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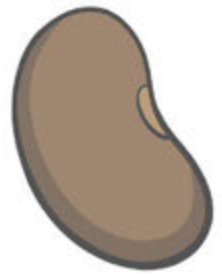
START OF THE WONG DYNASTY

Jimmy Wong 2023 Lord

January 7th, 2023 brought in a new Lord of the St John Fools of Misrule. A fateful bite into the sacred cake of kings our one and only Merchant of Mischief, Jimmy Wong, eventually found the magic bean in his mouth, thus becoming the '23 Lord, ushering in a new Dynasty. Lord Wong was joined on stage with other longtime hopefuls, Mort - Count de Monet - Graham, Clyde Lynch, Vinnie -1 Glove- Scorsone, along with some more recent newcomers, Scott Fruchtnicht, Jimmy Cockern and Jason 'I Don't Feel Tardy' Martin. His patience of watching the rest of the hopefuls fail in finding the prize paid off with a delayed reaction of claiming the coveted bean. This was greeted with exuburent celebrations from crowd of Fools, Jewels and spectators along with the stage of fellow Council members, past Lords and the guardian Skulls. Jewel Cindy Wong had front row viewing of this joyous occasion.



Lady Laura bows in tribute to the new Lord



MARCH of AGES

In one of the largest gatherings of Fools, Jewels and on-lookers The 12th annual March of St John Fools and Jewels took to the streets of the St John District and ushered in the '23 Carnival Season. Costumed and rowdy revelers, Skulls and Flambeaux's marched to the Trailhead from their International World Headquarters located conveniently adjacent to the Tap Room and Seiler Bars. They were provided with a hearty buffet of fixin's and libation's provide by Muckle John and his merry crew of winches and scallywags. The Traihead served as the Krewe's first stopping point along the 6 block route. There the former Lords were recognized along with the current Council of Unreason and Covington's Marquis de Mayor. Outgoing Lord Lily was allowed to say a final few words before being dragged away by the Skulls before he could begin any talks of staging a coup d'état. As the band played on and the Skulls danced The Merchant of Mischief was crowned Lord of the Fools, and the Wong Dynasty was begun. The merrymakers then marched through the

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Wassail - to drink to 'be in good health' or 'be fortunate'. "WASSAIL...DRINKHAIL"

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spectator lined streets of Covington along with the Big Fun Brass Band and Carl Mack performers to the closed off Boston Street for an hour of street dancing and festivities with members and locals from near and far. The gathering (well, most of the gathering as there are sad rumors that we may have lost some-folks-@-the-Boston-St-Pub) proceeded north on Columbia St. to invade Rock'n Blues and their stage and dance floor. The Big Fun Brass band played and the Jewels danced to that funky music. The night ended with another round of sustenance and inebriating offerings. A Foolish time was had by all (police reports be damned)! Here's to the Wong Dynasty.

乾杯 and WASSAIL!!!!



The fool who thinks he is wise is just a fool. The fool who knows he is a fool is wise indeed.

Make No Bones About It



Grim Reaper and his gang of Skulls took to the streets of Covington on their traditional pre March mischief. With coolers of iced refreshment they loaded onto their modern day ferry and voyaged amongst the townfolks stopping at local iconic spots including the now demo'd **Sanitarium** and Bogue Falaya Park for announcing of the upcoming March of Fools and Jewels. A raid of the Park Ranger Yogi's Cabin they seized shots for a whiskey toast, and then drank a toast to the Skulls and the Reaper. A quick detour up Jahncke street found them at fellow Fool and renowned artist Keith Villere's house. Here they picked up their 2023 Skull medallions and more Skullery was to be had. Onward to the Southern Hotel they went, where they traveled for their final destination. The Skulls had invited local Mardi Gras Krewes and dignitaries to Wassail or Toast with the Fools Captains and outgoing Lord while including other Captains of our Northshore Krewes. The Grim Reaper handed out his coveted hand painted stones to the Captains and Dignitaries. A Champagne toast to the 2023 Carnival Season and to the upcoming March that night was made, thus **OFFICIALLY BEGINNING CARNIVAL** on the Northshore. (Rumors of a stop at Spring Massage in Tyler Square @ 3:02pm on this date and said events have been greatly exaggerated)



Meet The New Council - Same as The Olde Council

(except a year older)

**The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod – AKA Black Rod
(Co-Captain) Our Sergeant at Arms and General Organizer of All
Things Foolish. Founding Member**

Calico Jack

(Co-Captain) Pirate Captain and All Around Master of Shenanigans.

