

**THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN GEM COURT OF IDAHO**

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# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN GEM COURT

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## ARTICLE I - BY-LAWS

- 1.1 The Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall serve as the By-Laws of the Corporation. Unless specifically stated within this Constitution, no power, duty, authority or responsibility for the members of the Court, Board of Directors, Court Officers or Monarchs is implied nor given. This Constitution replaces any prior Constitution, By-Laws or Standard Operating Procedures of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court.
- 1.2 The documents titled as The Articles of Incorporation and The Constitution of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be used for obtaining IRS 501c3 status and for the purpose of Incorporation with the State of Idaho. The Constitution of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court will not be replaced by these documents by any means, words, and phrases either now or at any time.

## ARTICLE II - NAME, SYMBOLS AND COLORS

- 2.1 The name of this organization shall be The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, aka The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc. and aka The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, hereinafter called The Court.
- 2.2 The symbol of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be the crowned gem.
- 2.3 The colors of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be gold and white.

## ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND MISSION

- 3.1 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall provide a social and charitable organization for its members and for charitable organizations as determined by its membership. It shall not be a party to candidates for political office or any partisan political organization; which does not include human rights issues. It shall fulfill its purpose in the spirit of fun and unity.

## ARTICLE IV - COURT MEMBERSHIP

### General rules

- 4.1 Membership in The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be open to all persons without regard to race, creed, sex, religion, sexual orientation or handicap. In order to observe any Court meeting, you must be recognized by the Reigning Heads of State or the Secretary.
- 4.2 Membership shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 4.3 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall not limit the number of members of the Court body.
- 4.4 Membership and titles in and of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court are non-transferable.
- 4.5 All past ISGCI Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. Notwithstanding this stated provision, any member of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court who shall become a member of another court, accept elected or appointed position within said court or be elected, as an Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princess (or equivalent rank) in said court shall forfeit his/her membership within the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court. This provision shall not include honorary titles, emeritus titles or ambassadorships granted by other courts to members of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court. (See also Section 4.7) All previous ISGCI Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses shall be allowed to participate in the Coronation Crowning Ceremony, even if said persons are members of another recognized Court.
- 4.6 Only members “in good standing” shall be entitled to vote at meetings. No member may vote by proxy at any meeting of the general membership. Each member shall have one (1) vote at all meetings at which voting shall take place. The term “in good standing” shall mean that the member of the General Court shall not miss three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid excuse (work, Court related activity, illness or other extending circumstances as approved by the Board of Directors), given to the Board Secretary for entry into the monthly minutes. To become a member “in good standing” again requires that the person attend two (2) consecutive meetings, and at the beginning of the second meeting he/she will be considered again a member “in good standing”. The term “in good standing” shall not mean that a member need only attend two (2) meetings within a six-month period prior to the meeting of the Screening Committee to be eligible to run for any of the elected positions, but rather must be “in good standing” at the beginning of the annual period and must stay “in good standing” to be eligible.

- 4.7 **[PROCLAMATION 38.1 Other than resignation, revocation of membership, moving out of state, or subsequently becoming a member of another court, accept elected or appointed position within said court or be elected, as an Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princess (or equivalent rank) in said court, all past Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. All past Emperors and all past Empresses who complete their reign in good standing shall be automatic members of the College of Monarchs. There shall be no minimum of meetings attended as a requirement for voting privileges within the College of Monarchs.]**

#### **Honorary Members with their Protocol**

- 4.8 Honorary membership may be held by individuals residing in or out of the State of Idaho. The reigning Emperor and Empress together shall have the authority to bestow honorary memberships. Granting such memberships does not convey any privilege or status of regular Court membership other than listed herein this Section.
1. No State Crown, Tiara or Medallion shall be provided.
  2. Crowns, Tiaras or Medallions may be worn if they meet the criteria as set forth elsewhere in this Constitution, and if specified only by the Emperor and Empress who granted the title.
  3. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus, For Life, or/and half title shall be a non-voting member of the College of Monarchs. The title of Emeritus shall only be given to a past or current Emperor or Empress. Emperor Emeritus and Empress Emeritus and ½ titles shall be allowed to vote for the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
  4. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus, For Life, or/and half title shall walk immediately before the Elected Crown Prince and Elected Crown Princess in any ISGCI Court walk.
  5. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus, For Life, or/and half title shall be a part of the Crowning Ceremony at all ISGCI Coronations.
  6. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus, For Life, or/and half title shall not be allowed to grant to any other person any title within the ISGCI.
  7. The granting of the title of “Citizen of the Court for Life” is to be to a non-member of the Court. That person may be a resident from Idaho, from another state or from another Court. “Citizen of the Court for Life” shall be allowed to walk as a part of any I.S.G.C.B.I. Court Walk, whether at any I.S.G.C.B.I. function or at any Out of State Coronation. “Citizen of the Court for Life” shall not be allowed to participate in the Coronation Ceremony of the I.S.G.C.B.I. Citizens of the Court for Life shall be allowed to vote for the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and other officers as authorized by the Board of Directors.
  8. Voting shall be as set forth in Section 18.33 of this Constitution.

#### **New Members**

- 4.9 New members may be admitted to The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court upon attendance of two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the membership prior to submitting an oral and/or written membership application, with said application having approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership. Applications shall be considered at the beginning of each regular meeting of the membership. While voting is taking place, the potential member shall leave the room. The potential member shall be notified in writing of the decision within seven (7) days of the meeting, or the new members may be notified at the regular meeting whereat their membership application has been voted.

#### **Resignation, Termination and Leave of Absences**

- 4.10 Any member may resign at any time by hand delivering, mailing or e-mailing to a member of the Board of Directors a written notice of resignation, effective upon receipt by said Board member. Any resignation shall be in a formal letter that includes the date, name to whom it is addressed, the reason for the resignation, and the person’s signature. Resignations by announcement in social media or other electronic written format shall be considered as a valid resignation. The letter of resignation shall be placed within the Secretary’s Binder upon acceptance. Under no circumstance shall a verbal resignation be accepted.
- 4.11 Members of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court who do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid excuse (work, Court related activity, illness or other extending circumstances as approved by the Board of Directors), given to the Emperor or Empress and to the Board Secretary for listing in the monthly minutes, shall forfeit their active membership. A member is reinstated as an active member at the completion of attendance at two (2) consecutive General Court meetings. Members are considered as members of the court for life unless by resignation, suspension, or revocation.
- 4.12 A member of the Court, in good standing, upon receipt of notification in writing, shall be allowed to take a leave of absence for the current Reign, upon approval of the general court. Members on a leave of absence shall not be considered in good standing.

## Discipline

- 4.13 Discipline by the General Court is as described herein this Constitution shall be found under the Board of Directors, Discipline section.

## ARTICLE V - COURT OFFICERS

- 5.1 Officers of the Court other than the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, shall include both elected and appointed officers. All Court officers shall be subject to the pertinent provisions stated herein. All Court officers shall be elected or appointed at the first regular meeting of the membership immediately following the annual Coronation. Should any Court Officer not fulfill any of his/her duties, they shall automatically be considered in default of their duties, with suspension procedures to begin immediately. All Court officers, at the first meeting immediately following the annual Coronation, must turn in all records, supplies and equipment over to their respective successors. All Court Officers who resign or are expelled shall return all Court property, supplies and equipment to the Board of Directors at the first regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors after said resignation or expulsion.
- 5.2 Board of Directors shall be elected as outlined in Article X of this Constitution.
- 5.3 The Treasurer of the Court shall also be known as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors. The duties of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors are specified in Article X of this Constitution.
- 5.4 The Secretary of the Court shall also be the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The duties of the Secretary of the Court shall be:
- a) To maintain in good, legible order all minutes of the Court, which shall be stored with the Financial Records of the Court,
  - b) To present all correspondence to the Court and answer the same, unless otherwise directed by the President,
  - c) To maintain an accurate record of members and provide said record to the Board of Directors quarterly,
  - d) To post or send a notice of regular and special meetings to the membership of the Court in good standing or designate another person for this responsibility,
  - e) To maintain a mailing list of other affiliated clubs, organizations and individuals in and out of town,
  - f) To conduct the roll call at the start of each Court meeting, with all attendance records to be included in the minutes; said roll call can be either verbal, in writing or silent. It is the responsibility of each member to verify their attendance is justly recorded in the monthly minutes, and
  - g) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
- 5.5 Keeper of the Crown Jewels shall be appointed by the Emperor and Empress to serve as the guardian of the Court property other than the lights and props. The duties of the Lord/Lady Steward shall be:
- a) To manage the inventory and upkeep of all Court equipment and supplies,
  - b) To place in safe keeping and maintaining the Crown Jewels, sword, scepter, orb, and flags and make them available for Court functions, and
  - c) To ensure the return of the Crown Jewels at the first regular meeting of the Court following the annual Coronation.
- 5.6 Keeper of the Lights and Props shall be appointed by the Emperor and Empress. The duties of the Keeper of the Lights and Props shall be:
- a) To assist with props and lights at all Court functions except Coronation,
  - b) To act as advisor for such functions when possible,
  - c) To be responsible for securing people to run the spot light(s) at Court functions, and
  - d) Shall be responsible to ensure that no person or persons running the spot lights has taken alcoholic beverages immediately prior to or during the Court function.
  - e) The Monarchs and the Keeper of the Lights and Props shall return all Court Property at the end of the function.
- 5.7 Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the Emperor and Empress. The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be:
- a) To keep order at all regular and special Court meetings,
  - b) To distribute, collect and count ballots at regular and special Court meetings, and herein this Constitution.
- 5.8 The Constitutional Adviser/Lord or Lady Constable shall be appointed by the reigning Emperor and Empress to serve as Parliamentarian to the Court. The duties of the Constitutional Adviser shall be:
- a) To provide parliamentarian advice at regular and special meetings when requested by the reigning Heads of State,
  - b) To ensure that fidelity to the Constitution and Proclamations of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" is maintained at all regular and special meetings of the Court,
  - c) To maintain in good order and revise when necessary the Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court,
  - d) To be an ex-officio member of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, and

e) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.

5.9 The Minister of Protocol shall be appointed by the reigning Emperor and Empress to serve as final arbitrator on all matters of protocol. The duties of the Minister of Protocol shall be:

- a) To keep a record of all honorary, appointed and elected titles during the reign of the Heads of State he/she serves, and preparing from such lists, the Court walks and during Coronation, the Crowning Ceremony walk,
- b) To prepare and collect protocol cards and protocol lists for all Court functions,
- c) To serve as Master of Ceremonies when designated by the reigning Heads of State,
- d) To determine protocol questions,
- e) To recommend changes in protocol policy,
- f) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution, and
- g) Except for the Jimmy Moore-Jerry Swett Administrators who shall each prepare their own posters / advertisements for their events, the Reigning Emperor and Empress shall designate a person or persons to do individual posters/advertisements for their various events.

5.10 The Lord/Lady Historian shall be appointed by the reigning Emperor and Empress to serve as documentarian of Court History. The duties of the Lord/Lady Historian shall be:

- a) To be the principle photographer of the Court,
- b) To prepare and collect I.S.G.C. memorabilia and arrange it in a manner for permanent record, and
- c) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
- d) The Lord/Lady Historian shall sign an agreement stating that all pictures taken at ISGC-functions are property of the ISGC and that if the Historian is removed or resigns from their position that all pictures, cd's, and files must be rendered to the President of the Board of Directors or Reigning Monarchs at the time of resignation or removal from the position.

#### 5.11 **ISGC Member of the International Court Council**

1. The regular term of office for the Member of the International Court Council will be one (1) year.
2. One member to the International Court Council-can be elected.
3. The position of the Member of the International Court Council is open to all members of the College of Monarchs of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court considered "in good standing," with a 1-year minimum involvement in the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court. The Member must maintain their membership in the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court in good standing while serving in this position. The Member may also be a member of another LGBT Organization with the approval of the Board of Directors.
4. The position shall be elected by the College of Monarchs of the Imperial Sovereign Gem. The regular election shall take place prior to the November meeting of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court on each year, with the actual term of office beginning on January 1 of the next year. All potential members of the International Court Council shall be approved and installed according to the current by-laws of the International Court Council. Vacancies in the position shall be filled as they may arise, with the term of office to expire at the end of the term of the original elected Member of the International Court Council.
5. The College of Monarchs will oversee the election and any subsequent vacancy which may arise in that position.
6. Further qualifications is that each member elected must want to work for the betterment of the organization, can fairly and honestly represent the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and is willing to give the time needed, whether in committee or by travel.
7. The Member of the International Court Council is subject to the any disciplinary act as enumerated in Article X of this Constitution, and as enumerated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Courts Council.

## **ARTICLE VI - COURT AUTHORITY**

### **Financial**

6.1 The general membership of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be the sole authorized financial body acting for the Court.

6.2 All bills for Court expenses shall be:

- a) Presented to the Court Treasurer,
- b) Approved for payment by majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court, and
- c) Authorized in writing for payment (Court minutes shall suffice).

6.3 All Court expenses shall require approval of a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court.

- 6.4 Emergency expenditures of the Court may be approved by two (2) Board of Director members and one (1) reigning Monarch but must be brought before the General Court membership at the next regular Court meeting. Non-approval by the Court of the expenditure shall result in the expenditures being paid by those Board of Director members who approved of the emergency expenditure.
- 6.5 The reigning Heads of State may never authorize expenditures by declaration or Proclamation that does not carry the approval and authorization of the Court.
- 6.6 The General Court shall approve of all use of Court property prior to the usage and shall determine the rental amount for that Court property.
- 6.7 A Board of Director decision may be overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Court membership in good standing present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court.

#### **Discipline**

- 6.8 Discipline by the General Court is as described herein this Constitution under the Board of Directors, Discipline.

## **ARTICLE VII - COURT MEETINGS**

### **Time and Place**

- 7.1 Meetings of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be held on the first Monday of each month, with members to be notified in writing a minimum of one (1) week in advance of said meeting. Notice may be given at the preceding meeting or by notice in the local bars and/or organizations. A second Court meeting shall be held in the month preceding the annual Coronation at the call of the reigning Emperor and/or Empress to deal with Coronation issues and other agenda items at the discretion of the reigning Emperor and Empress.
- 7.2 In the event a national holiday occurs on the first Monday, the meeting shall be determined by the Emperor and Empress and is to be held within the first two (2) weeks of the month.  
**[PROCLAMATION 39.6 The safety of our members and guests is paramount to our Court. Whenever the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Mayor of Boise, the Mayor of Nampa, or the Mayor of Caldwell declares an emergency due to weather conditions, the following will apply:  
The reigning Emperor and Empress, along with the President of the Board of Directors, shall have the power to postpone the Court and Board of Directors monthly meeting for up to two (2) weeks. Notice of this postponement shall be given by social media and/or phone, including notice to the management of the location for the meeting.  
The reigning Emperor and Empress, along with the host(s) of a Court sponsored show or event, shall have the power to postpone that show or event. Re-scheduling of that event shall be at the earliest available day. Notice of this postponement shall be given by social media and/or phone, including notice to the management of the location of the show or event.]**
- 7.3 Special meetings may be called at any time by the reigning Emperor and Empress or upon two-thirds (2/3) or more of the voting members. Notice of all special meetings shall be given forty-eight (48) hours in advance, in writing, or by electronic communication, stating the time, place and general purpose thereof.
- 7.4 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall select the time of day and the place of their meeting, keeping them in Boise, during their reign.
- 7.5 The Court year shall commence at the first regular meeting of the membership following the annual Coronation. The Court year shall determine the length of the reigns of the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Court officials.

### **Quorum**

- 7.6 A Quorum shall consist of 10% of the membership of the Court in good standing present, including at least two (2) members of the Board of Directors.

### **Monarchs**

- 7.7 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess will each attend all meetings of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and the Board of Directors, unless excused.
- 7.8 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall co-chair the Court meetings. The reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall conduct the Court meeting in the event that the reigning Empress and Emperor are both absent from the Court meeting.

## **Voting and decorum**

- 7.9 Only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at meetings. No member may vote by proxy at any meeting of the general membership. Each member shall have one (1) vote at all meetings at which voting shall take place. Important votes, including voting for officers, administrators, financial decisions, disciplinary decisions, or amendments and Proclamations shall be by written ballot.
- 7.10 A record of actions taken at each meeting of the Court shall be kept in the form of minutes. Written copies of previous minutes of each Court meeting shall be provided to members upon written request in advance to the elected Secretary of the Court. Otherwise, minutes from the preceding meeting shall be read and approved at the following meeting. A copy of the Court minutes shall be archived with the Financial Report.
- 7.11 A record of actions taken at each meeting of the Court shall be kept in the form of written minutes. Written copies of previous minutes of each Court meeting shall be provided to members upon written request, in advance, to the elected Secretary of the Court. Otherwise, minutes from the preceding meeting shall be read by the membership and approved at the following meeting. A copy of the Court minutes shall be archived with the Financial Report in the Secretary's Reign Binder.
- 7.12 Each meeting of the Court shall be conducted according to "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised".
- 7.13 All persons who wish to speak at a Court meeting who are not Court members must ask to be placed on the Court meeting agenda at the discretion of the Emperor and Empress.

## **ARTICLE VIII –REIGN ADMINISTRATION**

### **Titleholders of the Reign**

- 8.1 Monarchs are herein defined as the Emperors and the Empresses of the College of Monarchs. The Heads of State of The Court are the reigning Emperor and Empress.
- 8.2 The Royal Family shall consist of the reigning Emperor, the Empress, the reigning Crown Prince, the reigning Crown Princess, and others as dubbed at Investitures. The remaining Court titleholders who shall make up the Court Reign may also include the Ambassadors, the Duke and the Duchess, the Prince Royale, the Princess Royale, the King Father to the Reign, the Queen Mother to the Reign, the reigning Mr. and Miss Gay Gem State, as well as the reigning Closet Ball King and Queen, as appropriate during the Reign.

### **College of Monarchs**

- 8.3 The College of Monarchs shall consist of all previous Emperors and Empresses of the ISGCI, who shall be voting members of the College of Monarchs, and the non-voting half-Emperors, half-Empresses, Emeritus Emperors and Emeritus Empresses. The College of Monarchs shall meet on a quarterly basis at a time and place as they so determine to discuss any issue brought forth to the College. The meeting shall be chaired by the Dean of the College of Monarchs who shall be elected from the members of the College of Monarchs. This meeting shall be a closed meeting.
- 8.4 **[PROCLAMATION 15.4: A College of Monarchs Committee will be organized by volunteer and/or election. This Committee will consist of one each: past Emperor, past Empress, past Crown Prince and past Crown Princess. They will be an advisory group to the Royal Family to assist in Court affairs and will meet one (1) week prior to the monthly meetings as needed.]**

### **College of Princes and Princesses**

- 8.5 The College of Princes and Princesses shall consist of all previous Crown Princes and Crown Princesses of the ISGCI.
- 8.6 **[PROCLAMATION 15.4: A College of Monarchs Committee will be organized by volunteer and/or election. This Committee will consist of one each: past Emperor, past Empress, past Crown Prince and past Crown Princess. They will be an advisory group to the Royal Family to assist in Court affairs and will meet one (1) week prior to the monthly meetings as needed.]**

### **Reigns**

- 8.7 Each Reign will be known as "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Gem".
- 8.8 **[PROCLAMATION 15.1: This day, February 1, 1993, that beginning with the first reign and including all succeeding reigns, that the numeric designation shall be dropped, and only the formal name (of the Gem) shall denote their reign. Title Numbers (I, II, III, XV, etc.) sequence will continue as established.]**

## Protocol

- 8.9 Each Reign will establish their order of protocol for that Reign.
- 8.10 At an out of state Prince and Princess Ball, the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall walk last in the Court entrance.
- 8.11 **[PROCLAMATION 37.1: Let it be known from this day forth (October 6, 2014), the current state crowns must be worn by the reigning Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Prince and Princess) to all out of state coronations and/or functions when appropriate.]**

## Monarch Coronation Gifts

- 8.12 Each Emperor and Empress who successfully steps down shall receive either a state ring or funds to purchase a Crown. The metal content and design of the ring shall be consistent and standard to all reigns and may not exceed \$250.00, or they shall receive \$250.00 toward the purchase of a crown of that Monarch's choosing. Prior Monarchs who have received a Crown, Tiara, or Shoulder Crown shall have the opportunity to purchase a state ring at their own expense. In addition to the above-mentioned ring, an etched Glass Goblet or Vase bearing the name and title of the individual will be given to the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court as a step-down gift.
- 8.13 The standard step-down gift from The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court to out of state Emperors and Empresses at their stepping down shall be as set forth by the current reigning Royal Family, not to exceed \$40.00 per gift, plus applicable tax.

## Titles

- 8.14 **[Proclamation 18.1: All Emperors and Empresses, including past Emperors and Empresses, of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, of Idaho shall, upon successful completion of their reigns, be awarded the honorary appellation of *Gem* Emperor or *Gem* Empress. The title of *Gem* Emperor or *Gem* Empress shall be conferred upon an Emperor and Empress when they step-down to signify that they have successfully fulfilled the requirements of their reign. Monarchs in reign may not use the appellation "Gem" unless they reigned previously and were awarded the title for that reign. The use of these honorary titles in protocol shall be at the sole discretion of the monarchs upon whom they were conferred.]**
- 8.15 **[Proclamation 24.1: All Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses, [*Regent Crown Princes and Regent Crown Princesses*], including all past Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses, [*Regent Crown Princes and Regent Crown Princesses*], of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall, upon successful completion of their reigns at their step-down coronation, be granted full titles and be known by the appellation of Emperor or Empress, [*Crown Prince or Crown Princess*]. Their step-down Coronation programs may have their full titles listed. In addition, as set forth in Proclamation 18.1, the title of *Gem* Emperor or *Gem* Empress shall be conferred upon an Emperor and Empress when they step-down to signify that they have successfully fulfilled the requirements of their reign.]**
- 8.16 **[PROCLAMATION 29.8: Hospitality and the fundraising event as outlined in Section 17.1 of the Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court are mandated events for the prior Reign. Should an Emperor or Empress of the prior reign not actively participate in the planning and implementation of Hospitality or not hold a fundraising event as outlined in Section 17.1 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Constitution, that Emperor or Empress shall not maintain the honorific title of "Gem Emperor" or "Gem Empress" for that prior reign, but shall hold only the title of Emperor or Empress for that prior reign.]**
- 8.17 **[PROCLAMATION 8.1: Beginning with the next reign, all Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess) will hold the same number in their title. If for some reason the title is vacated, the person stepping up will continue with the same number so that all of the Monarchs will have the same title number for that reign.]**
- 8.18 The Titles of Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, and titles as given by Proclamation are deemed as the only permanent titles within the ISGCI, unless the title is either resigned or revoked.
- 8.19 The Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall not be required to pay any entrance fee or donation at any Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho event, including Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Coronation events.



- 8.20 The King Father to the Reign and the Queen Mother to the Reign shall both be chosen from a member of the College of Monarchs.

## **ARTICLE IX - AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REIGN**

### **Current Reign**

- 9.1 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess will each attend all meetings of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and the Board of Directors Meetings unless excused.
- 9.2 A requirement report will be presented at each Board of Directors meeting listing the requirements which have been fulfilled by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess and those which need to be fulfilled.
- 9.3 It is a requirement that each reign keep an updated copy of the Constitution at all times.
- 9.4 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, along with the Coronation Ball chairman, will plan, coordinate and present the annual Coronation, including, but not limited to, the In Town and Out of Town Shows and Victory Brunch at the end of their reign.

