Perseus

Perseus, the legendary founder of Mycenae, was the Greek hero who killed Medusa. The parading club was incorporated as “Beau Geste” on April 27, 1970, making it Slidell’s oldest Carnival organization. The Mystick Krewe of Perseus keeps the identities of King Perseus and Queen Andromeda secret each year until the night of the ball.

Preceding the Slidellians parade, the Mystick Krewe of Perseus plans a 13-float parade constructed by New Orleans float builder Phil Fricano. Theme for the 50th annual procession is OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. More than 40 units appear in the parade, including marching bands and horse groups. Embleded-throws to be tossed by the club’s 150 members include signature beaded crabs, hand-decorated plastic crabs, crab beads, and gold anodized 50th anniversary doubloons. The identities of King Perseus XL and Queen Andromeda XL will be announced at the Perseus Masque Bal on February 1, 2020, at the Slidell Municipal Auditorium.

Slidellians

The Krewe of Slidellians parade, presented by the Slidell Women’s Civic Club, rolls on Sunday, February 9, following Perseus. The procession, entitled BIRDS OF A FEATHER, is led by the captain and features 20 floats designed by Mardi Gras Decorators. The 300 riders are members of the business and civic communities, including football teams, local dance groups, horse groups, and civic club officers. Past maids and dukes are also presented within the parade. The parade also features several beauty pageant queens in convertibles. Queen Samaritan LXIX Barbara Doyle and King Samaritan LXIX Eugene St. Jean will reign as 2020 royalty. The 70th Annual Bal Masque will be presented at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell on February 16, 2020.