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Hotel Monteleone Invites You to Bury Katrina on the 5th Anniversary

The Hotel Celebrates the City's Progress with a Jazz Funeral

WHO: The Hotel Monteleone and the New Orleans Community

WHAT: In commemoration of the 5th year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and to help in laying Katrina to rest once and for all, the Hotel Monteleone invites you to a weekend of marking the city's forward progress since the storm. Highlights include the following events:

WHEN: **Thursday, August 26 (Carousel Bar)**
Come visit with "Katrina Heroes" – 5 – 7 pm
Special Katrina Cocktails Available

Friday, August 27 (Carousel Bar)
Come visit with "Katrina Heroes" – 5 - 7 pm
Jazz tribute featuring Al "Carnival Time" Johnson – 7 pm
Special Katrina Cocktails Available

Saturday, August 28th (Carousel Bar)
Live Jazz tribute featuring Al "Carnival Time" Johnson - 7 pm
Live Jazz tribute featuring Leah Chase accompanied by John Autin - 9:30pm
Special Katrina Cocktails Available

Sunday, August 29th
Brunch in Le Café – 6:30 – 11:00; 11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Jazz Funeral Procession from Hotel Monteleone to Jackson Square - 1:00pm
From the front steps of the Hotel Monteleone, we will march down to Jackson Square in a Jazz Funeral procession complete with the Jaywalkers Second Line Jazz Band, mourners and casket as jazz funerals truly embody the spirit of New Orleans. It is certainly appropriate to mourn the loss of those we love, but we believe it is equally as appropriate to honor them by celebrating their lives.
Interfaith Memorial Service at St. Louis Cathedral - 1:30pm

WHERE: The Hotel Monteleone
214 Royal Street
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St. Louis Cathedral
Jackson Square

Convenient parking located at the Hotel Monteleone Garage, entrance on **Bienville** or at Solari's between Bourbon and Royal on **Iberville**.

WHY: We offer a recreation of the jazz funeral for those who wish to bury the distressing memories of Katrina as our city moves forward. This jazz funeral can be theoretical or you can toss some real Katrina era items in the coffin to bury for good. We suggest a scrap of blue tarp, a Clorox bottle, a fly swatter, an MRE or a list of excuses. Surely we can all think of a few more things.

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone, www.hotelmonteleone.com, has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter's largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located eleven miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a member of the Preferred Hotels® & Resorts, a consecutive AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won the J.D. Power and Associates Upscale Hotel Award for "An Outstanding Guest Experience".

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