### **Reign Titleholders**

- 9.5 By no later than the first meeting following the titles 'elevation', the Titleholder will be required to sign and turn in an acknowledgement of their having completely read and agreed to uphold/adhere to the ISGCI Constitution.
- 9.6 No Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, President of the Board of Directors or the Registrar of Elections shall campaign for any individual running for elective title sponsored by the Court. Except when an individual has an active opponent on the ballot for the same position, no candidate for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall campaign against any individual candidate running for elective title sponsored by the Court. A past Head of State shall have the same privilege as any other Court member and shall not be barred from actively campaigning for person(s) running for elective office sponsored by the Court.
- [PROCLAMATION 29.13: In the interest of fairness, no Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, President of the Board of Directors or the Registrar of Elections shall actively campaign for nor openly support a candidate for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess. This provision shall apply to any candidate whether unopposed for that position or to any candidate who has an opponent on the ballot.]**
- 9.7 All Regent Emperors and Regent Empresses shall complete all obligations that apply to the duly elected Emperor and Empress.
- 9.8 No reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess shall have any temporary or permanent control of nor shall they be the sole person counting any cash monies or checks belonging to, given to or earned by the ISGC. This shall include, but not be limited to, door receipts, 50-50 raffles, coronation or ball ticket sales, gifts or reconciliations from any host establishment of any ISGC event. An exception to this section's requirement may be granted by Board Approval.

### **Reigning Emperor and Empress**

- 9.9 The Emperor and Empress shall be limited to a total of six (6) Proclamations during their Reign. This limitation shall not include Lifetime Titles. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, change the number of Proclamations that may be issued during the Reign. No Proclamation shall institute a direct bylaw change without following standard Bylaw Amendment procedures and membership vote as outlined in Article XXII.
- 9.10 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall have the authority to choose their own reigning colors and display them accordingly.
- 9.11 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall have the sole authority to bestow all titles on Court members and out of state people, with the exception of elected titles and Prince Royale and Princess Royale.
- 9.12 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall have the sole authority to bestow honorary memberships on people. Granting such membership does not convey any privilege or status of regular Court membership.
- 9.13 Titles may be given by the reigning Emperor and Empress by Proclamation. This would include Emeritus, Perpetua, For Life titles, and ½ titles.

- 9.14 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall each dub up to two (2) ambassadors each. Ambassadors shall represent the Emperor and Empress at all Court shows and functions when the Emperor and Empress are scheduled to not be in attendance. There shall be no limit on the types of titles and honors the reigning Emperor and Empress shall confer on the Court members.
- 9.15 The reigning Emperor and Empress will jointly do of positive monetary value The Court the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Events as listed in Article XVII.
- 9.16 The reigning Emperor and Empress will each attend at least six (6) Out of Town Coronations during their reign.
- 9.17 Obligations of the reigning Emperor and Empress, other than Hospitality for the next Reign and the fundraiser event listed in Section 17.1, must be met by the time that the Screening Committee meets.
- 9.18 The reigning Emperor or Empress will hold the one (1) key to the Court post office box and the Court storage unit, if any, and the Board Treasurer shall hold the second keys. The keys will be handed over to the new Emperor or Empress and to the new Board Treasurer at the first Court meeting of the new reign by the outgoing Board Treasurer, whose is primarily in charge of all Court keys. The Emperor and Empress shall submit their names, addresses, Coronation date and other pertinent information to the person in charge of printing and distributing the International Court Register within the International Court System.
- 9.19 **[PROCLAMATION 37.8: Let it be known from this day forth. June 1, 2015, that the outgoing reign and incoming reign must meet before Investitures to inventory the court storage and dispose of unnecessary items.]**
- 9.20 The Court budget and Coronation Budget shall be as set forth in Section 12.19.
- 9.21 A maximum of three (3) free tickets to Coronation will be given each to the Reigning Emperor, to the Reigning Empress, to the Reigning Crown Prince and to the Reigning Crown Princess. If a Reigning Monarch position is vacant, the three (3) assigned free Coronation tickets shall not be given out by any other Reigning Monarch. The Reigning Monarchs must submit their list to the Board of Directors for its approval at the first Board of Directors Meeting in July. In addition to the 12 Complimentary tickets herein enumerated, all Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to Coronation, as set forth in elsewhere herein this Constitution. Honorary free tickets to Coronation may be given with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 9.22 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Board of Directors, reigning Emperor or Empress or upon written request of twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors members as defined elsewhere in this Constitution.
- 9.23 **[Proclamation 33.5: Let it be known that commencing with the 33<sup>rd</sup> reign, in fairness to this reign and future reigns, in the instance where there is only one monarch (i.e. Emperor or Empress) they shall receive the same rights and privileges as if there were two reigning monarchs. This shall include but not be limited to choosing both a Prince and Princess during the reign, proclamations, and citizens for life. This will not include additional monies from the travel fund.]**

#### **Crown Prince and Crown Princess**

- 9.24 The reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess will jointly do of positive monetary value to The Court the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Events as listed in Article XVII.
- 9.25 The reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall have the authority to only confer the titles of Prince Royale and Princess Royale. The Prince Royale and the Princess Royale shall represent the Crown Prince and Crown Princess at all Court shows and functions when the Crown Prince and Crown Princess are scheduled to not be in attendance.
- 9.26 **[Proclamation 18.2: (A) The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, of Idaho shall establish and maintain a dedicated account known as the “Prince & Princess’ Pantry” for the purpose of purchasing food vouchers or grocery gift certificates which will be available to persons living with HIV disease who are in need of assistance with the purchase of food or nutritional supplements. The “Prince & Princess’ Pantry” will be administered by the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess and the Court Treasurer. The Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be responsible for organizing two (2) fund raising activities for the “Pantry” during their reign. Money in the fund shall be used to purchase grocery gift certificates or food vouchers which can be redeemed by recipients at local grocery stores. Individuals shall not be given cash.**

**(B) The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Court Treasurer and the Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing appropriate operating procedures and eligibility guidelines for the “Prince & Princess’ Pantry” no later than November 4, 1996.]**

- 9.27 The Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall serve as liaisons to the HIV Services Clinic. They shall communicate with the clinic on a monthly basis regarding fundraising events and communicate back to the ISGCI Members on activities and the needs at the clinic.

#### **Crown Prince and Crown Princess**

- 9.28 The reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess will attend one (1) Coronation, one (1) Prince and Princess Ball, and two (2) additional events of their choice, either a Coronation or a Prince and Princess Ball, for a total of four (4) events. All events must be separate, that is, attendance at a Prince and Princess Ball held at the same time as a Coronation shall count as only one event requirement.

#### **Mr. and Miss Gay Gem State**

- 9.29 The current Mr. Gay Gem State and Miss Gay Gem State will need to attend at least 50% of all ISGCI Community meetings.
- 9.30 The current Mr. Gay Gem State and Miss Gay Gem State must hold at least three (3) functions to benefit the ISGCI General Fund. Helping with coronation sales of Jell-O shots, raffles, etc., will not count
- 9.31 The current Mr. Gay Gem State and Miss Gay Gem State will be responsible for the up-keep of the ‘regalia’ in which they were ‘crowned’ upon winning their respective title.
- 9.32 The current Mr. Gay Gem State and Miss Gay Gem State will help assist the ISGCI with all shows, events and functions during their ‘year of service’.
- 9.33 The current Mr. Gay Gem State and Miss Gay Gem State will maintain residency within the State of Idaho during their ‘year of service’.
- 9.34 The current Mr. Gay Gem State and Miss Gay Gem State will work in conjunction with the ISGCI Pageant Chair/Committee for the planning of the annual “Mr. and Miss Gay Gem State Pageant” at the end of their ‘year of service’.

#### **Monarch Review**

- 9.35 To help ensure the integrity and wellbeing of the Reign, at the three (3) month and six (6) month markings of the Reign, whether these Monarchs have been elected, are Regents or have been nominated and approved by the College of Monarchs, the Board of Directors shall convene to review the progress of the Reigning Empress, the Reigning Emperor, the Reigning Crown Prince and the Reigning Crown Princess.

## **ARTICLE X - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Executive Board of Directors**

- 10.1 The Executive Board of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall consist of the following members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board of Directors shall serve for a one-year term. The Executive Board of Directors shall be elected from members of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court in good standing at the first court meeting following Coronation.

### **Board of Director Officers**

- 10.2 The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be as stated herein this Constitution. All Members of the Board of Directors shall be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement at the beginning of each Reign prior to being seated.
- 10.3 All Board of Directors officers shall be elected by majority vote of the General Court members in good standing at the first General Court meeting immediately following the annual Coronation.
- 10.4 Should any officers of the Board of Directors not fulfill any of his/her duties, as herein described in Articles V and X of this Constitution, they shall automatically be considered in default of their office, with suspension to begin immediately.
- 10.5 All Board of Directors officers will, at the end of the Court year, turn over all records, supplies and equipment to their successor at the first Board of Directors’ meeting following the annual Coronation.

- 10.6 No member of the reigning Royal Family will serve as President or Vice-President of the Board of Directors.
- 10.7 The duties of the President of the Board of Directors shall be:
- a) To serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors,
  - b) To call special meetings of the Board of Directors,
  - c) To maintain disciplinary files for individual Court members who have had charges filed against them,
  - d) To destroy all records of charges made, censures issued and removals from office eighteen (18) months after the date of action,
  - e) To give written notice to an individual Court member charged that the charges filed against them have been deemed sufficient by a majority vote of the Board of Directors,
  - f) To answer, according to this Constitution, any questions as to voting and the count, as the designated person in charge of the election process for the Monarchs of this court, unless someone else is so designated by the Board of Directors,
  - g) To open the envelopes of the Board of Directors members who have been issued a second tie-breaker ballot in order to break any tie in the voting and to count said ballots, and
  - h) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
- 10.8 The duties of the Vice President of the Board of Directors shall be:
- a) To perform all necessary duties which would otherwise be performed by the President of the Board of Directors in the event of disability or absence of the President of the Board of Directors?
  - b) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution,
  - c) To serve as a backup to the other Board of Director Officers, and
  - d) To serve as chairman of the Audit Committee, comprised of two (2) other General Court Members in good standing, which shall audit the accounts of the Board of Directors Treasurer at least every 60 days.
  - e) To oversee the Committee for flowers and cards for members and their families.
  - f) To serve as the Voting Registrar, with duties including the preparation, printing and distribution of ballots, the oversight of the established voting day at the designated Court election and absentee voting, and the selection of an unbiased third party to tabulate the votes, that person being a Notary Public who shall notarize the results of the vote.
- 10.9 The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be:
- a) To maintain in good order and in secret the complete records of all Board of Directors meetings,
  - b) To prepare all documents and correspondence of the President of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, and
  - c) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
- 10.10 The Treasurer of the Court shall be the Treasurer of the Board of the Directors. The duties of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall be:
- a) To maintain in good order all financial reports of the Court,
  - b) To provide a financial report at each Court meeting, or as an alternate to the monthly reports,
  - c) To provide quarterly, a written financial statement to the Board of Directors,
  - d) To be one of three (3) authorized signers of the Court checks,
  - e) To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
  - f) **[Proclamation 21.3: From this day forward, the office of Treasurer for the ISGC shall be a bonded position. The person who becomes Treasurer shall be bondable.]**
  - g) All references made herein to the Treasurer shall mean the Treasurer of the Court, and
  - h) To present within 24 hours of the call of the Audit Committee all records of financial transactions within the Court calendar year.

#### **Board of Directors-Membership - General**

- 10.11 All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court.
- 10.12 Memberships on the Board of Directors are non-transferable.
- 10.13 The Board of Directors of The Imperial Sovereign Gem-Court shall consist of the following:
- o The reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess,
  - o The President of the Board of Directors, the Vice-President of the Board of Directors, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer of the Board of Directors,
  - o The immediate past Emperor, the immediate past Empress, the immediate past Crown Prince, the immediate past Crown Princess,

- Four (4) representatives from (and by) the College of Monarchs who may be either be a Gem Emperor or a Gem Empress.
- Four (4) at-large members from the General Court membership elected by the General Court. Emperor Emeritus and Empress Emeritus, half Emperors and half Empresses are eligible to be elected as members at-large of the Board of Directors.
- All Board of Directors' members must be residents of the State of Idaho.

10.14 **[PROCLAMATION 35.5: No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Emperor, Empress, Prince or Princess unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) calendar year prior to the closing of the candidate filing, that date being the first Monday in June. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Board Member or any Board Officer unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to the Annual Meeting of the ISGCBI, that date being the first Monday in August.]**

10.15 **PROCLAMATION 38.1: Other than resignation, revocation of membership, moving out of state and subsequently becoming a member of another court, accept elected or appointed position within said court or be elected, as an Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princess (or equivalent rank) in said court, all past Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity.**

10.16 Three (3) elected members at-large shall each be elected to serve a one (1) year term. The at-large members shall be elected by the Community at the same election of the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess. The at-large members may not be a member of the College of Monarchs.

#### **Board of Directors Meetings - General**

10.17 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held prior to regular Court meetings, with members to be notified at least one (1) week in advance.

10.18 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Board of directors, reigning Emperor or Empress or upon written request of twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors members in good standing.

10.19 Notice of all special Board of Directors meetings shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, in writing, or electronic communication, stating the time, place and general purpose thereof. Those except special Board of Directors meetings dealing with disciplinary action shall be given at least fifteen (15) days in advance, in writing, or electronic communication, stating the time, place and general purpose thereof.

10.20 A record of actions taken of each meeting of the Board of Directors will be kept in the form of minutes. Copies of previous minutes will be presented to Board of Directors members upon advance request of each Board of Directors meeting. Otherwise, minutes from the preceding Board of Directors meeting will be read and approved at the following meeting by the Secretary of the Board.

10.21 Board of Directors meetings will be limited to sixty (60) minutes in length unless a majority of eligible Board of Directors members present at a regular or special Board of Directors meeting vote to extend that Board of Directors meeting.

10.22 All meetings of the Board of Directors will be open meetings, except an Executive session may be called for in dealing with personnel and private matters and shall be a closed meeting with only the Executive Board members and invited guests.

#### **Board of Directors Meetings - Oath**

10.23 **[Proclamation 16.5: From this day forward, July 18, 1994, that upon election to either the Board of Directors or the Screening Committee: (1) All members at large take an Oath of Honor to follow the current I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, Constitution. (1) All past Monarchs sitting on Board of Directors renew their Oath to follow the Constitution. This action shall take place at the first regular Board of Directors meeting following the annual Coronation. The Oath shall be administered by either the current reigning Emperor or Empress.**

**The Oath shall read as follows:**

**I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear upon my honor to uphold and abide by the current I.S.G.C.B.I. Constitution.]**

### **Board of Directors Meetings - Quorum**

- 10.24 A quorum will consist of the following, present and in good standing: Two (2) of the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess.
- a. Two (2) of the Board President, Board Vice-President, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer,
  - b. One of the three (3) elected Members-at-large of the Board of Directors, and
  - c. One (1) of the members of the College of Monarchs elected to the Board of Directors.

### **Board of Directors Membership - Vacancies**

- 10.25 All elected members at-large of the Board of Directors and all College of Monarch members of the Board of Directors who do not attend two (2) consecutive Board of Director meetings without a valid excuse (work, Court related activity, illness or other extending circumstances) or three (3) consecutive meetings with or without a valid excuse (work, Court related activity, illness or other extending circumstances as approved by the Board of Directors) given to the reigning Emperor, reigning Empress, Board Secretary or the President of the Board of Directors, shall forfeit their Board of Directors seat.
- 10.26 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall call new elections to fill vacancies of elected Members-At-Large on the Board of Directors that arise during their reign. The vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the members of the Court present and in good standing at a regular or special Court meeting. The term period for the new member at-large shall be the same, ending on the same date as the original term. The reigning Emperor and Empress shall call new elections to fill vacancies of elected College of Monarch members on the Board of Directors that arise during their reign. The vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the members of the voting College of Monarchs present at a regular or special Court meeting

### **Board of Director Membership - Discipline**

- 10.27 Any member of the Board of Directors may be expelled, with just cause, from the Board of Directors upon majority approval of the Board of Directors members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. The expelled member shall be notified in writing not less than fifteen (15) days of the action taken.

### **Board of Directors Authority - General**

- 10.28 The executive authority of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall serve as the advisory body to the reigning Royal Family.
- 10.29 The Board of Directors personnel and executive session business is a private matter and Board of Directors members shall not discuss Board of Directors business with anyone outside of the ISGCI Board of Directors. The President of the Board of Directors shall report any business necessary to the General Court for discussion or action.
- 10.30 When questions arise concerning Court activities and functions, Court customs, policies and traditions or the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be charged with making a final determination. The determination shall be made by the majority vote of the Board of Directors members at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 10.31 The College of Monarchs shall give their prior approval to a newly elected Crown Prince or Crown Princess filling a vacancy for Emperor or Empress, or their approval for College of Monarchs members filling a vacancy as Regents, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.
- 10.32 The Board of Directors shall approve all distribution of free tickets for Coronation.
- 10.33 The Board of Directors shall give their approval to all leave of absences for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, with the two thirds (2/3) approval of the Court membership, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

### **Board of Directors Authority-Discipline**

- 10.34 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for disciplining the general conduct of officers and members of the Court. Extreme forms of behavior or conduct which cause embarrassment or unpleasant notoriety to the Court, deliberate destruction of Court property, actions which cause problems with venues, unauthorized expenditures without prior approval of Court funds, shall be grounds for censure, suspension or expulsion as deemed most appropriate by the Board of Directors.
- 10.35 **[PROCLAMATION 30.1 For the sake of Unity and Excellence within our organization and the protection of our 501(c)(3) status, this court shall immediately follow this policy:**
- 1. For the health and safety of both its members and supporters, the use of illegal drugs at any Court function will not be tolerated.**
  - 2. The active procurement of underage sex will not be tolerated.**

**3. The misuse of any Court Funds will not be tolerated. Upon investigation by the Board of Directors of any suspected misuse of Court Funds, the Board of Directors President is directed to seek legal recourse against the person or persons involved.**

**Court members and supporters facing prosecution by the laws of this state may be subject to the further disciplinary action of the Court, as outlined within the Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, on a case by case basis as reviewed by the Board of Directors.]**

- 10.36 Any member of the Court may bring charges against another member of the Court by specifying the name of the individual and the specific charges against that person in writing to one of the four (4) officers of the Board of Directors. Any and all charges against any member of the Court must be filed within sixty (60) days of the occurrence or it will not be heard before the Board of Directors. (Charges should be considered from the listing of stated offenses chart below.)
- 10.37 The Officers of the Board of Directors shall meet to determine whether the charges are sufficient to warrant Board of Directors action. Disciplinary action should be designed to correct behavior, not punish.
- 10.38 If the charges are deemed sufficient by a majority vote of the Board of Directors members in good standing voting at the regular or special Board of Directors meeting, the President of the Board of Directors shall give ~~notice~~ notification in writing of charges not less than fifteen (15) days to the individual(s) charged and the reason(s) thereof.
- 10.39 The notice shall specify the date, time and place (at least a minimum fifteen (15) days notification is to be given) at which a subsequent hearing of the charges will be held.
- 10.40 The individual charged shall return all Court property in their possession to the Board of Directors for safe keeping until the charges are resolved.
- 10.41 At the hearing the individual charged shall be provided an opportunity to explain, refute or present any evidence that he/she feels has a bearing on the charges.
- 10.42 Following the hearing, the Board of Directors members shall vote, first, whether to uphold or to dismiss the charges against the individual, and second, in the event that the charges are upheld, **any or all of the following:**
  - a) To censure the individual,
  - b) To suspend the individual,
  - c) To remove the individual from currently held offices, or
  - d) To expel the individual from membership and/or office and title.

**Suggested Range of Penalties for Stated Offenses**

<b>Nature of Offense</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b>
	<i>Minimum to Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum to Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum to Maximum</i>
Endangering the safety of or causing injury to anyone during a court sponsored event	Censure to Suspension	Suspension to removal from office	Removal from office to expulsion
Failure to safeguard confidential matter or access to such	Censure to suspension	Suspension to expulsion	Expulsion
Intentional falsification, misstatement or concealment of material fact or refusal to cooperate in an investigative proceeding.	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	Expulsion
Except as specifically authorized, disclosing or using direct or indirect information obtained as a result of participation with the ISGCI which is of a confidential nature or which represents a matter of trust; or any other information so obtained of such character that its disclosure or use would be contrary to the best interests of the ISGCI	Censure to Expulsion	Expulsion	
Making false or unfounded statements which are slanderous or defamatory, about other members or officers of the court.	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	Expulsion
Fighting, threatening, attempting or inflicting bodily injury to another while serving as a representative of the organization or at a court-sponsored event.	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	Expulsion
Participation in any type of outside activities, of	Censure to	Removal from office	Expulsion

relationships with businesses or organization with which the court has a financial relationship, which would be contrary to the best interests of the court and the people we serve. <b>NOTE: Penalty action will be determined on the basis of whether the activities, or relationships, might result in a conflict between the outside organization and the court.</b>	Expulsion	to Expulsion	
Soliciting contributions for, or otherwise promoting in the name of ISGCI, any type of campaign which has not had appropriate ISGCI endorsement.	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	Expulsion
Loss of, damage to, or unauthorized use of court property: a. Through carelessness or negligence  b. Through maliciousness or intent	Censure to Removal from Office  Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion  Expulsion	Expulsion
Discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	Expulsion
Violation of a member's constitutional rights (i.e., freedom of speech, association, religion, assembly).	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	Expulsion

- 10.43 In the event a Board of Directors member (including past Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes or Crown Princesses) is subject to disciplinary hearing, he/she shall be disqualified from voting and shall not have his/her vote used to compute a majority. Any action taken following the hearing shall be by majority vote of those in good standing in attendance.
- 10.44 The procedure for removing the reigning or previous Emperor, Empress, the Crown Prince or the Crown Princess shall generally be the same as that for members and other Court officers. When removal from office is being considered for the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess, such a measure must carry a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors in good standing, present and voting. The actions of the Board of Directors must be taken back to the Court for their approval. Final action on any charge shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Court membership in good standing voting at a Court meeting dealing with the measure. The effective date for the censure, suspension or termination of membership shall be seven (7) calendar days from the action
- 10.45 A vote by the Board of Directors and the Court to censure an individual shall cause that person to be placed on two (2) months' probation. At the end of the two (2) month period, the Board of Directors shall meet to determine whether to withdraw the censure, continue the censure for an additional two (2) months or to move for removal of the individual from membership and/or office. The General Court must approve of the recommendations of the Board of Directors in this measure by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Court membership in good standing voting at a Court meeting dealing with this measure. Should required action of the original censure take place after the two (2) months, nothing is herein implied as to an end to that original censure until a positive motion by the Board of Directors and the General Court on one of the three herein described actions that result in the termination of the original censure action; two (2) months shall mean not less than sixty (60) calendar days.
- 10.46 An individual who has been removed from office may or may not be removed from membership in the Court at the discretion of the General Court membership upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.
- 10.47 Any member guilty of flagrant bad conduct, as deemed by the Board of Directors, may be suspended upon majority approval of the Board of Directors members in good standing present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Length and conditions of the suspension shall be determined by the members of the Board of Directors in good standing present and voting at a regular or special Board of Directors meeting. The suspended member shall be notified in writing given by first class or certified mail sent to the last address of the member shown on the corporation's records not less than fifteen (15) days of the action taken. Any member in question shall not have a vote on this issue. The General Court must approve of the recommendation of the Board of Directors in this measure by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Court membership in good standing voting at a Court meeting dealing with the measure. There shall be an opportunity for the member to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than seven (7) days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension or termination by a person or persons authorized to decide that the proposed expulsion, termination or suspension not take place.



