

THE KREWE OF KING ARTHUR  
BAL MASQUE





# Welcome

To the Krewe of King Arthur Bal Masque XLVI

The Krewe of King Arthur is a co-ed Mardi Gras Krewe and is proud to be one of the most diverse in all of Carnival. We were founded on inclusion and we welcome all who share a love of Mardi Gras to join us and be part of it.

This year, 2,300 Knights of King Arthur will parade on the first Sunday of Carnival, commonly known as "Family Sunday" in the Carnival schedule.  
We are the largest Krewe on the first weekend.

Join us on Sunday, February 12, 2023 as we parade on the traditional Uptown route.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A  
KNIGHT GRADER?

SEE HOW MANY OF OUR  
TRIVIA QUESTIONS YOU  
CAN CORRECTLY ANSWER  
THROUGHOUT THIS  
PROGRAM.

ANSWERS ARE FOUND ON THE  
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Philip Fricano Jr.  
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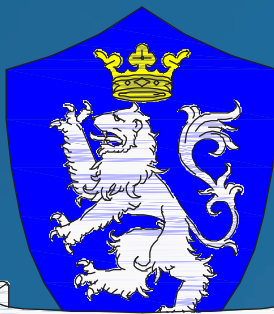
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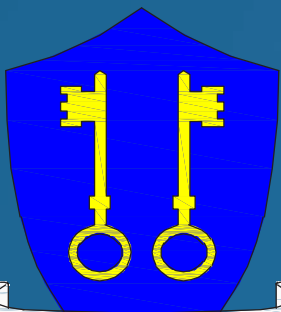
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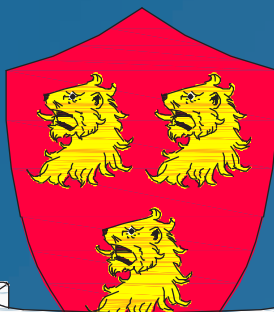
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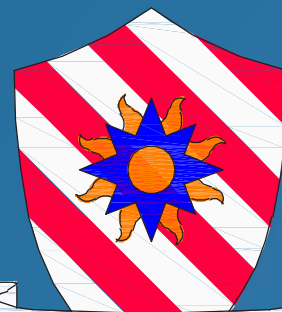
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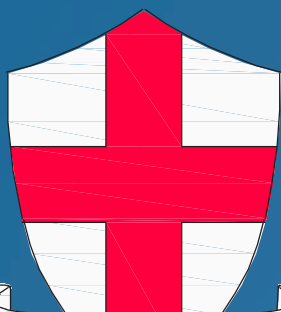
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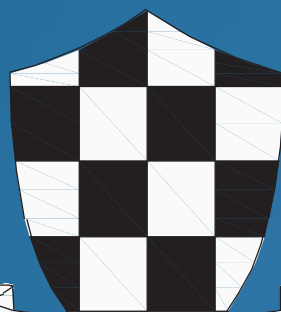
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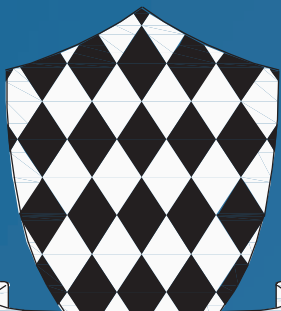
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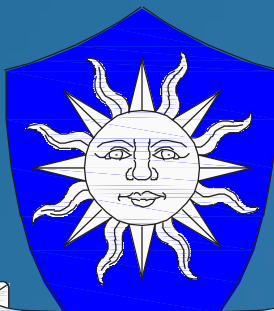
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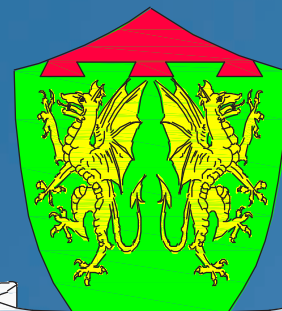
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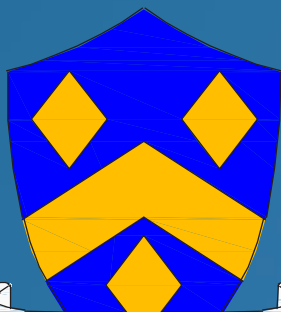
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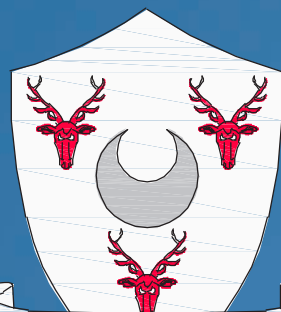
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**King Arthur XLV, William Stevenson  
Queen Guinevere XLV, Lisa Cotham**



