

ICOB Proclinations

Reign 3

The College of Monarchs and the Board of Directors shall be the Candidate Review Committee.

Reign 4

The Reigning Monarchs must attend at least 1 US Coronation during their Reign

Reign 5

Dowager Monarch requirements. Fifth Year Anniversary Walks)

Kevin Musior, Emperor 5

Reign 7

The Imperial Court of San Diego shall be known as a **Sister Court** of the Imperial Court of Buffalo

The procedure and timetable for transmitting funds to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Community Services Foundation, Inc., d.b.a. the Imperial Court of Buffalo, raised under the auspices of the Imperial Court of Buffalo shall be as follows:

- Funds raised by a show fee, door charge, raffles, split clubs or other means or events shall be transmitted directly to the Treasurer when he or she is in attendance.
- When the Treasurer of the Board is not in attendance then the funds shall be transmitted to the Treasurer within three (3) business days following the activity. If the Treasurer has not heard from the event producer within the three (3) business day time frame, then they shall contact such person.
- A full financial disclosure shall accompany the funds if there were any expenses associated with the event; receipts are mandatory for all expenses.
- The Treasury shall not be used to funnel funds through from other non-ICOB events to another organization or persons
- Monies raised at an event shall not be given to any person or organization as a "donation" prior to the end of the reign, unless it shall have been approved by the Board of Directors prior to the event and the membership notified at a General Membership Meeting.
- Each reign shall begin with \$1,000 left from the previous Reign and shall leave \$1,000 for the next reign. Additionally, by action of the Board of Directors in September 2004 each reign, beginning with Reign 14, shall transfer \$1,000 to an ICOB "reserve account", currently a money market savings account; said funds shall be transferred before making distributions to charitable organizations.

Reign 8

The Imperial Court of Rhode Island at Providence shall be known as a **Sister Court** of the Imperial Court of Buffalo

-Viva Las Vegas Empress 8

Reign 9

The Imperial Court of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada shall be known as a **Sister Court** of the Imperial Court of Buffalo

-Gladys Over Empress 9

(Reinstate All Past Monarchs to the College of Monarchs)

Reign 10

ICP(s) who shall have successfully completed their reign and stepped down shall retain the title: Imperial Crown Prince or Imperial Crown Princess to Reign & until such time as he or she:

- Receives a Life Title from an ICOB Monarch; or
- Seeks and becomes an elected Monarch of the ICOB; or
- Resigns the title of Imperial Crown Prince or Imperial Crown Princess
- Past ICP's who resign from a Monarch position shall have their ICP title

The Emperor's Sword is now officially part of the Imperial Regalia

Reign 11

Reigning Monarchs shall appear in appropriate Court Attire in a minimum of **two (2)** different establishments or organizations each month within the realm during reign

Reigning Monarchs shall provide a written report to the general membership that shall include the activities and appearances in which the Monarchs have participated.

This report shall be presented in a professional format and included as the Report of the Monarchs as an addendum to the official minutes of the General Membership Meeting

Reign 12

Every reign shall make a minimum donation of \$500 to AIDS Alliance (food bank) during the month of December.

Should AIDS Alliance cease operations, then the donation shall be made to the food bank of another local AIDS organization

-Paul Toy Smith Emperor 12

Reign 13

Each year, the Reigning Monarchs of Buffalo shall have the option of bestowing Knighthoods upon two (2) individuals. Said individuals shall be of some "Celebrity Status," who are not members of the Imperial Court of Buffalo. The official Knighthood Ceremony shall take place at the Coronation Ball that year.

The Reigning Monarchs shall have the option of presenting a crown pin, which the monarchs shall purchase, during the Knighting Ceremony.

- Vince Ricci, Emperor 13

Each year, the reign shall make a \$1,000 donation to AIDS Family Services to be earmarked for the "Imperial Court of Buffalo Fund," or its successor.

This fund shall provide counseling for gay men and their families that are infected and/or effected by HIV/AIDS.