Muckle John

Proprietor of the Fools Home Base. Founding Member

Ironmonger

Things Need to Get Done? Go to the Ironmonger, Fuggit 'Bout it.

Merchant of Mischief

Purveyor of Our Acquired Booty and Goods.

Arcus Falstaff

Supplier of Ale, Music and Festivities.

Shire (don't call it a hyphen) Reeve

Overseer of Memberships and Forthcoming Occasions.

Earl of Stiring

Master of Coin and Bank Along with the Newsletter and Graphics.



“VIVERE VTAM OMNINO”

LIVE

LIFE

COMPLETELY





Arcus Falstaff and his merry band of misrule have been working diligently to secure a most excellent lineup for our third annual Foolsfest and as usual they are hitting it out of the ball park.

Get ready for a day of Louisiana funky swamp music, brews and food with a starting time TBD May 20th at The Trailhead in Downtown Covington. Also, improved VIP tents with VIP sales to F&J's only!

If you own a small business and want to sponsor this year's festival look to your favorite Council of Unreason member and they will supply you with details. Foolsfest 2 raised \$5K each for The Boys and Girls Club and The Northshore Foodbank.

"Fools are my theme, let satire be my song."

— Lord Byron

A One, A Two, A Helluva Hullabaloo Tulane Beats USC in the 2023 Cotton Bowl

Days before our Lord Wong was crowned, his beloved Tulane Greenwave did the unthinkable and in dramatic fashion overcame a 30 - 45 USC lead with a little over 6 minutes left in the Cotton Bowl. Their final seconds late touchdown snag while grasping victory from the jaws of defeat gave the pending Lord Jimmy cause for cheer. Many friends near and far were bombarded with texts and cheers of Hullabaloo Ray Ray! Here is the cheer for those who never heard it.....

A One, A Two, A Helluva Hullabaloo
A Hullabaloo Ray Ray
A Hullabaloo Ray Ray
Hooray-Hooray Vars Vars Tee Ay
Tee Ay, Tee Ay Vars Vars Tee Ay
Tulane!

LSU Boils Drew Brees' Coaching Debut

Brian Kelly capped his incredible first year as LSU's head coach with a drumming (pun intended, IYKYK) of Drew Brees' Purdue Boiler-makers. The game if you dare call it that, pit the two teams in their first ever matchup in Orlando's own Citrus Bowl. The Bayou Bengals went on to hang 63 on the depleted Big Ten school and created a buzz for Kelly's upcoming second season. GEAX TIGERS!



BREWERY TOUR INFO



Skeeta Hawk Brewing
A New Orleans Neighborhood Brewery



Possible Brewery Stops
Recon Tour Determined



\$80 includes Royal Coach bus ride to and from Nola thus saving expensive DWI.

Must be Current paid Foot/Jewel to partake, so renew ASAP!



Also includes this year's pub pass which gives you 25 free beers at area breweries. (Minimal 125 dollar value) Several may be used on the trip.

February and March Birthdays



Laura Ahrons
Sarah Cottrell
Cindy Petry
Scott Fruchtnicht
Jennifer Kline
Darrell Daigle
Jen Curry
Mark Johnson
Dean Baldus

Joe Ard
Richard Taubin
Jessica Boudreau
Joyce Donohue
John Florito
Terry Plaisance
Wes Plaisance
Coleman Callaway
Steve Campbell
Laura Gayle Campbell

Steve Ahrons
Bruce Butler
Sissy Johnson
John Long
Tony Estopinal
Glenn St John
Kathy Zenor
Scotty Moll
Wendy Nuss

Buy Them a Cold One When Ya See Them!

Upcoming Fools' Events to Mark Your Calenders

Mardi Gras - Carnival in Covington Float – Feb. 21st

Cov. Celtic Club - St. Patrick's Day Parade – Mar. 11th

Fools of Friday - St. Patrick's Day – Mar. 17th

Arcus Falstaff's Magical Brewery Tour – Mar. 18th

Pictures courtesy of :
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and various Fools and Jewels



To paraphrase Lord Jimmy –
“Two Wongs don't make a Wright,
but one can make a Lord!”



Are you feeling a little less foolish today? Well, that's because as of Feb 1, your membership from last year is officially expired!

We know you don't want to miss out on all this fun and foolishness! Get that renewal in today!!



It's time to renew, Fool!

Renewal period is through April 1st

Renew today—it's easy! Fill out the form linked below and mail or drop off with a check to the Fools' International World Headquarters.

Or pay instantly via Venmo!

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Be sure to put your name in the memo area!

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