

Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc Characters

Roles for Full Members

Overview:

Most krewe members portray unspecified people of 1400s France – a lady, a lord, a knight, a priest, a wool merchant, etc. These “townspeople” are grouped into 4 “battalions”:

- Domrémy (Joan’s hometown – we encourage families with young children to go here)
- Orléans (our namesake city and the city Joan liberated from siege in her first victory – we encourage people costumed as nobles and upper class to go here)
- Lady’s Knights Auxiliary (male and female krewe members costumed as knights belong here)
- Restoration (the people of France calling for Joan’s name to be restored – people from all walks of life testified at the re-trial to clear her name).

Two more battalions are open for krewe members to join:

- Voices of Joan (this battalion supports the St. Michael, St. Catherine and St. Margaret characters with 12-foot props). Krewe members in this section wear matching high church clergy costumes.
- Flaming Heretics: portray a specific character from Joan’s trial or dress in medieval-masquerade style to represent flames. This section is surrounded by the Skinz-n-Bonez drum corps and the Muff-a-Lottas dance team.

Some krewe members choose to portray specific individuals from Joan’s history. Those characters will be assigned to one of the above battalions OR one of the other battalions as appropriate for their characters. Representing a specific character is free; you can also choose to purchase official doubloons and/or playing cards of your character for \$200.

Domrémy



Like many youngsters, Joan tended the sheep as a girl, and a show piece of this battalion will be a set of rolling lifesize wood and fleece sheep (with hidden pockets to carry throws inside). The picture at left shows the traditional medieval dress for Domrémy, still worn today in festivals – children or adults parading in the Domrémy battalion may mimic this simple costume with black vest, red skirt or pants and white peasant shirt.

Current Characters	Characters Wanted
Young Joan: ???	Jean Minet , the village priest who baptized baby Joan Guillaume Front , young Joan’s village priest and confessor Child playmates : Simonin Musnier, Mengette/Marguerite, Hauviette, Colin, Isabelette d’Epinal, Michel Lebuin
Jean Minet, priest who baptized Joan (Dennis Zelenak)	Joan’s father : Jacques d’Arc Joan’s mother : Isabelle Romée
	Joan’s siblings : Pierre, Jean, Jacquemine and Catherine Joan’s uncle , Durand Lassois (later took Joan to Baudricourt) The Faerie Tree – Joan and her former playmates recalled dancing around a special beech tree as children and placing garlands of flowers of flowers honoring Our Lady on its branches – we would love to have someone create a really tall tree costume or carried prop (one idea , more ideas)

Voices of Joan Battalion

Battalion Lieutenant: [Amanda Helm](#) (giant puppets, high church costumes)



Current Characters

Saint Michael: Amanda Helm

Saint Catherine: WE NEED A SUBSTITUTE FOR 2022

Saint Margaret: Artemis Preeshl/Marjeta Wolfe

Characters Wanted

Full members escorting the giant puppets wear matching medieval high church robes. We could use more of these abbess and bishop attendants to the Saints who help manage the giant puppets (full members – Amanda will help with costume)

Lady's Knights Auxiliary Battalion

Battalion Lieutenant: [Antoinette de Alteriis](#)



Current Characters

[Jean Poton de Xaintrailles](#) (Carol Lynch, commander at Orléans, later Marshal of France, later raised an army to try to rescue Joan with de Brosse)

[Jean de Brosse](#), Lord of Broussac (David Lynch, commander at Orléans, continued with Joan, later went broke raising an army to rescue her)

[Jean Pasquerel](#) (James Roe, Joan's war chaplain)

These knights are already represented in the Restoration Battalion but could be duplicated in the Knights Battalion:

[Bastard of Orléans – Jean de Dunois – Joan's ally at Orléans](#) Terri Wilkinson

[Raoul de Gaucourt](#), Judy Sheon

[Jean d'Aulon](#), Sue Wilkinson

[Jean Duke of Alencon](#), Sue Larson

Characters Wanted

NEED More knights, any knights & soldiers, men & women. Commercial knight costumes are widely available.

