

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

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[NOTE: By action of the General Court members voting unanimously on May 3, 2023, without changing any of the Proclamations issued through Reign 44, any Proclamation making reference to the Emperor or to the Empress shall also include reference to the Emperex. AND, without changing any of the Proclamations issued through Reign 44, any Proclamation making reference to the Crown Prince or to the Crown Princess shall also include reference to the Crown Princex.]

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By action of the General Court members voting on 13 August 2025, all references to the Privy Council are now being changed to the Board of Directors.]

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN GEM COURT OF IDAHO

(Adopted August 13, 2025)

## ARTICLE 1 - BY-LAWS

- 1.1. The Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall serve as the Bylaws 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, Bylaws 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.
- 1.3. ISGCI records shall be maintained in a manner that is protected, identifiable, legible, and easily retrievable. This section as adopted, and from the date of adoption, shall define all records management and supersedes any previous records requirements in this constitution.
  - 1.3.1. Critical Records Definition – For the purposes of this document, critical records are defined as any electronic or paper media generated as evidence for compliance to federal, state, and local laws, and this ISGCI constitution and bi-laws. These records are listed in the Records Retention Schedule and are considered master copies as defined in this section of the constitution.
  - 1.3.2. Responsibility – Records coordination and management is the responsibility of the organization secretary and board president.
  - 1.3.3. Protection – Records shall be maintained in a manner that protects them from fire, floods, and theft.
  - 1.3.4. Identification – Records shall be maintained by date created which indicates revision, and must include a document title, date, and document owner’s title.
  - 1.3.5. Legibility – Records shall be maintained in a readable manner. If a record becomes illegible it may be re-created with approval of the ISGCI board. Re-creation shall be overseen by the Board President and the record owner using any available and valid evidence. Evidence of the approval, original record, re-created record, and re-creation methods shall be maintained with the record.
  - 1.3.6. Retrievability – Records should be retrievable within 3 days from the request date. Combinations or keys to locked containers or storage units shall be retained by more than one board members.
  - 1.3.7. Retention Schedule – Master copies of document retained as records and general records shall be maintained according to the Records Retention Schedule.
  - 1.3.8. Records Destruction – Once a record meets the retention time listed in the Records Retention Schedule it shall be destroyed. Destruction methods for records shall be listed in the Records Retention Schedule.
  - 1.3.9. Master Copy Definition – A master Copy is considered the original, guiding, and superseding electronic or paper record and must be retained according to the records schedule defined in this section of the constitution; it must be identifiable according to the definition in this section of the constitution and must be legibly retained according to this section of the constitution. Copies of the master may be held at other locations, but the master copy will be the determining document if there are discrepancies.

**Critical Records Retention Schedule**

<b>Record Name</b>	<b>Record Owner</b>	<b>Short Term Retention and Location</b>	<b>Long Term Retention &amp; Location</b>	<b>Destruction</b>
Articles of Organization Legal Status and Records of 501c3 Status	President	Master copies retained in electronic or paper form from zero to twelve months. Located with the document originator.	Master copies retained electronic or paper form from two months to permanent. Located at the ISGCI storage in fireproof locked container.	Maintained Permanently – No Destruction
Constitution Revision Archives	President	Master copies retained in electronic or paper form from zero to two months. Located with the document originator.	Master copy retained in electronic or paper form from two months to permanent. Located at the ISGCI storage in fireproof locked container.	Maintained Permanently – No Destruction
Bank or Credit Union Statements, Records of Bank or Credit Union Account Withdrawals and Deposits	Treasurer	Retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Treasurer.	Retained in electronic or paper form from one month after the end of each ISGCI reign to 10 years after creation. Located at the ISGCI Storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Paper media by shredding, electronic media by erasure.
Monthly and Annual Financial Statements to the organization and public.	Treasurer	Retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Treasurer.	Retained in electronic or paper form from one month after the end of each ISGCI reign to 10 years after creation. Located at the ISGCI Storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Paper media by shredding, electronic media by erasure.
Monthly and Annual Budgets, Fund Balances, Activities, and Distribution Records	Treasurer	Retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Treasurer.	From one month after the end of each ISGCI reign to 10 years after creation. Located at the ISGCI Storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Paper media by shredding, electronic media by erasure.
Organization List of Officers and Title Holders	Secretary	Current and revised lists retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Secretary.	Current and revised lists retained in electronic or paper form from one month after each ISGCI reign to permanent at the ISGCI storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Maintained Permanently – No Destruction
Meeting Minutes	Secretary	Retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Secretary.	Retained in electronic or paper form from one month after the end of each ISGCI reign to 10 years after creation. Located at the ISGCI Storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Paper media by shredding, electronic media by erasure.
Applications and communications for candidates, scholarships, and business communications	Secretary	Retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Secretary.	Retained in electronic or paper form from one month after the end of each ISGCI reign to 10 years after creation. Located at the ISGCI Storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Paper media by shredding, electronic media by erasure.
Monthly Membership Rosters	Secretary	Retained in electronic or paper form from record creation to one month past the end of each ISGCI reign. Located with the Secretary.	Retained in electronic or paper form from one month after the end of each ISGCI reign to 10 years after creation. Located at the ISGCI Storage Location in a fireproof and locked container.	Paper media by shredding, electronic media by erasure.

## **ARTICLE 2 - 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 Court shall be the crowned gem.
- 2.3 The colors of The Court shall be gold and white.

## **ARTICLE 3 – PURPOSE AND MISSION**

- 3.1 The 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.
- 3.2 The Court Vision: We envision a community where all people have equitable access to resources, and feel both celebrated and valued for their entire, authentic selves.

## **ARTICLE 4 - COURT MEMBERSHIP**

### **General rules**

- 4.1 Membership in The Court shall be open to all persons without regard to race, creed, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or handicap. In order to observe any Court meeting, you must be recognized by the Reigning Heads of State or the Secretary.
- 4.2 To become a voting member you shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Members under the age of 18 must have a parental or guardian approval and will not hold a vote.
- 4.3 The Court shall not limit the number of members of the Court body.