- Malibu Breeze, Empress 13

Reign 15

Five Year Walk: An anniversary walk shall be given to the fifth (5) year anniversary of a Monarch's Reign. The Anniversary walk shall grant the Anniversary Monarch a walk up to the said and back down at Coronation, there shall be NO performance

Monarch Candidates shall be expected to give first priority to the ICOB, regardless of any other position held in any other organization(s). Any member seeking the office of Monarch that also holds a current pageant or bar title, shall be allowed to run for election and if elected shall be able to keep said previously conferred title, provided the only obligation for the previously conferred title shall be the step-down for said title

-Kerin Cadelle, Empress 15

Reign 16

Persons chosen as the ½ Monarchs of Buffalo are the choice of the elected Monarchs and shall agree to actively participate in two (2) fundraising events for the reign; one of the fundraisers should be in the kingdom (ICOB). If the requirement is not met, the ½ Monarch Final Walk shall occur at the Out of Town Show rather than at the Coronation Ball

The final responsibility of the Dowager Monarch(s) shall be to chair the Hospitality Suite during their Dowager year. The ICOB Board of Directors shall exercise oversight of this responsibility

Reign 17

Establishing the Order of St Thomas the Doubter

Members of the 'Order' shall be designated by Emperor 17, Thom Branscum. The number of members of the 'Order' shall not exceed 18. Replacement of members to the 'Order' shall only be made upon the resignation or death of a member. The 'Order' shall be charged with fun & fundraising to provide financial assistance to worthy youth to attend educational or related events that promote the gay, lesbian, and transgender community. Funds shall be maintained in the general funds of the ICOB, accounted for as 'restricted', and shall not be disbursed to the 'designated charities' of the reigning monarchs. Funds shall be disbursed upon the majority vote of the members of the 'Order' residing within the realm, written notification from Thom Branscum, or his designee, and in accordance with the scholarship charge.

Members of the 'Order' shall walk in Buffalo's Coronation with the 'Order' acknowledged in their protocol; i.e.: Emperor # of the Imperial Court of Buffalo, (name), Order of St. Thomas.

-Thomas Branscum Carrington Sugarbaker, Emperor 17

Reign 18

The ICOB Secretary, or Member at Large, shall maintain & administer a 'New Member Packet' that shall be presented to each new member & shall include:

- A 'Welcome Letter' which includes a link to the P&P Manual.
- A synopsis & summary of the ICOB history.
- A synopsis of the history of the ICS.
- A listing that shall include the current Royal Family & a current 'Membership' list.
- A name badge approved by the Board of Directors.

-Vanity Vouge, Empress 18

A Reigning Imperial Crown Prince or Princess, upon completion of a fundraiser that nets at least one thousand dollars, shall be excused, if they so desire, from one (1) out of town Coronation. If the event is co-produced (with any other person), the amount shall be one thousand dollars per producer. The exemption shall not apply to the Annual Boat Ride unless a second boat ride is produced by an ICP and shall be limited to one (1) Coronation exemption.

-Chris Hempel, Emperor 18

Reign 19

Upon election of the Emperor and/or Empress, the newly crowned Monarchs, shall each be allowed to appoint, at Victory Brunch, an Heir Apparent. Said Heir Apparent shall then reign as the Regent Monarch (All P&Ps regarding Regents shall be applied), in the event that one of the Reigning monarchs becomes deceased, abdicates or is removed from office.

The appointment shall be bestowed only on a past monarch who must be a paid member in good standing of the Imperial Court of Buffalo and the College of Monarchs (COM). Prior to the announcement, the COM shall meet with the Reigning Monarch(s) to approve the selected heir(s).

Any monarch who has bestowed a lifetime title, may add official regalia to that title each year at Victory Brunch

Reign 20

As long as the Imperial Court of Buffalo's Big Gay Boat Ride falls on Pride Weekend, the Dowager Monarchs will be in charge of the first Boat Ride of the year. If for any reason the dates are changed, then the Dowager Monarchs will take over the second Boat Ride. In either case the Dowager Monarchs will not be responsible for the Dry Dock Party, they may choose to take this on as well, but shall not be required to do so. The Dowagers shall also be responsible for finding a DJ and fundraising on the boat (that they're in charge of)

Each year the Reigning Monarch(s) shall make a minimum donation of \$500 to Life Changes of AIDS Community Services of WNY to be earmarked as a donation from the Imperial Court of Buffalo. Life Changes strives to bring young adults within the LGBT community, between the ages of 13 to 29 together to educate, inform, share information, and promote health life choices in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

This donation shall be made at the end of the Reigning Monarch(s) year during the disbursements of funds that are given out to the designated charities of that reign.

