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77TH WASHINGTON MARDI GRAS MEMORANDUM

FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Louisiana Office
SUBJECT: January 27-31, 2026 in DC (updated January 27 – v10)

Since 1944, Washington Mardi Gras has served as the premier annual gathering of Louisiana’s business, political, and community leaders in the nation’s capital. This multi-day event is a unique blend of cultural celebration and strategic advocacy. While the festivities are hosted by the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians, the week is a vital platform for advancing the state’s economic priorities.

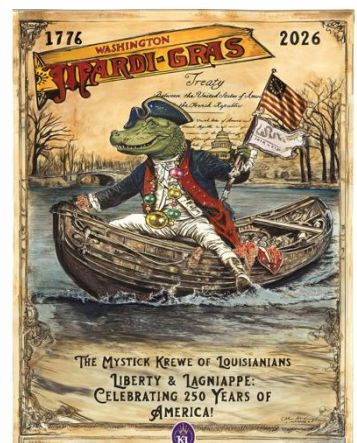
The week follows a traditional arc that transitions from policy to pageantry. Activities typically begin with business meetings and policy briefings early in the week, allowing attendees to engage directly with federal and state decision-makers. As the focus shifts toward the weekend, the schedule moves into high-profile receptions and the signature costume ball and parade. Attendees are strongly encouraged to visit the Congressional Hospitality Suites at the Washington Hilton on Friday or Saturday. These suites offer unparalleled networking opportunities with Members of Congress and private industry leaders in a more informal setting. As you prepare for this year’s festivities, please remember that Washington Mardi Gras is a marathon, not a sprint. The combination of high-level business engagement and late-night social celebrations requires a balanced approach to ensure a productive and enjoyable week.

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise will as Chairman for this year’s festivities. Scalise, a veteran representative of Louisiana’s 1st Congressional District, is recognized for his leadership in national energy strategy and his pivotal role in passing the RESTORE Act for coastal restoration. In his role as Chairman, Scalise has selected **W. Gray Stream as King** and **Sarah Louise Heebe as Queen** to preside over the festivities at the Washington Hilton.

The selected royalty reflects a deep commitment to Louisiana’s economic and environmental future. King Gray Stream, a Lake Charles executive and president of the Stream Companies, is a prominent figure in conservation and energy innovation, notably serving as the Executive Chairman of Gulf Coast Sequestration. Queen Sarah Heebe, a sophomore at Yale University and graduate of Metairie Park Country Day School, is an accomplished scholar in Environmental Studies who has already contributed to state legislation and international climate briefings. Together, this court will represent Louisiana’s unique culture and "joie de vivre" at one of the nation’s premier social events.

For a complete history of the festival and additional details on the royal court, please visit the official website at www.mkofl.com.

Krewe members may pick up their tickets and ducal/duchess regalia at the Washington Hilton’s Terrace Level Coat Check Room between 10am-4pm on Thursday or Friday.



WEATHER

Tuesday, January 27	28°/13° ☁️
Wednesday, January 28	25°/9° ☁️
Thursday, January 29	26°/7° 🌧️
Friday, January 30	26°/12° ☁️
Saturday, January 31	25°/17° ☁️

ATTIRE

Unless otherwise noted, it is suggested to dress business casual during the day and in cocktail attire in the evening. As we are expecting very cold weather, we highly recommend dressing in warm layers.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 27, 4:00pm-6:00pm @ The Willard Hotel. 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
DC Briefing hosted by Better Louisiana's Committee of 100
[Open to registered attendees](#)

Tuesday, January 27, 5:00pm-7:00pm @ Shell's Office. 1050 K Street, NW, Suite 700
Shell's WMG kickoff reception
[Invite only!](#)

Tuesday, January 27, 7:30pm-9:30pm @ Joe's Stone Crab. 750 15th Street, NW
Ports Association of Louisiana Reception
[RSVP to 225.572.1916](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 8:00am-12:00pm @ TBA
DC Briefing hosted by Better Louisiana's Committee of 100
[Open to registered attendees](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 9:00am-10:30am @ Washington Hilton. Heights Courtyard, NOW Pavillion.
Woodside Energy panel discussion with LED Secretary Susan Bourgeois
[Click here to RSVP](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 3:00pm-5:30pm @ University Club of Washington. 1135 16th Street, NW
LCTCS Reception Toasting System President Richard Nelson
[Open to patrons – RSVP to Melissa Maranto: melissamaranto@lctcs.edu](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 3:30-5:30pm @ The Willard, Crystal Room. 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Reception with Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Kate MacGregor
[Click here to RSVP](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Washington Hilton, Lobby
Washington Mardi Gras Royal Court Welcome
[Open to patrons](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 4:00pm-5:30pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Peacock Alley. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Fundraiser for Attorney General Liz Murrill
[RSVP to errin@liz4la.com](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Franklin Room. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Fundraiser for Congresswoman Julia Letlow
[RSVP to amanda@stantongrpllc.com](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 5:00pm-7:00pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Townhouse. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Fundraising Cocktail Reception with Governor Jeff Landry
[RSVP to courtneyguas@gmail.com](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Vegabond. 1836 18th Street, NW