- 10.48 Upon removal from office, all responsibilities and authorities are taken away from the individual and the office is declared vacant.
- 10.49 Expulsion from membership shall cause the individual to forfeit all rights of membership. The individual may solicit to rejoin the Court in the next reign but no sooner than six (6) months from the time of removal from membership, whichever is the latter. At this time, the Board of Directors shall meet to determine if the charges constitute sufficient grounds to continue to deny the individual the right of membership in the Court. Suspension of membership shall cause the individual to forfeit all rights of membership during the duration of the suspension, and any other conditions that the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. A previous or reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess placed on suspension shall not have a vote on the Board of Directors until said suspension has been resolved.
- 10.50 If a reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess or a past Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess is removed from office or membership, that person shall be publicly stripped of the rank and title to which he/she was elected.
- 10.51 The President of the Board of Directors shall destroy all records of charges made, censures issued and removals from office no earlier than eighteen (18) months after the date of action.
- 10.52 During the course of the Court year, the President of the Board of Directors shall maintain a disciplinary file that shall be closed to all save the Board of Directors at regular and special meetings and the individual(s) subject to the charges insofar as his/her own record is concerned.
- 10.53 In the event that a reigning or past Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess is removed from office, censured, or suspended, a permanent statement shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors stating that as a result of the procedure specified above, the Board of Directors and the General Court membership took action to remove him/her from office or title. A letter, either by electronic transmission or by first class mail, containing the above-required information from the Board of Directors shall also notify all other Courts.
- 10.54 Decisions of the Board of Directors and the General Court regarding disciplinary action shall not be altered or overruled by declaration or Proclamation. A Board of Directors decision may be overruled by three-fourths (3/4) majority of the Court members in good standing voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court.
- 10.55 Any individual Court member, officer, Board of Directors member or reigning or past Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess who has been removed or suspended from membership and/or office shall not use their Court title(s). Any individual Court member, officer, Board of Directors member or reigning or previous Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess who has been suspended from membership and/or office shall not use their Court title(s) during the time of the suspension.

#### **Board of Directors Authority - Financial**

- 10.56 Emergency expenditures of the Court may be approved by two (2) Board of Directors members and one (1) reigning Monarch but must be brought before the General Court membership at the next regular Court meeting. Non-approval by the Court of the expenditures shall result in the expenditures being paid by those Board of Directors members who approved of the emergency expenditures.
- 10.57 Board of Directors shall approve of all functions not otherwise outlined elsewhere in this Constitution prior to their being declared an I.S.G.C. Production.
- 10.58 Board of Directors shall receive quarterly from each Province the required financial records, minutes and other business records, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.
- 10.59 Board of Directors shall approve the Coronation budget of the Emperor and Empress and submit it to the General Court for their approval.
- 10.60 Board of Directors shall administer and be trustees of the Memorial Scholarship, as outlined in Section 12.20. The Board will outline the Qualifications and Funding for the Scholarship.  
**Proclamation 9.1: The Imperial Gem Court of Idaho will commence and continue a Memorial Scholarship to be given to a gay Idaho student and will be based on academics and community service. The Board of Directors will be the trustees. The Board will outline the Qualifications and Funding for the Scholarship.**

### **Board of Directors Authority – Screening Committee**

10.61 Board of Directors shall elect part of the Emperor and Empress Candidate Screening Committee, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

### **Board of Directors Authority – Voting for Candidates for Emperor and Empress**

10.62 Board of Directors shall set the date, place and time for voting, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

10.63 Board of Directors shall take actions against an applicant/candidate for office, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

10.64 [RESERVED].

10.65 [RESERVED]

10.66 Board of Directors shall recount the votes when requested, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

### **Board of Directors Authority – Communications**

10.67 Usage of the Court Mailing List shall not be used by other groups unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

10.68 **[Proclamation 32.1: Let it be known from this day forth that no member or Monarch of the ISGC shall disseminate any official message on behalf of the ISGC without approval of the Board of Directors, or in the case of an announcement needing urgent action with approval of the reigning Emperor and Empress and the President of the Board of Directors. Announcement of approved Court events with dates and times shall not be deemed as needing prior Board of Directors Approval.]**

## **ARTICLE XI - THE PROVINCES**

### **Provinces - Authority**

11.1 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall have the authority to establish Ducal Courts, Kingdoms, Czardoms, and Barony Courts in the State of Idaho as established elsewhere in this Constitution.

11.2 The administration and authority for all Idaho except as specifically delegated to the Provinces, shall remain with the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and the Board of Directors as outlined and contained within the approved Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Constitution of which this is a part.

11.3 The government of The Central Province shall remain at Boise and within direct control of the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and the Board of Directors as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

11.4 In the event that an Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess is elected from a Province other than The Central Province, a special Board of Directors meeting will be called within two weeks after Coronation to deal with any issue that might present.

### **Provinces - Areas**

11.5 For purposes of administration, the State of Idaho shall be divided into three geographical regions known as Provinces.

11.6 The Counties of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone counties shall be known as The Northern Province.

11.7 Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Custer, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley and Washington counties shall be known as The Central Province.

**[PROCLAMATION 30.4: Let it be known that from this day forward that the Central Province of the ISGC shall be known as the Junior Court. The purpose in doing so is to create an organization that will be both a haven for diversity for those under 21 and foster an atmosphere of tolerance and giving back to the community, the very tenants under which the ISGC were established.]**

**[PROCLAMATION 30.5: Let it be known, because of the accumulated knowledge and experience during the past year of leadership, immediate past Monarchs are to be advisors to the Junior Court for the period of one year, beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> Reign. If either of the immediate past Monarchs is not available to serve as the advisors, they shall select the advisor(s). This is to give mentoring, guidance and advice to those who will be the future of our organization and to ensure that monarchs remember that the role of a leader is not limited to a period of time,**

**a title or a crown, but that it is a continuing duty of service and sacrifice that needs to be held sacred in the hearts of those who will reign.]**

11.8 Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton counties shall be known as The Eastern Province.

**Provinces – Elected Officials and Provincial Investitures**

11.9 The Northern and Eastern Provinces shall each elect at least one (1) person who shall be known as The Governor General of the (Northern) (Eastern) Province. The first person selected to be The Governor General shall be nominated by the Emperor and Empress of the ISGCBI with the approval by the Board of Directors.

11.10 The Northern and Eastern Province shall each elect at least one (or two) crowned heads who shall be known as the Archduke and/or Archduchess of the (Northern) (Eastern) Province. The first person(s) selected to be the Archduke and the Archduchess shall be nominated by the Emperor and Empress of the ISGCBI with the approval by the Board of Directors.

11.11 At least four (4) weeks prior to the annual ISGC Coronation, the Governor General shall conduct a Provincial election to fill the positions of Governor General, Archduke and/or Archduchess of The (Northern)(Eastern) Provinces and any other titles and/or positions wanted by the local Provincial membership.

11.12 At least two (2) weeks prior to the annual ISGC Coronation, the Emperor and/or Empress (or any other Court officer designated by Board of Directors) shall conduct a Provincial Investiture to install the newly elected Governor General, Archduke and/or Archduchess and any other titles certified.

11.13 The Provincial Investiture shall be held in The (Northern) (Eastern) Province at a site and time specified by the Governor General.

11.14 With the exception of the titles of Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Prince Royale, Princess Royale, Ambassadors, and members of the Board of Directors, all local titles shall be confirmed exactly as certified by the Governor General.

11.15 The rank of Archduke and/or Archduchess of the (Northern) (Eastern) Province shall fall directly after the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of The ISGC. The Emperor and Empress shall continue to be elected Statewide as prescribed elsewhere.

11.16 All current and past Governors General, Archdukes and/or Archduchesses and all other Provincial members in good standing may walk and be recognized with their titles at all Coronations and other official occasions both in-State and our-of-State.

11.17 Elected and/or appointed ISGC titles are Primary Titles for protocol purposes and are to be listed first.

11.18 The Governor General, Archduke and/or Archduchess, and all other Provincial members in good standing who may also have honorary or courtesy titles granted by other Courts within the system, may retain those titles and may use them as secondary titles for official protocol purposes.

11.19 Other positions may be elected or appointed locally as needed or wanted, including but not limited to a Secretary and Treasurer.

**Provinces – Governor General**

11.20 The Governor General shall be elected annually as a Provincial Representative. He/she may hold more than one (1) consecutive term in office.

11.21 The Governor General shall be required to attend at least one Board of Directors meeting in Boise each three (3) months at which time he/she shall report the activities, concerns, finances, etc., and any other business from the Province.

11.22 The Governor General shall report back to the Provincial membership all appropriate information and business from the Board of Directors.

11.23 The Governor General shall act in concert with the Archduke and/or Archduchess to oversee the operation of the Provincial Government as required locally, that is:

- a) Membership roles, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution, shall be maintained locally and certified quarterly to the Board of Directors at Boise.
- b) Financial records, minutes and other business records as outlined elsewhere shall be maintained locally and certified quarterly to the Board of Directors at Boise.
- c) The ISGC tax ID number cannot be used or the ISGC otherwise encumbered or obligated in any way without written permission of the Board of Directors.
- d) To conduct a monthly membership meeting of the Province to be held on the last Monday of each month.

#### **Provinces – Archduke and Archduchess**

11.24 The Archduke and/or Archduchess shall be elected annually and serve as the crowned head (s) of The (Northern) (Eastern) Province. He/she may hold more than one (1) consecutive term in office.

#### **Idaho Residents as members of other Courts**

11.25 If a resident of the State of Idaho desires to become an active member of another Court while still residing within the State of Idaho and under the domain of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, the Board of Directors shall give their approval or denial on a case by case basis. Such approval or denial shall be given to the individual in writing and the final determination notice shall be stored in the Secretary's Records.

11.26 Viability – Prospective members of the Archducal Court shall demonstrate to the Board of Directors of the ISGCBI that there are sufficient numbers to constitute a viable Court.

11.27 Location – The seat of the Archducal Court shall be in a city as determined by majority vote of the prospective members of the Archducal Court.

11.28 Transfer to a Full Ducal Court – Mutual agreement must be approved by 2/3 of ISGCBI Board of Directors, by 2/3 of ISGCBI General Membership, and by 2/3 of Membership of Archducal Court. Upon this agreement, the International Court Council shall be approached for their approval or denial.

11.29 Dissolution – The Archducal Court shall be dissolved and communication shall made to other Courts if there is six (6) full months of inactivity by the Archducal Court, or by a vote of 2/3 majority of each of the ISGCBI Board of Directors and the ISGCBI General Court Membership

#### **Provinces - Financial**

11.30 Five (5) percent of the funds raised at provincial fundraisers will be diverted to each of these ISGCBI statewide funds, for a total of fifteen (15) percent: the Jimmy Moore Fund, the Jerry Swett Fund and the Scholarship Fund. The reigning Monarchs of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court may host at least one event within each Province during their reign which may be on of the listed, pre-approved Court events as listed under Article XVII herein this Constitution. The proceeds of the event, except for the 15% herein described, shall be for the usage of the Province.

#### **Provinces - Voting**

11.31 The Governor General shall oversee the election of the Emperor and Empress of the ISGCBI in their respective provinces under the direction of the ISGCBI Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL**

#### **Financial - Authority and Procedure for Payment**

12.1 The general membership of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall be sole authorized financial body acting for the Court.

12.2 All bills for Court expenses shall be

- a) Presented to the Treasurer,
- b) Approved for payment by majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court, and
- c) Authorized in writing for payment (Court minutes shall suffice).

12.3 All Court expenses shall require approval of a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court.

12.4 All bills for the previous reign must be presented to the Treasurer within one (1) month after Coronation or they will not be honored.

- 12.5 All Court expenditures will be by invoice, receipt or purchase order only. If funds are given to an individual who is either hosting an event or providing food for an event, receipts must be given to the Treasurer or those funds must be returned to the Treasurer.
- 12.6 Emergency expenditures of the Court may be approved by two (2) Board of Directors members and one (1) reigning Monarch but must be brought before the General Court membership at the next regular Court meeting. Non-approval by the Court of the expenditures shall result in the expenditures being paid by those Board of Directors members who approved of the emergency expenditures.
- 12.7 The reigning Monarchs may never authorize expenditures by declaration or Proclamation.
- 12.8 Checks made out to The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court must have a current address and phone number of the person issuing the check. There will be a thirty-five (\$35) fee on any returned check.
- 12.9 No incurred debt shall be removed from the door receipts at a Court function, excepting spotlight and DJ fees, which shall be as approved by the Board of Directors.
- 12.10 The I.S.G.C. and Tax I.D. number cannot be used or the I.S.G.C, otherwise encumbered or obligated in any way without written permission of the Board of Directors.
- 12.11 All Checks written on the bank account of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall have two (2) signatures. The three designated signers of court checks shall be the Court Treasurer, the President of the Board of Directors and the Vice President of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court.
- 12.12 No reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess shall have any temporary or permanent control of nor shall they be the sole person counting any cash monies or checks belonging to, given to or earned by the ISGC. This shall include, but not be limited to, door receipts, 50-50 raffles, coronation or ball ticket sales, gifts or reconciliations from any host establishment of any ISGC event. This section may be suspended on a case by case basis upon prior Court approval.
- 12.14 All monies collected from the rental of the spotlight are to be placed in the Spotlight Maintenance and Storage Fund.

**Financial - Court Functions**

- 12.15 For a function to be declared an I.S.G.C. Production, it must be approved by the Board of Directors, sanctioned and recognized by the Court, with part or all of the proceeds to be given to the Court. I.S.G.C. Productions must be approved prior to the event. Inclusion in the Annual Court Budget or in the approved Court Calendar of an Event shall constitute approval of the Event. Unless an event is specifically advertised as a Court General Fund fundraiser and dedicated to the Court General Fund, fifteen percent (15%) of the proceeds will go to the Court General Fund. The remainder of the proceeds may go to an approved fund or organization, but all proceeds must be deposited into the Court treasury and then a check will be written to the other approved organization. Proceeds are monies after expenses have been taken out. All proceeds from I.S.G.C. Productions and fundraising events must be deposited, unless expressly allowed by the Board of Directors, directly into the applicable I.S.G.C. checking account within four (4) calendar days after the event, provided that proceeds of events in July prior to the Coronation weekend may not be deposited but shall, instead, be held as additional funds for the Coronation events door.
- 12.16 **[PROCLAMATION 29.10: The continued financial security of the Court is ever present within all Reigns of the Court. Without continued funding of the Court General Fund, the month to month activities of the Court fall into jeopardy. Therefore, it is Proclaimed, that, unless an event is specifically advertised as a Court General Fund fundraiser and dedicated to the Court General Fund, 15% of the door and 15% of the raffle proceeds of all court shows, raffles, and other fundraising activities advertised for other Court Funds or for other charities, shall go into the Court General Fund.]**
- 12.17 **[PROCLAMATION 39.7 Continuous and guaranteed funding for the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court's Scholarship program is critical. It is hereby proclaimed that from this date of March 6, 2017, forward, that ten percent (10%) of all Imperial Sovereign Gem Court General Fund Show door proceeds, excluding the In-Town and Out-of-Town Coronation events, shall be placed into the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court's Scholarship Fund.]**

### Financial - Candidate Fundraisers

- 12.18 Each approved candidate must participate in at least one (1) fundraising event, either jointly with other candidates or singly, prior to elections with minimum proceeds of one hundred dollars (\$100) net profit, all of which must be turned over to the Treasurer by midnight, prior to the first voting day. Expenses for the fundraiser event(s) shall be turned into the Board Treasurer for re-imbusement.

### Financial - Coronation

- 12.19 Projected expenses for all Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Events for the Reign shall be submitted by the reigning Emperor and Empress, to the Board of Directors and the General Court at the September Board of Directors meeting and the General Court meeting, including expenses for sets and supplies for all court functions and events during the reign, for all advertisement in the programs for out of state Coronations and Idaho based organizations, and for the budget for the annual Coronation events. Any profits made from the Coronation events shall be placed in the Charities Encumbrance fund for distribution and shall not be directed into any travel fund. Expenditures made over and above the approved budget per event without prior approval of the Board of Directors will be reimbursed to the Treasurer by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess or disciplinary action will be taken. The location for and details of the Coronation events shall be approved by Board of Directors prior to the signing of any contracts for these events. The requirement of receipts or programs shall serve as proof of expenditure.

### Financial - Scholarship

- 12.20 **[PROCLAMATION 9.1: The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, will commence and continue a Memorial Scholarship to be given to a gay Idaho student and will be based on academics and community service. The Board of Directors will be the trustees. The Board will outline the Qualifications and Funding for the Scholarship.**
- a. The Board of Directors of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court will be the trustees of the Memorial Scholarship. A Scholarship Committee consisting of six (6) elected members elected by the General Court Members at the Annual Court Meeting shall be established to oversee the ISGCBI Scholarship.
  - b. Monies available for presentation by the I.S.G.C. to individuals herein defined may be collected in the following ways:
    - 1) ISGCBI fundraisers as hosted by the Scholarship Committee;
    - 2) ISGCBI Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund proceeds;
    - 3) Donations;
    - 4) Other means as determined and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - c. All monies designated for the Memorial Scholarship shall be deposited into the ISGCBI Bank Account, but shall be dedicated funds for the Memorial Scholarship only.
  - d. The ISGCBI Tom Woodward Scholarship Endowment Fund shall have its own dedicated fund within the ISGCBI Bank Account.
  - e. Applications for the Memorial Scholarship shall be on forms as approved by the Scholarship Committee and shall include the statement that the Scholarship shall not be granted unless the applicant shall appear at the Coronation, the exception being an excuse as approved by the Board of Directors.
  - f. Applications for the Memorial Scholarship shall be made available at all ISGCBI Court meetings, but shall be postmarked or delivered from June 1 to no later than June 25.
  - g. Applications for the Memorial Scholarship shall be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Directors within the following guidelines:
    - 1) Applicant must be a LGBTQ Idaho student;
    - 2) Applicant must be currently enrolled or is seeking enrollment in a high school, college, university, trade school or other institution as approved by Board of Directors;
    - 3) Applicant must show proof of enrollment in said institution prior to his/her receipt of the Memorial Scholarship funds with the applicant's major field of interest or desired degree indicated;
    - 4) Application is based on academics and community service;
    - 5) Once received, Memorial Scholarship funds are the property of the recipient unless said recipient drops out of his school that semester, where upon all Memorial Scholarship funds shall be repaid to the I.S.G.C. Memorial Scholarship Fund.
    - 6) The Board of Directors, with the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, shall approve or deny the Scholarship Applications at the first Board of Directors meeting in July of each year. The President of the Board of Directors shall notify by phone or by electronic means each approved applicant, without indicating the amount approved, that the applicant has received a Scholarship, and that the applicant must appear at the Coronation to receive the Scholarship. Should there be a problem or concern, the President of the Board of Directors shall relate this to the Board of Directors at the second Board of Directors meeting in July for further action.

- h. Board of Directors shall decide the number of Memorial Scholarships given each year and the amount of each Memorial Scholarship based on the following:
  - 1) The number of qualified applicants;
  - 2) Total funds available for distribution;
  - 3) Each Application is to be reviewed on the merits of the application as to the amount of Scholarship to be received and may be ranked;
- i. The Memorial Scholarship shall be a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per recipient each year. The total amount to be given out each reign shall not exceed \$2,500.00 unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
- j. The names of the recipients of the Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the annual Coronation.
- k. No single person shall receive more than four (4) Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Scholarships throughout his or her academic career.
- l. All Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to Coronation.

12.21 **[Proclamation 24.4: The Scholarship Endowment Fund of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall be known as the Tom Woodward Scholarship Endowment Fund in recognition of his financial contributions to and support of the scholarship.]**

#### **Financial – Dedicated Funds**

12.22 Dedicated Funds for I.S.G.C. shall include, but not be limited to the following Funds with their Constitutional Articles shown: Crown, Medallions and Robes Fund, Spotlight Maintenance and Storage Fund, Ken Litz Scholarship Fund, Tom Woodward Scholarship Endowment Fund, Holiday Fund, Jerry Swett Fund, Jimmy Moore Fund, the Prince & Princess' Pantry, Charities Encumbrances Fund, the Dakota fund, and the Travel Fund. Unless specified prior to the Court approved function that the proceeds or a portion of the proceeds shall go into a dedicated fund, all proceeds from an I.S.G.C. Production shall go into the Court general fund. Court functions and events approved, sanctioned and recognized by the Court that are advertised as such for the purpose of raising specified funds for the dedicated funds shall have all proceeds from said function placed into said dedicated funds. Once placed into a dedicated fund, those funds cannot be used for any other purpose without the approval of a majority vote of the general Court members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court. Excluding the Jimmy Moore Fund, the Jerry Swett Fund & the Prince & Princess Pantry, all monies raised for any charity throughout the Court calendar year shall be held within the Court checking account and distributed at the annual Coronation. Any amount remaining in a fund at the end of a reign shall be carried over to the new reign to the same fund, with the exception of the Historian fund, which shall be replenished from the General fund up to the amount of \$100.00, the Emperor Travel Fund and the Empress Travel Fund, which each shall be replenished from the General Fund up to the amount of \$1,000.00 each, and the Crown Prince and Crown Princess Travel Fund, which shall each be replenished from the General fund up to the amount of \$200.00 each. All proceeds from I.S.G.C. Productions and fundraising events must be deposited, unless expressly allowed by the Board of Directors, directly into the applicable I.S.G.C. checking account within 4 calendar days after the event.

#### **Financial – Emperor and Empress Fundraiser**

12.23 **[Proclamations 19.3 and 21.4: The outgoing Emperor and Empress shall host at least one (1) fundraiser for the incoming Emperor and Empress, the proceeds of which will be used for the incoming Emperor and Empress's Crowns and Medallions, or their Step-down Pins, at the discretion of the Monarchs putting on the show.]**

#### **Financial – The Prince & Princess Pantry**

12.24 The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess, and the Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing appropriate operating procedures and eligibility guidelines for the "Prince & Princess' Pantry".

**[Proclamation 18.2: (A) The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, of Idaho shall establish and maintain a dedicated account known as the "Prince & Princess' Pantry" for the purpose of purchasing food vouchers or grocery gift certificates which will be available to persons living with HIV disease who are in need of assistance with the purchase of food or nutritional supplements. The "Prince & Princess' Pantry" will be administered by the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess and the Court Treasurer. The Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be responsible for organizing two (2) fund raising activities for the "Pantry" during their reign. Money in the fund shall be used to purchase grocery gift certificates or food vouchers which can be redeemed by recipients at local grocery stores. Individuals shall not be given cash.**

**(B) The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Court Treasurer and the Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing appropriate operating procedures and eligibility guidelines for the "Prince & Princess' Pantry" no later than November 4, 1996.]**

**Financial – Dakota Fund**

12.25 [Proclamation 32.2: The Dakota Relief Fund is to assist with final burial expenses and/or cards and/or flowers for sick or deceased family members of Court members. The Dakota Relief Fund will be a separate fund within the ISGC and will require General Court membership approval for the dispersal of funds. Emergency expenditures may be made on a case by case basis with the approval of the administrators but subsequent approval by the General Court membership is still required.]

RELATIVE	FLOWERS	CARDS
Court Member	YES	
Spouse / Partner	YES	
Child	YES	
Parent	NO	YES
In-Laws	NO	YES
Siblings	NO	YES
Grand Parents	NO	YES
Uncles & Aunts	NO	NO
Cousins	NO	NO

12.26 A Venue Payment Fund shall be established to pay for any required expenses, down payments, or performance bonds required by any venue.in which an ISGCBI Event is to be held. Refunds from any venue shall be placed into this fund. Any excess of the monies collected from performers, \$1.00 from each performance unless excused from this \$1.00 by the person or persons hosting the event, shall be placed in this fund. The base beginning amount for this fund for a Reign shall be \$500.00. As the end of a Reign, any excess of this amount shall be transferred into the General Fund.

**ARTICLE XIII - MONARCH TRAVEL EXPENSES**

13.1 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court will have a dedicated Travel Fund to be used only for the transportation expenses incurred by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess when traveling to Coronations or Prince and Princess Balls.

13.2 The fund shall be used for the purchase of travel needs upon presentation of receipts.

13.3 Travel expenses covered within this article shall not include food, drink, wardrobe, souvenirs and gratuities. Travel expenses covered within this article shall include any travel expenses, tickets to the Out-of-Town Coronation Show, and tickets to the Coronation.

13.4 **Financial – Reimbursement for out-of-town shows and coronation tickets**  
[PROCLAMATION 10.1: The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, will reimburse the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess one-half (1/2) of the cost of the out-of-town coronation ticket upon presentation of receipt (stub of the ticket) to the Treasurer.] [This Proclamation was amended by Proclamation 22.1 on July 17, 2000.]

[PROCLAMATION 22.1: The Court shall reimburse the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess for the entire cost of any out-of-town coronation tickets. [Amends Proclamation 10.1]

[PROCLAMATION 22.2: The Court shall reimburse the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess for the cost of any out-of-town show tickets.]

