Guard

"Rhythm Is Gonna Get You"

Clay and Nancy Camathan
Freddie and Mary Carr
Nick and Josephine Nicholson
Tim and Kelley Quigley
Tim and Kathy Roy

Frank and Jaciel Robbins
Buddy and Cindy Carter
Mickey and Patty Shawbitz
Gene and Gloria Smith
Jamie and Jennifer Smith

First Mate and First Mistress Jeff and Katherine McInnis
"Party Time"

Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII Sam Burkett
"Conga"

Queen of Bowlegs XLIII Kathy Dlabal
"Reach"

Tribute to 1997-1998 Children of the Court
"Along Came You"

Amy Barker
Shaun Brown
Ben Burkett
Mason Burkett
Elizabeth Dlabal
Matthew Dlabal
Sara Gates

Zach Linn
Bradley McInnis
Miller Ann McInnis
Jason Schweizer
Danielle Tibbetts
Melody Whitney

We dedicate the pageant in memory of our beloved friend & Krewe member, Larry Kabase

Act II

Tribute to 1997-1998 Privateers and Princesses

"Path of the Right Love"

Walter Leo Coleman	Amanda Kristine Johnson
Kristopher Maurice Handsel	Melanie Smith
Gabriel Jacob Fleet	Alexia Carene Szabo
Kirk Magee Tinsley	Chandler Claiborne Watson

Presentation of the 1998-1999 Privateers

"Go the Distance".....Lucas Lord, OWCC

Presentation of the 1998-1999 Princesses

"When I Fall In Love".....Soloist, OWCC

Act III

"Charting A New Course"

Introduction of the 1998-1999 Honor Guard

"New Attitude"

Introduction of the First Mate and First Mistress

"California Girls"

Departure of the 1997-1998 First Mate and First Mistress

"Party Time"

Introduction of the Children of the Court

"End Credits - Jurassic Park"

Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIV

"Opening Titles - Jurassic Park"

"Fanfare from Rocky"

Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII and his Queen

"Conga"

Arrival of the Queen of Bowlegs XLIV

"Journey to the Past"

The Unmasking of Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIV and his Queen

Proclamation

** Group Photography*

** Recessional*



KREWE OF BOWLEGS XLIII

Acknowledgments

Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII Costume	Ilaine Hartman, New Orleans, LA
Queen Kathy's Gown.....	Juliette Couture, New Orleans, LA
Queen's Train and Collar.....	Ilaine Hartman, New Orleans, LA
Queen's Crown	Dynasty Collections, Tommy Cain, Mobile, AL
Queen XLIII's Hairstyle.....	Sue Ann Gillum, The Doll House Salon
First Mate and Mistress Costumes	Josette of Biloxi, Mississippi
Honor Guard Costumes.....	Josette of Biloxi, Mississippi
Children of the Court Costumes	Josette of Biloxi, Mississippi
Masks of the Court	Queen Kathy
Logo Design	Belinda Parsons
Flowers	Butler's Florist, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Program (printing and design).....	Vitro Press, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Photos	Gulf Reflections & Tom Dlabal
Landing Fireworks Boat	Auer Marine, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Monogramming	Initially Yours Monogramming, Valparaiso, FL

KREWE OF BOWLEGS XLIV

Acknowledgments

Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIV Costume	Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL
Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIV Belt, Hat Pin and Buckles.....	Dynasty Collections, Tommy Cain, Mobile, AL
Queens Gown and Train Art Designer	Barbara Ann Guthans, Mobile, AL
Queens Gown, Train and Collar Created and Executed by	Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL
Queens Crown, Medallion and Earrings	Dynasty Collections, Tommy Cain, Mobile, AL
First Mate and Mistress Costume Designer	"Mistress of Design," Pam McTyeire, Mary Esther, FL
First Mate and Mistress Seamstress	Aggie Marler, Destin, FL
Honor Guard's Costume Designer	"Mistress of Design," Pam McTyeire, Mary Esther, FL
Honor Guards Costume Seamstress	Aggie Marler, Destin, FL
Krewe XLIV Men's Boots	Huggins Shoe Repair, Ft. Walton Bch., FL
Children of the Court Costume Seamstress	Linda Dooley, Ft. Walton Bch., FL
Indian Scout Costume	Marie's Fabric, Helen Woods, Panama City, FL
Logo Design	Meigs O'Connor Ricks, Judy Ricks, Ft. Walton Bch., FL
Monogramming	Keeping You In Stitches, Eglin Air Force Base, FL
Flowers	Butlers Florist, Ft. Walton Bch., FL

