

*KREWE OF GEMINI OF THE ARK-LA-TEX, INC.*  
*Constitution*

**ARTICLE I – Name**

- A. The name of this organization shall be “Krewe of Gemini of the Ark-La-Tex, Inc.”, which will be hereinafter referred to as “Krewe” in the Constitution and By-Laws.
  
- B. The location of the Krewe is 2101 East Texas Street, Bossier City, LA. 71111. The Krewe mailing address is Krewe of Gemini of the Ark-La-Tex, Inc., P.O. Box 6432, Bossier City, LA. 71171-6432.

**ARTICLE II – Purpose**

- A. The purpose of this 501(c) (4) organization shall be to participate in the celebration of and to promote the Mardi Gras season in the Ark-La-Tex, which includes a New Orleans-style parade with themed painted floats and props, and a formal Tableau.
  
- B. This organization shall be non-political, non-partisan, in all activities and operations.
  
- C. Membership is open to any individual.
  
- D. Fiscal year starts May 1 through April 30.

**ARTICLE III – Membership**

- A. Membership shall be comprised of the following categories:
  - a. Full Member
  - b. Social Member
  - c. Honorary Member
  
- B. Krewe membership meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month. If a meeting date change is necessary, notification will be made following the procedures set forth in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Officers**

- A. The governing body of this organization shall consist of a Board of Directors, which shall include twenty (20) voting members.
- B. Krewe Board Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. If a meeting change is necessary, notification will be made following the procedures set forth in the By-Laws.
- C. The planning of each year's activities shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of a Captain (President), a Captain-Elect (Senior Vice-President), Co-Captain of Finance (Vice President), Co-Captain of Parade (Vice President), Co-Captain of Ball (Vice President), a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chairman of the Float Committee, a Chairman of the Throws Committee, a Chairman of the Parties Committee, a Chairman of the Royalty Committee, a Chairman of the Den Committee, a Chairman of the Membership Committee, a Chairman of the Publicity Committee, and six (6) At-Large Members of the Board of Directors. The Officers/Board of Directors shall be elected in accordance with the By-Laws of the Krewe and each officer shall serve for a one (1) year term, save and except, the At-Large Members of the Board of Directors, who shall serve three-year terms.
- D. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Captain, Captain-Elect, three (3) Co-Captains, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### **ARTICLE V - Amendment**

- 1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must first be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meetings of the Board.
- 2. Immediately following the Board of Directors approval of amendments to this Constitution, said amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of members present, at any regular or special meeting of the Krewe, provided that a written notice of the vote and a copy of the proposed amendment(s) is e-mailed to the last known e-mail address of each member of the Krewe at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meeting.

**ARTICLE VI – Enabling Procedure**

- A. Any and all matters pertaining to procedure of governance within the Krewe, not covered in the Constitution of the Krewe of Gemini of the Ark-La-Tex, Inc., shall be governed by “Roberts’ Rules of Order,” current edition.

Date of Last Amendment: April 18, 2016

Proposed New Amendments approved by the Board of Directors: March 14, 2024

Proposed New Amendments approved by Krewe members: April 15, 2024

New Effective Date of Constitution: May 1, 2024