**King Arthur XILV, John Joslin  
Queen Guinevere XILV, Joyce Kohn**

# King Arthur XLVJ. Gregory McKinne Robertson



**Gregory McKinne Robertson** of Baton Rouge, is the son of a New York transplant, Susan Murphy, and Louisiana Native, Barnaby Robertson. Gregory has five siblings, Joseph Hendee, Amy Allan, Brynn Carpenter, William Robertson (2023 Duke), and Margo Young. He is married to this year's Queen, Jennifer Robertson. They have three children together, Charles Robertson (Jr. Duke), Lillian Robertson (Jr. Maid), and Katherine Robertson (Page).

After attending various Louisiana Elementary and High Schools, Gregory's scholastic endeavors culminated with an undergraduate and Doctorate in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana State University in 2013. After which he entered the workforce progressing Automation in Industrial Manufacturing sites.

Growing up, Gregory has enjoyed celebrating and sharing Mardi Gras with his friends and family for much of his life. Gregory began riding in Mardi Gras a decade ago with the Krewe of King Arthur with a high school friend Jacob Bitoun. After inviting many folks from around the country to celebrate with him, he spawned into his own Lieutenant five years ago. Riding with 100s of friends and families over the years have led to cherished memories. Greg is honored to be a King of the round table in the very fun and inclusive Krewe of King Arthur.

# Queen Guinevere XLVI. Jennifer Riley Robertson



**Jennifer Riley Robertson** was born and raised in South Louisiana. She along with her husband Gregory Robertson and their three children, call Baton Rouge home.

Jennifer Robertson attended Louisiana State University for undergraduate studies and concluded her academic career in Monroe, where she received a Doctorate of Pharmacy. She spent her career leading retail pharmacy operations in the Southeast United States. In her free time, Jennifer enjoys spending time with family and friends, which naturally led to a love of Mardi Gras for its voluntary participation and inclusive culture. Along the journey over the last decade with Krewe of King Arthur, Jennifer made numerous new friendships and strengthened connections. Jennifer looks forward to the new memories to be made during her reign as Queen Guinevere XLVI along with numerous family members who will be riding in the royal court.

# Merlin, Brian Plauche



**Brian Joseph Plauche** is a lifelong resident of New Orleans, where he lives with his husband Richard and Australian Shepherd, Chesney Oliver Beauregard, and is a Mardi Gras veteran. He graduated from Loyola University New Orleans with a BA in Religious Education and Ministry and spent 36 years with the Department of Agriculture, retiring in 2014 as a Supervisory IT Computer Specialist. He currently has his own firm, BJP Consulting, specializing in Federal Human Resources requirements.

Brian began his love of Mardi Gras royalty when he was a Duke for the Krewe of St. Vincent de Paul in 1962. He went on to reign as King of the Krewe of Saturn in 2003 and 2005, a Duke in the Krewe of Iris in 2006 and 2009, and a Duke with the Knights of Sparta in 2018, 2019 and 2020. He reigned as King Sparta LXIX in 2022. He is an Officer in the Knights of Sparta and a Float Lieutenant with the Krewe of King Arthur.

## QUESTION TWO

WHAT IS MORGANA'S RELATION TO KING ARTHUR?