Behind the Scenes

Coronation Pageant Chairmen.....	Dan and Bobbi Nelson
Coronation Pageant Committee	Tom Connor, Bruce Haught, Jodi Henderson, Dan Perri, Frank Robbins
Script	Shirley Grace and Bobbi Nelson
Master of Ceremonies/Witch Doctor	Tom Mosley
Artistic Direction	Dr. Clifford D. Herron, OWCC
Scenic Designer	Tim Kline, OWCC
Technical Director	Bob Whitaker, OWCC
Set Construction	OWCC
Music Director	Guy Heath, OWCC
Choreographer	Frances Herron, OWCC
Costumier	Armand Coutu, OWCC
Sound Designer	Tom Jones, OWCC
Lighting Design	Tim Posey, OWCC

OWCC "Soundsations"

Dejan Azdajic
Catherine Alford
Lettie AndradedelaTorre
Matt Cramblet
Audia Cromer
Aria Davis
Dawn Foster
Susan Holstead
Joseph Kovach

Lucas Lord
Journey Macfarlane
Robert Peterson
Ryan Shipp
Brian Snyder
Nicholas Ward
Susan Weddle
Jerod Wilson
William Yates

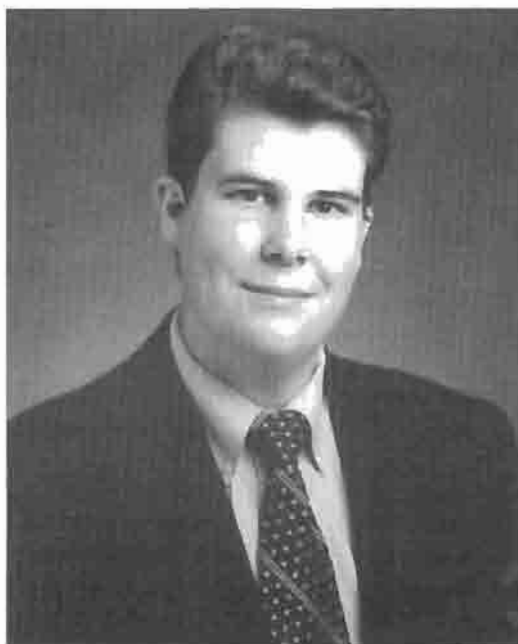
OWCC "Dance Ensemble"

Heidi Elicio
Sandra Fields
Dixie Light
Jennifer Posey
Jasmin Roser
Erin Taylor





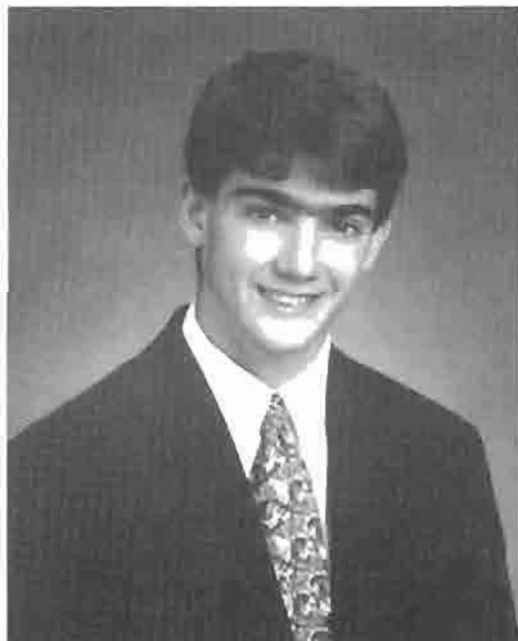
Privateers



KIRK TINSEL

Kirk Magee Tinsley, a native of Ft. Walton Beach, is the son of Herb and Dolly Tinsley. His father was Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVI. Kirk served as sword bearer during his father's reign. Kirk is a 1998 graduate of Ft. Walton Beach High School where he was enrolled in the Honors Program. He was a member of the Viking Band for four years and the Jazz Band for two years. He served on the Band Staff his senior year. Kirk was member of Key Club International, Future Business Leaders of America and Tri-M Music Honors in which he served as Vice-President his senior year. He was also chosen to be the Tri-M gentleman for Homecoming his senior year.

Kirk enjoys golfing, boating, fishing, riding four-wheelers and spending time at his family's farm. He is a member of Mary Esther United Methodist Church. Kirk will be attending Okaloosa-Walton Community College and the University of West Florida where he plans to study Accounting and Business.



