



The GRAND KREWE OF PTOLEMY is a diverse blend of energetic professionals, who enjoy the social & philanthropic mission of CARNIVAL MEMPHIS:

“PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!”



ABOUT

The Grand Krewe of Ptolemy is one of ten “krewes” in the style of New Orleans’ Mardi Gras founded to support and further the goals and ideals of Carnival Memphis. Founded in 2000, Ptolemy is Carnival’s second youngest krewe and its membership is comprised of a diverse blend of singles and married couples including both life-long Memphians and transplants.

PURPOSE

Ptolemy is a social and philanthropic organization that hosts fun events for its members, other Carnival Memphis krewes, and the community at large. Ptolemy encourages members to give back to the community and support the Carnival Memphis Children’s Charities through philanthropic efforts and events.

In addition, each year Ptolemy elects a King, Queen, Duchesses, and a Flagman to represent Ptolemy at Carnival Memphis and other krewes’ events. Ptolemy’s Royalty becomes the face of Ptolemy for the year at Carnival’s events and charity appearances.



ROYALTY

Why be queen for a day when you can reign for an entire Carnival season?! In keeping with the longstanding tradition of selecting a group of royalty to represent the Krewe, each year we bestow the honor (and the crown!) of King, Queen, Duchess or Flagman to a group of members!

MEMBERS

Our members represent all facets of Memphis: medicine, law, accounting and finance, politics, insurance and real estate, manufacturing and sales, to name a few. However, Ptolemy’s dual missions of social and community service are the cornerstone of its existence. We love our involved members, but we know life is busy. You can attend as many or few events as your schedule allows!

PHILANTHROPY

Ptolemy loves to give back to the Memphis community as well as to the charities selected to be honored by Carnival Memphis each Carnival season. Throughout the year, there are various opportunities to volunteer your time for one of the many worthwhile causes that Ptolemy supports.

PTOLEMY EVENTS

Happy Hours: Hosted at different bars and restaurants around Memphis, our monthly happy hours give members regular opportunities to see friends and hang out with current and prospective members while enjoying drink specials for our group.

Annual Meeting: This party in August officially kicks off our year! The incoming Board slate is announced and the outgoing Board is thanked for their hard work and service.

Poker Run: Our annual Poker Run fundraiser benefiting the Carnival Memphis Children's Charities is a progressive party that's part bar crawl and part poker game.



Fall Party: Our annual Halloween celebration has grown to be one of Ptolemy's largest parties, drawing members, other krewes, friends, and prospective members. Some years this party has a theme but costumes are always encouraged!

Christmas Party: Members enjoy food, drink and fellowship at our festive holiday party. We celebrate the giving season by collecting a charitable donation each year.

Medallion Party: Ptolemy's newest members are welcomed into the Krewe at this event as they receive their official Ptolemy medallions (to wear to Carnival events)!

St. Patrick's Day & Liberty Bowl Parades: Ride down Beale Street showering parade spectators with beads throws of all kind on the Ptolemy float!

Coronation: This black tie event is the formal announcement and presentation of our Queen, King, Duchesses, and Flagman. It's always a blast and usually ends with the new royalty singing and dancing on stage.

Carnival Week Clubroom: Our legendary Carnival Week theme party is always one to remember. Past themes include Roaring 20s, Big Hair Don't Care, Ptolemy Ptailgate, and A Night in Ancient Greece.

Fall and Summer Dinner Parties: Hosted by members, these smaller get-togethers give members an opportunity to get to know each other better.



Ptolemy members are also invited to Carnival Memphis and other krewes' events throughout the year!

HISTORY

The empire of Alexander the Great was divided among his generals at his death in 323 B.C. Egypt was given to Ptolemy, beginning a dynasty that lasted almost 300 years. Ptolemy was noted for his mixing of old and new, tradition and technology. And Alexandria was the most progressive and innovative trading center in the world. The Great Lighthouse of Alexandria is at the center of Grand Krewe of Ptolemy's logo. The Ptolemaic dynasty ended with the death of Cleopatra in 31 B.C., the namesake for Ptolemy's Queen Cleo!

MEMBERSHIP

1. Each prospective member must attend at least **two** Ptolemy events within six months of application. An event is a happy hour, party, or any other gathering at which two or more Ptolemy Board members are present.
2. Each potential member (or married couple/domestic partners) applying for membership must complete and submit an application along with dues payment (see below for membership levels).
3. Each potential member (or married couple/domestic partners) applying for membership must be sponsored by **three** active Ptolemy members. Sponsors will provide the Membership Chair with a brief written recommendation. A majority vote of the Board is required for admission as a member of the Krewe.

GOLD

Full Membership

\$450.00

You + Spouse/Partner/Plus 1

Includes:

- Annual Meeting – (\$25 * 2 = \$50)
- Fall Party – (\$60 * 2 = \$120)
- Christmas Party – (\$25 * 2 = \$50)
- Medallion Party (\$40 * 2 = \$80)
- Coronation – (\$70 * 2 = \$140)
- Member Party (\$40 * 2 = \$80)
- Clubroom – (\$65 * 2 = \$130)

Total \$650.00
(\$200 savings)

BLUE

Single Membership

\$275.00

You ONLY

Includes:

- Annual Meeting – (\$25)
- Fall Party – (\$60)
- Christmas Party – (\$25)
- Medallion Party – (\$40)
- Coronation – (\$70)
- Member Party – (\$40)
- Clubroom – (\$65)

Total \$325.00
(\$50 savings)

Interested in learning more?

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