- A.) WIFE
- B.) HALF-SISTER
- C.) SISTER
- D.) COUSIN

# Morgana, Nancy Miller



**Nancy Miller** grew up in New Orleans, so she is no stranger to Mardi Gras where her experiences started when she was a child. She has continued her Mardi Gras adventures over the years, riding with several krewes, serving on the court of several organizations and is the mother of the 2022 Queen of the Knights of Sparta. Nancy is over the moon to be Morgana and to be riding beside her dear friend, Brian, as they take to the streets in King Arthur as Merlin and Morgana.

Nancy lives in the small town of Lake Arthur, in southwest Louisiana, where she is a nurse practitioner at the Lake Arthur Family Medicine Clinic. In her off time you can find her sailing with her husband of 40 years, Jude, or at McNeese State University athletic events supporting her daughter, JC.

Carnival is near and dear to Nancy's heart and to her the true spirit of Carnival is one of family and community. She is proud to be a member of the Krewe of King Arthur, a krewe that honors the traditions of the Carnival that she grew up with. Her sincere hope is that everyone treasures those traditions and that they participate to ensure those traditions are carried on for future generations. Hail King Arthur!

## Sir Lancelot Christopher Leonard

**Christopher (Chris) Leonard** was born and raised in Morgan City, Louisiana. He has been a resident of New Orleans for the past fifteen years. After a 20 year career in Event Management, he was recruited to the Department of Defense where he works in Human Resources. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management.

Chris works with various organizations to reduce the stigmas of mental illness, including the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Semicolon Project, and Stand for the Silent. He enjoys utilizing his graphic design experience to assist the Krewe of King Arthur. He is an avid runner, completing over 1,400 miles last year. Chris will complete his fifth half marathon in March 2023 and is slated to complete his first full marathon in 2024.

Chris has been a part of the Krewe of King Arthur for seven years. He was a Float Lieutenant for four years before moving into an Officer role. Chris is honored to have been selected as the first Sir Lancelot and looks forward to celebrating the 2023 carnival season with King Arthur.



### QUESTION THREE

WHO WAS KING ARTHUR'S CLOSEST  
COMPANION AND GREATEST KNIGHT?

- A.) SIR DAGONET                      B.) SIR MORDRED  
C.) SIR PERCIVAL                    D.) SIR LANCELOT

## Sir Dagonet Richard Borne

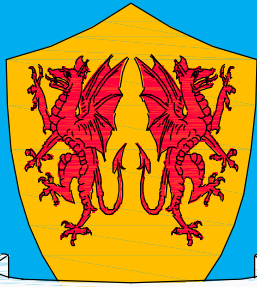
Richard Louis Borne is been a lifelong resident of the New Orleans area. He was introduced to the behind the scenes of Carnival by his husband Brian Plauche. Through this he can truly appreciate the hard work and good people who make up Carnival. Richard has been a Duke in Iris and Sparta. He is thrilled to be on this year's court with his husband and great friends, introducing a new character to the Krewe of King Arthur.

In addition to all the wonderful things his husband has introduced him to in Carnival, Richard and Brian are the owners of Spa Atlantis, a full-service day spa and salon in New Orleans French Quarter. Richard has had the passion of the spa industry since becoming a licensed massage therapist in 2001. This passion, coupled with a need for stress relieving services, gave birth to Spa Atlantis in 2008. The business has blossomed to the point where Richard and Brian are stepping back and letting our wonderful spa director take more of a hand in the day-to-day operations. It is their hope to travel with their 4-legged baby, Chesney in the near future.

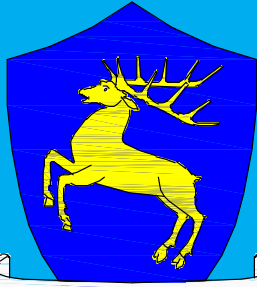
Richard is honored to be the first chosen to bring the wonderful character of Sir Dagonet to life in the Krewe of King Arthur. It is his hope to honor the Krewe and the character.