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

- 4.4 Honorary membership may be held by individuals residing in or out of the State of Idaho. The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex together shall have the authority to bestow honorary memberships. Granting such memberships do 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, Empress and Emprex who granted the title.
  3. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus 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, Empress or Emprex.
  4. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus, For Life, or/and half title shall walk immediately before the Elected Crown Prince, Elected Crown Princess and Elected Crown Princex in any ISGCI Court walk except the Coronation Crowning Ceremony.
  5. Persons granted an honorary title of Emeritus or/and half title shall be a part of the Crowning Ceremony at all ISGCI Coronations. See Section 19.20.
  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 for Life shall be entitled to vote for Monarchs, as elsewhere stated in this Constitution.

### **New Members**

- 4.5 New members may be admitted to The Court upon attendance of two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the membership at which time they will provide an introduction of themselves to the body, with said member having approval of two-thirds (2/3) 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 has been voted on.

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

- 4.6 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 which 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.
- 4.7 Members of The 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, Empress, or Emprex 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. If a member becomes inactive, they lose all voting privileges until their membership is reinstated.
- 4.8 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.

## **ARTICLE 5 - COURT OFFICERS**

- 5.1 Officers of the Court other than the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess 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:
  1. To maintain in good, legible order all minutes of the Court, which shall be stored with the Financial Records of the Court,
  2. To present all correspondence to the Court and answer the same, unless otherwise directed by the President,
  3. To maintain an accurate record of members and provide said record to the Board of Directors quarterly,
  4. 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,
  5. To maintain a mailing list of other affiliated clubs, organizations and individuals in and out of town,
  6. 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
  7. 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, Empress and Emprex to serve as the guardian of the Court property other than the lights and props. The duties of the Lord/Lady Steward shall be:
  1. To manage the inventory and upkeep of all Court equipment and supplies,
  2. To place in safe keeping and maintaining the Crown Jewels, sword, scepter, orb, and flags and make them available for Court functions, and
  3. 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, Empress and Emprex. The duties of the Keeper of the Lights and Props shall be:
1. To assist with props and lights at all Court functions except Coronation,
  2. To act as advisor for such functions when possible,
  3. To be responsible for securing people to run the spot light(s) at Court functions, and
  4. 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.
  5. 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, Empress and Emprex. The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be:
1. To keep order at all regular and special Court meetings,
  2. 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, Empress and Emprex to serve as Parliamentarian to the Court. The duties of the Constitutional Adviser shall be:
1. To provide parliamentarian advice at regular and special meetings when requested by the reigning Heads of State,
  2. 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,
  3. To maintain in good order and revise, when necessary, the Constitution of the Court,
  4. To be an ex-officio member of The Court, and
  5. 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, Empress and Emprex to serve as final arbitrator on all matters of protocol. The duties of the Minister of Protocol shall be:
1. 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,
  2. To prepare and collect protocol cards and protocol lists for all Court functions,
  3. To determine protocol questions,
  4. To recommend changes in protocol policy,
  5. To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
- 5.10 The Lord/Lady Historian shall be appointed by the reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex to serve as documentarian of Court History. The duties of the Lord/Lady Historian shall be:
1. To be the principle photographer of the Court,
  2. To prepare and collect I.S.G.C. memorabilia and arrange it in a manner for permanent record, and
  3. To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
  4. 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 ISGCI Member(s) of the International Court Council
1. A position as an "Heir Apparent", on the International Court Council (ICC), is open to any member of the ISGCI that meet the guidelines listed:
    - a. 1 year. Minimum, as a member of the ISGCI,
    - b. Must be a member in "good standings" as defined in the ISGCI Constitution.
  2. All members applying for a position on the ICC must seek approval from both the College of Monarchs and the current Board of Directors before submitting their application to the ICC.
  3. Members must submit their application by the listed ICC due date and must include:
    - a. General ICC application,
    - b. Short bio of their time in the court system and their accomplishments,
    - c. A letter from the current Board President listing the approval from both the College of Monarchs and the current Board.
  4. Final selections for ICC members are made by the current ICC leaders and made public on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  5. One (1) term on the ICC is one (1) calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  6. Although more than one (1) member of the ISGCI may hold a seat on the ICC, only one (1) member of the ICC may hold the ICC seat on the ISGCI Board and shall be voted on yearly at the annual meeting.
  7. If there are no ICC members, or if an ICC member resigns during the current ISGCI reign and there is no one to replace them, then the ICC Seat on the Board shall remain vacant.

8. The member(s) of the ICC is subject to disciplinary actions as enumerated in Article X of this Constitution, and as enumerated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Court Council.

## ARTICLE 6 - COURT AUTHORITY

### Financial

- 6.1 The general membership of The Court shall be the sole authorized financial body acting for the Court.
- 6.2 All bills for Court expenses shall be:
  1. Presented to the Court Treasurer,
  2. Approved for payment by majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court, and
  3. 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 The reigning Heads of State may never authorize expenditures by declaration or Proclamation that does not carry the approval and authorization of the Court.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.

## ARTICLE 7 - COURT MEETINGS

- 7.1 Meetings of The Court shall be held on the first Wednesday of the 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, via email, and/or by use of social media.  
A second Court meeting shall be held in the month preceding the annual Coronation at the call of the reigning Emperor, Empress and/or Emprex to deal with Coronation issues and other agenda items at the discretion of the reigning Emperor, Empress and/or Emprex. The Annual Court meeting following Coronation shall be on the second Wednesday of August.
- 7.2 In the event a national holiday occurs on the first Wednesday of the month, the meeting shall be determined by the Emperor, Empress and Emprex and is to be held within the first two (2) weeks of the month.
- 7.3 **[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, Empress and/or Emprex 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.]
- 7.4 Special meetings may be called at any time by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, President of the Board, 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.
- 7.5 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall select the time of day and the place of their meeting, keeping them in Boise, during their reign.
- 7.6 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex, and Court officials.