[PROCLAMATION 17.3: To be reimbursed for out of town Coronation tickets, Reigning Imperial Family members must Walk and Greet the Monarchs stepping down, as well as greet the newly elected Monarchs following Coronation.]

13.5 The Court Treasurer shall oversee the organization and accounting of the fund and shall preferably be given prearranged notification concerning use of the fund.



- 13.6 Use of the fund shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per reign for each the Emperor and Empress and two hundred dollars (\$200) each for the Crown Prince and Crown Princess. If any of the positions of Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess are vacant at the beginning of the Reign, the incentive bonus shall not be transferred to that specific Travel Fund from the General Fund when the incentive fundraising level has been met.
- 13.7 **[PROCLAMATION 11.2: The travel fund for Emperor and Empress shall be increased to \$1,200.00 during a reign and the travel fund for the Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be increased to \$300.00 during a reign after the reigning Monarchs complete an incentive program as defined by Board of Directors.]**
- a. Each reign shall be responsible for raising jointly \$3,000.00 into the Court General Fund checking fund to be raised in the first six (6) months of his or her reign.
  - b. If the required amount is reached by the title holder during the first six (6) months of his or her reign, the Court shall reward that Monarch with increased monies in his or her travel fund. The travel fund for the Emperor and Empress shall be increased to \$1,200.00 during a reign and the travel fund for the Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be increased to \$300.00 during a reign. The additional total of \$600.00 stated herein shall be transferred from the General Fund into the Monarch Travel fund.
  - c. The Treasurer will deposit the funds into the general fund, but will maintain a separate record of what the reign has brought in.
  - d. The Reign will work together on fundraisers whenever possible to evenly distribute the work load and the availability of funds.
  - e. Fund raisers may be organized by individuals other than the Reigning Monarchs and these may apply to the incentive program under the following conditions:
    - 1) Only funds donated to the general checking fund apply;
    - 2) The Board of Directors must be advised by the individuals organizing the function that these funds be included for consideration;
    - 3) The funds shall be evenly allotted to each of the reigning Monarchs.
  - f. All disputes and interpretations of the incentive program shall be decided on by the Board of Directors.
  - g. Title holders with only a partial year (i.e. Regents) will receive a prorated incentive based on provisions decided by the Board of Directors and agreed to by the new title holder prior to that title holder taking office.
- 13.8 Any amounts remaining in the fund at the end of each Court year shall remain in the fund with the two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) per reign limit for expenses still being in effect.
- 13.9 Reimbursements for travel expenses shall be made to the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess upon receipt of said expenses. Should the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess leave office not in good standing, all expenses paid to that individual shall be returned to the Travel Fund by that individual. Each Monarch shall be required to sign at the second Court Meeting in July a Promissory Note that will include the following:
- a) All Travel Fund monies shall be paid back to the ISGCBI Travel Fund should a Monarch not complete their reign, which is defined as stepping down at the Annual Coronation. After the Reign year has been completed, all Travel Funds shall be paid to the ISGCBI General Fund, in accordance with Section 13.8.
  - b) The Travel Fund monies may be re-paid in monthly sums OR in one lump sum.
  - c) The final re-payment date shall be July 1 of the year following what would have been their step down.
  - d) Civil action by the ISGCBI may be instituted in the Small Claims Court and any claims pursued there shall include all Court costs payable by the defendant (the Monarch).
  - e) Failure to repay the Travel Funds by the July 1 deadline shall cause the membership of the individual to be placed on automatic suspension, said suspension to be lifted upon total completion of the repayment.
- 13.10 The Board of Directors may forego the requirements of the Promissory Note.
- 13.11 The Travel Funds for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess who assume their office midway into the Reign shall be prorated in the following manner:
- |               | Emperor and Empress |           | Crown Prince and Crown Princess |           |       |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|
|               | Standard            | Incentive | Standard                        | Incentive |       |
| 12-10 months: | \$1000              | \$1200    | 12-9 months:                    | \$200     | \$100 |
| 10-8 months:  | \$833               | \$1000    | 9-6 months:                     | \$150     | \$225 |
| 8-6 months:   | \$666               | \$800     | 6-3 months:                     | \$100     | \$150 |
| 6-4 months:   | \$500               | \$600     | 3-0 months:                     | \$50      | \$75  |
| 4-2 months:   | \$334               | \$400     |                                 |           |       |
| 2-0 months:   | \$167               | \$200     |                                 |           |       |

## **ARTICLE XIV - THE JERRY SWETT FUND**

- 14.1 A combined fund shall be established and made solely available for persons who are HIV Positive. Priority is given for short-term assistance for living expenses and essential transportation, but is not limited to them.
- a. The Board of Directors shall be the Trustees for the Fund.
  - b. The Review Committee shall consist of six (6) Administrators each year. Requests must be authorized by the fund Administrators before the service is provided. The Administrators shall have the power to review and either accepts totally, accept partially, or reject any claim as well as reduce the maximum single claim and fiscal year amount as conditions arise... No monies shall be given directly to any individual claimant. Claims shall be on a form approved by Board of Directors.
    1. The Review Committee shall be administered by six (6) members elected by the Court and shall be known as the Administrators.
  - c. The Administrators shall hold at least two (2) event during the year to raise monies for the Fund but are not limited to three. These events shall include the annual “Lovers and Losers Ball” and one other as determined by The Administrators.
  - d. No more than \$100 at a time for each case.
  - e. No more than \$300 per calendar year for each case. Calendar year follows the Reign.
  - f. Members of ISGCI will know these cases only by their case numbers.
  - g. Case numbers are assigned and maintained by the Administrators or by referral agencies.
  - h. Claims shall be reviewed upon deliverance to the committee. Claims may be by electronic means to the Administrators.
  - i. The approval of any medical claim and the amount approved shall be delivered to the Court Treasurer for payment. General Court approval of checks from this Fund shall not be required. The account number for the claimant shall appear on the Court check.
  - j. Monies approved shall be sent by check by mail to the facility or doctor or the monies may be delivered to an authorized agency which shall forward the monies to the appropriate third party.
  - k. The Treasurer of the ISGCI Board of Directors shall review the claims prior to submitting the claim to the Administrators for their consideration.
  - l. The fund may not borrow from any other Court fund to pay any claim approved, nor may any claim other than an approved medical claim for funds may be taken from this fund.
  - m. Every possible effort will be made to assure a claimant’s right to privacy and medical confidentiality. A breach of confidentiality by any court member will result in formal misconduct charges being brought against that individual Court member.

## **ARTICLE XV – THE JIMMY MOORE FUND**

- 14.1 A combined fund shall be established and made solely available for persons who are HIV Positive. Priority is given for short-term assistance for medical, living expenses and essential transportation, but is not limited to them.
- a. The Board of Directors shall be the Trustees for the Fund.
  - b. The Review Committee shall consist of six (6) Administrators each year. Requests must be authorized by the fund Administrators before the service is provided. The Administrators shall have the power to review and either accepts totally, accept partially, or reject any claim as well as reduce the maximum single claim and fiscal year amount as conditions arise... No monies shall be given directly to any individual claimant. Claims shall be on a form approved by Board of Directors.
    1. The Review Committee shall be administered by six (6) members elected by the Court and shall be known as the Administrators.
  - c. The Administrators shall hold at least two (2) event during the year to raise monies for the Fund but are not limited to three. These events shall include the annual “Idaho Cares” event and one other as determined by The Administrators.
  - d. No more than \$200 at a time for each case.
  - e. No more than \$500 per calendar year for each case. Calendar year follows the Reign.
  - f. Members of ISGCI will know these cases only by their case numbers.
  - g. Case numbers are assigned and maintained by the Administrators or by referral agencies.
  - h. Claims shall be reviewed upon deliverance to the committee. Claims may be by electronic means to the Administrators.
  - i. The approval of any medical claim and the amount approved shall be delivered to the Court Treasurer for payment. General Court approval of checks from this Fund shall not be required. The account number for the claimant shall appear on the Court check.
  - j. Monies approved shall be sent by check by mail to the facility or doctor or the monies may be delivered to an authorized agency which shall forward the monies to the appropriate third party.
  - k. The Treasurer of the ISGCI Board of Directors shall review the claims prior to submitting the claim to the Administrators for their consideration.

l. The fund may not borrow from any other Court fund to pay any claim approved, nor may any claim other than an approved medical claim for funds may be taken from this fund.

m. Every possible effort will be made to assure a claimant's right to privacy and medical confidentiality. A breach of confidentiality by any court member will result in formal misconduct charges being brought against that individual Court member.

15.2 **[Proclamation 24.2 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall establish an emergency medical assistance fund to be known as the Jimmy Moore Emergency Medical Assistance Fund or "Jimmy Fund" as a separate fund within the Court. The Jimmy Fund shall be for the express purpose of providing short-term medical assistance for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.]**

15.3 **[Proclamation 25.1: Beginning with the 26<sup>th</sup> Reign, the Reigning Monarchs of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall hold a dedicated fundraiser for the Jimmy Moore Emergency Medical Assistance Fund or "Jimmy Fund".]**

15.4 **[Proclamation 26.4: The Jimmy Moore Fund Administrators shall jointly be responsible for organizing the annual Idaho Cares Show for the benefit of the Jimmy Moore Fund.]**

## **ARTICLE XVI - COURT PROPERTY**

### **Court Property – Crown Jewels**

16.1 All court property shall be kept in locations designated by the Board of Directors.

16.2 The State crown for the Empress, the tiara for the Crown Princess, the State Crowns for the Emperor and for the Crown Prince shall be the same design. The State Crowns remain as property of the Court and are not to be considered as personal property of the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess. They shall be worn at State functions. The State Crowns shall be returned to the Lord/Lady Steward at the end of their reign at Coronation where the State Crowns will be placed on the heads of the new Monarchs.

16.3 **[PROCLAMATION 37.1: Let it be known from this day forth (October 6, 2014), the current state crowns must be worn by the reigning Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Prince and Princess) to all out of state coronations and/or functions when appropriate.]**

16.4 The Lord/Lady Steward (Keeper of the Crown Jewels) shall be appointed by the Emperor and Empress to serve as the guardian of the Court property other than the Lights and Props. The duties of the Lord/Lady Steward shall be:

- a) To manage the inventory and upkeep of all Court equipment and supplies,
- b) To place in safe keeping and maintaining the Crown Jewels, sword, scepter, orb and flags and make them available for Court functions, and
- c) To ensure the return of the Crown Jewels at the first regular meeting of the Court following the annual Coronation.

### **Court Property - Spotlight**

16.5 The Court will be responsible for spotlight bulbs for the spotlight.

16.6 All monies collected from the rental of the spotlight are to be placed in the Spotlight Maintenance and Storage fund.

16.7 Keeper of the Lights and Props shall be appointed by the Emperor and Empress to store and assist with props and lights at Court functions and act as advisor for such functions when possible.

### **Court Property - Rental**

16.8 Court property includes stage and lighting equipment. Other organizations wishing to borrow or rent any court property must come before the General Court with their request. All requests must be approved by the Court prior to the use by any other organization. Renting versus lending will be decided by the General Court with special considerations as whether its use is for a non-profit organization. Flags may be lent to other organizations free of charge with the understanding that the other organization will pay for any damage to the flags.

### **Court Property – Promissory Notes**

16.9 Candidates and Regents for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be required to sign a promissory note requiring each to pay for any damage done to or loss or theft of court property, including crowns, tiaras, medallions, scepters and robes, while in town or out of town. The Promissory Note shall also require the repayment of Travel Funds should the applicant not complete their reign, as state herein this Constitution. The Application for Candidates may serve as this Promissory Note, when designed acknowledgement of said Constitution and By-Laws are testified as being read and to be adhered to on said application.

## ARTICLE XVII - IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN GEM COURT EVENTS

### Court Events – Pre-Approved

- 17.1 Annual, pre-approved and required Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Productions include:
- INVESTITURES, hosted by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, within forty-five (45) days immediately following Coronation, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - The Jo Laib, Idaho State School and Hospital, CHRISTMAS SHOW, hosted by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess, with proceeds going into the Holiday Fund.
  - WOMEN’S NEEDS CHARITY fundraising event will be scheduled during each reign with all proceeds designated specifically for a women’s need charity. This show can be hosted by the reigning monarchs or by any member of the ISGC chosen by the monarchs as they so deem.  
**[PROCLAMATION 28.4: Let it be known from this day forth that a fundraiser will be scheduled during each reign with all proceeds designated specifically for a women’s need charity. This show can be hosted by the reigning monarchs or by any member of the ISGCBI chosen by the monarchs as they so deem. (i.e. – The annual fundraiser for the Mountain States Tumor Institute constitutes a women’s Needs Charity.)**
  - The PRINCE & PRINCESS BALL, hosted by the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess, with proceeds going into the Prince and Princess Pantry Fund.  
**[Proclamation 5.2: The Crown Prince and Crown Princess Ball will be a Ball and not a Mini-Coronation.]**
  - The CLOSET BALL hosted by the reigning Emperor and Empress with the assistance of the previous year's winner(s) with proceeds going into the General Fund. Contestants for CLOSET BALL must never have performed in drag before to be eligible to compete. CLOSET BALL is a judged event, with rules to be pre-determined by Board of Directors.  
**[Proclamation 26.5: The Closet Ball King and the Closet Ball Queen shall be required to attend two (2) fund raising activities during their reign and shall attend the Closet Ball at the end of their Reign in order for them to retain their titles.]**
  - TURNABOUT, hosted by the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess, with proceeds going into the General Fund. CLOSET BALL and TURNABOUT may be held at the same time as a joint event.
  - Two (2) PRINCE AND PRINCESS PANTRY FUND-RAISING EVENTS, hosted by the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess, with proceeds going into the Prince and Princess Pantry Fund.
  - The IDAHO CARES SHOW hosted jointly by the reigning Monarchs and the Jimmy Moore Administrators, with proceeds going into the Jimmy Moore Fund.
  - Two (2) Jerry Swett Fund fundraisers, hosted by the Jerry Swett Fund Administrators, with proceeds going into the Jerry Swett Fund. One of these two fundraisers shall be the Lovers and Losers Ball held in February.
  - A FUNDRAISING EVENT, the type of event to be determined by the previous reign Monarchs, hosted by the previous reign, with proceeds as determined by the previous reign Monarchs going into either the Crowns, Medallions and Robes Fund or to a fund as determined by the Board of Directors.
  - THE MR. AND MISS GAY GEM STATE PAGEANT, hosted by the Board of Directors of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - Brunches and BBQs may be hosted by ISGC groups/committees and these shall be considered as pre-approved events.
  - INTRODUCTION TO THE CANDIDATES SHOW, hosted by the Board of Directors, held on or before the last Saturday in June, proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - Brunches and BBQs may be hosted by ISGC groups/committees and these shall be considered as pre-approved events.
  - Candidate Fund Raisers, the number to be determined by the candidates for the next Reign, with proceeds going into the Monarch Travel Fund for the Reign in which they are a candidate and into that candidate’s specific Travel Fund.
  - In-Town-Show, hosted by the reigning Monarchs with the assistance of their designees, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - Out-of-Town Show, hosted by the reigning Monarchs with the assistance of their designees, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - HOSPITALITY at the annual Coronation shall be coordinated and hosted by the Monarchs of the prior Reign, with proceeds from tips going into a charity fund of the host Monarchs choice.
  - CORONATION, hosted by the Ball Chairs, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - Victory Brunch, hosted by the outgoing reigning Monarchs, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  - Raffles, auctions and/or other fundraising events held in conjunction with any other authorized Court fundraiser may have these proceeds go into a different fund as previously determined by the hosts of the show or by the Monarchs.
  - Emperor & Empress Potato Head Contest hosted by the Candidates with proceeds going to the Monarchs Travel Fund.
  - Coronation Bar Tour, hosted by the Monarchs or by whomever the monarchs choose, with proceeds to a fund(s) of the monarchs’ choice.
  - Coronation Water Party(s) hosted by out of realm court(s), with proceeds going to the Monarchs Travel Fund for the new reign.
  - Cream the Crown hosted by the stepping down monarchs with proceeds going to the Monarchs Travel Fund for the new

reign.

- 17.2 **[PROCLAMATION 29.7: The Reigning Monarchs need to be flexible in their Reign. The Reigning Monarchs should not be limited in the scope and vision of their Reign with events and Court functions established by Proclamations of past ISGCBI Reigns that leave little time for their own planned events. Therefore, the issuance of Proclamations declaring an official Court Function to be held by or hosted by future Reigning Monarchs during their reign is hereby prohibited.]**

#### **Court Events – ISGC Approved**

- 17.3 For a function to be declared an I.S.G.C. Production, it must be approved by the Board of Directors, sanctioned and recognized by the Court, with part or all of the proceeds to be given to the Court. I.S.G.C. Productions must be approved prior to the event. Inclusion in the Annual Court Budget or in the approved Court Calendar of an Event shall constitute approval of the Event. Unless an event is specifically advertised as a Court General Fund fundraiser and dedicated to the Court General Fund, fifteen percent (15%) of the proceeds will go to the Court General Fund. The remainder of the proceeds may go to an approved fund or organization, but all proceeds must be deposited into the Court treasury and then a check will be written to the other approved organization. Proceeds are monies after expenses have been taken out. All proceeds from I.S.G.C. Productions and fundraising events must be deposited, unless expressly allowed by the Board of Directors, directly into the applicable I.S.G.C. checking account within four (4) calendar days after the event, provided that proceeds of events in July prior to the Coronation weekend may not be deposited but shall, instead, be held as additional funds for the Coronation events door.
- 17.4 **[PROCLAMATION 29.10: The continued financial security of the Court is ever present within all Reigns of the Court. Without continued funding of the Court General Fund, the month to month activities of the Court fall into jeopardy. Therefore, it is Proclaimed, that, unless an event is specifically advertised as a Court General Fund fundraiser and dedicated to the Court General Fund, 15% of the door and 15% of the raffle proceeds of all court shows, raffles, and other fundraising activities advertised for other Court Funds or for other charities, shall go into the Court General Fund.]**

#### **Court Events - Performers**

- 17.5 **[Proclamation 29.12: In the Spirit of Fun and Unity, Inclusiveness and Respect, except for the Out of Town Show, the Coronation itself, the P and P Ball, the Idaho Cares Show, and other shows at the discretion of the Board of Directors or of the Monarchs as approved by the Board of Directors, all shows produced by, promoted as, or sponsored by the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, or the various funds of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, shall be open events for all Court members in good standing as defined in Section 7.4 of this Constitution. The sponsors of the show, event or fundraiser may place a limit on the number of performances an individual may do at that show, event or fundraiser, but a production number consisting of two or more individuals shall not prohibit any one individual in that production number from performing as a solo performer. All invited Guests from other Courts may be performers at any ISGC sponsored show or event.]**  
**[PROCLAMATION 7.5: That all past Emperors and Empresses will be admitted to all I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, Functions free of charge (excluding the Annual Coronation).]**

#### **Court Events – Appointed Officials**

- 17.6 The Lord/Lady Historian shall be as set forth in Section 5.10.
- 17.7 The Minister of Protocol shall be as set forth in Section 5.9
- 17.8 All Reigning Monarchs must only wear their State Crowns when appropriate.  
**[PROCLAMATION 37.1: Let it be known from this day forth (October 6, 2014), the current state crowns must be worn by the reigning Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Prince and Princess) to all out of state coronations and/or functions when appropriate.]**
- 17.9 The Lord/Lady Steward (Keeper of the Crown Jewels) shall be appointed by the Emperor and Empress to serve as the guardian of the Court property other than the Lights and Props. The duties of the Lord/Lady Steward shall be:
- To manage the inventory and upkeep of all Court equipment and supplies,
  - To place in safe keeping and maintaining the Crown Jewels, sword, scepter, orb and flags and make them available for Court functions, and
  - To ensure the return of the Crown Jewels at the first regular meeting of the Court following the annual Coronation.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - CAMPAIGNING AND VOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EMPEROR, EMPRESS, CROWN PRINCE AND CROWN PRINCESS**

### **Campaigning and Voting –Applications and Qualifications**

- 18.1 Applications shall be made available at the May General Court Meeting and must be submitted to the reigning Emperor, reigning Empress or President of the Board of Directors by 8 PM one (1) day prior to the interview with the Screening Committee. An application submitted for Emperor or Empress may not be changed after the deadline has passed and the application has been submitted.
- 18.2 Applicants must meet all requirements as of the date of the interview.
- 18.3 Applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 18.4 Applicants will have been a continuous member in good standing of the Court for at least twelve (12) months prior to the meeting of the Screening Committee. (See also Sections 4.4 and 4.7) Applicants must have attended at least nine (9) of the previous twelve (12) Court meetings.
- 18.5 **[PROCLAMATION 35.5 No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Emperor, Empress, Prince or Princess unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) calendar year prior to the closing of the candidate filing, that date being the first Monday in June. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Board Officer unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to the Annual Meeting of the ISGCBI, that date being the first Monday in August.]**
- 18.6 Applicants must be a resident of Idaho.
- 18.7 Applicants must be employed or have visible means of support.
- 18.8 Applicants must be able to afford both in time and money the positions that they seek.
- 18.9 Applicants will be required to sign a Promissory Note requiring the individual (if he/she should become elected) to pay back all travel funds if the reign is not completed.
- 18.10 Applicants for the offices of Emperor and Empress must submit with their application a non-refundable entry fee of one hundred dollars (100.00). Applicants for the offices of Crown Prince and Crown Princess must submit with their application a non-refundable entry fee fifty dollars (\$50.00). The entry fee shall be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. The entry fee shall include admission to all Coronation events. The entry fee shall be designated exclusively for the purchase of the Court rings or crowns, as set forth in Section 8.10. The only exception to the non-refundable entry fee policy shall be in the event that the applicant does not pass the Screening committee.
- 18.11 Should no person submit an application for either the position of Crown Prince or Crown Princess, the following process for the selection of either the Crown Prince, Crown Princess, or both shall be followed:
- A) At the second meeting of the Board of Directors in July, each candidate(s) for Emperor shall submit one (1) name for Crown Prince and each candidate(s) for Empress shall submit one (1) name for Crown Princess. All submitted names must be members of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court in good standing as outlined herein this Constitution. In accordance with Proclamation 33.5, in the instance where there is only one Monarch candidate (i.e. Emperor or Empress), the sole Monarch candidate shall have the right and privilege to name candidates for both the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess.
  - B) Each member of the College of Monarchs shall vote by secret ballot for each of the candidates for Crown Prince and Crown Princess as to their approval of the individuals. The Board President shall retain the ballots for thirty (30) days.
  - C) If any of the names submitted by the candidate(s) for Emperor are not approved, the candidate for Emperor must submit an additional name. If any of the names submitted by the candidate(s) for Empress are not approved the candidate Empress must submit an additional name.
  - D) The persons selected for the positions of Crown Prince and Crown Princess will be announced at the Crowning Ceremony at Coronation and they will be crowned directly after the Emperor and Empress have been crowned. It is at this time that the newly crowned Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall accept the responsibilities and assume the duties of their office.
  - E) Subsequent vacancies for the positions of Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be filled in accordance with this section.

- F) If either the Crown Prince or Crown Princess, or both, are selected under this Section, and since the title of Crown Prince and Crown Princess would be appointed titles and bestowed at the discretion of the Emperor and Empress, the Emperor and Empress shall be allowed to remove the Crown Prince or Crown Princess if the working relationship is no longer to the betterment of the Court. If the Emperor and Empress do not address the problem and the Board of Directors continue to see a problem, then the Board of Directors shall have the ability to remove the Crown Prince or Crown Princess, or any other “appointed” title, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. The action or actions described within this section of the Constitution shall not require the concurrence of the General Court. This section 18.10 (F) shall not apply to either the Crown Prince, Crown Princess, or both, if these position have been filled subsequent to applications being filed and election taking place under Article 18 herein of this Constitution.