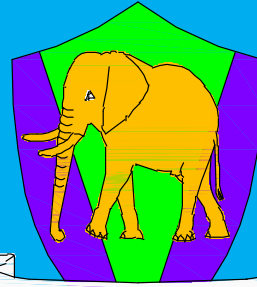
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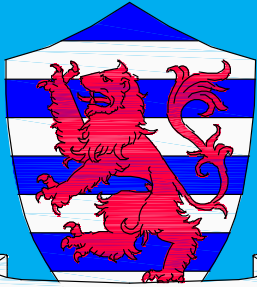
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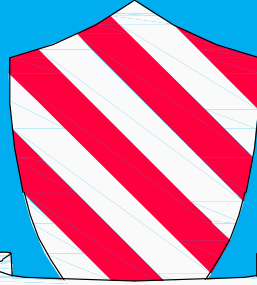
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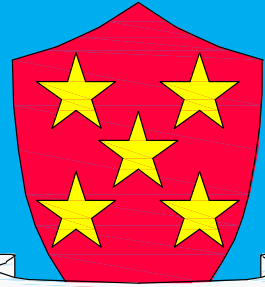
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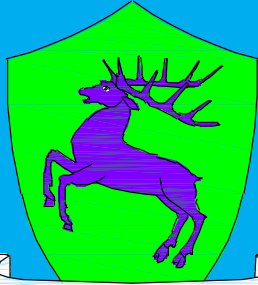
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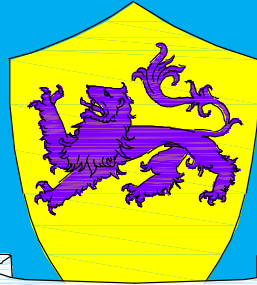
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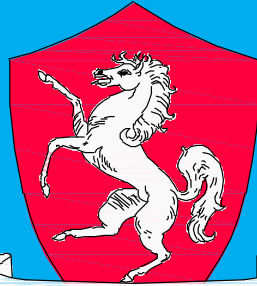
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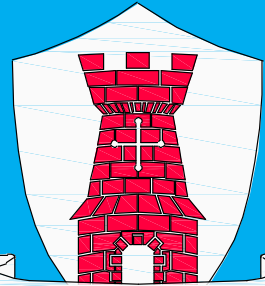
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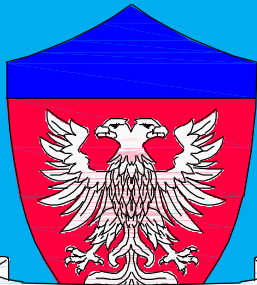