- 7.7 All past ISGCI Emperors, Empresses, Emprex, Crown Princes, Crown Princesses and Crown Princex who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. However, the listed past Monarchs shall abide by the definition of “in good standing” and actions of Section 4.7 herein for eligibility to vote at meetings. 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, Emprex, Crown Prince (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princess (or equivalent rank) or Crown Princex (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 4.8) All previous ISGCI Emperors, Empresses, Emprex, Crown Princes, Crown Princesses and Crown Princex shall be allowed to participate in the Coronation Crowning Ceremony, even if said persons are members of another recognized Court.
- 7.8 Only members “in good standing” shall be entitled to vote at meetings. Voting shall be in person, by Zoom or other electronic means shall be accepted. 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/they 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.
- 7.9 **[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.]
- 7.10 The Executive Board of Directors and the Reigning Monarchs (Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex) are required to be in physical attendance at all meetings unless excused. (work, Court related activity, illness or other extending circumstances as approved by the Board of Directors) General membership may attend via electronic means such as Facebook Live and/or Zoom.
- 7.11 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall co-chair the Court meetings. The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall conduct the Court meeting in the event that the reigning Empress, Emperor, or Emprex are all absent from the Court meeting.
- 7.12 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.
- 7.13 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.
- 7.14 Each meeting of the Court shall be conducted according to "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised".
- 7.15 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, Empress, Emprex and/or President of the Board.
- 7.16 A Quorum shall consist of 20% of the membership of the Court in good standing present, in addition to at least two (2) members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 8 –REIGN ADMINISTRATION

### Titleholders of the Reign

- 8.1 Monarchs are herein defined as the Emperors, the Empresses and the Emprexes of the College of Monarchs. The Heads of State of The Court are the reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex.
- 8.2 The Royal Family shall consist of the reigning Emperor, the Empress, the Emprex, the reigning Crown Prince, the reigning Crown Princess, the reigning Crown Princex 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 Princex Royale, the King Father to the Reign, the Queen Mother to the Reign, 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, Empresses and Emprexes of the ISGCI, who shall be voting members of the College of Monarchs, and the non-voting half-Emperors, half-Empresses, half-Emprex, Emeritus Emperors, Emeritus Empresses and Emeritus Emprexes. The College of Monarchs shall meet as needed 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. 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, 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 Princesses and Crown Princexes

- 8.5 The College of Princes, Princesses and Crown Princex shall consist of all previous Crown Princes , Crown Princesses and Crown Princexes of the ISGCI.

### Reigns

- 8.6 Each Reign will be known as " \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gem".
- 8.7 [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

- 8.8 Each Reign will follow the order of protocol as follows: Friends of the Court, General Members, Past P&P's in numerical order, Past E&E's in numerical order, current P&P's and lastly current E&E's.
- 8.9 At an out of state Prince, Princess and Princex Ball, the reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall walk last in the Court entrance.
- 8.10 [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, Princess, to all out of state coronations and/or functions when appropriate.)

### Monarch Coronation Gifts

- 8.11 Each Emperor, Empress and Emprex who successfully steps down has their choice of purchasing a state ring or crown. They will submit their receipt of purchase for the item chosen and be reimbursed, as a gift, of \$250. The Medallion of Office will be given to the Emperor, Emprex, Crown Prince, and Crown Princex of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court as a step-down gift.
- 8.12 The standard step-down gift from The 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

- 8.13 **[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.]
- 8.14 **[PROCLAMATION 24.1:** All Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses, [*Regent Crown Princes, Regent Crown Princesses*] including all past Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses, [*Regent Crown Princes, 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.]
- 8.15 An Emperor, Empress and Emprex of the immediate prior reign in order to attain the honorific title of “Gem Emperor” or “Gem Empress” or “Gem Emprex”
- 1) Shall actively participate in the planning and implementation of Hospitality, as outlined in Section 17.1 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Constitution,
  - 2) Shall hold a fundraising event, as outlined in Section 17.1 and Proclamation 21.4 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Constitution,
  - 3) Shall present a program and step down pin to the Boise State University Library, as outlined in Proclamation 40.1 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, and
  - 4) Shall serve on the Board of Directors for the following Court year, as outlined in Section 10.13 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Constitution.
  - 5) Failure to do all four (4) of the above listed requirements shall mean that the above listed immediate past reign monarchs shall hold only the title of Emperor, Empress or Emprex for that prior reign and shall be listed as and introduced as only the title of Emperor, Empress or Emprex.
  - 6) The Honorary Gem Title will be given after the completion of requirements and at the following year’s coronation events, along with some sort of certificate or gift.
- 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 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.]
- 8.18 **[PROCLAMATION 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.]
- 8.16 **[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.]
- 8.17 The Titles of Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex and titles as given by Proclamation are deemed as the only permanent titles within the ISGCI, unless the title is either resigned or revoked.
- 8.18 The Reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall not be required to pay any entrance fee or donation at any Court event, including Court Coronation events.

8.19 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.

#### 8.21 Emprex

- Definition: The title of Emprex may be used by a title holder who does not identify as either Emperor or Empress.
- The Emprex shall use the crown of the Emperor in the case that there is an Empress in reign with them. The Emprex shall use the Empress crown in the case that there is an Emperor in reign with them.
- The Oath of Office shall have the title of Emprex added to each Oath of Office.
- In Court Walks, The Emprex will assume the Court Walk position of the absent position opposite of them.

#### 8.22 Crown Princex

- Definition: The title of Crown Princex may be used by a title holder who does not identify as either Crown Prince or Crown Princess.
- The Princex shall use the crown of the Prince in the case that there is a Princess in reign with them. The Princex shall use the Princess crown in the case that there is an Prince in reign with them.
- The Oath of Office shall have the title of Crown Princex added to each Oath of Office.
- In Court Walks, the Princex will assume the Court Walk position of the absent position opposite of them.

#### 8.23 Proclamations

- Without changing any of the Proclamations issued through Reign 44, any Proclamation making reference to the Emperor or to the Empress shall also include reference to the Emprex..
- Without changing any of the Proclamations issued through Reign 44, any Proclamation making reference to the Crown Prince or to the Crown Princess shall also include reference to the Crown Princex.