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318 Night hosted by Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Open to patrons – RSVP to mdownhour@monroe.org

Wednesday, January 28, 5:30pm-8:30pm @ Residence of France. 2221 Kalorama Road, NW
Reception hosted by French Ambassador Laurent Bili
Invite only

Wednesday, January 28, 6:00pm-8:00pm @ The Willard Hotel. 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Reception hosted by Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and Louisiana Chemical Association
Invite only – wristbands required

Wednesday, January 28, 6:00pm-8:00pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Lincoln Library. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Reception hosted by Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System
Open to patrons – RSVP to Lindsay.Guerin@fmlhs.org

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30pm-9:00pm @ City Tap House. 1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Louisiana Tech University Reception with President Jim Henderson
Open to patrons – RSVP to alumni@latech.edu

Wednesday, January 28, 7:00pm-9:00pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Townhouse. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Fundraising Dinner with Governor Jeff Landry
RSVP to courtneyguas@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 28, 7:00pm-12:00am @ National Portrait Gallery. 8th Street, NW & G Street, NW
Reception hosted by Cheniere
Invite only!

Thursday, January 29, 8:00am-12:00pm @ The Willard. 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
DC Briefing hosted by Better Louisiana's Committee of 100
Open to registered attendees

Thursday, January 29, 10:00am-11:30am @ The Willard. 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Fundraiser in support of Back PAC (Serious Support for Serious Women)
RSVP to events@backpacla.org

Thursday, January 29, 10:30am-1:30pm @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)
GNO Inc and Next Gen Council Luncheon
RSVP to aruckert@gnoinc.org

Thursday, January 29, 10:30am-1:30pm @ Washington Hilton. Heights Courtyard, NOW Pavillion.
Amazon panel discussion with LED Secretary Susan Bourgeois
Open to patrons

Thursday, January 29, 11:00am-2:00pm @ The Kennedy Center. @ 7200 F Street, NW
King's Luncheon
Invite only!



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Thursday, January 29, 1:30pm-4:00pm @ The Palm. 1225 19th Street, NW

Elevate Louisiana WMG Luncheon

[Register at www.ellevatela.org](http://www.ellevatela.org)

Thursday, January 29, 2:00pm-3:30pm @ The Roosevelt Group. 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 360

Fundraiser for State Senator Mike Reese and State Senator Adam Bass

[RSVP to jstearns@rooseveltdc.com](mailto:jstearns@rooseveltdc.com)

Thursday, January 29, 3:00pm-5:30pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Ballroom. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Reception hosted by Entergy and Woodside Energy

Invite only!

Thursday, January 29, 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Churchill Hotel. 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Reception for Leadership Louisiana Alumni

Open to alumni

Thursday, January 29, 3:00pm-6:00pm @ Churchill Hotel. 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW

New Orleans Chamber Reception

Open to patrons

Thursday, January 29, 3:15pm-5:00pm @ Washington Hilton, Embassy Suite (Terrace Level)

Reception with Secretary of State Nancy Landry (and several of SoS from various states)

Open to patrons

Thursday, January 29, 4:00pm-6:00pm @ McClellan's Retreat. 2031 Florida Avenue, NW

Fundraiser for New Orleans City Councilman JP Morrell

[Click here to RSVP/contribute](#)

Thursday, January 29, 4:00pm-6:00pm @ Location provided upon RSVP

Fundraiser for GOPAC featuring Speaker Mike Johnson and Special Guests Senator Stine and Representative Echols

[RSVP to mlarrieu@gopac.org](mailto:mlarrieu@gopac.org)

Thursday, January 29, 4:30pm-6:30pm @ Washington Hilton, Albright Room (Terrace Level)

Laissez les Bons Temps Roll Wave with Tulane President Michael Fitts

Open to patrons

Thursday, January 29, 5:00pm-6:00pm @ Waldorf Astoria, Ballroom. 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Fundraiser for Senator Bill Cassidy

[RSVP to olivia@thepiercygroup.com](mailto:olivia@thepiercygroup.com)

Thursday, January 29, 5:00pm-6:30pm @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)

Reception hosted by Greater Baton Rouge Economic Partnership – BTR in DC

Open to patrons

Thursday, January 29, 6:00pm-9:00pm @ Donald Trump and Kennedy Center. 2700 F Street, NW

Reception hosted by Mrs. Gayle Benson and Ochsner Health

Invite only!