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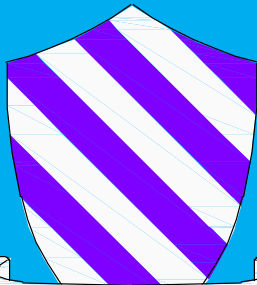
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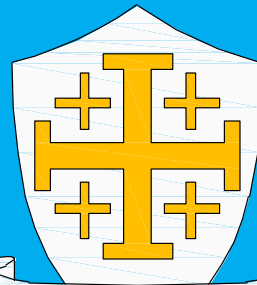
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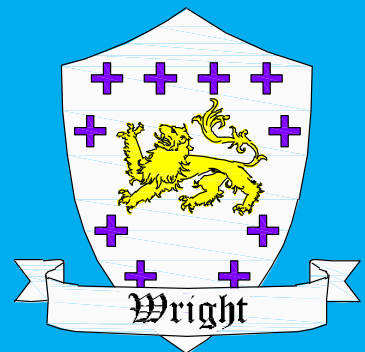
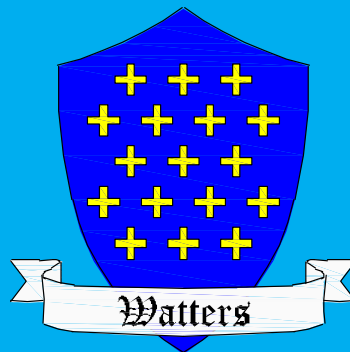
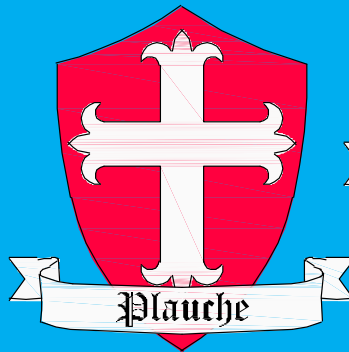
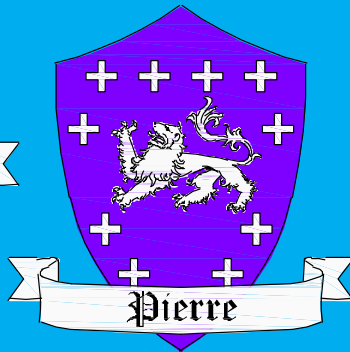
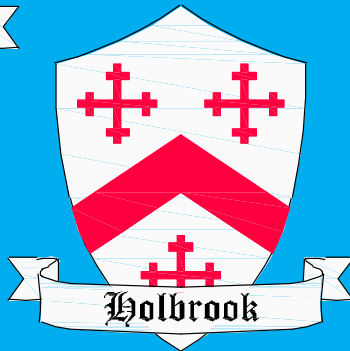
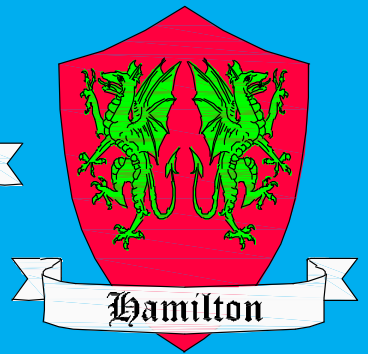
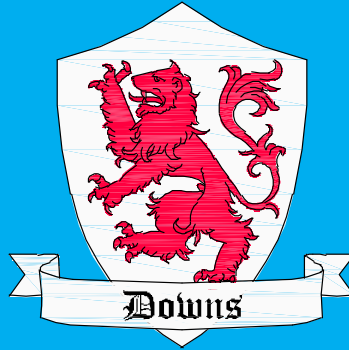
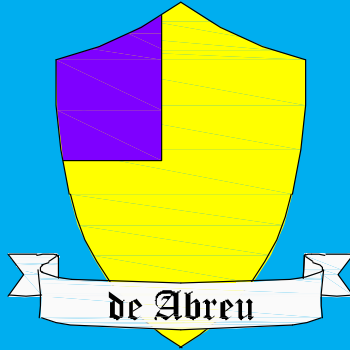
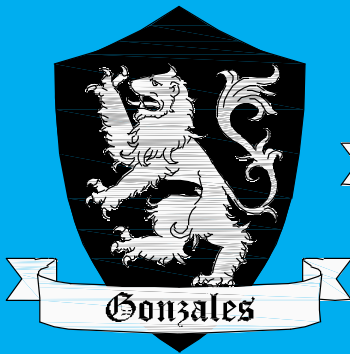
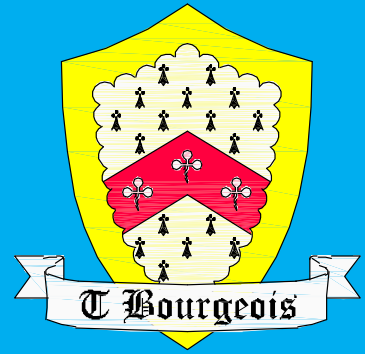
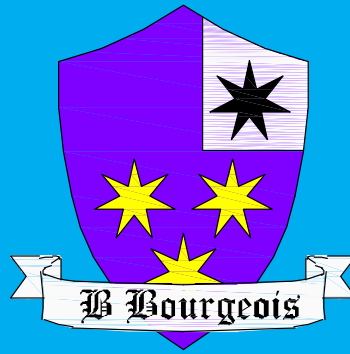
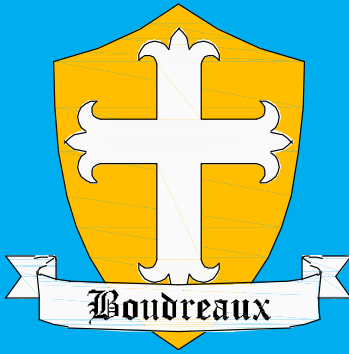