### ARTICLE 9 - AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REIGN

#### Current Reign

- 9.1 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex will each attend all meetings of The Court and the Board of Directors Meetings unless excused.
- 9.2 It is a requirement that each reign keep an updated copy of the Constitution at all times.
- 9.3 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex, 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

- 9.4 No Reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex, 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex 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.
- 9.5 **[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. This provision shall apply to any candidate whether unopposed for that position or to any candidate who has an opponent on the ballot.]
- 9.6 All Regent Emperors, Regent Empresses and Regent Emprex shall complete all obligations that apply to the duly elected Emperor, Empress or Emprex.
- 9.7 No reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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, Empress, Emprex

- 9.8 The Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall be limited to a total of four (4) 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.
- 9.9 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall have the authority to choose their own reigning colors and display them accordingly.
- 9.10 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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, Princess Royale and Princex Royale.
- 9.11 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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. There shall be no limit on the types of titles and honors the reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall confer on the Court members.
- 9.12 Titles may be given by the reigning Emperor and Empress by Proclamation. This would include Emeritus, Perpetua, For Life titles, and ½ titles.
- 9.13 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall each dub an ambassador to a limit of one per person. Ambassadors shall represent the Emperor, Empress and Emprex at all Court shows and functions when the Emperor, Empress and Emprex are scheduled to not be in attendance.
- 9.14 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex will each attend at least six (6) Out of Town Coronations during their reign.
- 9.15 Obligations of the reigning Emperor, Empress, and Emprex, 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.
- 9.16 The reigning Emperor, Empress or Emprex 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, Empress or Emprex and to the new Board Treasurer at the first Court meeting of the new reign by the outgoing Board Treasurer, who is primarily in charge of all Court keys. The Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall submit their names, addresses, Coronation date and other pertinent information to the person in charge of printing and distributing the International Court Register with in the International Court System.
- 9.17 [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.]
- 9.18 The Court budget and Coronation Budget shall be as set forth in Section 12.19.
- 9.19 A maximum of two (2) free tickets to Coronation will be given each to the Reigning Emperor, to the Reigning Empress, to the Reigning Emprex,. A maximum of one (1) free tickets to Coronation will be given each to the Reigning Crown Prince, to the Reigning Crown Princess and to the Reigning Crown Princex. If a Reigning Monarch position is vacant, then NO free Coronation tickets shall be given out by to 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 6 Complimentary tickets herein enumerated, all Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to a Coronation event, as set forth in elsewhere herein this Constitution. Honorary free tickets to Coronation may be given with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 9.20 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Board of Directors, reigning Emperor, or Empress, or reigning Emprex or upon written request of twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors members as defined elsewhere in this Constitution.
- 9.21 **[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, Crown Princess, Crown Princex**

- 9.22 The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall have the authority to only confer the titles of Prince Royale, Princess Royale and Princex Royale. The Royales shall represent the Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex at all Court shows and functions when the Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex are scheduled to not be in attendance.
- 9.23 [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 and other members of our community 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 1) to purchase grocery gift certificates or food vouchers which can be redeemed by recipients at local grocery stores or 2) issued by Court check to organizations in our community in the furtherance of these organizations’ food programs. Individuals shall not be given cash.
- (B) Priority consideration shall be given to organizations working with persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- (C) 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”.]
- 9.24 The reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex will attend events of their choice, either a Coronation or a P&P hosted 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.

### **Monarch Review**

- 9.25 To help ensure the integrity and wellbeing of the Reign, at the three (3) month, six (6) month, and nine (9) 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 may convene to review the progress of the Reigning Empress, the Reigning Emperor, the Reigning Emprex, the Reigning Crown Prince, the Reigning Crown Princess, and the Reigning Crown Princex..

## **ARTICLE 10 - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Executive Board of Directors**

- 10.1 The Executive Board of The 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, which said meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of August.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 The duties of the President of the Board of Directors shall be:
1. To serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors,
  2. To call special meetings of the Board of Directors,
  3. To maintain disciplinary files for individual Court members who have had charges filed against them,
  4. 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,
  5. 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
  6. To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
- 10.4 The duties of the Vice President of the Board of Directors shall be:
1. 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.
  2. To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution,
  3. To serve as a backup to the other Board of Director Officers, and
  4. 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.

5. To oversee the Committee for flowers and cards for members and their families.
6. 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. 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.

10.5 The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall be:

1. To maintain in good order and secure the complete records of all Board of Directors meetings,
2. To prepare all documents and correspondence of the President of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, and
3. To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.

10.6 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:

1. To maintain in good order all financial reports of the Court,
2. To provide a financial report at each Court meeting, or as an alternate to the monthly reports,
3. To provide quarterly, a written financial statement to the Board of Directors,
4. To be one of three (3) authorized signers of the Court checks,
5. To perform other appropriate duties as assigned by the membership or stated herein this Constitution.
6. All references made herein to the Treasurer shall mean the Treasurer of the Court,
7. To present within 24 hours of the call of the Board of Directors all records of financial transactions within the Court calendar year.
8. Any questions about the financial records will be referred to an independent auditor.
9. To prepare and file all tax forms and related 501c3 status forms annually.

10.7 **[PROCLMATION 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.]

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

10.8 All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court.

10.9 Memberships on the Board of Directors are non-transferable.

10.10 The Board of Directors of The Court shall consist of the following:

10.11 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,

10.12 The Dean of the College of Monarchs,

10.13 The immediate past Emperor, immediate past Empress, immediate past Emperex, if there are no monarchs to fill these seats up to three (3) members of the college of monarchs may be nominated and elected to fill these seats on the Board of Directors,

10.14 Four (4) at-large members from the General Court membership elected by the General Court that will each be the administrator for one of The Courts' four (4) funds – Jerry Swett, Jimmy Moore, LBGTQIA+ Scholarship, and Minerva Authenticity Endowment. Emperor Emeritus and Empress Emeritus, half Emperors and half Emperesses are eligible to be elected as members at-large of the Board of Directors.

10.15 All Board of Directors' members must be residents of the State of Idaho.

10.16 Each Board of Directors position will be elected annually at the annual meeting following coronation.

10.17 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.

- 10.18 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, which said meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of August.
- 10.19 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 from the board to begin immediately.
- 10.20 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.
- 10.21 No member of the reigning Royal Family will serve as President or Vice-President of the Board of Directors.
- 10.22 **[PROCLAMATION 46.7:** The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho is not one person, or Monarch(s), responsibility to maintain. It should always be a group effort in order to evenly disperse responsibilities and take stress off the reigning monarchs. For this reason, as of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, and continuing thru every new reign, ALL fund committees will be responsible for producing required fundraisers for their designated funds. This includes: securing a venue, hosts, performers and the raffle/auction items, etc. as it pertains to their fundraiser. Committees may ask the monarchs to assist as needed or monarchs may reach out to assist, but ultimately, if the fundraiser is not completed it will not be held against the Monarch(s) when it pertains to their requirements.]
- 10.23 **[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.]
- 10.24 **[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.]

