



The Hotel Monteleone presents

Monte the Lion



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Antonio Monteleone was an industrious nobleman who was operating a very successful shoe factory in Sicily when he heard great things about America. The call of adventure motivated him to pack the tools of his trade and head for “the land of opportunity.” Antonio arrived in New Orleans circa 1880 and opened a cobbler shop on Royal Street, the busy thoroughfare of commerce and banking in America’s most European city.

In 1886, Mr. Monteleone bought a 64-room hotel on the corner of Royal and Iberville streets in New Orleans’ world famous French Quarter. The setting was ripe for Antonio to spread his entrepreneurial wings when the nearby Commercial Hotel became available for purchase. That was only the beginning of an amazing historical landmark that is one of the last great family owned and operated hotels in the city. Since 1886, four generations of Monteleones have dedicated themselves to making their hotel what it was and still is- a sparkling jewel in the heart of the French Quarter.

Each year, The Monteleone Hotel hosts “Monte The Lion’s Children’s Holiday Party.” Our holiday tea is big on holiday fun. With lots of treats for kids and grown-ups, too. Take a picture with Santa. Meet merry Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, the Trumpeters and the elves. Our own Monte the Lion will entertain you and give every child a souvenir Monte stuffed animal. Also each Summer the Hotel celebrates Monte the Lion’s Birthday Party with cupcakes, games and a birthday cake of course!

And now, Monte the Lion...



*M*onte is a lion
That's very rarely seen
To catch a glimpse of him
Your eyes must be very keen





*I*t's really hard to see him
He's mostly out of sight
He sleeps all during the day
Then plays tricks all through the night





He sneaks through the hallways
Of the Monteleone Hotel
A favorite place to hide
Is in the bar with the carousel





Monte creeps through the kitchen
And slips into the nooks
Monte finds enjoyment
By hiding things from cooks





*T*he maids are no exception
He hops into their cart
And when they are not looking
He takes the beds apart





*F*or this little prankster
No night is quite complete
Until he surprises the bride and groom
In the Honeymoon Suite





*M*onte is a sly one
Of this you must agree
Is he here? Is he there?
Is that him drinking tea?





*I*n the lobby listen
For the tick and for the tock
Hey could that be Monte
Behind the grandfather clock?





*M*onte loves his tricks
But to him what's most divine
Is to watch over New Orleans
By the Monteleone sign





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