### **Campaigning and Voting – Screening Committee**

- 18.12 All applicants for the office of Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess will appear for a private interview before a Screening Committee. The Screening Committee Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday immediately after the June Court Meeting. An applicant is not considered an official candidate for the office of Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess until they receive a **DO PASS** recommendation from Screening Committee. No campaign material of any kind may appear in any public place until after Screening Committee has met and has made their decision for the applicant.
- 18.13 The Screening Committee shall consist of an elected committee as follows:
- a) Board of Directors will elect:
    - The Reigning Emperor and the Reigning Empress shall be automatic members of the Screening Committee.
    - One (1) past Emperor Member of the College of Monarchs
    - One (1) past Empress Member of the College of Monarchs
    - One (1) past Crown Prince
    - One (1) past Crown Princess
    - One (1) Board of Director member at-large
    - One (1) non-voting Board of Director member at-large, as Moderator
  - b) The General Court will elect three (3) members of the Court
  - c) The Screening Committee shall consist of a total of ten (10) voting members. Should no one be elected by the Board of Directors for one of the positions in a) above, the General Court shall elect additional member(s) of the Court to complete the Screening Committee membership of ten (10).
  - d) Should a Screening Committee member elected herein not be able to fulfill their obligation and attend the Screening Committee, the Reigning Emperor, the Reigning Empress and the Moderator, together and in unison, shall be empowered to name a replacement from the exact category as listed in a) and b) herein to which the original Screening Committee member was elected, as there would be no time for a Court meeting to elect a new Screening Committee member. Failure to act in unison shall result in a blank position on the Screening Committee.
- 18.14 **[Proclamation 16.5: From this day forward, July 18, 1994, that upon election to either the Board of Directors or the Screening Committee. (1) All members at-large take an Oath of Honor to follow the current I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, Constitution. (2) All past Monarchs sitting on Board of Directors renew their oath to follow the Constitution. This action shall take place at the first regular Board of Directors meeting following the annual Coronation. The oath shall be administered by either the current reigning Emperor or Empress.**
- The Oath shall read as follows:**
- I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear upon my honor to uphold and abide by the Current I.S.G.C. B.I. Constitution.]**
- 18.15 **[Proclamation 31.5: In order to promote consistency within the ISGCBI, let it be known from this day forward that all candidates running for the title of [either Crown Princess or] Empress must be in drag for Screening Committee. Let it be known that if such candidates win their prospective titles they must also be in drag at Victory Brunch.]**
- 18.16 **[PROCLAMATION 37.7: In order to promote consistency within the ISGCBI, let it be known from this day forward that all candidates running for the title of either Crown Prince or Emperor must be in business attire for the Screening Committee.**
- 18.17 The Screening Committee shall meet prior to the candidate’s screening. Each candidate will be scored in five divisions that will include these criteria:
- A) Afford in both time and money
  - B) Personality/Representation
  - C) Goals for your reign, should you win

- D) Creative fund raising
- E) Knowledge of the Constitution

Each voting member of the Screening Committee may ask of each candidate appearing before the Screening Committee a question from three (3) of the five (5) categories listed in this section. In addition to these five (5) divisions herein listed, candidates may be asked specific questions concerning their activity within the Court during the past Reign, including participation in Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Events.

The Screening Committee will be provided by the Secretary of the Court each applicants attendance record for the prior twelve (12) months to verify qualification.

- 18.18 A scoring system shall be implemented to judge the answers to the general questions by each member of the Screening Committee with the exception of the Moderator. Each division will be scored as "PASS" or "NO PASS". The candidate must receive a majority of "PASS" scores from the members of the Screening Committee to be eligible to run.
- 18.19 The Moderator shall ensure fairness to all candidates and shall be empowered to keep order and may ask clarifying questions of candidates based on a Screening Committee member's question to further elaborate on the candidate's answer. In the interest of fairness and uniformity, the Moderator of the Screening Committee shall serve as Candidate Liaison with the official candidates for their fundraisers, campaign posters, and names and/or titles to appear on the ballot
- 18.20 Each applicant will be informed privately of the Screening Committee decision at the time of the interview.
- 18.21 Failure of an applicant to show up at the designated time for the interview with the Screening Committee shall cause the candidate to receive a no-pass from the Screening Committee.
- 18.22 The decision of the Screening Committee shall be entered into Board of Directors minutes at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **Campaigning and Voting – Campaign Time**

- 18.23 Candidates shall have a minimum of two (2) weeks in which to campaign.

#### **Campaigning and Voting – Candidate Fundraisers**

- 18.24 Each approved Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess candidate must participate in at least one (1) fundraising event, either jointly with other candidates or singly, prior to elections with minimum proceeds of one hundred dollars (\$100) each, all of which must be turned over to the Treasurer by midnight, prior to the first voting day
- 18.25 Candidates will use only designated areas in a bar or other business in which to hang one (1) display, poster or picture, which may be left up through Coronation. The size of the display will be determined by the bar or business. Fliers, table tents or banners may be used at the bar owner's or business' discretion.

#### **Campaigning and Voting – Court Officials and past Monarchs**

- 18.26 In the event a member at-large of Board of Directors should be elected Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess, he/she shall resign the elected membership of Board of Directors after the crowning ceremony.
- 18.27 In the event a past Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess campaigns for another elected office, their seat and vote on the Board of Directors shall not be withheld during the campaign. While all past Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing are considered members of the court in perpetuity, each past monarch must meet all of the requirements of all applicants for the office of Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess.

#### **Campaigning and Voting – Failure to Comply**

- 18.28 Failure of the applicant/candidate to comply with these stated rules and regulations shall render the applicant/candidate ineligible and action by the Board of Directors will be taken immediately.

#### **Campaigning and Voting – Running for another office**

- 18.29 No person may run to succeed themselves in office except Board of Directors members, as further described in Proclamation 29.6
- 18.30 **[PROCLAMATION 7.3: The reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess will run for no other title during their reign.]**



**[PROCLAMATION 29.6: The Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall neither run for nor hold any other honorary, elected, or appointed title within any other LGBT Organization in the State of Idaho while holding their title during their reign. A leave of absence granted to a Reigning Monarch during their reign shall not allow that Reigning Monarch to run for nor hold any other honorary, elected, or appointed title within any other LGBT Organization in the State of Idaho. A title held by an incoming Monarch shall not be deemed as in conflict with this Proclamation since the title was held by the individual prior to their election as a Monarch. This Proclamation clarifies Proclamation 7.3.]**

- 18.31 The community shall vote for the officers and titles of Emperor and/or Empress, Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess at a site and time to be determined by the Board of Directors. The court members shall vote for the four (4) members at-large for the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting of the Court after the annual Coronation. Emperor Emeritus and Empress Emeritus, half Emperors and half Emperesses are eligible to be elected as members at-large of the Board of Directors. The terms of office for the at-large members of the Board of Directors shall be one { 1 } year.
- 18.32 Voting shall be limited to residents of Idaho who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Any past Emperor, past Empress, past Crown Prince or past Crown Princess who is not a current resident of Idaho but who is at the location of the voting on the designated voting day may vote.

#### **Campaigning and Voting - Procedures**

- 18.33 **[PROCLAMATION 16.4: From this day forward, July 18, 1994, in fairness to the whole community, in the name of fun and unity, whenever possible, no I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, election for any Monarch title may be held within any bar or tavern. This excludes the annual Coronation site only.]**
- 18.34 Voting shall be done secretly in a Court Voting booth. Any attempt at coaching shall cause the ballot to be dropped from tabulation.
- 18.35 There will be absentee ballots for I.S.G.C. Court members in good standing at the first General Court Meeting in July or at a time and place elsewhere as set forth by the Board of Directors. Gem Emperors, Gem Emperesses, past Crown Princes, past Crown Princesses, Emperor Emeritus and Empress Emeritus, half Emperors and half Emperesses, and Citizens for Life shall receive, if requested, either 1) an electronic ballot attached to an email or face-book address, 2) receive through first class mail a ballot or 3) an actual printed ballot that shall be voted on in person. The ballot shall be returned to either the designated email address or to the Court Post Office Box by the date of the regular voting date. These ballots will be tabulated with the other regular ballots.
- 18.36 As each member of Board of Directors votes, they will self-identify to the Voting Registrar. They will then be given a second ballot. This second ballot will be filled out and placed in a sealed envelope. The closure of this envelope will carry the initials of both poll watchers. The front of the envelope will only show if the person is a qualified member at-large or a member of the College of Monarchs in good standing. In the event of a tie for an office, the Voting Registrar and the President of the Board of Directors will open the envelopes from the members' at-large first. If the resulting votes result in a tie break, it is ended. Should the vote still be tied, or the necessary 50% plus one (1) not be achieved in this method, then the votes from the College of Monarchs will be opened and tallied.
- 18.37 No ballot shall contain any number or any designation whatsoever after the ballot has been issued which can indicate who cast the ballot. Should ballots contain numbers for control of the ballots, said ballot numbers will be clipped from the ballots prior to inclusion of said ballot in the ballot box.
- 18.38 The ballot box and voting shall be conducted and overseen by the Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Unless a member of the Board of Directors is listed on the ballot as a candidate for an office, all members of the Board of Directors shall assist in the conduct of the voting by assisting at the polls. Candidates may also select a person(s) to watch with the Voting Registrar(s) in the conduct of the elections. Should there be any doubt that voting is not following these rules and regulations, the Voting Registrar shall report to the Board of Directors any indiscretions. The Board of Directors shall then immediately begin disciplinary action.
- 18.39 The Voting Registrar will hold one key to the ballot box and the Treasurer will hold the other. In no event will anyone hold a key and the ballot box simultaneously save the person tabulating the ballots. The tabulator will be given a copy of the Constitution. The Voting Pollbook will be placed in the ballot box at the conclusion of voting. The results will be kept secret.
- 18.40 The Board of Directors shall approve of an unbiased third party to tabulate the votes. The third party shall be a Notary Public and the results of the vote will be notarized.

### **Campaigning and Voting – Write-in candidates**

18.41 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court will not recognize write-in candidates. A ballot for a write-in candidate shall not be tabulated or recognized and deemed void/invalid.

### **Campaigning and Voting – Determination of Winners**

18.42 The winner shall be determined in the following manner:

- a) If there is more than one (1) candidate, the winner must win by at least one (1) vote.
- b) If there is only one (1) candidate for the office, the total number of YES votes must be 50% plus one (1) of the votes cast. Total votes cast is herein defined as the combination of YES, NO and ABSTAINING votes cast for that office.
- c) For the election of the “at-Large” members to the Board of Directors, the winners shall be the three (3) candidates with the highest number of votes received.

18.43 A recount of tabulated votes may be requested upon reasonable doubt. The individual requesting the recount shall pay all expenses incurred by said recount. Said request shall be in writing and presented to the President of the Board of Directors (if unavailable, to the Vice-President of the Board of Directors) within three (3) days after the function. The Board of Directors shall recount the votes.

### **Campaigning and Voting – Results**

18.44 A member of Board of Directors will present sealed results of the count to the Emperor or Empress during Coronation or prior to Coronation.

18.45 The results of the vote will be made public to the Court members at the first Court meeting following the annual Coronation. The results shall be posted and recorded in the Court minutes. The results shall be presented in a legible manner and must include for each office a) the actual number of votes cast for the individual, b) the percentage of votes attained by each candidate, and c) the total number of votes cast for that office.

### **Campaigning and Voting - Questions**

18.46 Any questions on voting and the count shall be directed to the Voting Registrar.

18.47 **[PROCLAMATION 29.13: In the interest of fairness, no Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, President of the Board of Directors or the Registrar of Elections shall actively campaign for nor openly support a candidate for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess. This provision shall apply to any candidate whether unopposed for that position or to any candidate who has an opponent on the ballot.]**

## **ARTICLE XIX - CORONATION**

### **Coronation - Date**

19.1 The date of the annual Coronation shall be on a Saturday in July of each year.

**[PROCLAMATION 5.1: The date of the annual Coronation will be in July of each Year.]**

### **Coronation – Planning and budget**

19.2 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess will plan, coordinate and present the annual Coronation, including, but not limited to, the In Town and Out of Town Shows and Victory Brunch at the end of their reign. Contracts between the Monarchs and person(s) responsible for Hospitality and for Victory Brunch shall be enacted, with either all receipts to be provided to the Treasurer, or the Treasurer is to purchase all items needed for either or both events.

19.3 The following shall be Coronation events: Hospitality, In Town and Out of Town Shows, Coronation and Victory Brunch. Additional Coronation events may be planned by the reigning Monarchs as they choose.

19.4 Projected income and projected expenses for all Imperial Sovereign Gem Court Events for the Reign shall be submitted by the reigning Emperor and Empress, to the Board of Directors and the General Court at the September Board of Directors meeting and the General Court meeting, including expenses for sets and supplies for all court functions and events during the reign, for all advertisement in the programs for out of state Coronations and Idaho based organizations, and for the annual Coronation events.

Expenditures made over and above the approved budget per event without prior approval of the Board of Directors will be reimbursed to the Treasurer by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess or disciplinary action will be taken. The location for and details of the Coronation events shall be approved by Board of Directors prior to the signing of any contracts for these events. The requirement of receipts or programs shall serve as proof of expenditure.

- 19.5 If the Monarchs have personally purchased their step-down pins, then the following additional regulations shall apply:
- **[PROCLAMATION 2.2: \$1.00 will be added to the price of each Coronation ticket to help the Emperor and Empress toward the purchase of step-down pins.]**
  - **[PROCLAMATION 4.1: If Coronation makes a profit, \$1.00 from the price of each ticket will be given to the Emperor and Empress toward the purchase of step-down pins.]**
- If the step-down pins are purchased through Court sponsored raffles, then the above Proclamations do not apply.

#### **Coronation – Complimentary Tickets**

- 19.6 A maximum of three (3) free tickets to Coronation will be given each to the Reigning Emperor, to the Reigning Empress, to the Reigning Crown Prince and to the Reigning Crown Princess. If a Reigning Monarch position is vacant, the three (3) assigned free Coronation tickets shall not be given out by any other Reigning Monarch. The Reigning Monarchs must submit their list to the Board of Directors for its approval at the first Board of Directors Meeting. In addition to the 12 Complimentary tickets herein enumerated, all Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to Coronation, as set forth in elsewhere herein this Constitution. Honorary free tickets to Coronation may be given with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **Coronation – Crowns**

- 19.7 The crown for the Empress and the tiara for the Crown Princess shall be the same design each year as available.
- 19.8 **[PROCLAMATION 28.2: Let it be known from this day forth that the reigning Emperor and Prince will no longer be required to wear shoulder crowns. The new state crown will be used in place of the shoulder crowns at the crowning ceremony at Coronation each year. ] {Language change as Proclamation has been enacted}**  
**[PROCLAMATION 23.4: From this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, forward, let it be known that the newly elected Crown Prince of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall each year receive a standard crown as does the Emperor which shall be no larger than that of the Emperor.] {Language change as Proclamation 28.2 was enacted}**

#### **Coronation – Ceremony and Activities**

- 19.9 The opening Order of the Evening for Coronation is as follows:  
Introduction of the M.C.s  
Presentation of Flags  
The National Anthem of Mexico  
The National Anthem of Canada  
The National Anthem of the United States of America  
Invocation
- 19.10 At either the In-Town Show, Out of Town Show, Coronation or the Victory Brunch, as determined by the reigning Emperor and Empress, along with the Board of Directors, the Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall present the following awards:
- **Carlos Flores Humanitarian or Community Service Award**, given to a member of the Community for outstanding service to the Community during the past reign.
  - The **Pride Award**, given to a member or organization of the community for outstanding Gay Pride.
  - The **Excellence of the Gem Award**, given to a member of the Court for outstanding service to the Court during the past reign.
  - The **“The Deanna Roberts Open Arms Award”**, given to an out of state person(s).
  - The **Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award**, given to an individual or organization whose dedication and persistent positive efforts within the Court merit recognition.
  - The Court Member of the Month and **Court Member of the Year Award**. The court member of the month award shall be chosen by the reigning monarchs and given at each monthly court meeting. The Court Member of the Year Award shall be chosen from the monthly recipients.
  - The **“Citizen of the Court for Life”**, given to a non-member of the Court. That person may be a resident from Idaho, from another state or from another Court.
  - The **Ball Chairperson's Award**, given by the Coronation Ball Chairperson to the individual who has been the most supportive to the Coronation.
- 19.11 The Court Scholarship shall be awarded at the annual Coronation.  
**[Proclamation 9.1: The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, will commence and continue a Memorial Scholarship to be given to a gay Idaho student and will be based on academics and community service. The Board of Directors will be the trustees. The Board will outline the Qualifications and Funding for the Scholarship].**

- 19.12 Each Emperor and/or Empress celebrating his/her decade step down shall receive a complimentary ticket to coronation. **[PROCLAMATION 9.2: That from this reign forward The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of each Monarch's Stepdown with a Special Presentation at their Tenth Anniversary].**
- 19.13 An official from Board of Directors will present sealed results of the count to the Emperor or Empress during Coronation.
- 19.14 The Crowning Ceremony will be known as the White Ceremony and the newly elected Empress, Emperor, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall wear white as they are crowned. Participants in the Crowning Ceremony shall be in black, white or gold or a combination thereof.  
**[Proclamation 19.4: In keeping with the Regal and Imperial nature of Coronation, all newly elected Emperors shall wear white, floor length gowns as they are crowned.]**  
**[Proclamation 21.1: In keeping with the Regale and Imperial nature of Coronation, the Crowning Ceremony will be known as the White Ceremony. The new Empress, the Emperor, the Crown Princess and the Crown Prince will be in white attire.]**
- 19.15 The crowning ceremony will be as follows:
- 1) The King Father to the Court and the Queen Mother to the Court go to get the newly elected Emperor and Empress.
  - 2) The new Emperor and Empress kneel on pillows.
  - 3) The oath of office is read to the newly elected Emperor and Empress.
  - 4) The Emperor and Empress dub with a sword (left shoulder, right shoulder, head) the new Emperor and Empress.
  - 5) The ceremonial crowns shall be carried by the 10 year Anniversary Emperor and Empress, and if these Monarchs are not attending, then by each older ascending Anniversary Emperor and Empress, and which are placed on the heads of the new Emperor and Empress and removed.
  - 6) The medallion and crown are placed on the new Emperor and Empress.
  - 7) The Emperor and Empress state their titles.
  - 8) The new Emperor and new Empress go to get their new Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
  - 9) The new Crown Prince and Crown Princess kneel on pillows.
  - 10) The oath of office is read to the newly announced Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
  - 11) The Emperor and Empress dub with a sword (left shoulder, right shoulder, head) the new Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
  - 12) The ceremonial crowns shall be carried by the 10 year Anniversary Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and if these Monarchs are not attending, then by each older ascending Anniversary Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and which are placed on the heads of the new Crown Prince and Crown Princess and removed.
  - 13) The medallion and tiara are placed on the new Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
  - 14) The Crown Prince and Crown Princess state their titles.
  - 15) All four (4) new Monarchs greet their public

#### **Coronation – Oaths of Office**

- 19.16 The Oath of Office for the **EMPEROR** shall be:  
 Do You (*Name*) Accept the Position Of Emperor? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Uphold the Constitution of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, as represented by the symbol of the Court, the crowned diamond? (*The New Monarch shall place his/her hand on the crowned diamond for his/her answer*) (*Answer*)  
 Will You Serve With the Utmost Respect For Your Empress, Your Crown Prince, Your Crown Princess and Your Community? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Reign and Not Rule? (*Answer*)  
 We, (*Emperor & Empress*), Do Here By Crown You, Emperor (*Number*) Once, (*Our Right*) Twice, (*Our Left*) Thrice.  
 As Emperor (*Number*) You Will Be Known As \_\_\_\_\_(*They State Their Name*)  
 May You Reign With An Open Mind And An Open Heart.
- 19.17 The Oath of Office for the **EMPRESS** shall be:  
 Do You (*Name*) Accept the Position Of Empress? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Uphold The Constitution Of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, as represented by the symbol of the Court, the crowned diamond? (*The New Monarch shall place his/her hand on the crowned diamond for his/her answer*) (*Answer*)  
 Will You Serve With The Utmost Respect For Your Emperor, Your Crown Prince, Your Crown Princess And Your Community? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Reign and Not Rule? (*Answer*)  
 We, (*Emperor & Empress*), Do Here By Crown You, Empress (*Number*) Once, (*Our Right*) Twice, (*Our Left*) Thrice.  
 As Empress (*Number*) You Will Be Known As \_\_\_\_\_(*They State Their Name*)  
 May You Reign With An Open Mind And An Open Heart.

- 19.18 The Oath of Office for the **CROWN PRINCE** shall be:  
 Do You (*Name*) Accept the Position Of Crown Prince? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Uphold The Constitution Of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, as represented by the symbol of the Court, the crowned diamond? (*The New Monarch shall place his/her hand on the crowned diamond for his/her answer*) (*Answer*)  
 Will You Serve With The Utmost Respect For Your Emperor, Your Empress, Your Crown Princess And Your Community? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Reign and Not Rule? (*Answer*)  
 We, (*Emperor & Empress*), Do Here By Crown You, Crown Prince (*Number*) Once, (*Our Right*) Twice, (*Our Left*) Thrice.  
 As Crown Prince (*Number*) You Will Be Known As \_\_\_\_\_(*They State Their Name*)  
 May You Reign With An Open Mind And An Open Heart.
- 19.19 The Oath of Office for the **CROWN PRINCESS** shall be:  
 Do You (*Name*) Accept the Position Of Crown Princess? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Uphold The Constitution Of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, as represented by the symbol of the Court, the crowned diamond? (*The New Monarch shall place his/her hand on the crowned diamond for his/her answer*) (*Answer*)  
 Will You Serve With The Utmost Respect For Your Emperor, Your Empress, Your Crown Prince And Your Community? (*Answer*)  
 Will You Reign and Not Rule? (*Answer*)  
 We, (*Emperor & Empress*), Do Here By Crown You, Crown Princess (*Number*) Once, (*Our Right*) Twice, (*Our Left*) Thrice.  
 As Crown Princess (*Number*) You Will Be Known As \_\_\_\_\_(*They State Their Name*)  
 May You Reign With An Open Mind And An Open Heart.

#### Coronation - Miscellaneous

- 19.20 **[Proclamation 16.2: From this day forward, July 19, 1994, that immediately following the annual Coronation, one (1) step down pin and one (1) program be given to the Keeper of the Crown Jewels. The entire collection is to be displayed at each Coronation. This is to include all past pins and programs that are available.]**
- 19.21 In the event that a court has an internal dispute as to the monarchs of that court, or if a court has an unauthorized split of that court into another body, or if a court has asked for action by other courts in its internal disputes, no member of either the original court or disputing factions of that court shall be allowed to walk in the coronation of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court nor shall any member of either the original court or disputing factions of that court be recognized in any manner by The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court at our coronation.
- 19.22 **PROCLAMATION 29.8: Hospitality at the annual Coronation shall be coordinated by and hosted by the Monarchs of the prior reign.]**
- 19.23 **[PROCLAMATION 29.11: The Queen Mother or the King Father to the Reign shall do a Charity Command from the Reigning Majesties, the Emperor and Empress, at Coronation. All tips earned during the Charity Command shall go to a charity as decided by the Reigning Emperor and Empress. In the event that the Queen Mother and/or King Father cannot perform the Charity Command, the Reigning Emperor and Empress shall choose another person to perform the Charity Command.]**
- 19.24 **[PROCLAMATION 32.3: The Queen Mother in Perpetua shall do a command performance at Coronation. In the event that the Queen Mother in Perpetua cannot perform, the Queen Mother in Perpetua shall choose another person to perform.]**
- 19.25 **[PROCLAMATION 33.3: The Reigning Monarchs need to determine the vision for their Step Down at Coronation. The Reigning Monarchs should not be limited in that vision by not being able to select the performers of their choice for their step down. Therefore, the issuance of Proclamations declaring an official “performer” at Coronation by future Reigning Monarchs during their reign is hereby prohibited.]**
- 19.26 The Reigning Crown Prince and the Reigning Crown Princess shall each be given the honor of having one (1) Command at the Annual Coronation. All other Commands and Special Appearances shall be given out by the Reigning Emperor and the Reigning Empress.
- 19.27 Each Gem Emperor and/or Gem Empress who places an advertisement in the Coronation Program shall be entitled to a 50% reduction from the current prices in the Coronation Program.