GABRIEL JACOB FLEET

Privateer Gabriel Jacob Fleet is the son of Howard Barton and Patricia Lee Fleet. A senior at Choctawhatchee High School, Gabe is in the International Baccalaureate Program, and will graduate number three in his class. He is the drum major of the Stylemarchers, Section Leader of the Winter Percussion Ensemble, and a member of the Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, and All-Country Band.

Gabe is also Co-Chairperson of the Inter-Club Council, Historian of the Interact Service Club



Privateers

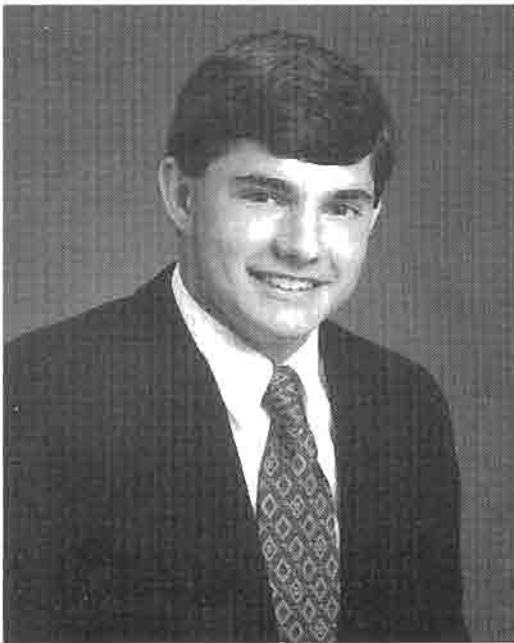


KRISTOPHER MAURICE HANDSEL

Kristopher Maurice Handsel is the son of Roy and Lynne Handsel and the grandson of Maurice McLaughlin, Captain Billy Bowlegs XV, and Tena McLaughlin, Queen to G. V. Pardue, Captain Billy Bowlegs XX.

Kristopher has just graduated from Choctawhatchee High School and is a student at Okaloosa Walton Community College. While in high school he was a part of the production crew for WBGI Television, Choctawhatchee's student produced television news show. He was also voted "Best Dressed" by the senior class. Kristopher was dual-enrolled at Okaloosa Walton Community College while in high school. In April of this year Kristopher had the honor of serving as a Page in the Florida State Senate. Kristopher is a member of the Mary Esther United Methodist Church.

He enjoys traveling, paintball games, the stock market, and computers. After his degree at Okaloosa Walton Community College, Kristopher plans to attend Stetson University where he will pursue a degree in computer science.



WALTER LEE COLEMAN

Walter Lee Coleman is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Rick Sheldon. He is a senior at St. Stanislaus College Prep, Bay St. Louis, Ms., where he lettered in football and tennis.

Lee enjoys singing in the Choir and Barbershop Quartet, playing the piano and surfing the Internet. He will enter the University of Alabama this fall.

Princesses



AMANDA KRISTINE JOHNSON

Princess Amanda Kristine Johnson is the daughter of Charles B. and Donna Johnson of Shalimar. A graduating senior of Choctawhatchee High School, Amanda will graduate in the top 3% of her class. She is part of the first four year class to graduate from the International Baccalaureate program. In the fall, Amanda will attend Tulane University in New Orleans. She will pursue a degree in Business, and then go on to law school.



CHANDLER WATSON

Princess Chandler Claiborne Watson is the daughter of M. Yonge and Christine C. Watson of Shalimar. She participated in the 1984 Bowlegs coronation as a crown bearer for Queen Gloria Smith.

Chandler is a graduating senior at Choctawhatchee High School where she is active in the Keyett Service Club, Science Honor, and National Honor Society. She is also the Vice-President of the Y-Club.

After graduation Chandler plans to attend Florida State University to study biology.

Princesses



ALEXIA CARENE SZABO

Princess Alexia Carene Szabo is the daughter of Jim and Linda Szabo of Shalimar. She is a senior at Niceville High School. Following graduation, she will be attending the University of Florida where she plans on studying aeronautical engineering. She spends her spare time working as a waitress at Fudpucker's in Destin. Her hobbies include snow-skiing, tennis and playing the piano.



MELANIE MARIE SMITH

Princess Melanie Marie Smith is the daughter of Tim and Sharon Smith. She served as train bearer for Queen Patricia Tringas in the court of Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXVIII.

