

2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Sunday, December 17th FOOLS and JEWELS will gather @ the Tap Room and our Head Quarters for our annual Christmas Festivities. The celebration will be held from 6 - 9 pm. Cocktails and a very tasty buffet will be provide via our gracious host Muckle John and his amazing staff. We will also be holding our usual Christmas Best/Worse Contest, so either come in your Christmas best or ugliest sweater as it's our nicest event of the year. Please note no shorts allowed. Music will be provided by a DJ laying some amazing tunes, so bring your dancing shoes and be ready to hit the dance floor. FOOLS and JEWELS are allowed to bring a guest to the party provided they RSVP and pay the \$75 guest charge. RSVP deadline is Wednesday, December 13.





2023 COCHON de LAIT

On Sunday Oct. 1st the FOOLS and JEWELS descended upon St John District's very own trailhead for a succulent feast of pork and chicken provided by Hocus Smokus BBQ and Catering. A NOLA style jazz funeral preceded the devouring of Hammy Da Pig, with the Council of Unreason leading the procession. Masked Skulls served as regal pallbearers for this tasty beast. Fun and games were had by all as the Council provided Price is Right style interactive games. Arcus Falstaff served as our very own Swiss mountain climber scaling a ladder high into the sky (stage rafters). And special thanks to Marcella and Geaux Mobile for delicious cocktails,



Virgin Sacrifice, Blue Thongs, and the Great George

2024 FOOLS Doubloon Honors the Usher of the Black Rod

Some of you have been asking why this year's doubloon features a naked man on horseback killing an alligator. The doubloon actually depicts Saint George, the patron Saint of Knights and Warriors, as he uses his lance to slay a fierce dragon in order to save a king's virgin daughter from sacrifice. The king was so grateful that he offered George treasures as a reward for saving his daughter's life, but George refused it and instead he gave the treasure to the poor. The bad news is that George was later beheaded for refusing to recant his Christian faith. The good news is that he is now one of the

most venerated Saints because of his valor and selflessness. The Doubloon honors our own "Usher of the Black Rod". This title goes back to April 23, 1348, when King Edward III of England established the Order of the Garter as an homage to King Arthur's Round Table. Some accounts say he considered calling it the Order of the Blue Thong after a band of Knights who fought with King Richard the Lionheart during the Crusades. He created the office of the Usher of the Black Rod to function as his enforcer or sergeant-at-arms.

The rod (or mace) is a symbol of his power. That position still exists today in many Commonwealth Countries. The Black Rod is best known for using his mace to knock three times on the locked entryway of the House of Commons to invite them across the hall, and into the House of Lords for Ceremonial Events. A woman, Sarah Clarke, now holds the position of Lady Usher of the Black Rod for the first time in History. Our Black Rod was a founding member of the St. John FOOLS of Misrule. He serves as a co-captain and oversees logistics and planning. Now back to Saint George.

King Edward named Saint George as the patron saint of the Order of the Garter and of England itself, and an image of Saint George and the Dragon, called the Great George, adorns a medallion worn by all members of the Order of the Garter as well as the mace carried by the Usher of the Black Rod. This year members of the FOOLS proudly wear the Great George medallion in honor of both the Most Noble Order of the Garter and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Their motto is "Honi soit qui mal y pence" or "Shame to him who thinks evil of this".





A Man, His Beer and a Keg

Former Council of Unreason member Count de Monet (Mort Graham) did a keg-stand with the last keg of Anchor Steam at the Tap Room.

As I'm sure everyone is aware, Anchor Brewing officially closed its doors July 30th after 127 years of brewing the Count's favorite barley beverage:

Anchor Steam.

Because he was in San Francisco for the tapping of their very first keg back in 1896 or thereabouts, it is only fitting that he was the centerpiece to a ridiculous send-off of this venerable brew in our very own Tap Room.

Mort made a grand entrance, escorted by several members of the Council of Unreason. He entrusted his very life to these same Fools as they held him in as vertical a position as they could.

The Count let the sweet nectar of the last batch of Anchor Steam in Covington flow down (up?) into his belly.

Ladies and gentlemen, we don't go in for much hyperbole in these missives, but this was spectacle not soon (or ever) that shall be repeated in our fine city.



CHICKEN DROP FOR



ST. TAMMANY ART ASSOCIATION

Our Annual Football for Charity chicken drop was held on Sunday, October 15th at 11 am outside of the International Fools Headquarters in DTC. Numerous cash prizes were available via betting pools and 4 fowl contests, all for raising much needed for for the Art Association. Outside the fun and games, and excluding the Saints game, numerous local artists donated fantastic art for our auction. Over \$4000 dollars were raised that afternoon. So raise a toast to all that came out to enjoy, and the winners that day.



CHICKENS GOTTA POOP, PEOPLE GOTTA BET,

FOOLS AND JEWELS ON FRIDAY

TAP ROOM

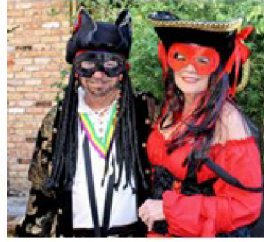
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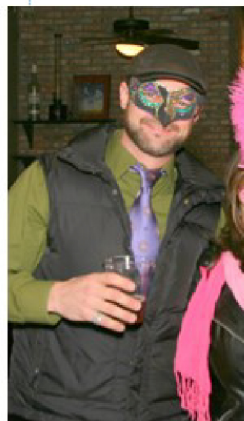
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BREAKING NEWS

Attention FOOLS and JEWELS

Whether you choose to believe us or not,

The Council of Unreason does in fact consider and debate new ideas and suggestions from our membership that they think will improve the organization. One suggestion that we have discussed over the past year is to allow for members to invite friends, family, and out of town guests to participate in our our penultamate event of the year which is The Feast of Fools march. At our most recent Council meeting the measure was passed on a “Let’s see how it goes this year and decide whether this will be a permanent thing” basis.

The following guidelines were established:

- \$200 fee per person subject to a deadline to be determined
- must be 21 years of age or older - must sign a waiver
- must submit a photo of costume to be approved by the Council
- must be sponsored by a FOOL or JEWEL in good standing

SEE Y’ALL AT THE PAR-TAY!!