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

- 10.25 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Wednesday of the month prior to regular Court meetings, with members to be notified at least one (1) week in advance.
- 10.26 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President of the Board of directors, reigning Emperor, Empress or Empress or upon written request of twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors members in good standing.
- 10.27 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 seven (7) days in advance, in writing, or electronic communication, stating the time, place and general purpose thereof.
- 10.28 A record of actions taken of each meeting of the Board of Directors will be kept in the form of minutes by the Secretary of the Board.
- 10.29 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.
- 10.30 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**

10.31 **[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**

10.32 A quorum will consist of the following, present and in good standing:

- Two (2) of the Board President, Board Vice-President, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer,
- Two (2) of the four (4) elected Members-at-large of the Board of Directors, and
- One (1) of the Dean, immediate past Emperor seat, immediate past Empress seat, immediate past Emprex seat.

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

10.33 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, reigning Emprex, Board Secretary or the President of the Board of Directors, shall forfeit their Board of Directors seat. Attendance by any electronic means, such as Zoom, shall not be considered as attendance meeting the standards as set forth in this section. The exceptions to this restriction on Zoom voting shall include the Board Member living more than 15 miles from the location of the Board meeting, excused absence, and illness of the Board member.

10.34 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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, Empress or Emprex 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**

10.35 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 more than seven (7) days of the action taken.

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

10.36 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.

10.37 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.

10.38 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.

10.39 The College of Monarchs shall give their prior approval to a newly elected Crown Prince or Crown Princess or Crown Princex filling a vacancy for Emperor or Empress or Emprex, or their approval for College of Monarchs members filling a vacancy as Regents, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

10.40 The Board of Directors shall approve all distribution of free tickets for Coronation.

10.41 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

- 10.42 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.
- 10.43 **[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:
- For the health and safety of both its members and supporters, the use of illegal drugs at any Court function will not be tolerated.
  - The active procurement of underage sex will not be tolerated.
  - 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.]
- 10.44 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 within sixty (60) days of discovery of financial impropriety or it will not be heard before the Board of Directors. (Charges should be considered from the listing of stated offenses chart below.)
- 10.45 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.
- 10.46 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 more than seven (7) days to the individual(s) charged and the reason(s) thereof.
- 10.47 The notice shall specify the date, time and place (at least a minimum seven (7) days notification is to be given) at which a subsequent hearing of the charges will be held.
- 10.48 The individual charged shall return all Court property in their possession to the Board of Directors for safe keeping until the charges are resolved.
- 10.49 At the hearing the individual charged shall be provided with an opportunity to explain, refute or present any evidence that he/she feels has a bearing on the charges.
- 10.50 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:**
- To censure the individual,
  - To suspend the individual,
  - To remove the individual from currently held offices, or
  - To expel the individual from membership and/or office and title.

**Suggested Range of Penalties for Stated Offenses**

Nature of Offense	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense
	<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
Making racist or hate speech, as per Idaho Code 18-7301 and the US Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, at Court functions or on social media in reference to Court members or the Court in general	Censure to Expulsion	Suspension to Expulsion	Expulsion
Failure to safeguard confidential matter or access to	Censure to Suspension	Suspension to Expulsion	Expulsion
Financial impropriety	Censure to Expulsion	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 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>	Censure to Expulsion	Removal from office to Expulsion	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

- 10.51 In the event a Board of Directors member (including past Emperors, Empresses, Emprex, Crown Princes, Crown Princesses or Crown Princex) 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.
- 10.52 The procedure for removing the reigning or previous Emperor, Empress, Emprex, the Crown Prince, the Crown Princess or the Crown Princex 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex, 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.
- 10.53 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.
- 10.54 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.
- 10.55 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.
- 10.56 Upon removal from office, all responsibilities and authorities are taken away from the individual and the office is declared vacant.
- 10.57 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex placed on suspension shall not have a vote on the Board of Directors until said suspension has been resolved.
- 10.58 If a reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex or a past Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex is removed from office or membership, that person shall be publicly stripped of the rank and title to which he/she was elected.
- 10.59 During the course of the Court year, the President of the Board of Directors shall maintain a disciplinary file that shall be closed to everyone except for the Board of Directors at regular and special meetings and the individual(s) subject to the charges insofar as their own record is concerned.

- 10.60 In the event that a reigning or past Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, or Crown Princess or Crown Princex is removed from office, censored, 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.
- 10.61 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.
- 10.62 Any individual Court member, officer, Board of Directors member or reigning or past Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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**

- 10.63 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.
- 10.64 Board of Directors shall receive quarterly from each Province the required financial records, minutes and other business records, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.
- 10.65 Board of Directors shall approve the Coronation budget of the Emperor, Empress and Emprex and submit it to the General Court for their approval.
- 10.66 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.
- 10.67 **[PROCLAMATION 11.1:** 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**

- 10.68 Board of Directors shall elect part of the Emperor, Empress Emprex Candidate Screening Committee, as outlined in Section 18.13 in this Constitution.

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

- 10.69 Usage of the Court Mailing List shall not be used by other groups unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 10.70 **[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 11 - THE PROVINCES**

#### **Provinces - Authority**

- 11.1 The 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex and the Board of Directors as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution.

- 11.4 In the event that an Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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 – Geographical 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.
- 11.8 **[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.]
- 11.9 **[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.]
- 11.10 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**

- 11.11 The Board of Directors of the ISGCBI will nominate the first Governor General after which time the Provinces will nominate hereafter.
- 11.12 The Northern and Eastern Provinces shall each elect at least one (1) person who may 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, Empress and Emprex of the ISGCBI with the approval by the Board of Directors.
- 11.13 The Northern and Eastern Province shall each elect at least one (or two) crowned heads who may 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.
- 11.14 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.
- 11.15 At least two (2) weeks prior to the annual ISGC Coronation, the Emperor and/or Empress and/or Emprex (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.
- 11.16 The Provincial Investiture shall be held in The (Northern) (Eastern) Province at a site and time specified by the Governor General.
- 11.17 With the exception of the titles of Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex, Prince Royale, Princess Royale, Princex Royale, Ambassadors, and members of the Board of Directors, all local titles shall be confirmed exactly as certified by the Governor General.
- 11.18 The rank of Archduke and/or Archduchess of the (Northern) (Eastern) Province shall fall directly after the Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex of The ISGC. The Emperor and Empress shall continue to be elected Statewide as prescribed elsewhere.

