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# Gold and Silver Linings: The meeting of the Rex and Comus courts brings Carnival to a close

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Rex, King of Carnival Christian Trousdale Brown and Charlotte Lane Langenstein at the Rex Grand Ball at the Sheraton Hotel. Tuesday, February 17, 2015. (Josh Brasted Photo)

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The weather report looked, well to tell the truth, grim for Mardi Gras. Rain and chilly weather threatened to mute this most of festive of days. As last year's Mardi Gras had some

difficulties with the elements, it was up to the Zulu Witch Doctor or divine intervention to clear the skies and warm the day. Revelers and parades received a partial reprieve: The rain blew away, leaving muted skies. The chilly weather remained, daunting some revelers on the parade routes and in Marigny and the French Quarter; others improvised and celebrated.

The show, as they say, must go on.

And following 144 years of tradition, Rex, made his presence known along the parade route and at his annual Royal Ball and Imperial Reception at the Sheraton Hotel. The 2015 **Rex, Christian Trousdale Brown**, is no stranger to Carnival or the Rex organization: He has been a member of Rex for nearly 25 years, and many of his family members have been dukes, Rex or Queens of Carnival, including his daughter **Amelie Munro Brown**, who reigned as the Queen of Carnival in 2009.

By the time Rex passed by the parade reviewing stand to toast his **Queen of Carnival, Charlotte Lane Langenstein**, and her maids, it was

apparent that Carnival 2015 was a success. But this royal court's day was not over yet, as the ball was yet to come.

An elegant setting, befitting their Majesties, awaited their arrival. At the stroke of 8 p.m., guests were seated, awaiting the official start of the ball - signaled by the entrance of the **Marine Corps Band New Orleans** under the direction of **Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryan Sherlock**. The band played a selection of music, including the national anthem.

Soon after, six Rex Lieutenants costumed in the traditional green, gold, and purple colors of the Rex organization (also the colors of Carnival) entered the ballroom to take their places. Two costumed trumpeters sounded their horns, heralding the entrance of Rex and Queen of Carnival.

To the music of the Rex anthem, "If Ever I Cease To Love," Rex, escorted by the Rex Captain; and the Queen of Carnival, escorted by the Rex President, entered the room for their grand march.

Following them were pages **Frank Hampton Gomila**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moylan Feild Gomila, Jr., and **John Middleton Polk Huger**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton Huger.

After they took their places on the throne and stage, the Maids of Honor escorted by Dukes of the Realm, each followed by former Kings of Carnival and Rex Officials, greeted Rex and the Queen of Carnival. The maids were: **Misses Evelyn Burkenroad Bories**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alan Bories; **Glenny Ann Brown**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lafayette Brown III; **Grace Catherine Mallette Cary**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rives Cary III; **Ellen Durel George**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nicholas George III; **Sage Lyons Laborde**, daughter and stepdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Peter Laborde Jr. and daughter of Mrs. Pia Lyons Laborde; **Rebecca Buckley Lapeyre**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Charles Lapeyre; **Laura Elizabeth LeBlanc**, daughter of Mr. Joseph Dwight LeBlanc III and Mrs. Jill Traylor LeBlanc; and **Leah Katherine Whann**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Whann, IV.

Dukes included: Messrs. **James Harcourt Burlingame**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery Burlingame IV; **John Havens Jaubert Cary**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rives Cary III ; **McClain Ronald Forman**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ronald Forman; **Hunter Wood Ham**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott McDonald Ham; **William Henry Hodges III**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hodges, Jr. ; **Brooks Jarret Kiser**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Michael Kiser; **Robert Parker LeCorgne Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker LeCorgne; and **Sanders Phelps**, son and stepson of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Phelps Jr. and son of Dr. Mary Ella Sanders.

At this point, after the court took its place onstage with Rex and the Queen of Carnival, the Rex organization extended greetings to and decorated **Rear Admiral Kevin Cook, USCG, Commander, 8<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District**.