Reign 21

The Prince and Princess Royale position shall now become the Imperial Prince and Princess Royale. Each title holder shall be responsible for producing one (1) fundraising event as well as assisting the Dowager Monarchs in the production of the first Boat Ride (should that occur). They may be permitted to wear a coronet (Prince) or tiara (Princess) no higher than the ICP State Coronet/Tiara and assist the ICPs throughout the year. There shall be no out of town travel requirement. Upon successful completion, they shall be given a special performance at the In-Town Show as thanks for their service in this position. This is looked upon as a grooming tool to assist future ICPs and Monarchs to learn the position that they may aspire to in the future.

Annually, upon the approval of a Monarch candidate(s), the College of Monarchs, via the College Co-Chairs, shall purchase sashes, inscribed with ICOB, that shall be worn by the newly elected Monarchs at public appearances such as parades and other large public events. These sashes will be considered regalia and the responsibility of the monarchs to maintain in pristine condition

Reign 22

The Imperial Family shall now include the Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale from the time they are announced at Victory Brunch. The Imperial Prince Royale shall be allowed to wear a shoulder crown on the right shoulder or a coronet, and the Imperial Princess Royale a tiara

The Imperial Court of Buffalo's College Co-Chairs shall maintain a current list of designated donations from Monarch Proclamations and provide the Reigning Monarchs with the designees and amounts they will be paid at the time of disbursement.

Reign 23

To honor the memory of Friends and Loved Ones who have passed on, especially those who we have lost to AIDS and HIV; each year at the Imperial Court of Buffalo Coronation Ball, a Memorial Table shall be present to recognize those amazing people who are no longer with us. It shall consist of a table, draped with a white tablecloth, one chair, one table setting, a single rose in a vase and a plaque engraved with the message, "In Memory of Those We Have Lost."

-Michael "Yetti" King Emperor 23

The Minister of Protocol shall provide to the newly crowned Monarchs, in a timely fashion, a record of titles bestowed to the membership by the previous reign. This will serve as guidance in the bestowing of titles for the new reign. If warranted, current court members shall have titles elevated accordingly. The titles of Prince and Princess, as well as those of higher elevation, shall be reserved for those who have been members of the Imperial Court of Buffalo for a minimum of one year or more.

-Carolyn Kimbrough-Jeter Empress 23

Reign 24

Each year there shall be an Imperial Crown Prince and Imperial Crown Princess Ball, known as "The ICP Ball."

It shall be an annual event held no sooner than six month after Coronation and no later than nine months after Coronation. It will be considered a State Event and formal attire shall be required of all members in attendance. The hosts for the ICP Ball shall be the reigning Imperial Crown Prince and Imperial Crown Princess. If there are no reigning ICPs, then the Reigning Monarchs shall appoint the hosts for the event. This event shall count as one-half of one event, of the three required fundraising events for each of the ICPs. The ICP Ball will be planned and executed by a committee consisting of all current Prince and Princess title-holders of the membership, with the reigning ICPs as Co-Chairs of the committee.

-Eli Heart Capone, Emperor 24

Reign 25

Each year, the Monarchs shall contact prospective charities and arrange a meeting to discuss how those charities would be involved in the charitable fundraising activities that would raise those funds. This meeting shall occur as soon as possible following the selection of the Monarchs, within 6 weeks of the Monarch selection. The meeting shall include: the Reigning Monarchs, the President of the Board of Directors, or their representative, and a representative of the College of Monarchs. The selection of charities should be based on the need and involvement of those charities.

The purpose of this is to select charities that are actively involved and interested in the activities of the Imperial Court of Buffalo in order to maximize our fundraising efforts.