## **ARTICLE XX - INVESTITURES**

- 20.1 The newly elected Crown Prince and Crown Princess with the newly elected Emperor and Empress shall plan, coordinate and present Investitures within forty-five (45) days immediately following the annual Coronation.
- 20.2 The Prince Royale, the Princess Royale, Ambassadors, Grand Duke, Grand Duchess, the Queen Mother, and the King Father for the Reign will be dubbed at Investitures.
- 20.3 There shall be a Provincial Investiture for each Province, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XXI - FILLING VACANCIES**

### **Filling vacancies for Emperor and Empress**

- 21.1 1 Vacancies in the position of Emperor and Empress shall be filled as follows:
- A) Should a 50% plus one (1) NO vote for a single candidate for Emperor or Empress occur:
1. Prior Emperors and Empresses, without regard to which position the individual previously held, with the prior majority approval of the College of Monarchs voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be asked in descending order (most recent first) to ascend the throne as a Regent. Immediate outgoing Monarchs are not eligible to succeed themselves. In order to maintain the decorum of the Coronation ceremony, this approval by the College of Monarchs shall be by secret ballot of the members of the Board of Directors in good standing and present at the second Board of Directors meeting in July.
  2. Should all prior Emperors and Empresses decline the position, a new second election may be called upon recommendation of the new solely elected Monarch. Should there be an election by this means, requirements of the reign shall be prorated according to the length of time left in the reign.
  3. If there is no candidate(s) for the vacancy in this second election, the position shall remain vacant.
  - 4.
- B) Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Emperor or Empress when no candidate files for the position:
1. Prior Emperors and Empresses, without regard to which position the individual previously held, with the prior approval of the College of Monarchs voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be asked in descending order (most recent first) to ascend the throne as a Regent. Immediate outgoing Monarchs are not eligible to succeed themselves. In order to maintain the decorum of the Coronation ceremony, this approval by the College of Monarchs shall be by secret ballot of the members of the Board of Directors in good standing and present at the second Board of Directors meeting in July.
- C) Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Emperor or Empress when an incumbent leaves the position, either voluntarily or involuntarily within the first six (6) months of the reign:
1. With the approval of the College of Monarchs voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, the Crown Prince shall replace the Emperor as Regent Emperor and the Crown Princess shall replace the Empress as Regent Empress.
  2. In the event that the Crown Prince for the position of Emperor or Crown Princess for the position of Empress are not willing to fill the vacancy or that the College of Monarchs does not approve of this elevation to the position a new election shall take place. Requirements of the reign shall be prorated according to the length of time left in the reign.
  3. Should no candidate(s) file for the position, prior elected Emperors and Empresses, without regard to which position the individual previously held, in descending order (most recent first), with majority approval of the College of Monarchs voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be asked to ascend the throne as a Regent. Requirements of the reign shall be prorated according to the length of time left in the reign. Immediate outgoing Monarchs are not eligible to succeed themselves.
  4. Should all prior Emperors and Empresses decline the position, it shall remain vacant for the remainder of the reign.
- D) Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Emperor or Empress when an incumbent leaves the position, either voluntarily or involuntarily within the last six (6) months of the reign the position shall remain vacant.
2. Procedures should no candidate(s) file for the position of Emperor and Empress and no past Emperor or Empress declares for the position of Regent
    - a. **CRITERIA:** At the June meeting of the ISGCBI no eligible Court members file for the positions of Emperor and Empress. At the second meeting in July, no past Emperor or Empress says yes to the position of Regent Emperor and/or Regent Empress for a full year.
    - b. **ELIGIBILITY:** All past Emperors and Empress, regardless of meeting the eligibility requirements to be a Regent Emperor or Empress, are eligible in this situation.

- c. **SELECTION:** The College of Monarchs shall determine who shall be selected as Regents for the coming year. Unless specifically declined or rejected for this honor, all past Emperors and all past Empresses shall be selected by secret ballot. There shall be a minimum of three (3) sets each of Emperors and/or Empresses selected. The successful past Monarchs shall collectively select the time in which each shall serve. Two past Empresses or 2 past Emperors may serve together.
- d. **TERMS OF SERVICE:** Each of the three (3) sets of Quarter Regent Monarchs shall serve as Regents for four (4) months as herein listed. The first shall be August, September, October and November. The second r shall be December, January, February and March. The third shall be April, May, June and July. The out-going Emperor and/or Empress shall not be eligible to be the first quarter Regent Monarch.
- e. **TRAVEL MONEY:** Each Quarter Regent Emperor and Quarter Regent Empress shall be entitled to a maximum \$200.00 each in Monarch travel money. There shall be no travel incentive given during this reign. Sections 21.7 (Prorated Requirements) and 21.11 (Travel Fund Incentive) shall not be applicable.
- f. **EVENTS:** Each Quarter Regent Emperor and Quarter Regent Empress shall be required to attend two (2) out of state Coronations within that quarter. Each Quarter Regent Emperor and Quarter Regent Empress shall be required to host all ISGCBI events normally held within that quarter. All three (3) Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall be required to plan for and host the annual Coronation. All three (3) Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall be honored at Coronation. Each Quarter Regent Emperor and each Quarter Regent Empress shall only have one (1) each command performance at Coronation. Each Quarter Regent set shall be allowed to have their last walk at the end of each set at Coronation. Appointed Quarter Regent Crown Princes and Quarter Regent Crown Princesses shall have a Last Walk at Coronation.
- g. **CROWN PRINCE AND CROWN PRINCESS:** Should an eligible Court member file for the position of Crown Prince or Crown Princess, and if successful in their election to that position, that Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess shall reign for the entire year. That Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess shall meet the requirements of that office as set forth in the current ISGCBI Constitution. Should no eligible Court member file for the positions of Crown Prince and Crown Princess, all Quarter Regent Emperor and Quarter Regent Empress shall jointly name the Regent Crown Prince and/or Regent Crown Princess.
- h. **REGENT TITLES:** All Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses who successfully complete their quarter shall receive the full Gem title at Coronation.
- i. **BOARD OF DIRECTOR OFFICERS:** Should the Board of Directors President, Secretary or Treasurer, as elected at the August Court meeting, be selected for the position of Quarter Regent Emperor and Quarter Regent Empress, that Board of Directors officer shall not be required to give up that position for the other three (3) quarters. The Board of Directors Vice-President shall, as required in the ISGCBI Constitution, fulfill that position for the quarter when an Executive Board of Directors officer is a Quarter Regent Emperor or Quarter Regent Empress.
- j. **PROCLAMATIONS AND TITLES:** Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall have the power to make a maximum of two (2) Proclamations each in accordance with the current ISGCBI Constitution. Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall have the power to make a maximum of one (1) honorary title each in accordance with the current ISGCBI Constitution. Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall have the power to appoint Court Officers as such fall vacant during the year in accordance with the current ISGCBI Constitution. All Proclamations and honorary titles issued during the year shall bear the approval of all of the Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses prior to issuance. Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall have the power to name a maximum of one (1) each Ambassador in accordance with the current ISGCBI Constitution.
- k. **CROWN JEWELS:** Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall each maintain the various Crown Jewels.
- l. **COURT COLORS:** By default, the colors of the entire Reign shall be gold and white.
- m. **TITLE OF THE REIGN:** All Quarter Regent Emperors and Quarter Regent Empresses shall jointly give the title to the Reign.

**Filling vacancies for Crown Prince or Crown Princess**

- 21.2 Vacancies in the position of Crown Prince or Crown Princess shall be filled as follows:
- A) Should a 50% plus one (1) NO vote for a single candidate for Crown Prince or Crown Princess occur: Prior Crown Princes and Crown Princesses, without regard to which position the individual previously held, with the prior majority approval of the College of Monarchs voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be asked in descending order (most recent first) to ascend the throne as a Regent. Immediate outgoing Monarchs are not eligible to succeed themselves. In order to maintain the decorum of the Coronation ceremony, this approval by the College of Monarchs shall be by secret ballot of the members of the College of Monarchs in good standing and present at the second Board of Directors meeting in July. Should all prior Crown Princes and Crown Princesses decline the position, it shall be filled in accordance with Section 18.10.
  - B) Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Crown Prince or Crown Princess when no candidate files for the position, it shall be filled in accordance with Section 18.10.

- C) Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Crown Prince or Crown Princess when an incumbent leaves the position, either voluntarily or involuntarily, it shall be filled in accordance with Section 1810.

**Vacancies – Special Election**

- 21.3 The new election called for in Sections 21.1 shall be held in the following manner:
- a) All candidates shall appear before a Screening Committee.
  - b) The candidate fee shall be prorated.
  - c) Candidates shall have two (2) weeks to campaign.
  - d) Voting shall occur at a time and place set by the Board of Directors.
  - e) The crowning shall take place at a time and place designated by Board of Directors.

**Vacancies - Royales**

- 21.4 In the event that a reigning Crown Prince or Crown Princess resigns or is removed from office, the corresponding Royale shall, out of courtesy to the Royal Family, resign.

**Vacancies - Regents**

- 21.5 All Regent Emperors or Regent Empresses shall complete all obligations that apply to the duly elected Emperor and Empress. All Regent Crown Princes or Regent Crown Princesses shall complete all obligations that apply to the duly elected Crown Prince and Crown Princess.

**Vacancies – Prorated Requirements**

- 21.6 The requirements of the vacant office shall be prorated for the Regent Emperor and Regent Empress in two (2) month increments and for the Regent Crown Prince and Regent Crown Princess in three (3) month increments.

- 21.7 For prorated terms, the requirements shall be as follows:

Time Remaining and Events	
Emperor and Empress	Crown Prince and Crown Princess
12-10 months: 6	12-9 months: 4
10-8 months: 5	9-6 months: 3
8-6 months: 4	6-3 months: 2
6-4 months: 3	3-0 months: 1
4-2 months: 2	
2-0 months: 1	

**Vacancies – Leaves of Absences**

- 21.8 In the event the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess vacates their office voluntarily, providing all their obligations are fulfilled, their titles shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed six (6) months. This vacancy shall be considered a leave of absence with the understanding that the vacating individual shall return for the annual Coronation and step down of their reign. The request for a leave of absence must be approved by the Board of Directors and two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Court.

**Vacancies – Crowns, Tiaras and Medallions**

- 21.9 A) In the event that a reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess is removed from office, the insignia (medallion, tiara or crown) purchased by the Court with Court funds will be surrendered to the Board of Directors to be held for their successor. If the Emperor or Empress is removed and the Crown Prince or Crown Princess steps up, the person stepping up shall surrender their medallion or tiara purchased by the Court to their successor, as they will receive the medallion or crown of the higher office.
- B) Any person receiving a crown or tiara received as an honor to a Court title that was purchased by Court funds shall have that crown or tiara returned to the Court at the end of that honoree title year.

**Vacancies – Travel Funds**

- 21.10 Travel Funds must be paid back to the Court when a person does not complete their reign at the discretion of the Board of Directors.



21.11 The Travel Funds for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess who assume their office midway into the Reign shall be prorated in the following manner:

	Emperor and Empress		Crown Prince and Crown Princess		
	Standard	Incentive	Standard	Incentive	
12-10 months:	\$1000	\$1200	12-9 months:	\$200	\$100
10-8 months:	\$833	\$1000	9-6 months:	\$150	\$225
8-6 months:	\$666	\$800	6-3 months:	\$100	\$150
6-4 months:	\$500	\$600	3-0 months:	\$50	\$75
4-2 months:	\$334	\$400			
2-0 months:	\$167	\$200			

## ARTICLE XXII - AMENDMENTS

22.1 The Constitution and Proclamations may be amended in the following manner:

- 1) The proposed amendment must be presented in written form.
- 2) The proposed amendment must be presented at a regular meeting for discussion.
- 3) The Court Secretary shall make available the proposed amendment to the full membership by the Court meeting following the introduction of the proposed amendment.
- 4) The full membership must be given notice of the proposed amendment and that it will be voted on at the next regular meeting.
- 5) There must be a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days from the introduction of the proposed Constitutional amendment and action on it by the Court.
- 6) The proposed amendment must pass by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership in good standing voting at the regular Court meeting.
- 7) Amendments to this Constitution may be presented and voted upon in the course of the Court year, but no amendment shall take effect until the first Court meeting following the annual coronation.
- 8) **[PROCLAMATION 33.2: In order to define and streamline processes within the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise Idaho, Incorporated, let it be known that a By-law and Constitution review committee shall be established starting with the 33<sup>rd</sup> reign and continuing every 2 years thereafter. The purpose of the committee shall be to evaluate and present necessary changes to the Constitution and its Articles to the Court Membership for consideration and vote. The committee shall consist of the President of the Board of Directors who shall serve as Moderator, The Lord / Lady Constable, The Reigning Emperor and Empress, 1 additional elected Member of the Board of Directors and 2 additional elected General Court members. In the case that the Emperor or Empress are not available or decline to sit on the committee, the reigning Prince or Princess can substitute for either of them in their absence. If the Lord / Lady Constable or Board of Directors President are not available or decline to sit on the committee, additional Board of Directors Members can be voted on the committee in their absence.]**

## ARTICLE XXIII - PROCLAMATIONS

23.1 The reigning Emperor and Empress shall have exclusive power to issue Proclamations.

23.2 Any Proclamation that makes additions to the Constitution or By-Laws must be in written form and approved by majority vote of the General Court Membership of the ISGCI and does not violate State Statues as well as adheres to the procedures outlined in Article XXII.

23.3 Proclamations must be signed by both the Emperor and Empress, unless there is only one (1) Monarch as mandated by Proclamation 33.5.

23.4 The reigning Emperor and Empress may never authorize expenditures by declaration or Proclamation that does not carry the approval and authorization of the Court.

23.5 Proclamations that make additions to the Constitution or By-Laws do not become effective until the completion of the Reign, once followed through via Article XXII procedures. Proclamations concerning lifetime titles become effective upon their reading at a regular or special Court meeting or at an official Court function. If a Monarch does not successfully complete their Reign, all Proclamations issued during their Reign become null and void.

- 23.6 Proclamations will not alter the Articles of Incorporation or the Constitution. No Proclamation will alter a prior Proclamation unless the change is agreed to in writing by the Emperor and Empress who issued the prior Proclamation. If the Emperor or the Empress of a Reign is deceased, the surviving Monarch shall have the right as herein described. If both the Emperor and the Empress of that Reign are deceased or if the Emperor and Empress of that Reign cannot be located, any of the Proclamations issued by that Reign may be altered or voided upon recommendation to the General Court by 75% of the Board of Directors eligible to vote and present at a Regular or Special Board of Directors Meeting.
- 23.7 The Emperor and Empress shall be limited to a total of six (6) Proclamations during their Reign. This limitation shall not include Lifetime Titles. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, change the number of Proclamations that may be issued during the Reign.
- 23.8 Any Proclamations issued by a Reign, whether during that Reign or after the Monarchs step down, may be altered or voided by the Emperor and Empress of that Reign upon recommendation to and approval by a majority vote of the General Court members eligible to vote and present at a General Court meeting. If the Emperor or the Empress of a Reign is deceased, the surviving Monarch shall have the right as herein described. If both the Emperor and the Empress of that Reign are deceased or if the Emperor and Empress of that Reign cannot be located, any of the Proclamations issued by that Reign may be altered or voided upon recommendation to the General Court by 75% of the Board of Directors eligible to vote and present at a Regular or Special Board of Directors Meeting.
- 23.9 **[PROCLAMATION 29.7: The Reigning Monarchs need to be flexible in their Reign. The Reigning Monarchs should not be limited in the scope and vision of their Reign with events and Court functions established by Proclamations of past ISGCBI Reigns that leave little time for their own planned events. Therefore, the issuance of Proclamations declaring an official Court Function to be held by or hosted by future Reigning Monarchs during their reign is hereby prohibited.]**

## **IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN GEM COURT PROCLAMATIONS**

To all to whom this writing comes,  
Let it be known throughout the Land that Henceforth

### **The Tourquoise Reign**

Gem Emperor I - Larry and Gem Empress II - Linda

None

### **The Lion and the Lamb Reign**

Gem Emperor II - Glenn and Gem Empress III - Venus (Alexis)

- 2.1 Phoenix of Salt Lake City will be known as the "Marquisa de la Bois for Life".
- 2.2 \$1.00 will be added to the price of each Coronation ticket to help the Emperor and Empress toward the purchase of step-down pins.
- 2.3 Mikki Brewer will be known as "Queen Mother Suprema in Perpetua with all rights and privileges of the Royal Family for Life".
- 2.4 Salem shall be known as our "Sister City".

### **The Gem and Fashion Reign**

Gem Emperor III - Robert and Gem Empress V - Bonnie

- 3.1 Clyde Hall will be known as "Ambassador of Good Will to all Native Americans for Life".
- 3.2 Ken Gough will be known as "Master of Protocol for Life".

### **The Dynasty Reign**

Gem Emperor IV - Raymond and Gem Empress VI - Alexis

- 4.1 If Coronation makes a Profit, 1.00 from the price of each ticket will be given to the Emperor and Empress toward the purchase of step-down pins.

### **The Ruby Note Reign**

Gem Emperor V - Roy and Gem Empress VII - Victoria

- 5.1 The date of the annual Coronation will be in July of each year.
- 5.2 The Prince and Princess Ball will be a Ball and not a Mini-Coronation.
- 5.3 Tacoma will be our "Brother Court".

### **The Electrifying Emerald Reign**

Emperor VI - Cindy and Gem Empress VII - Jade

- 6.1 Gus will be known as "Imperial Wizard for Life" to the Imperial Gem Court of Idaho.
- 6.2 One "Open Arms Award" will be given annually to an out of state person(s) chosen by the Emperor, Empress, Prince and Princess from the Imperial Gem Court of Idaho and presented at Coronation.

### **The Celebration of the Gem**

Gem Emperor VII - Troy and Gem Empress IX - Lapis

- 7.1 The Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire shall be known as "Sister Court to The Imperial Gem Court of Idaho".
- 7.2 Ned Brewer will henceforth be known as "King Father Suprema in Perpetua with all rights and privileges of the Royal Family for Life".
- 7.3 That the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess will run for no other title during their reign.

- 7.4 Miss Winnie Thurzdae has been granted honorary membership for life with the title of "Empress Emeritus".
- 7.5 That all past Emperors and Empresses will be admitted to all I.G.C.I. Functions free of charge (excluding the annual Coronation).

#### **The Gay Pride of the Gem**

Gem Emperor VIII - Cindy and Gem Empress X - Jackie Blue

- 8.1 Beginning with the next reign, all Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess) will hold the same number in their title. If for some reason the title is vacated, the person stepping up will continue with the same number so that all of the Monarchs will have the same title number for that reign.

#### **The Insanity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XI - Scottie and Gem Empress XI - Martini

- 9.1 The Imperial Gem Court of Idaho will commence and continue a Memorial Scholarship to be given to a gay Idaho student and will be based on academics and community service. The Board of Directors will be the trustees. The Board will outline the Qualifications and Funding for the Scholarship.
- 9.2 That from this date forward The Imperial Gem Court of Idaho will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of each Monarch's Step-down with a Special Presentation at their Tenth Anniversary Coronation.
- 9.3 That henceforth-effective July 8, 1989, the Title of Crown Prince VIII is hereby reinstated to K. C. Cunningham in gratitude for all the work that he has done for The Imperial Gem Court.

#### **The Elegance of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XII - Vince and Gem Empress XII - Victoria

- 10.1 The Imperial Gem Court of Idaho will reimburse the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess one-half of the cost of the out-of-town coronation ticket upon presentation of receipt (stub of the ticket) to the Treasurer. *[This Proclamation was amended by Proclamation 22.1 on July 17, 2000.]*

#### **The Fantasy of the Gem**

Gem Emperor - Troy Onyx E-13 and Gem Empress XIII – Tiffany

(Emperor Troy was stripped of his title by action of the Privy Council and General Court after he had stepped down.)

- 11.1 Brittany shall be henceforth known as "The Imperial Sister for Life to Troy".
- 11.2 The travel fund for Emperor and Empress shall be increased by \$200 and the travel fund for the Prince and Princess shall be increased by \$100 each year after the reigning monarchs complete an incentive program as defined by Privy Council.
- 11.3 Crystal Towers shall be known as "Empress 13 and 1/2 for Life".

#### **The Renaissance and Unity of the Gem: The Reign of Fire and Ice**

Gem Emperor XIV - Robert Cross and Gem Empress XIV - Delorian Snow Bixler

Let it be known throughout the land that

- 12.1 The Twelfth Reign bestows upon Steve Quintana the Title of "Emperor Emeritus for Life".
- 12.2 Dale Merrick shall be known as the "Brother Emperor to Emperor XIV Robert and Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler for Life".
- 12.3 Secrete Desire is "Sister Empress to Emperor XIV Robert for Life".
- 12.4 Victoria is "Sister Empress to Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler for Life".
- 12.5 The Silver Dollar Court of Reno, Nevada, is "Sister City to the Twelfth Reign".
- 12.6 The Rose Court of Portland, Oregon, is "Sister City to the Twelfth Reign".
- 12.7 The Twelfth Reign bestows the title of "Grandmother of All Living Creatures for Life" upon Brenda Buffet.

- 12.8 That Bunny and Jolene Bixler shall be known as "Sweetheart Mother Princess for Life to Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler".
- 12.9 [In the event that two persons share the title of Emperor or Empress or Prince or Princess, that the word Dual or Co shall be added before their title. *This Proclamation was repealed by action of the General Court on August 5, 1996.*]
- 12.10 That Lee Williamson shall be known as "Ambassador for Life to The Twelfth Reign".  
*Because it pleases us to do so.*

(NOTE: Beginning with The Prophecy of the Gem Reign, Proclamations are numbered in accordance with the title numbers of the reigning Monarchs.)

#### **The Prophecy of the Gem**

Dual Gem Emperor XV - Dan and Norman and  
Dual Gem Empress XV - Bunny and Jolene Bixler  
Let it be known throughout the land that

- 15.1 This day, February 1, 1993, that beginning with the first reign and including all succeeding reigns, that the numeric designation shall be dropped and only the formal name (of the Gem) shall denote their reign. Title Numbers (I, II, III, XV, etc.) sequence will continue as established.
- 15.2 This day, February 1, 1993, that Gus Boonen shall be given, and known as, "The Imperial Wizard for Eternity".
- 15.3 Ken Litz shall be granted the Title of "Prince Steward, Keeper of the Imperial Crown Jewels for Life", and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title. This day our hands May 3rd, 1993.
- 15.4 From this day forward, July 24, 1993, a College of Monarchs Committee will be organized by volunteer and/or election. This committee will consist of one each: past Emperor, past Empress, past Prince and past Princess. They will be an advisory group to the Royal Family to assist in court affairs and will meet one week prior to the monthly court meeting as needed.
- 15.5 Empress Larissa Campbell Winchell shall be granted the title of "Sister Empress for Life to Dual Emperor XV Norman" and granted all rights and privileges of said title. Signed this day, July 24, 1993.  
*Let it be said, Let it be written, Let it be Law.*

#### **The Destiny of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XVI - Rick and Gem Empress XVI - Trina

- 16.1 From this day forward, October 4, 1993, That "Diamond Lil" shall be known as "Princess 16 1/2 to the Destiny of the Gem Reign".
- 16.2 From this day forward, July 18, 1994, that immediately following the annual Coronation: 1 step-down pin and 1 program be given to the Keeper of the Crown Jewels. The entire collection is to be displayed at each Coronation. This is to include all past pins and programs that are available.
- 16.3 From this day forward, July 18, 1994, that a "Ball Chairperson's Award" shall be given out annually to the individual who has been the most supportive to Coronation. To be included in the Coronation Budget.
- 16.4 *From this day forward, July 18, 1994, In fairness to the Whole Community, in the name of fun and unity...No I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, election for any Monarch title may be held within any bar or tavern. This excludes the annual Coronation site only. [This Proclamation was amended by action of the General Court on August 5, 1996.]*  
This Proclamation was amended by action of the General Court on August 7, 2017, to read as follows: From this day forward, July 18, 1994, In fairness to the Whole Community, in the name of fun and unity, whenever possible, No I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, election for any Monarch title may be held within any bar or tavern. This excludes the annual Coronation site only.