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# Maid & Duke



**Linda Grisham Meeks** grew up in northwest Louisiana where Mardi Gras wasn't celebrated until her twenties. In 1986, she experienced Mardi Gras for the first time. She has loved it ever since! Thanks to their friends, Greg and Jen Robertson, Linda and her husband began riding with King Arthur in 2017. She is honored to be a maid on their court.

She and Lee Meeks have two children, Maggie and Nathaniel, along with their spouses Hayden and Lexi.

Linda is anxiously waiting for her husband to retire so they can hunt and travel together.

**Rudolph (Rudy) Henry Wambsgans III** was born and raised in New Orleans and attended Warren Easton High School and the University of New Orleans. He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard Reserve and Army National Guard. Rudy is currently a resident of Marksville, LA where he serves as the Chairman of the Gaming Commission for the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana gaming operation and has done so for the past 27 years.

Outside of his professional career, Rudy is an active member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.), where he has held several leadership positions; most notably as the International Public Relations Officer.

It is his sincere desire to promote and advocate to the World the history and traditions of New Orleans Mardi Gras and to keep it alive for future generations.



**Jennifer Bushnell** is a rider of two prior krewes, first time royalty, and transplant from Colorado. She came down to Louisiana for work fresh out of college and fell in love with the culture and the food. Whether it was learning to craft intricate Grails, tailgating at a Tigers game, or decorating for Mardi Gras with lots of her trademark pink thrown in, she knew she had found a second home in Louisiana. She and Nick first met in 2017 and were just married this past November in Colorado. They're excited to experience the Maid / Duke honors and celebrate the spirit of Mardi Gras with this krewe.

**Nicholas Dvorak** is a rider of two prior krewes, first time royalty, and transplant from New York. He came down to Louisiana for work fresh out of college and fell in love with the culture and the food. Whether it was learning how to make his first roux, tailgating at a Tigers game, or tossing throws in the parade, he knew he had found a second home. He and Jenny first met in 2017 and were just married this past November in Colorado. They're excited to experience the Maid / Duke honors and celebrate the spirit of Mardi Gras with this krewe.





**Jennifer Robertson** is an educator whose passion for literacy and fostering lifelong learning in individuals of any age has taken her across America. Jennifer is a Reisher scholar from the University of Northern Colorado, where she studied English, and secondary education. She then continued her journey to Boston, where Jennifer attended Simmons College and graduated with a Master's degree in library and information science. She is currently certified to teach grades 6-12 in Colorado, Texas, and Washington state. As a librarian, Jennifer has worked for the Army and Air Force. Jennifer now lives in the Pacific Northwest and is a district manager for a rural library system in Washington state, focusing on connecting with under-served communities, creating opportunities for inter-generational connection, and making libraries equitable for all.

Born and raised in South Louisiana, **William Charles Robertson** has spent his career serving his state and country. William joined the Louisiana National Guard as a combat medic. In August 2005, William was activated with 756 Area Support Medical Company and sent to the New Orleans Superdome. He then spent the next ten days inside the Superdome assisting with the evacuation of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. After graduating from Louisiana State University in 2008, William earned a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. William attended the Military's Physician Assistant Program, and after completing his Master's degree, he was relocated to Washington State. He recently served a nine-month deployment to Eastern Europe. He and his wife currently reside in a small community south of Seattle.



**Sarah Oldfield Myers** has lived and worked in Louisiana for over 20 years and now calls this great community home. Originally from Osage County, Oklahoma, Sarah graduated from both Oklahoma State University and The University of Texas in Austin and works as a Chemical Engineer in the Oil and Gas Industry. Sarah enjoys traveling, Halloween, reading, wine and spending time with her family and friends. Sarah also has one brother, William Ladd Oldfield, who will be her escort as well as two children, Allyssa and Ryan Myers, that will be a Junior Maid and Junior Duke.

**Adam David Yarochowicz** has called a lot of places home but recently settled in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended his first ever Mardi Gras five years ago as a member of King Arthur and felt welcomed with open arms. Adam attended Norwich College in Vermont and was commissioned in the United States Navy. After leaving the Navy, Adam attended the University of South Alabama and graduated as a Physician Assistant. Adam works in the Pediatric Emergency Department at Our Lady of the Lake and enjoys traveling, riding and scuba diving.