Thursday, January 29, 6:30pm-9:00pm @ Washington Hilton, International Ballroom (Concourse Level)
Louisiana Alive! – Cocktail/Business Attire. An extravagant party with music, live entertainment, and Louisiana food.
[Wristbands required](#)

Thursday, January 29, 8:00pm-12:00pm @ Vegabond. 1836 18th Street, NW
Reception hosted by the Louisiana Hospital Association
[RSVP to sgardana@lhaonline.org](mailto:sgardana@lhaonline.org)

Thursday, January 29, 8:00pm-12:00pm @ The Anthem. 901 Wharf Street, SW
King's Party
[Invite only!](#)

Thursday, January 29, 8:00pm @ Washington Hilton, Terrytown Room on the first floor
LSU vs Arkansas basketball game watch party
[Open to patrons](#)

Thursday, January 29, 8:30pm-11:00pm @ Anju. 1805 18th Street, NW
Fundraising Afterparty with State Senator Jeremy Stine
[Register at www.jeremystine.com/feedyoursoul](http://www.jeremystine.com/feedyoursoul)

Thursday, January 29, 9:30pm-12:00am @ Washington Hilton, Columbia Ballroom (Terrace Level)
Seventies Themed Party hosted by Shreveport/Bossier
[Click here for tickets](#)

Friday, January 30, 8:00am-11:00am @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)
Breakfast hosted by The River Region Economic Development Initiative
[Invite only!](#)

Friday, January 30, 9:00am-10:00am @ Arlington National Cemetery
Wreath Laying Ceremony with King and Queen
[Open to patrons](#)

Friday, January 30, 11:30am-2:00pm @ Washington Hilton, Columbia Ballroom (Terrace Level)
Economic Development Luncheon. Business Attire. Seated lunch featuring updates from Louisiana's Congressional Delegation and a keynote speaker.
[Tickets required](#)

Friday, January 30, 11:30am-2:00pm @ Hay Adams Hotel. 800 16th Street, NW
Queen's Luncheon
[Invite only!](#)

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Embassy of Ireland. 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Irish Reception with the Ambassador
[Invite only!](#)



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Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-3:30pm @ Washington Hilton, Albright Room (Terrace Level)

Roll Wave Rendezvous with Tulane Director of Athletics David Harris

[Open to patrons](#)

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)

Gulf States Energy Panel

[Open to patrons](#)

Friday, January 30, 2:30pm-4:30pm @ National Association of Realtors. 500 New Jersey, NW, 13th floor terrace

Fundraiser for Speaker ProTem Mike Johnson, State Senator Beth Mizell, State Representative Mike Bayham, Mayor Sid Edwards, Mayor Dustin Yates, District Attorney Hillar Moore

[RSVP to 225.241.0593](#)

Friday, January 30, 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Churchill Hotel, Chartwell Lounge. 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Reception with Coastal La. Parish Presidents

[Open to patrons – RSVP click here](#)

Friday, January 30, 6:30pm @ Washington Hilton, International Ballroom (Concourse Level)

Captain's Dinner Dance. Black Tie/Formal Attire. Seated dinner with presentations of Royal Princesses, Festival Queens, and debutants followed by a band for the crowd to enjoy dancing.

[Tickets required](#)

Friday, January 30: 10:00pm-1:00am @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)

Dessert reception Hosted by City of Alexandria

[Open to patrons](#)

Friday, January 30: 10:00pm @ The Park at Fourteenth. 14th Street, NW

New Orleans Party

[Click here for tickets](#)

Saturday, January 31, 9:00am-11:00am @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)

Jazz Brunch hosted by LSU NOLA

[RSVP to aosgood@unofoundation.org](mailto:aosgood@unofoundation.org)

Saturday, January 31, 10:00am-2:00pm @ Georgia Brown's at The O Street Museum. 2020 O Street, NW

Annual Legislative Brunch

[RSVP to liza@pelicanstate.com](mailto:liza@pelicanstate.com) (sponsorships available)

