

## PHILANTHROPY

Ptolemy loves to give back to the Memphis community as well as to the charities selected to be honored by Carnival Memphis each Carnival season. Throughout the year, there are various opportunities to volunteer your time for one of the many worthwhile causes that Ptolemy supports.

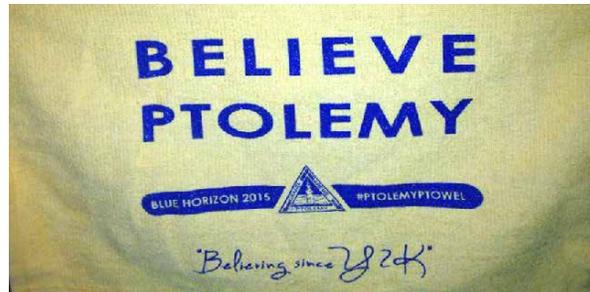


Binghampton Christian Academy Prayer Partners



Fall Party 2016

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THE GRAND KREWE OF PTOLEMY is a diverse blend of energetic professionals, who enjoy the social and philanthropic mission of CARNIVAL MEMPHIS:

**"Party with a Purpose!"**



## MEMBERSHIP

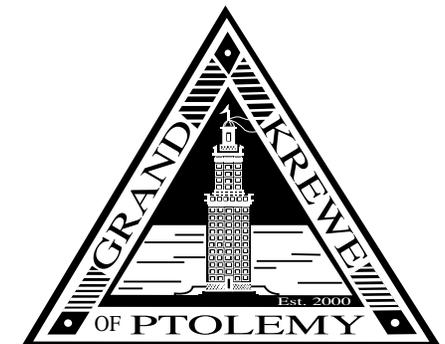
1. Prospective members must attend at least two Ptolemy events (happy hours, party, or any convening where two or more Ptolemy Board members are present).
2. Each potential member or married couple applying for membership must complete and submit the online application along with payment to The Grand Krewe of Ptolemy in the amount of \$400. Payment held until the board votes.
3. Each potential member or married couple applying for membership must be sponsored by three active Ptolemy members. Sponsors will provide the Membership Chair with a brief written recommendation. A majority vote of the Board is required for admission as a member of the Krewe.

## MEMBERSHIP INCLUSIONS

Paid Ptolemy dues include admission for a single member and a guest to all Ptolemy events or, if the applicant is a married couple, admission for both spouses.



Medallion Party 2016



**2017 - 2018**

## ABOUT

The Grand Krewe of Ptolemy is one of ten "krewes" in the style of New Orleans' Mardi Gras founded to support and further the goals and ideals of Carnival Memphis. Founded in 2000, Ptolemy is Carnival's second youngest krewe and its membership is comprised of a diverse blend of singles and married couples including both life-long Memphians and transplants.



## PURPOSE

Ptolemy is a social and philanthropic organization that hosts fun events for its members, other Carnival Memphis krewes, and the community at large. Ptolemy encourages members to give back to the community and support the Carnival Memphis Children's Charities through philanthropic efforts and events.

In addition, each year Ptolemy elects a King, Queen, Duchesses, and a Flagman to represent Ptolemy at Carnival Memphis and other krewes' events. Ptolemy's Royalty becomes the face of Ptolemy for the year at Carnival's events and charity appearances.

## MEMBERS

Our members represent all facets of Memphis: medicine, law, accounting and finance, politics, insurance and real estate, banking, manufacturing and sales, to name a few. However, Ptolemy's dual missions of social and community service are the cornerstone of its existence.

## PTOLEMY EVENTS

**Annual Meeting:** Incoming Board slate is announced and the outgoing Board is thanked for their hard work and service!

**Poker Run:** This annual pub crawl is a moving poker game with players building hands by collecting cards at each location. As Ptolemy's largest fundraiser, proceeds support the Carnival Memphis Children's Charities.

**Fall Party:** Planned by a social committee, this annual event is usually themed and has grown to be one of Ptolemy's largest parties, drawing members, other krewes, friends, and prospective members.

**Christmas Party:** This annual party is for members only where we celebrate the season with food, drink, and fellowship. We also contribute a small gift to benefit Binghampton Christian Academy, Ptolemy's sponsored charity.

**Medallion Party:** Newest members are welcomed into the Krewe and receive their medallions that they are invited to wear to all official Carnival events!

**St. Patrick's Day & Liberty Bowl Parades:** Ride through downtown Memphis showering parade spectators with throws of all kind on the Ptolemy float!

**Coronation:** The formal announcement and presentation of our Queen, King, Duchesses, and Flagman. This black tie event is always a blast and usually ends with the new Queen and Duchesses singing and dancing on stage.

**Carnival Week Clubroom:** Our legendary Carnival Week theme party. Past themes have included Wild, Wild West, Caveman Couture, Candyland, Under the Big Top, Ptolemy Ptailgate, and A Night in Ancient Greece.

**Fall and Spring Dinner Parties:** Hosted at the homes of members, these smaller dinners give members and prospectives an opportunity to get to know each other better and hopefully make new lasting friendships within the Krewe!

**Happy Hours:** Hosted at different locations around Memphis, our monthly happy hours give members regular opportunities to interact with current and prospective members.

*Ptolemy members are also invited to Carnival Memphis and other krewes' events throughout the year!*

## HISTORY

The empire of Alexander the Great was divided among his generals at his death in 323 B.C. Egypt was given to Ptolemy, beginning a dynasty that lasted almost 300 years. Ptolemy was noted for his mixing of old and new, tradition and technology. And Alexandria was the most progressive and innovative trading center in the world. The Great Lighthouse of Alexandria is Grand Krewe of Ptolemy's primary symbol. The Ptolemaic dynasty ended with the death of Cleopatra in 31 B.C., the namesake for Ptolemy's Queen Cleo!