# Maids & Jukes



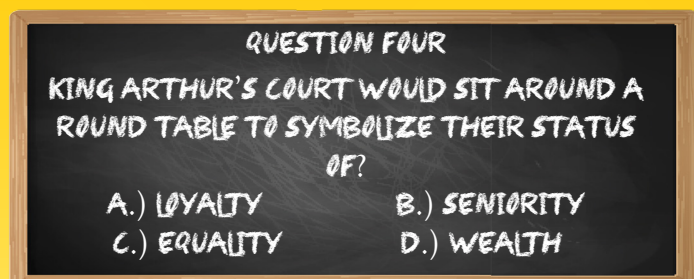
**Gillian Elisabeth LaFleur** was born on April 20, 2004 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is eighteen years old. She is the daughter of Dean and Tessa LaFleur. She has one brother, Luke LaFleur. She has three dogs and one cat. She attended middle school at Saint Jean Vianney and graduated from Saint Joseph's Academy for girls in 2022 with the first academic's award. She was a part of the National Charity League from 2017-2020. During those years she held several leadership positions and served at a women's shelter and several nursing homes. She currently attends Louisiana State University for chemical engineering and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She plans to continue her community service through ZTA's Breast Cancer Awareness philanthropy. Her interests include art, music, supporting women in STEM, serving her community, and animals.



**Fabian Errol Miller** is originally from Mamou, Louisiana. A University of Louisiana alumni, Errol works in the cloud for the banking industry. Even after growing up in Lafayette and living in London and Toronto, coming to New Orleans for Mardi Gras was eye-opening. Errol has now been involved in King Arthur as well as the Knights of Sparta for several years as he enjoys helping continue the traditions of Mardi Gras. He enjoys volunteering with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You also might find Errol camping and cooking for his family, godchildren and friends somewhere in Southwest Louisiana.



**Maria Johnson** is the daughter of Mr. Reynold A. Ralph and Mrs. Elaine G. Ralph. Since 2006, she has worked as a claims supervisor for Progressive Insurance, responding to weather-related emergencies such as hurricanes. She graduated from Xavier University Preparatory High School and attended Florida A & M University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics. She also has a Masters of Public Administration from the University of New Orleans and a Masters of Strategic Leadership from LeTourneau University. She is married to Benard Johnson Sr. and is the devoted mother of Benard Jr., Zoe, Kylie, and Kaleb.



# Junior Maids



**Allyssa Sydney Myers** lives in Baton Rouge and attends Our Lady of Mercy in the 5th grade. Allyssa plays numerous sports and loves helping animals. Allyssa is excited and honored to be a part of the King Arthur court.

**Lillian Nora Robertson** is the oldest daughter of Gregory and Jennifer Robertson. She lives in Baton Rouge and attends BASIS Materra campus in the 4th grade. Lillian enjoys traveling and has collected hotel keys from eleven states. She has an eye for fashion, enjoying all things cozy. She is talented in math and aerial silks. Lillian is excited to join her entire family in the Krewe of King Arthur this year. This will be her first Mardi Gras ride, and she hopes it isn't her last.



**Cynthia Louise Smith** returns to the Royal Court of King Arthur as a Junior Maid. Cynthia is an eight grader at the Academy of the Sacred Heart along with her twin, Madeleine Jane Smith. Cynthia is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has played piano since she was in pre-school. Cindy is a little shy and sometimes nervous, but is a very generous and loyal friend. She loves the King Arthur parade.

**Madeleine Jane Smith** returns to the Royal Court as a Junior Maid. Madeleine is an eighth grader at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, along with her twin, Cynthia Louise Smith. She is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has played the piano since pre-school. She loves to joke and laugh and listen to metal music that scares most people. Madeleine loves that King Arthur includes the whole family and different types of people.



## QUESTION FIVE

WHO WAS THE MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WHO  
GAVE KING ARTHUR HIS SWORD?