A senior at Choctawhatchee High School, Melanie was a cheerleader on the Junior Varsity and Varsity Squads. She is a member of WBGI-TV Television Crew at Choctaw. This year she has served as the Inter-Club Council Spirit Coordinator, Homecoming Sweetheart for the Senior Nutrition Club and she is the Co-President of the Choctawhatchee High School Student Council. Melanie is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, The Whelette Service Club, Inter-Club Council, Teenage Republicans, Senior Nutrition, and Students Against Driving Drunk. As a senior, Melanie was elected to Choctawhatchee High Schools Deserving Dozen and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She enjoys reading, traveling and snow skiing. Melanie hopes to pursue a career as a film maker and will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder in the fall.

1997/1998 KREWE OF BOWLEGS

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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. Roger 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 number of former Captain Billy's. 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.

A new Captain Billy is selected each year from the Krewe membership by secret ballot. The past seven Billy's are solely 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 identity 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.

The 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.

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 tomabawk, 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 at the age of 41.

Two centuries later the memory of William Augustus Bowles lives on in the annual Billy Bowlegs celebration. To the Emerald Coast, Captain Billy left a heritage of pirate tales, great adventure, and buried treasure.





The XLIII Year In Review

Wow, what a fantastic year we had! Look what we did:

- Cleaned up for hours the day after the Coronation Pageant and Ball
- Enjoyed fun and fellowship after the Annual Meeting at Café Italia
- Got things Organized with an Organizational Party
- The Pirates cleaned up our Hut and joined the Wenches for the Queen's Floatboat Party
- Enjoyed a Fantastic Pirate Island Party
- Were entertained by our First Mate at the Tacky Tourist Bonding Party
- Attended the OOWs Celebrity Dinner
- Greeted the Krewe at the Honor Guard Party
- Laughed at Memories of the 60's & 70's at the 8-Track Flashback Party
- Attended the American Heart Association's Walk-A-Thon
- Captain Billy was rescued by Special Ops at Eglin's Open House
- Attended the American Power Boat Association Dinner
- Attended the Commander's Ball
- Participated in the Crestview, Niceville, Fort Walton and Destin Christmas Parades
- Went Christmas Caroling on the Blackhawk to celebrate the Queen's Birthday
- Enjoyed a Christmas Party for the Krewe Kids
- Hosted a Pre-Holly Ball Party at the Queen's Home
- Traveled to Biloxi to Gamble the Night Away
- Enjoyed Bonding at the Super Bowl Party
- Traveled to Mobile Mardi Gras
- Raised the Robbins from the Dead at the Post-Mardi Gras Bonding Party
- Watched a "beautiful" lady dance for the Captain's Birthday
- Helped Hurlburt AFB win a big award for their dining facilities
- Celebrated the SOBs/SOQs with a Luau
- Loved the Queens Tea
- Enjoyed interviewing potential entertainment for the Blackhawk
- Watched our kids hunt Easter Eggs at the Queen's house
- Traveled to Springtime Tallahassee
- Traveled to the Heritage Festival in Bradenton
- Paraded with the Cabelleros in Crestview
- Visited the local schools to advertise the coming Bowlegs Festival
- Enjoyed the Honor Guard Sponsored Private Party at the Lucky Snapper.
- Enjoyed a fun-filled Order of Wenches luncheon at the Summerhouse.
- Enjoyed a wonderful luncheon to celebrate the rein of Queen Kathy at the Flamingo.
- Celebrated the Bowlegs Festival Midnight Run
- Danced Squarely at the Square Dance Festival
- Welcomed the VIPs to our Festival
- Unsuccessfully tried to negotiate for the City had to Skirmish
- Attended the Breakfast before the Landing
- Hunted for Beauties by SkeeDoo at the Landing Site
- Landed and Took the City
- Celebrated Victory at The Picnic
- Partied with the VIPs at the VIP Party
- Paraded in our Torchlight Parade
- Toured the local Pubs in Costume to Celebrate the Bowlegs Festival
- Attended the Grand Coronation Pageant at the OWCC Fine Arts Center
- Partied at the Coronation Ball and thereafter!



XLIII Honor Guard



Board Members





Children of the Court

Front Row L-R: Bradley McInnis, Ben Burkett,

Seated L-R: Miller McInnis, Elizabeth Dlabal,
Mason Burkett

Standing: Lisa Burkett (wife of Captain Billy),
Mathew Dlabal, Tom Dlabal (Husband
of Queen Kathy)



Seated L-R: Danielle Tibbetts, Sarah Gates,
Melody Whitney

Standing: Shaun Brown, Jason Schweizer,
Amy Barker, Zach Linn