- 11.19 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.
- 11.20 Elected and/or appointed ISGC titles are Primary Titles for protocol purposes and are to be listed first.
- 11.21 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.
- 11.22 Other positions may be elected or appointed locally as needed or wanted, including but not limited to a Secretary and Treasurer.

#### **Provinces – Governor General**

- 11.23 The Governor General shall be elected annually as a Provincial Representative. He/she may hold more than one (1) consecutive term in office.
- 11.24 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.
- 11.25 The Governor General shall report back to the Provincial membership all appropriate information and business from the Board of Directors.
- 11.26 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:
1. Membership rolls, as outlined elsewhere in this Constitution, shall be maintained locally and certified quarterly to the Board of Directors at Boise.
  2. Financial records, minutes and other business records as outlined elsewhere shall be maintained locally and certified quarterly to the Board of Directors at Boise.
  3. 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.
  4. To conduct a monthly membership meeting of the Province to be held on the last Monday of each month.

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

- 11.27 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**

- 11.28 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.
- 11.29 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.
- 11.30 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.
- 11.31 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.
- 11.32 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**

- 11.33 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 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**

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

## **ARTICLE 12 - 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
1. Presented to the Treasurer,
  2. Approved for payment by majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Court, and
  3. Authorized in writing for payment (Court minutes shall suffice).
- 12.3 All bills for the previous reign must be presented to the Treasurer within one (1) month after Coronation or they will not be honored.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 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. An affirmative action held by Members of the Board of Directors through electronic means including the on-line Board chat shall be considered as meeting the standards as set forth in this section.
- 12.6 The reigning Monarchs may never authorize expenditures by declaration or Proclamation.
- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 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.
- 12.9 The I.S.G.C.I. Tax I.D. number cannot be used or the I.S.G.C.i. otherwise encumbered or obligated in any way without written permission of the Board of Directors.
- 12.10 All Checks written on the bank account of The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall have a minimum of one (1) signature. 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.
- 12.11 No reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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 Venue 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 five (5) 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 Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex candidate must participate in at least one (1) fundraising event, either jointly with other candidates or singly, with minimum proceeds of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) each, all of which must be turned over to the Treasurer by midnight, prior to the first voting day. The proceeds of the two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be deposited to the General Fund, All proceeds over two hundred dollars and 1 cent (\$200.01) or more shall be deposited into the Crowns and Medallions Fund.

#### **Financial - Coronation**

12.19 Projected expenses for all Court Events for the Reign shall be submitted by the reigning Emperor and Empress, to the Board of Directors and the General Court no later than the November 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 as herein defined as Advertisements, Hospitality, In Town Show, Out of Town Show, Coronation, and Victory Brunch, without prior approval of the Board of Directors, except that expenditures up to \$100.00 per event may be made without prior approval of the Board of Directors, will be reimbursed to the Treasurer by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex or disciplinary action will be taken, which may include the denial of the "Gem" title to those Monarchs. 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. Emergency expenditures above the budget shall be followed as in in Section 12.5.

#### **Financial - Scholarship**

12.20 **[PROCLAMATION 11.1:** The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, will commence and continue a Memorial Scholarship, known as the **Stewart-Litz-Woodward** Scholarship, to be given to a LGBTQIA+ 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 Court will be the trustees of the Memorial Scholarship. A Scholarship Committee consisting of at least two (2) and up to 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 weekend event where the scholarship will be presented, 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 Scholarship Chair 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 during a Coronation weekend event.
- k. No single person shall receive more than four (4) Court Scholarships throughout his or her academic career.
- l. All Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to the Coronation weekend event that the scholarship will be presented.

12.21 **[PROCLAMATION 24.4:** The Scholarship Endowment Fund of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, shall be known as the Stewart-Litz-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.B.I. 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, Memorial Scholarship 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.B.I. 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 remainder in the Scholarship fund at the end of the year will be transferred into the Endowment Fund and then voted on to replenish the CD. the Emperor Travel Fund, the Empress Travel Fund and the Emprex Travel Fund, which each shall be replenished from the General Fund up to the amount of \$1,000.00 each, and the Crown Prince, Crown Princess, and Crown Princex Travel Fund, which shall each be replenished from the General fund up to the amount of \$400.00 each. All proceeds from I.S.G.C.B.I. Productions and fundraising events must be deposited, unless expressly allowed by the Board of Directors, directly into the applicable I.S.G.C.B.I. checking account within five (5) calendar days after the event.

**Financial – Emperor, Empress and Emprex Fundraiser**

12.23 [PROCLAMATION 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, Crown Princex, and the Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing appropriate operating procedures and eligibility guidelines for the “Prince & Princess’ Pantry”.

12.25 [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 and other members of our community 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 1) to purchase grocery gift certificates or food vouchers which can be redeemed by recipients at local grocery stores or 2) issued by Court check to organizations in our community in the furtherance of these organizations’ food programs. Individuals shall not be given cash.

- (B) Priority consideration shall be given to organizations working with persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- (C) 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”.]

**Financial – Dakota Fund**

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

- 12.27 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 13 - MONARCH TRAVEL EXPENSES

- 13.1 The Court will have a dedicated Travel Fund to be used only for the transportation expenses incurred by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex when traveling to and attending Coronations or Prince and Princess hosted 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 these travel expenses: tickets to the Out-of-Town Coronation Show, tickets to the Coronation, hotel rooms, gas or airline travel.

#### Financial – Reimbursement for out-of-town shows and coronation tickets

- 13.4 [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.]
- 13.5 [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.]
- 13.6 The Court Treasurer shall oversee the organization and accounting of the fund and shall preferably be given prearranged notification concerning use of the fund.
- 13.7 Use of the fund shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per reign for each the Emperor, Empress and Emprex and four hundred dollars (\$400) each for the Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex. If any of the positions of Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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.
- 13.8 [PROCLAMATION 13.2: 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 their 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, Empress and Emprex shall be increased to \$1,200.00 during a reign and the travel fund for the Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall be increased to \$500.00 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.