- A.) LADY OF THE LAKE      B.) LADY OF SHALOTT  
C.) MORGANA              D.) VIVIEN



**Ryan Myers** lives in Baton Rouge and is in 8th grade at Our Lady of Mercy. Ryan is active in Boy Scouts of America and plays tennis. Ryan's mother, Sarah Myers, and sister, Allyssa Myers, are also members of King Arthur court.

**Charles Mckinne Robertson** is the oldest child of Jennifer (Queen) and Gregory (King) Robertson. Charles lives in Baton Rouge and attends BASIS Materra campus in 5th grade. Charles enjoys laughing, joking, and entertainment in small settings. Charles is thoughtful, always reaching out and calling his family to check in. He has compassion for all creatures and a love of nature. He has spent Labor Day picking up litter on the beaches of Florida and he is an advocate to consume less meat. Charles is excited to ride alongside many family members this year in the King Arthur parade.



## King's Page

**Katherine Elizabeth Robertson** is the youngest of the celebrated Robertson family. She lives in Baton Rouge and just began kindergarten at BASIS Materra Campus. She is a sharp outgoing friendly person who easily connects with new people through her bright personality. Katherine is adaptable and independent. She marches to her own beat. She wanted to be a Marine Biologist while all her peers were playing princesses. She watches gaming with her brother and does make-up with her sister. Katherine is excited to stand at her father's side as a Page for the Krewe of King Arthur during his reign this year as King.



## Queen's Page

**Johnathan Larry Dix, Jr.** known as "JJ" was born on January 31, 2016 (King Arthur Sunday). He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Dix, Sr. and has a younger sister named Elleanor.

JJ is in kindergarten at St. Matthew's Catholic school in River Ridge. He enjoys playing football at Little Farms playground, playing Fortnite with his cousins, Pokémon card trading with his Daddy, hugging his Mommy, and swimming at his Mamaw and Papaws house. When JJ grows up, he wants to work for PlayStation to create epic video games!



# Lady in Waiting



**Isabella Blakey** is a new member following the foot steps of her beloved Grandmother Darlene Blakey, Queen Guinevere V. She's a member of the Deer Park Dear Hearts Cheer/Drill team in Houston, Texas. She loves animals especially her dog Layla. She's a member of her Student Council & Friendship club. She's very excited to be a Lady in Waiting and rekindling tradition.

# Herald of Arms

**Brycen Ogle** resides in Metairie with his mother, Jessica Pond. His maternal grandmother is Sue Pond, grandfather Craig Pond and his two great grandmothers Joan Chandler and Carol Pond. He is a student at Victory Christian Academy.



# Scepter Princess



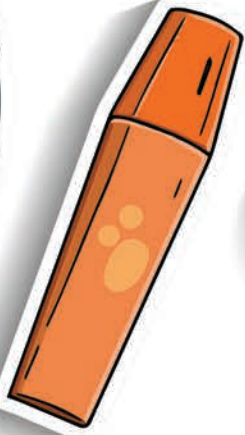
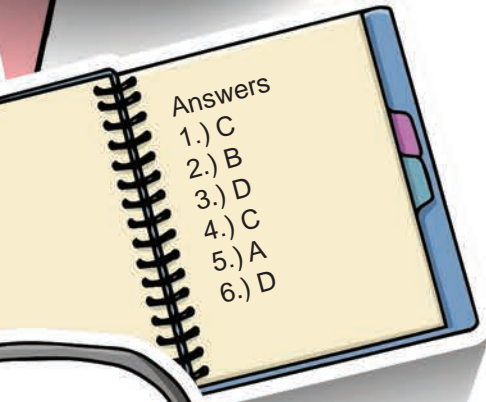
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Layla enjoys playing with makeup, dressing up, playing with barbies, playing outside, and traveling. Layla's family first became involved in the Krewe of King Arthur in 2003.



## QUESTION SIX

WHAT WAS KING ARTHUR'S "EXCALIBUR"?  
A.) HIS DOG                      B.) HIS CROWN  
C.) HIS CASTLE                  D.) HIS SWORD



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