Following the ceremony, the Rex debutantes were presented: Misses **Ella de los Reyes Baus**, daughter of Mr. Mort Walker Baus and Mrs. Donna Weisler Baus; **Claire Marie Clay**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George William Clay; **Catherine Clare Conwill**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Oza Conwill IV; **Katherine Renee**

**Hodges**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hodges Jr.; **Jamie Favre Pellerin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Willis Pellerin, and **Nicole Elizabeth Weinmann**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert St. George Tucker Weinmann. Each was presented a special decoration. Before the grand march and dancing, Queen of Carnival 1965, **Mrs. Denis Henry McDonald**, was presented to their Majesties, who in turn had their pages present a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Looking on was the mother of this year's Queen of Carnival, **Mrs. William Henry Langenstein III**; wife of Rex, **Mrs. Christian T. Brown**, and his mother, **Mrs. Louisette Brown**; **Mrs. John P. Laborde**, wife of Rex 2014; Queen of Carnival 2014 **Miss Carroll Gelderman** with her mother, **Mrs. Gregory Anthony Gelderman III**; and **Mrs. R. King Milling**.

As the hour approached 9:45 p.m., the Captain of the Mystic Krewe of Comus and his Lieutenants arrived at the reception. The Comus captain then gave Rex's page a personalized, scroll invitation for Rex, his queen, and their court to join the Comus Ball. The invitation was accepted and the Rex court

left for the Marriott Hotel, where the "Meeting of the Courts" at the Comus bal masque would take place.

Onstage were Comus (whose identity never revealed) and the Queen, Miss **Patricia McCarthy Beron**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edouard Beron. In contrast to the Queen of Carnival's golden gown by Suzanne Perron St. Paul, Queen Patricia (or Scout, as she is best known) wore a shimmering A-line gown of French chantilly lace, silver silk chiffon and lame created by designer **Ilaine Hartman Designs**. Embellishments went from the sweetheart neckline to the double layer, scalloped train: the lace was hand-beaded, accented with Swarovski crystals and rhinestones. The bright silver of the chiffon underlayer was the backdrop for rhinestones, margaritas, lochrosens and silver bugle beads that followed the curvature of the lace's scallop design. Both queens' ensembles were completed with their organizations' collar, mantle, crown, scepter and royal jewels.

Maids of honor to her majesty were: Misses **Catherine Crawford Adams**, daughter and stepdaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roland

Adams III, and stepdaughter and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Edward Lowentritt; **Sarah Kent Agnew**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank de la Houssaye Agnew; **Eleanor Brennan Davis**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Edward Davis III; **Jordan Elizabeth Devlin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Sutton Devlin; **Courtney Cooke Geary**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cooke Geary; **Elizabeth Ashland Hines**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hugh Hines; **Isabel Nott Jackson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris Jackson; **Madeleine Moret Livaudais**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Moret Livaudais; **Karoline Havens Mallette Patrick**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Patrick; **Kelly Wright Swanson**, daughter of Mr. James Richard Swanson and Mrs. Marianne Rapier Swanson; **Maia Margaret Weston**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeWitt Weston; and **Catherine Turner Worley**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce Worley Jr.

Pages to her majesty were **Lynton Guy Cook IV**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynton Guy Cook III; and **William Lyons Cook**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Patrick Cook. Pages to Comus were **John McDonald Currence II**, son of Mr. and



Mrs. Richard Morrison Currence Jr.; and **Walker McCall Montgomery**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bullard Montgomery IV.

When Rex 2015 and his queen arrived at the Comus ball, the orchestra played "If Ever I Cease to Love." Enjoying the entrance were the Comus queen's mother, **Mrs. Thomas E. Beron**, **Mrs. John D. Wogan** (Comus Queen 1965), **Mrs. Edouard J. Kock III**, **Mrs. Robert M. Monsted Jr.**, **Mrs. Andrew B. Wisdom**, **Mrs. Jonathan C. McCall**, **Mrs. Louis M. Freeman**, **Mrs. John N. Stewart IV**, **Mrs. John F. White**, and **Mrs. C. James McCarthy III**.

With Comus serving as escort to the Queen of Carnival, and Rex escorting Miss Beron, the four monarchs and their entourage circled the ballroom floor in a double grand march. Their majesties then took their places on the double-throne bench to receive greetings from the audience or observe dancing. Before long, invited guests made their way back to the Sheraton Hotel for the Queens' supper. And thus, Carnival 2015 was concluded.

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