-Thomas Branscum Carrington Sugarbaker, Emperor 25

Each year the Reigning Monarch(s) shall produce a "Back To School" fundraiser as a school supplies drive that shall benefit area youth and/or their families. It is suggested the fundraiser take place early on during the back to school period. Donations, either monetary or "in kind", should be distributed as soon as possible after the completion of the fundraiser so that they are received at the star

-Jamie Cadell Coxx Empress 25

Reign 26

The purpose of this proclamation is to establish a Foundation, which shall serve to fund the Imperial Court of Buffalo Scholarship program for LGBTQ youth.

Funds from Reign 26 shall be set aside to begin the foundation and subsequent Reigns shall donate a minimum of \$500.00 to the foundation. The goal is for the foundation to grow to a point at which it will be able to provide a yearly Scholarship of at Least \$1,000.00 to at LEAST ONE deserving LGBTQ youth residing within the Realm of the ICOB.

It is understood that the establishment of this Foundation will be an ongoing process. The Monarchs of Reign 26 along with the President of the Board of Directors and the College Co-Chairs shall serve as the initial members of the committee to oversee the establishment of the Foundation and the methods by which it shall be administered

-Thomas Branscum Carrington Sugarbaker, Emperor 26

Each year the Reign, under the guidance of Their Majesties or Their designees, shall organize a cleanup of Life Memorial park or other park that is designed to be a remembrance for those who have gone before us.

The cleanup shall be arranged in accordance with the body that oversees the park (for example, Life Memorial is overseen by Evergreen Health Services of WNY).

The funds to help with the cleanup may come from any source deemed appropriate by the Reign that year (the Reign Fund, Board of Director's fund, College Fund, individual donations, a Fundraiser, etc. as approved by those that oversee those funds).

-CoCo LaTique Empress 26

Reign 27

GLYS (Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of WNY) or should it cease to exist another LGBTQ Youth organization shall be a permanently designated charity of each Reign.</p>

-Anita Mandalay, Empress 27

Each year, the Reigning Monarchs or their designee will produce a women's event honoring the Women of the ICS.

-Rex Heart, Emperor 27

Reign 28

Each year, the Reign should produce the Spaghetti dinner, the ICP Ball and the 2 helping Spaghetti Dinner, all the proceeds shall benefit ONE of the designated charities of that reign. That assigned charity will help with producing, supporting and sponsoring in any way to make that event successful.

-Connie B Holmgren James Concepcion, Empress 28

Reign 29

It is hereby decreed that, the Imperial Court of Buffalo, in continuing to make efforts to be all inclusive, shall henceforth make a good faith effort to adhere to the varying changes in protocol necessary to accommodate the Pup and Kitten communities when assigning Titles and Court Walks.

-Marty Crawford, Emperor 29

Reign 30

Seneca Street United Methodist Church shall be a permanent charity of the Imperial Court of Buffalo

-Pup PJ Wolf D'Ville, Empress 30

(Creation of a Junior Court Member)

-David C.M Militello, Emperor 30

Reign 33

As a gesture of goodwill, friendship, love and support to help the Reigning Monarchs with their travel requirements, a Public Relations Fund would be created with the funds raised at the victory party. The funds would be designated to only reimburse a Monarch for weekend package/coronation tickets after they have successfully attended that coronation. The monarch would submit for a reimbursement and they would be given from the Public Relations Fund. The Public Relations Fund would be accounted through the College of Monarchs account as an operational expense. The funds will not be used for hotel or travel, but only ticket cost to show support for the other realms. If, at the end the current reign, funds have not been exhausted, the remaining funds will be added to the Reigns funds to be given out at Disbursement to the reign charities.

-Jason Aspire Vogue, Emprex 33

The Imperial Court of Buffalo's Policies and Procedures, known as the Protocol Manual, shall be reviewed by a committee every 5 years. This committee shall be formed by 2 board members, 2 members of the College, and 2 Members of the General Membership. The committee members shall be selected by a simple majority vote at the direction of the Board President, who will convene the committee and run the meetings. This will ensure that the Policies and Procedures are kept current.

-Bolt Phoenix Pond, Emprex 33