- 13.9 Any amounts remaining in the fund at the end of each Court year shall remain in the fund with the three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per reign limit for expenses still being in effect.
- 13.10 Reimbursements for travel expenses shall be made to the Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex upon receipt of said expenses. Should the Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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:
1. 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.
  2. The Travel Fund monies may be re-paid in monthly sums OR in one lump sum.
  3. The final re-payment date shall be July 1 of the year following what would have been their step down.
  4. 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).
  5. 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.
- 13.11 The Board of Directors may forego the requirements of the Promissory Note.
- 13.12 The Travel Funds for Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex who assume their office midway into the Reign shall be prorated in the following manner:

Emperor, Empress, Emprex			Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex		
	Standard	Incentive		Standard	Incentive
10 – 12 months	\$1,000	\$1,200	9 – 12 months	\$400	\$500
8 – 10 months	\$833	\$1,000	6 – 9 months	\$300	\$375
6 – 8 months	\$666	\$800	3 – 6 months	\$200	\$250
4 – 6 months	\$500	\$600	0 – 3 months	\$100	\$125
2 – 4 months	\$334	\$400			
0 – 2 months	\$167	\$200			

**ARTICLE 14 - THE JERRY SWETT FUND**

- 14.1 The Jerry Swett fund is 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.
1. The Board of Directors shall be the Trustees for the Fund.
  2. The Review Committee shall consist of a minimum of two (2) up to 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.
  3. The Review Committee shall be administered by a minimum of two (2) up to six (6) members elected by the Court and shall be known as the Administrators.
  4. The Administrators shall hold at least two (2) events during the year to raise monies for the Fund. These events shall include the annual “Lovers and Losers Ball” and one other as determined by The Administrators.
  5. No more than \$200 at a time for each case.
  6. No more than \$600 per calendar year for each case. Calendar year follows the Reign.
  7. Members of ISGCI will know these cases only by their case numbers.
  8. Case numbers are assigned and maintained by the Administrators or by referral agencies.
  9. Claims shall be reviewed upon deliverance to the committee. Claims may be by electronic means to the Administrators.
  10. The approval of any 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.
  11. Monies approved shall be sent by check by mail to the facility or the monies may be delivered to an authorized agency which shall forward the monies to the appropriate third party.

12. The Treasurer of the ISGCI Board of Directors shall review the claims prior to submitting the claim to the Administrators for their consideration.
13. 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.
14. 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 15 – THE JIMMY MOORE FUND

- 15.1 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court 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
  1. The Board of Directors shall be the Trustees for the Fund.
  2. The Review Committee shall consist of a minimum of two (2) up to 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.
  3. The Review Committee shall be administered by a minimum of two (2) up to six (6) members elected by the Court and shall be known as the Administrators.
  4. The Administrators shall hold at least two (2) events during the year to raise monies for the Fund. These events shall include the annual “Idaho Cares” event and one other as determined by The Administrators.
  5. No more than \$200 at a time for each case.
  6. No more than \$600 per calendar year for each case. Calendar year follows the Reign.
  7. Members of ISGCI will know these cases only by their case numbers.
  8. Case numbers are assigned and maintained by the Administrators or by referral agencies.
  9. Claims shall be reviewed upon deliverance to the committee. Claims may be by electronic means to the Administrators.
  10. 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.
  11. 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.
  12. The Treasurer of the ISGCI Board of Directors shall review the claims prior to submitting the claim to the Administrators for their consideration.
  13. 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.
  14. 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 16 - 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 Crowns Monarchs 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex. 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, Empress and Emprex to serve as the guardian of the Court property other than the Lights and Props. The duties of the Lord/Lady Steward shall be:
1. To manage the inventory and upkeep of the crowns/medallions,
  2. To place in safe keeping and maintaining the Crown Jewels, sword, scepter, orb and flags and make them available for Court functions, and
  3. 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 Venue Payment Fund..
- 16.7 Keeper of the Lights and Props shall be appointed by the Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex 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 signing of the promissory note will occur at the first regular meeting following the annual coronation.

#### **Empress/Emprex Jewelry Box Instructions**

- 16.10 Each year at victory brunch the reigning Empress or Emprex will bring the jewelry box to brunch and hand it over to the newest monarch if applicable. (If there is only a new reigning Emperor the Jewelry box will be turned into the President of the Board).
1. The giving/receiving Empress or Emprex will sign off saying they received the box and will check the inventory sheet to assure that pieces aren't missing at the beginning of their reign.
  2. They are allowed to use the jewelry pieces as wanted/needed throughout their reign for court events and out of state coronations. This is a honor to have pieces of a past Empress or Emprex with them for these events.
  3. Each year past monarchs are able to donate to the box at victory brunch.
  4. At the discretion of the Board of Directors WITH the Reigning Monarch a review of the items may be completed to check for necessary repairs and/or they may choose to "retire" the items to the Boise State Archives. This will allow for the pieces to be updated for future reigns and will keep the quality of these items intact.
  5. If there are too many pieces to adequately fit within the box, a new or second box may be acquired to accommodate them. (This decision can be completed with the Board of Directors and the Reigning Monarch.)

