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14th Gay Easter Parade **Rolls March 31 through** the French Quarter

The 14th annual Gay Easter Parade is Sunday, March 31 led by Easter Grand Marshals XIV Tommy Elias and Starr Daniels. This year the colorful parade will bring to the streets some 30 carriages, wagons and trolleys; 2 bands; 3 walking groups; and some 15 trucks and cars. The parade is now closed to further entries due to parade permit and insurance requirements. The parade showcases the fashion and creativity of the entire GLBT community with gentlemen in summer suits/ tux with hats, and ladies in Easter suits/dresses with Easter hats.

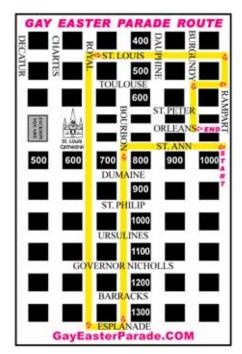
The afternoon line-up starts at Michael's On The Park, 834 N. Rampart with: 2:30-4pm Pre-Parade Party & Buffet, 3-4pm Parade Check-in with Parade Line-up Chair Steve Patrick at front door, 4-4:30pm Board Carriages, Vehicle Line-up, 4:30pm 14th Gay Easter Parade rolls; ending at 700 Club, 700 Burgundy with 6pm Post-Parade Party & Buffet.

The parade begins at 4:30pm following its traditional route through the French Quarter beginning at N. Rampart and St. Ann, down St. Ann to Bourbon, left on Bourbon to Esplanade, right on Esplanade to Royal, right on Royal to St. Louis, right on St. Louis to N. Rampart. right on N. Rampart to Toulouse, right on Toulouse to Burgundy, left on Burgundy to St. Peter ending at St. Peter.

The parade rolls rain or shine. There are no cancellations or refunds.

The parade minus expenses benefits Food For Friends (FFF), a program of the NO/AIDS Task Force and has been supplying groceries and home delivered meals to HIV infected and affected individuals in the greater New Orleans area for over 15 years with the NO/AIDS Task Force serving our community for over 26 years. Over 600 meals a week are currently being delivered to clients who are home bound or otherwise unable to prepare their own meals or shop. Over 300 clients receive pantry items per month (last year's Gay Easter Parade's \$36,252 donation allowed 100 new pantry clients for the year). Over 42,000 meals were delivered through the Home Delivered Meals Program in 2012. Presently volunteers deliver meals every Tuesday. Over the past eleven years, the parade has generated \$147,439 for charity.

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Past Grand Marshals include EGMs I Rip and Marsha Naguin-Delain, II Larry Bagneris and the late Miss Do Moreland, III Timm Holt and Teryl-Lynn Foxx, IV George Simons and Electra City, V Brett Messmer and Princesse Stephaney, VI James Swire and Lisa Beaumann, VII the late Doc Reed and Opal Masters, VIII Michael Elias and Rona Conners, IX Orlando Aloe and Safonda Peters, X Tony Leggio and the late Marcy Marcell, XI Chuck Turner and Tittie Toulouse, XII Gary Vandeventer and Elizabeth Bouvier, and XIII Darwin Reed and Rhonda Roget.

14th Purple Party March 23 @ Double Play

The Gay Easter Parade's 14th annual Purple Party Easter Grand Marshals reception is set for Saturday, March 23, 8-10pm, at The Double Play, 439 Dauphine in New Orleans. Honoring Easter Grand Marshals XIV Tommy Elias and Starr Daniels, the elegant party is one of the hits of the Easter Season. It's an evening with one of Chuck and Bill's legendary buffets, raffles, prizes and auctions, all for a mere \$5 donation at the door. Some of the auction highlights include Big Purple Bunny Basket worth over \$500, Imperial Dynasty Faberge' Egg donated by Rona Conners, beautiful cuff bracelet donated by GOGO Jewelry, and progressive auction-NFL Drew Brees Autographed Football donated by Pepsi and Dwayne Jones.

The evening also celebrates the 42nd anniversary of club proprietors Chuck Turner and Bill Miller. Get your purple ready and join the reason for the Easter Season, benefiting Food For Friends. Visit GayEasterParade.COM for more info.

4th Bunnies in The Big Easy Good Friday, March 29

Gay Easter Parade presents the "4th annual Bunnies in The Big Easy: Put the Good Back in Friday," March

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29, 7-10pm. This year the party will be hosted at Bourbon Vieux, 501 Bourbon Street. Advance tickets are \$35, and

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