Joan's soldiers included troops of the town of Orleans (played by the Marian Servants group), the Duke of Orléans (led by the Bastard), the Duke d'Alençon, Queen Yolande (Anjou and Provence), and [Scottish Guard](#). To portray a soldier under these leaders, just add the [coat of arms](#) to a knight costume.

Some ideas for other specific characters in Joan's army:

[La Hire](#) – most ferocious of Joan's knights, immortalized in French decks as the Jack of Hearts still today

[Pierre](#) and [Jean d'Arc](#) – Joan's brothers who fought with her
[Jean de Metz](#) (Joan's escort to Chinon, her first military believer)

[Bertrand de Poulengy](#) (Joan's escort to Chinon, her second military believer)

[Louis de Coutes](#) – Joan's squire

[Hector de Galard de Brassac](#), just a young soldier in Joan's army but went on to become head of the King Charles' elite "Grande Garde," immortalized in real French playing cards as the Jack of Diamonds

Orléans Battalion

Battalion Lieutenants: Chris Caravella & Jane Caruso

Many krewe members will be in this battalion in medieval dress representing the people of Orléans. Members in this battalion can costume as nameless individuals of medieval life or choose a specific character to portray. The city's coat of arms includes three fleur de lis and three heart of lily and the motto is "Hoc vernant lilia corde", meaning "This heart makes lilies flourish," referring Orléans role as the spirit of France. Knights should be in the knights battalion. Families with young children are encouraged to join the new Domrémy battalion.

Current Characters	Characters Wanted
Joan of Luxembourg: Jane Caruso	Raoul de Gaucourt , Captain of Orléans.
Clerk commissioned by the city of Orléans who wrote the daily Journal of the Siege of Orleans, a valuable source of first-hand details about the battle and Joan, widely quoted	



Honorary Battalion

Current Characters	Characters Wanted
Maid Joan: Student award Queen Yolande: Community award King Charles Community award	<i>Closed. This section is reserved for current and former honorees and their personal guests</i>



Joan on Trial and Flaming Heretic Battalion

Current Characters	Characters Wanted
Flaming Heretic Joan: Veronica Alweiss	Dancing Flames
Members in medieval dress representing flames – medieval masquerade-style especially with flame-colored cloaks	Want to play the villain? Bishop Pierre Cauchon – our terrific pig bishop needs someone to wear it John of Luxembourg --- Burgundian noble who sold Joan to the English for 10,000 gold livres
Joan on Trial: Skinz-n-Bonez Death Sentence Judges: Skinz-n-Bonez	Guillame Manchon , trial notary who recorded Joan's testimony in her heresy trial and later testified about the heresy trial corruption in her nullification trial
Geoffrey Thérage, Joan's Executioner (Andre Duvoisin)	Ideas welcome



Restoration Battalion

Battalion Lieutenant: Karen Becnel

Current Characters	Characters Wanted
Isabelle Romée (Joan's mother): Joan Fox La Hire, Étienne de Vignolles , Jack of Hearts Tim Becnel Spirit of Joan: Alane Luminais	Any characters who testified at her rehabilitation trial – The witness list includes childhood friends, priests, comrades in arms, neighbors, etc. Contact Karen 504-376-5135 thecathospital@bellsouth.net
Bastard of Orléans – Jean de Dunois – Joan's ally Terri Wilkinson Raoul de Gaucourt, Judy Sheon Jean d'Aulon , Sue Wilkinson Jean Duke of Alencon , Sue Larson	Hauviette (Joan's childhood friend who testified at the rehabilitation trial)



Saint Joan Battalion

Battalion Lieutenant: Amy Johnson

Current Characters	Characters Wanted
Saint Joan: Chorus Girl Project award	Limited to Chorus Girl Project