Saturday, January 31, 11:30am-1:00pm @ Joe's Seafood. 750 15th Street, NW

Brunch reception with New Orleans Mayor Helena Moreno

[RSVP to todd@ragusaconsulting.com](mailto:todd@ragusaconsulting.com) (not a fundraiser)

Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Washington Hilton. Columbia West

Catholic Mass hosted by Loyola University

[Open to patrons](#)



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Saturday, January 31, 5:00pm @ TBA upon RSVP
Fundraiser for Majority Leader Steve Scalise
[RSVP to kate@hrbsn.llc](mailto:kate@hrbsn.llc)

Saturday, January 31, 6:00pm-7:30pm @ Washington Hilton, International Terrace (Terrace Level)
Reception hosted by Shreveport/Bossier Group
[Open to patrons](#)

Saturday, January 31, 7:00pm @ Washington Hilton, International Ballroom (Concourse Level)
Mardi Gras Ball. Black Tie/Formal Attire. King and Queen coronation with parade and call out dances. (note dinner will not be served, so eat before you come)
[Tickets required](#)

Saturday, January 31, 11:00pm @ Washington Hilton. International Terrace (Terrace Level)
Lieutenant's Encore Party
[Click here for tickets.](#)

Saturday, January 31, 11:30pm @ Washington Hilton. Columbia Hall (Terrace Level)
Queen's Breakfast
[Invite only!](#)

HOSPITALITY SUITE HOURS (Washington Hilton)

Common Sense for America PAC with special guest Senator John Kennedy
[Suite: Room 6101 \(sixth floor\)](#)

Friday, January 30, 4:00pm-6:00pm (king cake party)
Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Cassidy's Krewe de Carnivale with special guest Senator Bill Cassidy
[Suite: Holmead Room \(lobby level\)](#)

Friday, January 30, 3:30pm-5:30pm
Saturday, January 31, 3:30pm-5:30pm

American Revival PAC with special guest Speaker Mike Johnson
[Suite: Jay Room \(lobby level\)](#)

Friday, January 30, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday, January 31, 3:30pm-6:00pm

Eye of the Tiger PAC with special guest Majority Leader Steve Scalise
[Suite: Piscataway Room \(lobby level\)](#)

Friday, January 30, 3:30pm-4:30pm (king cake party)
Saturday, January 31, 3:00pm-4:00pm (royalty toast)

Redemption PAC with special guest Congressman Clay Higgins
[Suite: U Street Room \(first floor\)](#)

Friday, January 30, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday, January 31, 4:00pm-6:00pm (royalty toast)

Start Rising PAC with special guest Congresswoman Julia Letlow
[Suite: Van Ness Room \(first floor\)](#)

Friday, January 30, 3:00pm-4:30pm
Saturday, January 31, 2:00pm-3:30pm (royalty toast)

Carter Country with special guest Congressman Troy Carter
[Suite: Rock Creek Room \(first floor\)](#)

Thursday, January 29, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Friday, January 30, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday, January 31, 1:30pm-4:30pm (royalty toast)



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Louisiana Leadership PAC with special guest Congressman Cleo Fields

Suite: Cardozo Room (terrace level)

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 2:00pm-4:00pm (royalty toast)

King Stream

Suite: Oaklawn Room (lobby level)

Thursday, January 29, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Queen Heebe

Suite: Northwest Room (lobby level)

Thursday, January 29, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-4:30pm

Saturday, January 31, 2:00pm-4:30pm

State of Louisiana Hospitality Suite

Suite: Heights Courtyard – NOW Pavilion

Wednesday, January 28, 2:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday, January 29, 2:00pm-7:00pm

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Southwest Louisiana Hospitality Suite

Suite: Shaw Room (first floor)

Friday, January 30, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Cur Non Lafayette

Suite: Morgan Room (lobby level)

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Shreveport Bossier Host Group

Suite: Room 5101 (fifth floor)

Thursday, January 29, 11:30am-4:00pm

Friday, January 30, 11:30am-4:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 11:30am-4:00pm

Jefferson Parish Hospitality

Suite: Woodley Room (first floor)

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, January 31, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Ochsner Health

Suite: Kalorama Room (lobby level)

Friday, January 30, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, January, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Krewe de LSU Champions Lounge

Suite: Tenleytown East & West Room (first floor)

Thursday, January 29, 8:00pm Watch LSU vs Arkansas

Saturday, January 31, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Tulane University Suite

Suite: Albright Room (terrace level)

Thursday, January 29 – 4:30pm-6:30pm

Friday, January 30 – 2:00pm-3:30pm

Southern University Hospitality

Suite: DuPont Room (terrace level)

Friday, January 30, 2:00pm-5:00pm