- 16.5 From this day forward, July 18, 1994, That upon election to either the Privy Council or the Screening Committee: (1) All members at large take an Oath of Honor to follow the current I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, Constitution. (2) All past Monarchs sitting on Privy Council renew their Oath to follow the Constitution. This action shall take place at the first regular Privy Council meeting following the annual Coronation. The Oath shall be administered by either the current reigning Emperor or Empress.

The Oath shall read as follows:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear upon my honor to uphold and abide by the current I.S.G.C. of Boise, Idaho, Constitution.  
[This Proclamation was amended by action of the General Court on August 5, 1996.]

*Let it be Written, Let it be Law, because it pleases us to do so.*

#### **The Heart and Soul of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XVII - Shawna and Gem Empress XVII - Brittany

- 17.1 The Title of Brother Emperor for Life to Empress 17, Brittany, is bestowed upon Emperor Troy Onyx E-13.
- 17.2 [The Annual Closet Ball will be the weekend of the Annual Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Freedom Rally, March & Festival (Pride Weekend). *This Proclamation was repealed by action of the General Court on August 5, 1996.*]
- 17.3 To be reimbursed for out of town Coronation tickets, Reigning Imperial Family members must Walk and Greet the Monarchs stepping down, as well as greet the newly elected Monarchs following Coronation.
- 17.4 The Title of Empress of Merit to the Heart and Soul of the Gem is bestowed upon Marlena.
- 17.5 The Title of Imperial Lady In Perpetua is bestowed upon Lloyd Johnson (a.k.a. Lady Jacqueline).
- 17.6 The Title of Queen Mother to Empress 17 for Life is bestowed upon Venetia Dior.

*By our will, for the people, it is so...*

#### **The Hope and Honesty of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XVIII - William Snow and Gem Empress XVIII - Cassidy Snow

- 18.1 All Emperors and Empresses, including past Emperors and Empresses, of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, of Idaho shall, upon successful completion of their reigns, be awarded the honorary appellation of *Gem* Emperor or *Gem* Empress. The title of Gem Emperor or Gem Empress shall be conferred upon an Emperor and Empress when they step-down to signify that they have successfully fulfilled the requirements of their reign. Monarchs in reign may not use the appellation "Gem" unless they reigned previously and were awarded the title for that reign. The use of these honorary titles in protocol shall be at the sole discretion of the monarchs upon whom they were conferred.
- 18.2 (A) The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, of Idaho shall establish and maintain a dedicated account known as the "Prince & Princess' Pantry" for the purpose of purchasing food vouchers or grocery gift certificates which will be available to persons living with HIV disease who are in need of assistance with the purchase of food or nutritional supplements. The "Prince & Princess' Pantry" will be administered by the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess and the Court Treasurer. The Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be responsible for organizing two (2) fund raising activities for the "Pantry" during their reign. Money in the fund shall be used to purchase grocery gift certificates or food vouchers which can be redeemed by recipients at local grocery stores. Individuals shall not be given cash.  
(B) The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Court Treasurer and the Privy Council shall be responsible for establishing appropriate operating procedures and eligibility guidelines for the "Prince & Princess' Pantry" no later than November 4, 1996.
- 18.3 Empress 7 and 12 Victoria shall henceforth bear the title of "The Ultimate Elegance of the Gem & Empress Mother for Life" to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho.
- 18.4 Empress 14 Delorian Snow shall henceforth bear the title of "Empress Mother for Life to Empress 18 Cassidy".
- 18.5 Let it be known from this night, July 27, 1996, forward, that: "The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Olympic and Rainier Empire of Seattle, Washington, shall forever after be recognized as a Sister Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho,".

- 18.6 Let it be known from this night, July 27, 1996, forward, that: “The Comstock Empire-Silver Dollar Court of Reno, Nevada, shall forever after be recognized as a Brother Court of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho.

*As it is written, as it is proclaimed, so let it be law.*

### **The Ecstasy of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XIX - Ken Litz Bixler and Gem Empress XIX - Venetia Dior

- 19.1 Empress XXXVI of the Rose Court of Portland, Oregon, Maria, shall be granted the Title of “Empress Emeritus for Life” to the Ecstasy of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 19.2 Gina-Te shall be granted the Title of “Empress XIX ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life”, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 19.3 The outgoing Emperor and Empress shall host at least one (1) fundraiser for the incoming Emperor and Empress, the proceeds of which the incoming Emperor and Empress shall have the option of using for either their Crowns and Medallions, or their Coronation Step-down Pins. *This Proclamation was amended by Proclamation of the Pride and Unity of the Gem Reign, July 1999.*
- 19.4 In keeping with the Regal and Imperial nature of Coronation, all newly elected Emperesses shall wear white, floor length gowns as they are crowned.

*As it is written, as it is proclaimed, so let it be law*

### **The Serenity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XX - Marvin McKee Bixler & Gem Empress XX - Taffy Divine Bixler

- 20.1 Rose Empress XXVII Hurricane Olivia of the Rose Court of Portland, Oregon, shall be granted the title of “Empress emeritus for Life” to the Serenity of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 20.2 Kathy and J. R. shall be known as “Hospitality Servers for Life” to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.
- 20.3 Mary Ann Kelly shall be known as “Queen Mother for Life” to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.
- 20.4 The Emperor of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc., shall each year have a standard Crown, as does the Empress, which will be placed on the left shoulder during the Crowning Ceremony at Coronation in the same manner that the Empress is crowned. *[This Proclamation was amended Proclamation 28.2 on June 5, 2006.]*
- 20.5 Let it be known that Gem Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler shall be known as “Sister Empress Suprema in Perpetua” to the Serenity of the Gem Reign.
- 20.6 Let it be known from this night of July 25, 1998 and forward that the Court of “The Empire of Snow and Ice”, Everett, Washington, shall be known as the Sister Court to The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.
- 20.7 Let it be known from this night of July 25, 1998 and forward that the Court of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire, Eugene, Oregon, shall be known as the Brother Court to The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.

### **The Pride and Unity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXI - Rich & Gem Empress XXI - Reina Storm

- 21.1 In keeping with the Regal and Imperial nature of Coronation, the Crowning Ceremony will be known as the White Ceremony. The new Empress, the Emperor, the Crown Princess and the Crown Prince will be in white attire.
- 21.2 From this day forward, Albuquerque shall be known as a Sister Court to the XXI Reign for Life.
- 21.3 From this day forward, the office of Treasurer for the ISGCBI shall be a bonded position. The person who becomes Treasurer shall be bondable.

- 21.4 The outgoing Emperor and Empress shall host at least one (1) fundraiser for the incoming Emperor and Empress, the proceeds of which will be used for the incoming Emperor and Empress's Crowns and Medallions, or Step-down Pins, at the discretion of the Monarchs putting on the show.

### **The Legend of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXII - Robert Strain & Gem Empress - XXII Marilyn

- 22.1 The Court shall reimburse the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess for the entire cost of any out-of-town coronation tickets. [Amends Proclamation 10.1 and Articles 13.25 and 14.4, is Articles 13.26 and 14.5]
- 22.2 The Court shall reimburse the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess for the cost of any out-of-town show tickets.

*So let it be written. So let it be law.*

### **The Legacy of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXIII - Rich Snow DeVine Bixler & Gem Empress XXIII - Dee Dee Snow DeVine Bixler

- 23.1 From this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Empress VI of all New Mexico Fontana DeVine Bixler shall be granted the Title "Empress Emeritus for Life" to the Legacy of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so.
- 23.2 From this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Empress I and IV of Chico, California, Reba McEnwhat shall be granted the Title "Empress Emeritus for Life" to the Prophecy of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so.
- 23.3 From this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, forward, let it be known throughout all lands Grand Duchess XXVII of the Royal Court of San Francisco China Silk Bixler shall be granted the Title of "Empress XXIII 1/2 of the Imperials Sovereign Gem court for Life" to the Legacy of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so.
- 23.4 From this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, forward, let it be known that the newly elected Crown Prince of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall each year receive a standard crown as does the Emperor which shall be no larger than that of the Emperor. The Crown will be placed on the left shoulder during the Crowning Ceremony at Coronation in the same manner that the Emperor is crowned, because we choose to do so. [*This Proclamation was amended by Proclamation 28.2 on June 5, 2006.*]
- 23.4 From this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2001, forward, let it be known that The Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of The Desert Empire of Las Vegas, Nevada, shall be known as The Brother Court to the 23 Reign of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so.

### **The Depth of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXIV - Ken Litz Bixler & Gem Empress XXIV - Twila Knight

- 24.1 All Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses, Regent Crown Princes and Regent Crown Princesses, including all past Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses, Regent Crown Princes and Regent Crown Princesses, of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall, upon successful completion of their reigns at their step down coronation, be granted full titles and be known by the appellation of Emperor or Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess. Their step down Coronation programs may have their full titles listed. In addition, as set forth in Proclamation 18.1, the title of *Gem* Emperor or *Gem* Empress shall be conferred upon an Emperor and Empress when they step-down to signify that they have successfully fulfilled the requirements of their reign.
- 24.2 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall establish an emergency medical assistance fund to be known as the Jim Moore Emergency Medical Assistance Fund or "Jimmy Fund" as a separate fund within the Court. The Jimmy Fund shall be for the express purpose of providing short-term medical assistance for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.
- 24.3 For his many hours, days, and years of dedicated service to this court and the community, we confer the title of Emperor XXIV 1/2, for life, to Mr. Craig LaChance Bixler with all the rights and privileges awarded to this title.



- 24.4 The Scholarship Endowment Fund of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall be known as the Tom Woodward Scholarship Endowment Fund in recognition of his financial contributions to and support of the scholarship.

#### **The Strength and Integrity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXV - Robert Strain & Gem Empress XXV - Marilyn

- 25.1 Beginning with the 26<sup>th</sup> Reign, the Reigning Monarchs of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall hold a dedicated fundraiser for the Jim Moore Emergency Medical Assistance Fund or “Jimmy Fund”.
- 25.1.1 From this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003, Let it be known throughout all lands that Scott Stewart Shall be granted the Title “Ambassador for Life” of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

#### **The Diversity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXVI - Stevie & Gem Empress XXVI - Taylor Maid

- 26.1 From this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003, forward, let it be known throughout all lands Dakota shall be granted the Title of “Empress XXVI ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life”, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 26.2 From this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that the Title of Queen Mother to the 26<sup>th</sup> Reign for Life is bestowed upon Victoria.
- 26.3 From this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that the Title of King Father to the 26<sup>th</sup> Reign for Life is bestowed upon Craig LaChance.
- 26.4 The Jimmy Moore Fund Administrators shall jointly be responsible for organizing the annual Idaho Cares Show for the benefit of the Jimmy Moore Fund.
- 26.5 The Closet Ball King and the Closet Ball Queen shall be required to attend two (2) fund raising activities during their reign and shall attend the Closet Ball at the end of their Reign in order for them to retain their titles.

#### **The Transformation of the Gem**

Gem Empress XXVII - Brooke Tyler

- 27.1 The Gem Award presented by the Court to a member of the Court for outstanding service to the Court during the past reign shall be presented as the **Excellence of the Gem Award**.
- 27.2 The Humanitarian or Community Service Award presented by the Court to a member of the Community for outstanding service to the Community during the past reign shall be known as the **Carlos Flores Humanitarian Award** to be given in the same spirit as the Humanitarian Award.

#### **The Imagination and Dedication of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXVIII - David Bixler and Gem Empress XXVIII - Chaise Manhattan

- 28.1 Let it be known from this day forth that the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of all Idaho shall establish a **Court Member of the Month and Court Member of the Year Award**. The court member of the month award shall be chosen by the reigning monarchs and given at each monthly court meeting. Each recipient shall receive a certificate for this award. The Court Member of the Year Award shall be chosen from the monthly recipients and given out at Coronation beginning with the 28<sup>th</sup> Reign. This award will be part of the annual Coronation awards.
- 28.2 Let it be known from this day forth that the reigning Emperor and Prince will no longer be required to wear shoulder crowns. A new state head crown will be designed. Within 60 days of Coronation 29, the reigning Emperor of the 29<sup>th</sup> reign, Gem Emperor 28 David Bixler, and 3 other past Emperors to be chosen by the Privy Council will design the new head crowns to be used by the Emperor and Prince. A new state crown will be given to Emperor 29 and Prince 29 during their reign and the new state crown will be used in place of the shoulder crowns at the crowning ceremony at Coronation each year. Proclamations 20.4 and 23.4 are hereby amended.

- 28.3 Let it be known from this day forth that the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of all Idaho shall establish the **Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award** to be chosen each year by the reigning monarchs for an individual or organization whose dedication and persistent positive efforts within the Court merit recognition. This award will be given out each year at Coronation starting with the 28<sup>th</sup> reign. This award will be part of the annual Coronation awards. [This Proclamation was amended by the 28<sup>th</sup> Reign August 4, 2008.]
- 28.4 *Let it be known from this day forth that Dykes in Drag will be scheduled as an annual fundraiser in the month of January with all proceeds going to a charity designated specifically for women's needs selected by the monarchs. This show can be hosted by the reigning monarchs or by any member of the ISGCBI chosen by the monarchs as they so deem.*  
 [On February 1, 2010, Emperor David and Empress Chaise Manhattan offered to the court the following revision of their Proclamation 28.4. The revision was accepted by the Court. "After careful thought and discussion, David and I would like to revise our proclamation regarding Dykes in Drag. We both feel it is important that the court host a show for a women's charity but feel that Dykes in Drag is just not working any longer."  
 Let it be known from this day forth that a fundraiser will be scheduled during each reign with all proceeds designated specifically for a women's need charity. This show can be hosted by the reigning monarchs or by any member of the ISGCBI chosen by the monarchs as they so deem. (i.e. – The annual fundraiser for the Mountain States Tumor Institute constitutes a women's Needs Charity.)]
- 28.5 Let it be known that from this day forth, for her love and support of the 28<sup>th</sup> Reign of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of All Idaho, that Empress 32 & 34 of Spokane, WA, Miss Selina Blaque shall be known as Empress 28 ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life to the Imagination and Dedication of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 28.6 Let it be known from this forth because of her years of support and love of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, Gem Empress VII & XII Victoria shall be known as Queen Mother for Life in Perpetua.

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Craig LaChance

**The Clarity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXIX - Craig Pepin-LaChance and Gem Empress XXIX - Reba McEnWhat-Bixler

- 29.1 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that the "Title of King Father to the 29<sup>th</sup> Reign for Life" is bestowed upon Ken Litz.
- 29.2 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that the "Title of Queen Mother to the 29<sup>th</sup> Reign for Life" is bestowed upon Twila Knight.
- 29.3 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Vicki Laib shall be granted the Title of "Crown Prince XXIX 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life", and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 29.4 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Emperor VI Russell Griffin of Ogden, shall be known as "Brother Emperor for Life" and that Empress VI Dionna West of Ogden shall be known as "Sister Empress for Life" to Empress 29 Reba McEnWhat-Bixler and Emperor 29 Craig Pepin-LaChance.
- 29.5 Our Daughter Court, The Imperial Court of the Grand Tetons, declared that they would self-dissolve in August of 1997. Former Monarchs of that self-dissolved court continue to present that court as a viable and enduring court, capable of representing a geographic area in which none of these former Monarchs reside. Now therefore, from this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that the Imperial Court of the Grand Tetons is hereby officially dissolved by its Mother Court, the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc. Be it further known throughout all lands that any person or persons identifying with this dissolved court shall not be entitled to attend any function, activity, show or event of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.
- 29.6 The Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall neither run for nor hold any other honorary, elected, or appointed title within any other LGBT Organization in the State of Idaho while holding their title during their reign. A leave of absence granted to a Reigning Monarch during their reign shall not allow that Reigning Monarch to run for nor hold any other honorary, elected, or appointed title within any other LGBT Organization in the State of Idaho. A title held by an incoming Monarch shall not be deemed as in conflict with this Proclamation since the title was held by the individual prior to their election as a Monarch. This Proclamation clarifies Proclamation 7.3.  
*(This Proclamation was amended on May 5, 2014 as follows: Because the time needed by a Monarch of this Court is crucial for the well being and success of the Reign, the Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess*

*shall neither run for nor hold any other honorary, elected, or appointed title within any other LGBT Organization in the State of Idaho while holding their title during their reign. A leave of absence granted to a Reigning Monarch during their reign shall not allow that Reigning Monarch to run for nor hold any other honorary, elected, or appointed title within any other LGBT Organization in the State of Idaho. Upon assumption of office, the new Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall immediately resign all other offices held within any other LGBT Organization. Disciplinary action by the Board of Directors shall commence upon discovery of the Monarch not resigning that position. This Proclamation shall not include positions within the International Court Council or the Parliament. This Proclamation clarifies Proclamation 7.3)*

- 29.7 The Reigning Monarchs need to be flexible in their Reign. The Reigning Monarchs should not be limited in the scope and vision of their Reign with events and Court functions established by Proclamations of past ISGCBI Reigns that leave little time for their own planned events. Therefore, the issuance of Proclamations declaring an official Court Function to be held by or hosted by future Reigning Monarchs during their reign is hereby prohibited.
- 29.8 Hospitality at the annual Coronation shall be coordinated by and hosted by the Monarchs of the prior reign.  
*[This Proclamation was amended by the Monarchs of the 29<sup>th</sup> Reign on April 3, 2017 to read: Hospitality and the fundraising event as outlined in Section 17.1 of the Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court are mandated events for the prior Reign. Should an Emperor or Empress of the prior reign not actively participate in the planning and implementation of Hospitality or not hold a fundraising event as outlined in Section 17.1 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Constitution, that Emperor or Empress shall not maintain the honorific title of “Gem Emperor” or “Gem Empress” for that prior reign, but shall hold only the title of Emperor or Empress for that prior reign.]*
- 29.9 Commencing with the 29<sup>th</sup> Reign, in recognition of service to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, the Emperor and the Empress shall each grant the title of “Citizen of the Court for Life” to a non-member of the Court. That person may be a resident from Idaho, from another state or from another Court.
- 29.10 The continued financial security of the Court is ever present within all Reigns of the Court. Without continued funding of the Court General Fund, the month to month activities of the Court fall into jeopardy.  
Therefore, it is Proclaimed, that, unless an event is specifically advertised as a Court General Fund fundraiser and dedicated to the Court General Fund, 25% of the door and 25% of the raffle proceeds of all court shows, raffles, and other fundraising activities advertised for other Court Funds or for other charities, shall go into the Court General Fund.  
  
*[This Proclamation was amended by the Monarchs of the 29<sup>th</sup> Reign on August 6, 2012 to read: The continued financial security of the Court is ever present within all Reigns of the Court. Without continued funding of the Court General Fund, the month to month activities of the Court fall into jeopardy.*  
  
*Therefore, it is Proclaimed, that, unless an event is specifically advertised as a Court General Fund fundraiser and dedicated to the Court General Fund, 15% of the door and 15% of the raffle proceeds of all court shows, raffles, and other fundraising activities advertised for other Court Funds or for other charities, shall go into the Court General Fund.]*
- 29.11 The Queen Mother or the King Father to the Reign shall do a Charity Command from the Reigning Majesties, the Emperor and Empress, at Coronation. All tips earned during the Charity Command shall go to a charity as decided by the Reigning Emperor and Empress. In the event that the Queen Mother and/or King Father cannot perform the Charity Command, the Reigning Emperor and Empress shall choose another person to perform the Charity Command
- 29.12 In the Spirit of Fun and Unity, Inclusiveness and Respect, except for the Out of Town Show and the Coronation itself, all shows produced by, promoted as or sponsored by the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, or the various funds of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, shall be open events for all performers. The sponsors of the show, event or fundraiser may place a limit on the number of performances an individual may do at that show, event or fundraiser, but a production number consisting of two or more individuals shall not prohibit any one individual in that production number from performing as a solo performer.  
*[This Proclamation was amended on February 7, 2011 as follows: In the Spirit of Fun and Unity, Inclusiveness and Respect, except for the Out of Town Show, the Coronation itself, the P and P Ball, the Idaho Cares Show, and other shows at the discretion of the Board of Directors or of the Monarchs as approved by the Board of Directors, all shows produced by, promoted as, or sponsored by the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, or the various funds of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, shall be open events for all Court members in good standing as defined in Section 7.4 of this Constitution. The sponsors of the show, event or fundraiser may place a limit on the number of performances an individual may do at that show, event or fundraiser, but a production number consisting of two or more individuals shall not prohibit any one individual in that production number from performing as a solo performer. All invited Guests from other Courts may be performers at any ISGC sponsored show or event.]*

29.13 In the interest of fairness, no Reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, President of the Board of Directors or the Registrar of Elections shall actively campaign for nor openly support a candidate for Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince or Crown Princess. This provision shall apply to any candidate whether unopposed for that position or to any candidate who has an opponent on the ballot.

Citizen for Life: Empress V, X and XV of Reno, LV - Jack E' (Jack Edwards)

Citizen for Life: Empress III of Chico, CA - Skyscraper (Martin Gregory)

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Ken Litz

### **The Excellence of the Starr Studded Gem**

Gem Emperor XXX - Paris Delavonte` Hilton Surreal Starr and Gem Empress XXX - Vanity Starr Surreal St James

30.1 For the sake of Unity and Excellence within our organization and the protection of our 501(c)(3) status, this court shall immediately follow this policy:

1. For the health and safety of both its members and supporters, the use of illegal drugs at any Court function will not be tolerated.
2. The active procurement of underage sex will not be tolerated.
3. The misuse of any Court Funds will not be tolerated. Upon investigation by the Privy Council of any suspected misuse of Court Funds, the Privy Council President is directed to seek legal recourse against the person or persons involved.

Court members and supporters facing prosecution by the laws of this state may be subject to the further disciplinary action of the Court, as outlined within the Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, on a case by case basis as reviewed by the Privy Council.

30.2 Let it be known from this day forward with great love and respect that Steve Delavonte, Emperor 5 of Ogden Utah shall be forever known as Emperor 30 ½ for life, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because it pleases us to do so.

30.3 Let it be known from this day forward with great love and respect that Marquita Delavonte, Empress 5 of Ogden Utah shall be forever known as Empress 30 ½ for life, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because it pleases us to do so.

30.4 Let it be known that from this day forward that the Central Province of the ISGCBI shall be known as the Junior Court. The purpose in doing so is to create an organization that will be both a haven for diversity for those under 21 and foster an atmosphere of tolerance and giving back to the community, the very tenants under which the ISGCBI were established.

30.5 Let it be known, because of the accumulated knowledge and experience during the past year of leadership, immediate past Monarchs are to be advisors to the Junior Court for the period of one year, beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> Reign. If either of the immediate past Monarchs is not available to serve as the advisors, the Privy Council shall select the advisor(s). This is to give mentoring, guidance and advice to those who will be the future of our organization and to insure that monarchs remember that the role of a leader is not limited to a period of time, a title or a crown, but that it is a continuing duty of service and sacrifice that needs to be held sacred in the hearts of those who will reign.

30.6 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008, forward, let it be known that the Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Modesto Court, shall be known as The Sister Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so.

30.7 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008, forward, let it be known that the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy, Inc of San Jose shall be known as The Brother Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so.

30.8 From this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008, forward, let it be known that the International Imperial Court of Long Beach, Inc. shall be known as The Brother Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so.

30.9 Let it be known from this day forth, that because of his years of support and love of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Gem Emperor XIX and XXIV Ken Litz Bixler shall be known as King Father for Life in Perpetua. *(By action of the Privy Council on August 2, 2010, this Proclamation was declared void as it was in conflict with Proclamation 7.2)*

Citizen for Life: Owner and Proprietor of Olzone of Boise - Caryn Thompson

Citizen for Life: From Stockton, CA, The Fairy Godmother to the 30<sup>th</sup> Reign – Miss Delta

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Craig Stewart

### The Drive and Passion of the Gem

Gem Emperor XXXI - Marvin McKee Bixler and Gem Empress XXXI - Sasha Manhattan

- 31.1 Let it be known from this day forth that Crown Prince 28 Billy Divine Manhattan shall be known as Crown Prince 31 1/2 to the Drive and Passion of the Gem Reign.
- 31.2 Let it be known that from this day forth, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, that Princess Royale 30 of the RCGSE of Salt Lake City, Utah, Miss Kennedy Cartier shall be known as Empress 31 1/2 to the Drive and Passion of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 31.3 Let it be known from this day forth that Godiva shall be known as Empress Emeritus to the Drive and Passion of the Gem Reign.  
*[On June 7, 2010, Emperor Marvin McKee Bixler and Empress Sasha Manhattan issued the following: "Due to the unacceptable behavior and disrespect directed at members of the College of Monarchs by Godiva at the Privy Council Meeting of May 3, 2010, we the Monarchs of the 31<sup>st</sup> Reign will be rescinding the following proclamation 31.3"]*
- 31.4 We proclaim this date April 6, 2009, that Shawn Knuckles shall be known as Emperor 31 1/2 from this day forward.
- 31.5 In order to promote consistency within the ISGCBI, let it be known from this day forward that all candidates running for the title of either Crown Princess or Empress must be in drag for Screening Committee. Let it be known that if such candidates win their prospective titles they must also be in drag at Victory Brunch.

Citizen for Life: Empress XXXVII of Spokane, WA – Frigid Heir-Surreal

Citizen for Life: Empress XX and XXXII of Salt Lake City, UT – Sheneka Christie

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Victoria

### The Evolution of the Gem

Gem Emperor XXXII – J D Morgan and Gem Empress XXXII – Selena Blaque

- 32.1 Let it be known from this day forth that no member or Monarch of the ISGCBI shall disseminate any official message on behalf of the ISGCBI without approval of the Privy Council, or in the case of an announcement needing urgent action with approval of the reigning Emperor and Empress and the President of the Privy Council. Announcement of approved Court events with dates and times shall not be deemed as needing prior Privy Council Approval.

- 32.2 *Because taking care of someone also means also helping with their final burial and cremation, the Dakota Relief Fund is hereby established to assist with final burial expenses.*

*The Dakota Relief Fund will be administered by one member of the following organizations, which shall also help to raise money for the fund: ISGCBI, a.l.p.h.a., The Tree Fund, Interfaith Sanctuary, and others as the administrators feel necessary or as other organizations desire to become part of the Dakota Relief Fund. The ISGCBI administrator to the Dakota Relief Fund shall be appointed by the Reigning Emperor and Empress each year at the August Annual reorganization meeting.*

*All administrator organizations commit to raising at least \$200 per year for the fund. The Dakota Relief Fund will be a separate fund within the ISGCBI and will require General Court membership approval for the dispersal of funds. Emergency expenditures may be made on a case by case basis with the approval of the administrators but subsequent approval by the General Court membership is still required. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010 and amended this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.*

Proclamation 32.2 was amended as follows on June 3, 2017 by action of the

*Proclamation 32.2 The Dakota Relief Fund is to assist with final burial expenses and/or cards and/or flowers for sick or deceased family members of Court members. The Dakota Relief Fund will be a separate fund within the ISGC and will require General Court membership approval for the dispersal of funds. Emergency expenditures may be made on a case by case basis with the approval of the administrators but subsequent approval by the General Court membership is still required.*

Proclamation 32.2 was amended as follows on July 3, 2017:

Dakota Relief Fund is to assist with final burial expenses and/or cards and/or flowers for sick or deceased family members of Court members. The Dakota Relief Fund will be a separate fund within the ISGC and will require General Court membership approval for the dispersal of funds. Emergency expenditures may be made on a case by case basis with the approval of the administrators but subsequent approval by the General Court membership is still required.

- 32.3 The Queen Mother in Perpetua shall do a command performance at Coronation. In the event that the Queen Mother in Perpetua cannot perform, the Queen Mother in Perpetua shall choose another person to perform. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.
- 32.4 From this 5th of July, 2010, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Crown Princess 30 and 32 Andrea Morgan shall be granted the Title "Empress Emeritus for Life" to the Evolution of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.
- 32.5 From this 5th of July, 2010, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Rain Emperor 35 Mikey shall be granted the title of "Emperor XXXII ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life", and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.
- 32.6 From this 5th of July, 2010, forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Rose Empress 50 Krystal Lynn Benoit shall be granted the title of "Empress XXXII ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life", and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.
- 32.7 From this 5th of July, 2010, forward, let it be known that the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire, Vancouver, Washington, shall be known as The Sister Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.
- 32.8 From this 5th of July, 2010, forward, let it be known that the Imperial Rainbow Court of Northern Utah, Odgen, shall be known as The Brother Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so. Be it enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.
- 32.9 From this 19th of July, 2010, forward, let it be known that for his years of dedicated, consistent and selfless service to the ISGCI and the entire community that Gem Emperor XXIX Craig Pepin-LaChance shall be known as King Father for Life in Perpetua. *(By action of the Privy Council on August 2, 2010, this Proclamation was declared void as it was in conflict with Proclamation 7.2)*

Citizen for Life: Emperor XXVII and XXX of Spokane, WA – Mark Allen Surreal

Citizen for Life: Emperor XXXIV of Salt Lake City, UT – Austyn Riley

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Reba McEnWhat Bixler

### **The Rejuvenation of the Gem**

Gem Empress XXXIII - Terra Mi Su La Rose Morgan Foxx Manhattan

- 33.1 Let it be known from this day forth, that because of his years of support, love and dedication to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Gem Emperor XIX and XXIV Ken Litz Bixler shall be known as King Father Suprema for Life in Perpetua.
- 33.2 In order to define and streamline processes within the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise Idaho, Incorporated, let it be known that a By-law and Constitution review committee shall be established starting with the 33<sup>rd</sup> reign and continuing every 4 years thereafter. The purpose of the committee shall be to evaluate and present necessary changes to the Constitution and its Articles to the Court Membership for consideration and vote. The committee shall consist of the President of the Privy Council who shall serve as Moderator, The Lord / Lady Constable, The Reigning Emperor and Empress, 1 additional elected Member of the Privy Council and 2 additional elected General Court members. In the case that the Emperor or Empress are not available or decline to sit on the committee, the reigning Prince or Princess can substitute for either of them in their absence. If the Lord / Lady Constable or Privy Council President are not available or decline to sit on the committee, additional Privy Council Members can be voted on the committee in their absence.
- (This Proclamation was amended on January 6, 2014 to read as follows:***  
*In order to define and streamline processes within the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise Idaho, Incorporated, let it be known that a By-law and Constitution review committee shall be established starting with the 33<sup>rd</sup> reign and continuing every 2 years thereafter. The purpose of the committee shall be to evaluate and present necessary changes to the Constitution and its Articles to the Court Membership for consideration and vote. The committee shall consist of the President of the Board of Directors who shall serve as Moderator, The Lord / Lady Constable, The Reigning Emperor and Empress, 1 additional elected Member of the Board of Directors and 2 additional elected General Court members. In the case that the Emperor or Empress are not available or decline to sit on the committee, the reigning Prince or Princess can substitute for either of them in their absence. If the Lord / Lady Constable or Board of Directors President are not available or decline to sit on the committee, additional Board of Directors Members can be voted on the committee in their absence.)*

- 33.3 The Reigning Monarchs need to determine the vision for their Step Down at Coronation. The Reigning Monarchs should not be limited in that vision by not being able to select the performers of their choice for their step down. Therefore, the issuance of Proclamations declaring an official “performer” at Coronation by future Reigning Monarchs during their reign is hereby prohibited.
- 33.4 Let it be known that from this day forth, for his love and support of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Reign of the Imperial Gem court of All Idaho, Carmine Caruso shall be known as Emperor 33 1/3 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life to the Rejuvenation of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.  
***This Proclamation was rescinded By Empress Terra Mi Su on January 6, 2014.***
- 33.5 Let it be known that commencing with the 33<sup>rd</sup> reign, in fairness to this reign and future reigns, in the instance where there is only one monarch (i.e. Emperor or Empress) they shall receive the same rights and privileges as if there were two reigning monarchs. This shall include but not be limited to choosing both a Prince and Princess during the reign, proclamations, and citizens for life. This will not include additional monies from the travel fund.
- 33.6 Let it be known from this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011, that Empress 49 of Portland, Oregon, Fiona Flash Foxx shall be granted the Title “Empress Emeritus for Life” to the Rejuvenation of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 33.7 Let it be known that from this day forth, for her love and support of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Reign of the Imperial Gem Court of All Idaho, that Rose Empress 52 of Portland, Oregon, The Endearing Tsunami Foxx shall be known as Empress 33 ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life to the Rejuvenation of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title. ***Tsunami Foxx resigned this position on September 8, 2014.***

Citizen for Life: Empress XXXVII of Denver – Mercedes

Citizen for Life: Empress XXXIV of Salem – FabuLanzaa

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Chaise Manhattan

#### **The Dream of the Gem**

Empress XXXIV – Dee Dee Snow

(By action of the Board of Directors and the General Court, Empress 34 Dee Dee Snow was removed from office on July 16, 2012, no Proclamations were thus valid and no titles of Citizen for Life were granted.)

#### **The Resilience of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXXV - Scott the First (AKA Terra Mi Su)

- 35.1 Let it be known from this 1st day of April, 2013 That Tree Empress Sheila Dupont of Vancouver Washington, shall be granted the title of Empress 35 1/2 for Life to the Resilience of the Gem reign and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 35.2 Let it be known from this 1st day of July, 2013 that Empress 16 of Spokane, Washington, Eunice Kennedy-Smith shall be granted the Title of “Empress Emeritus for Life” to the Resilience of the Gem reign and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 35.3 Let it be known from this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2013 that Rain Emperor 39 of Vancouver, Washington JJ Sylvermane shall be granted the title of “Emperor Emeritus for Life” to the Resilience of the Gem reign and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 35.4 Let it be known from this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2013 that Crown Prince 12 of Ogden Utah Steve-O Marrs Shall be granted the title of “Emperor 35 ½ for Life” to the Resilience of the Gem reign and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 35.5 *Let it be known that from this day forward, July 1, 2013, in order to ensure the integrity of the elected officials of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, that the following membership tenure shall be in force. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Emperor or Empress unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) calendar year prior to the closing of the candidate filing, that date being the first Monday in June. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Board Member or any Board Officer unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to the Annual Meeting of the ISGCBI, that date being the first Monday in August.*

*PROCLAMATION 35.5 (amended on September 9, 2013)*

*Let it be known that from this day forward, July 1, 2013, in order to ensure the integrity of the elected officials of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, that the following membership tenure shall be in force. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Emperor or Empress unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) calendar year prior to the closing of the candidate filing, that date being the first Monday in June. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Board Officer unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to the Annual Meeting of the ISGCBI, that date being the first Monday in August.*

*PROCLAMATION 35.5 (amended on July 3, 2017)*

No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Emperor, Empress, Prince or Princess unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) calendar year prior to the closing of the candidate filing, that date being the first Monday in June. No person may run for, seek, and accept the office of Board Officer unless he or she shall have been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to the Annual Meeting of the ISGCBI, that date being the first Monday in August.

Citizen for Life: Empress IX, XXIX, XXXIV and XXXVII of Eugene – Daphne Bertha Storm

Citizen for Life: Emperor XXXVII of Sacramento – Tony Southworth

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** The Balcony Bar

**The Solidarity of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXXVI - Rodney Hames and Gem Empress XXXVI – Selena Blaque

- 36.1 Let it be known from this day forth, that because of her love, support, and dedication to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Minerva Jane shall be known as “Empress 36 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem court of Idaho for life” and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title, Because we choose to do so.
- 36.2 Let it be known that from this day forth, January 6, 2014, for his love and support of the 36<sup>th</sup> Reign of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of All Idaho and the community, the title of “Emperor 36 ½ for Life” to the Solidarity of the Gem is granted to the Everlasting Jase Nelson all rights and privileges of said title.
- 36.3 Let it be known that from this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, that Emperor 38 of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire, Drake Riley from Hell, shall be granted the title of “Emperor Emeritus for Life” to the Solidarity of the Gem and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of All Idaho and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 36.4 Let it be known that from this day forth, June 2, 2014, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, that Dream Empress 24 of the Imperial Court of Snohomish County Empire of Dreams of Everett, Washington, Clarissa shall be granted the Title “Empress Emeritus for Life” to The Solidarity of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of that title.
- 36.5 Let it be known from this day forth, July 7, 2014, that the Open Arms Award given at each Coronation to an out of State person or persons shall be known as “**The Deanna Roberts Open Arms Award**”.

Citizen for Life: Empress XL of Spokane, Washington – Mink Marche

Citizen for Life: Emperor XIV of Ogden, Utah – Stevo

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Glen McManus

**The Ascension of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXXVII – Eddie Del Ray and Gem Empress XXXVII – Percilla Moore

- 37.1 Let it be known from this day forth (October 6, 2014), the current state crowns must be worn by the reigning Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Prince and Princess) to all out of state coronations and/or functions when appropriate.
- 37.2 From this 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2014, forward, let it be known throughout all the lands that Ambassador to the 37<sup>th</sup> Reign and Miss Gay Idaho 17 Crystal Bixler shall be granted the title of “Empress XXXVII 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life”, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so. Be it enacted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2014.
- 37.3 Let it be known from this day forth (January 5, 2015), for his love and support of the 37<sup>th</sup> Reign of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of all Idaho, Julian Surreal Beaute Foxx shall be known as Emperor 37 ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life to the Ascension of the Gem Reign and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.



37.4 Let it be known from this day forth, January 5, 2015, that the Memorial Scholarship Fund presented at each Coronation and is given to gay Idaho students based on academics and community service be known as “The Ken Litz-Bixler Scholarship Fund” for his many years of service in fund raising for the ISGCBI scholarship.

37.5 *Let it be known that from this date forward, March 2, 2015, The Board of Directors of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall host an annual Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Gem State Pageant.*

*(This Proclamation was amended by the General Court on July 2, 2018 to read as follows ©*

Let it be known from this date forward the Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Gem State Pageant will be hosted by Gem Empress Percilla and assisted by Gem Emperor Eddie Del Rey and King Father for Life Ken Litz Bixler. 100% of fundraising proceeds will go to the scholarship fund as default if no one is reign. If title holders are in reign they can delegate proceeds to a charity of their choice within the State of Idaho.

37.6 Absolute Empress XXXVII Barbie LaChoy of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Ca, shall be granted the title of “Empress Emeritus for Life” to the Ascension of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

37.7 In order to promote consistency within the ISGCBI, let it be known from this day forward that all candidates running for the title of either Crown Prince or Emperor must be in business attire for the Screening Committee.

37.8 Let it be known from this day forth. June 1, 2015, that the outgoing reign and incoming reign must meet before Investitures to inventory the court storage and dispose of unnecessary items.

37.9 From this 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015 and forward, let it be known throughout all lands that Emperor 36 Jimi Cricket Beaute of The Imperial Sovereign Court of Tacoma – Diamond empire of the Cascades shall be granted the title “Emperor Emeritus for Life” to the Ascension of the Gem, and shall be grantee all rights and privileges of this title.

Citizen for Life: Empress XXXIX of San Francisco – Misty Blue

Citizen for Life: Empress XL of Salt Lake - Krystyna Shaylee

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Marilyn

#### **The Unison of the Gem**

Gem Emperor XXXVIII - Craig LaChance and Gem Empress XXXVIII - Reba McEnWhat-Bixler

Gem Emperor XXXVIII – Eddie Del Rey and Gem Empress XXXVIII – Percilla Moore Del Rey

Empress XXXVIII – Sasha Manhattan

38.1 *Other than resignation, revocation of membership, moving out of state and subsequently becoming a member of another court, accept elected or appointed position within said court or be elected, as an Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princess (or equivalent rank) in said court, all past Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. All past Emperors and all past Empresses who complete their reign in good standing shall be automatic members of the Board of Directors and of the College of Monarchs. There shall be no minimum of meetings attended as a requirement for voting privileges within the Board of Directors or the College of Monarchs. All wording in sections in the ISGCBI Constitution to the contrary of this Proclamation are considered to be null and void.*

*This Proclamation was amended by the General Court on June 3, 2017 to read as follows:*

Other than resignation, revocation of membership, moving out of state and subsequently becoming a member of another court, accept elected or appointed position within said court or be elected, as an Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princess (or equivalent rank) in said court, all past Emperors, Empresses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. All past Emperors and all past Empresses who complete their reign in good standing shall be automatic members of the College of Monarchs. There shall be no minimum of meetings attended as a requirement for voting privileges within the College of Monarchs.

38.2 From this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, forward, Let it be known that Summers Eve Douche`s hall be known as Empress 38 ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court.

38.3 From this 1st day of February, 2016, forward, for his love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, its members and its Monarchs, let it be known throughout all lands that Czar Day Camp Keith Bumps of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, shall be granted the Title of "Emperor 38 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life" to the Unison of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

- 38.4 From this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2016, forward, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, its members and its Monarchs, let it be known throughout all lands that Czarina Day Camp Gladys Bumps of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, shall be granted the Title of "Empress 38 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life" to the Unison of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 38.5 Each member of the Court is entitled to his/her First Amendment Right of Free Speech, but that right stops at the defamation of another's character. In the spirit of our Court Mission of fulfilling the Court's purpose in fun and unity, any member of the Court who actively organizes or actively participates in a "NO" campaign, whether by actions or by words, which can cause embarrassment or unpleasant notoriety to the Court, shall be subject to Discipline by the Court.
- 38.6 From this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2016, forward, let it be known throughout all the lands that Princess 41 of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire, Vancouver, Washington, Cronica MacPherson DuPont Dix, shall be granted the title of "Empress 38 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life", and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so.
- 38.7 From this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of May, 2016, forward, let it be known throughout all the lands that in honor of our friend, Lee Easter, that the Annual Turnabout Show shall be known as "The Brionna Cracker Turnabout Show", because we choose to do so.
- 38.8 From this day forth, June 6, 2016, for his love and devotion to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, Let it be known that Emperor 35 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky Russell Drake shall be known as Emperor Emeritus to the Unison of the Gem Reign, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 38.9 The Imperial Court of Kentucky shall be known as "Brother Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho".
- 38.10 Due to circumstances, Proclamation 31.3 was rescinded. We now, therefore, issue Our Proclamation, that from this day forth, June 6, 2016, that Godiva shall be known as Empress Emeritus to the Drive and Passion of the Gem Reign and to the Unison of the Gem Reign.
- 38.11 Due to circumstances, Tsunami Foxx resigned her Title of Empress 33 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho. We now, therefore, issue Our Proclamation, that from this day forth, June 6, 2016, that Tsunami Foxx shall be known as Empress 33 1/2 to the Rejuvenation of the Gem Reign and to the Unison of the Gem Reign.
- 38.12 Due to circumstances, Carmine Caruso resigned his Title of Crown Prince 35 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho. We now, therefore, issue Our Proclamation, that from this day forth, July 11, 2016, that Carmine Caruso shall be known as Crown Prince 35 to the Unison of the Gem Reign.

Citizens for Life: Empress Mozzarella the GRATE of San Francisco

Empress 50 Khmera Rouge of San Francisco

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Robert Strain

**The Love and The Light of the Gem**  
Gem Empress XXXIX – Frankee Morgan

- 39.1 From this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016, Spirit Wildcat shall be known as Two Spirit Ambassador for Life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho.
- 39.2 From this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016, for his love and devotion, Tony Allard shall be known as Emperor 39 1/2 for Life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho to Love and the Light of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title. *(This Proclamation was rescinded by action of the General Court on May 1, 2017.)*
- 39.3 From this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, forward, for his love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, its members and its Monarchs, let it be known throughout all lands that Guardian of the Dove Emperor 41 Robert Lujan Archer Foxx of the Imperial Dove Court of Fresno and Madera, shall be granted the Title of "Emperor Emeritus for Life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life" to the Love and the Light of the Gem of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

- 39.4 From this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, forward, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, its members and its Monarchs, let it be known throughout all lands that Empress 16 Lady Delishof the Imperial Rainbow Court of Northern Utah, shall be granted the Title of "Empress Emeritus for Life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life" to the Love and the Light of the Gem of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 39.5 From this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, forward, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, its members and its Monarchs, let it be known throughout all lands that Empress 24 Tina Louise Sapphire Dior of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Spokane, shall be granted the Title of "Empress 39 1/2 to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court for Life" to the Love and the Light of the Gem of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 39.6 The safety of our members and guests is paramount to our Court. Whenever the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Mayor of Boise, the Mayor of Nampa, or the Mayor of Caldwell declares an emergency due to weather conditions, the following will apply:  
The reigning Emperor and Empress, along with the President of the Board of Directors, shall have the power to postpone the Court and Board of Directors monthly meeting for up to two (2) weeks. Notice of this postponement shall be given by social media and/or phone, including notice to the management of the location for the meeting.  
The reigning Emperor and Empress, along with the host(s) of a Court sponsored show or event, shall have the power to postpone that show or event. Re-scheduling of that event shall be at the earliest available day. Notice of this postponement shall be given by social media and/or phone, including notice to the management of the location of the show or event.
- 39.7 Continuous and guaranteed funding for the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court's Scholarship program is critical. It is hereby proclaimed that from this date of March 6, 2017, forward, that ten percent (10%) of all Imperial Sovereign Gem Court General Fund Show door proceeds, excluding the In-Town and Out-of-Town Coronation events, shall be placed into the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court's Scholarship Fund.

Citizen for Life: Empress of Portland – Vivica Valentine

Citizen for Life: from Spokane – John Startin

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Martini

#### **The Authenticity of the Gem**

Emperor XL – Carmine Caruso and Empress XL – Minerva Jayne

- 40.1 The importance of the continuous preservation of the history of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho cannot be understated. It is therefore Proclaimed on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, that beginning with the 40<sup>th</sup> Reign and for all Reigns forward from this date, all Coronation Programs, Pins, Event posters and other items as determined by the various Reigns as pertinent and important to the history of that Reign shall be placed in the Boise State University Archives. All past Reigns are encouraged to also place any similar items from their reign with the Boise State University Archives.
- 40.2 Transgender people face many obstacles to everyday living. There is a higher rate of unemployed and underemployed people in the transgender community than in other communities. Recognizing that one of the biggest obstacles to finding and retaining employment is related to issues around the legal name of the transgender person, Reign 40 creates on this day, June 4, 2018, the Minerva Authenticity Endowment (MAE). This fund will provide funding to transgender people pursuing legal name change, including, but not limited to, court fees, document change fees, and fees to run legal notices in the newspaper. The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho will be in charge of disbursing the funds to people who apply for the assistance, on a case-by-case basis and as funding permits. Shows or other fundraising events may be held to raise money for this fund as needed but not as a requirement.
- 40.3 For his love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, for his excellent attendance to his duties as Crown Prince 40, We do hereby Proclaim this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, that Shaun Larsen shall be granted the title of Emperor 40 ½ of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, with all rights and privileges thereto.
- 40.4 For their love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, for their excellent attendance to his duties as Members of the Board of Directors, we do hereby Proclaim on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2018, forward, that Gregory "Bridgette" Campbell and Ryan "Shamrock Bottoms" Connelly shall be known as the Grand Duchesses to the 40<sup>th</sup> Reign of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life, with all rights and privileges thereto.

- 40.5 From this 2nd day of July 2018, forward, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court, its members and its Monarchs, let it be known throughout all lands that Absolute Empress 29 Anita Martini of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc., shall be granted the Title of "Empress Emeritus 40 for Life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court" and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 40.6 From this 2nd Day of July 2018, forward, let it be known throughout all the lands that Spyke Naugahyde, for her love and support of the 40th reign, shall be granted the title of "Empress 40 1/2 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life", and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title, because we choose to do so.

Citizen for Life: Empress of Portland – Mark Smith

Citizen for Life: from Spokane – Tiana La Shae

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** Jackie Blue

**The Honey of the Gem**  
Empress XLI – Seranitee Love