## ARTICLE 17 - IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN GEM COURT EVENTS

### Court Events – Pre-Approved

- 17.1 Annual, pre-approved and required Court Productions include:
1. INVESTITURES, hosted by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex, within sixty (60) days immediately following Coronation, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  2. The Jo Laib CHRISTMAS SHOW, hosted by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex, with proceeds going into the Holiday Fund.
  3. 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.
  4. **[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.)
  5. The PRINCE & PRINCESS BALL, hosted by the reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex, with proceeds going into the Prince and Princess Pantry Fund.
  6. **[PROCLAMATION 5.2:** The Crown Prince and Crown Princess Ball will be a Ball and not a Mini-Coronation.]
  7. The CLOSET BALL hosted by the reigning Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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.
  8. **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.]
  9. TURNABOUT, hosted by the reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex, with proceeds going into the General Fund. CLOSET BALL and TURNABOUT may be held at the same time as a joint event.
  10. Two (2) PRINCE AND PRINCESS PANTRY FUND-RAISING EVENTS, hosted by the reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess, and Crown Princex, with proceeds going into the Prince and Princess Pantry Fund.
  11. The IDAHO CARES SHOW hosted jointly by the reigning Monarchs and the Jimmy Moore Administrators, with proceeds going into the Jimmy Moore Fund.
  12. One (1) Jerry Swett Fund fundraiser, hosted by the Jerry Swett Fund Administrators, with proceeds going into the Jerry Swett Fund. The fundraiser shall be the Lovers and Losers Ball held in February.
  13. 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.
  14. Brunches and BBQs may be hosted by ISGC groups/committees and these shall be considered as pre-approved events.
  15. INTRODUCTION TO THE CANDIDATES SHOW, hosted by the Board of Directors, held within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Screening Committee, proceeds going into the General Fund.
  16. 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.
  17. In-Town-Show, hosted by the reigning Monarchs with the assistance of their designees, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  18. **[PROCLAMATION 44.2:** Ten percent (10%) of all proceeds from the In Town Show shall be donated to the Idaho Black Community Alliance. This shall be named “The Rare Diamond Donation” from this day forward.]
  19. Out-of-Town Show, hosted by the reigning Monarchs with the assistance of their designees, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  20. HOSPITALITY at the annual Coronation shall be coordinated *by the reigning monarchs* and *implemented* by the Monarchs of the prior Reign, with proceeds from tips going into a charity fund of the Monarchs choice.
  21. CORONATION, hosted by the Ball Chairs, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  22. Victory Brunch, hosted by the outgoing reigning Monarchs, with proceeds going into the General Fund.
  23. 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.
  24. Emperor, Empress & Emprex Potato Head Contest hosted by the Candidates with proceeds going to the Monarchs Travel Fund.
  25. Coronation Bar Tour (optional at the discretion of the reign), hosted by the Monarchs or by whomever the monarchs choose, with proceeds to a fund(s) of the monarchs’ choice.

26. Coronation Water Party(s) (optional at the discretion of the reign) hosted by out of realm court(s), with proceeds going to the Monarchs Travel Fund for the new reign.
27. Cream the Crown (optional at the discretion of the reign) 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.

1. 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.
2. 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 or debit transaction will be made to the other approved organization.
3. 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 five (5) business days after receiving the funds.
4. Fundraisers must have a positive value per event of \$200 or more for the event to count towards the Travel Fund incentive for increased Travel Funds for the Monarchs.

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 4.7 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.]

17.6 **[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.)

### **ARTICLE 18 - CAMPAIGNING AND VOTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MONARCHS**

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

18.1 Applications shall be made available at the April General Court Meeting and must be submitted to the reigning Emperor, reigning Empress, reigning Emperex 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, Empress or Emperex 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 for Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall meet the requirements of Proclamation 35.5. Applicants for Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall have been a continuous member in good standing of the Court for at least six (6) months prior to the meeting of the Screening Committee.
- 18.5 **[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.]
- 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, Empress and Emprex must submit with their application a non-refundable entry fee of one hundred dollars (100.00). Applicants for the offices of Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex 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 8.11. 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, Crown Princess or Crown Princex, the following process for the selection of either the Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex or both shall be followed:
1. At the second meeting of the Board of Directors in July, each candidate(s) for Emperor may submit one (1) name for Crown Prince, each candidate(s) for Empress may submit one (1) name for Crown Princess, and each candidate(s) for Emprex may submit one (1) name for either Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex. 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 or Emprex), the sole Monarch candidate shall have the right and privilege to name candidates for the Crown Prince, the Crown Princess and/or the Crown Princex, for a total of two (2).
  2. Each member of the College of Monarchs shall vote by secret ballot for each of the candidates for Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex as to their approval of the individuals. The Board President shall retain the ballots for thirty (30) days.
  3. If any of the names submitted by the candidate(s) for Emperor are not approved, the candidate for Emperor may submit an additional name. If any of the names submitted by the candidate(s) for Empress are not approved the candidate Empress may submit an additional name. If any of the names submitted by the candidate(s) for Emprex are not approved the candidate Emprex may submit an additional name.
  4. The persons selected for the positions of Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex will be announced at the Crowning Ceremony at Coronation and they will be crowned directly after the Emperor, Empress and Emprex have been crowned. It is at this time that the newly crowned Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall accept the responsibilities and assume the duties of their office.
  5. Subsequent vacancies for the positions of Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex shall be filled in accordance with this section.
  6. If either the Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex, or any combination of two (2) are selected under this Section, and since the title of Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex would be appointed titles and bestowed at the discretion of the Emperor, Empress and Emprex.
    - The Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall be allowed to remove the Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex if the working relationship is no longer to the betterment of the Court.

- If the Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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, Crown Princess or Crown Princex, 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 Crown Princex, if these positions have been filled subsequent to applications being filed and election taking place under Article 18 herein of this Constitution.

7. The position of Crown Prince/Princess/Princex may remain vacant, if there are no applications submitted for said positions, at the discretion of the campaigning monarchs.

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

18.12 All applicants for the office of Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex will appear for a private interview before a Screening Committee. The Screening Committee Meeting will be held within one week prior to and one week after the June General Court meeting as determined by the Board of Directors. An applicant is not considered an official candidate for the office of Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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 Committees shall consist as follows:

#### **Emperor, Empress and Emprex Screening Committee**

- The Reigning Emperor, the Reigning Empress and/or the Reigning Emprex shall be automatic members of the Emperor, Empress, Emprex Screening Committee,
- All past Emperors, all past Empresses and all past Emprex,
- One (1) non-voting Board of Director member at-large, as Moderator,
- There shall be a minimum of five (5) members and should there not be said minimum, then the Board of Directors shall elect the balance of Screening Committee members.

#### **Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex Screening Committee**

- The Reigning Crown Prince, the Reigning Crown Princess and/or the Reigning Crown Princex shall be automatic members of the Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex Screening Committee,
- All past Crown Princes, all past Crown Princesses and all past Crown Princex,
- One (1) non-voting Board of Director member at-large, as Moderator,
- There shall be a minimum of five (5) members and should there not be said minimum, then the Board of Directors shall elect the balance of Screening Committee members.

A past Emperor, past Empress and/or past Emprex who is also a past Crown Prince, a past Crown Princess or a past Crown Princex may serve on both Screening Committees.

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.

Candidates for Emprex and Crown Princex shall be in either drag or business attire for both the Screening Committee and Victory Brunch, as they so deem by their choice.]

- 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:
1. Afford in both time and money
  2. Personality/Representation
  3. Goals for your reign, should you win
  4. Creative fund raising
  5. 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 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex candidate must participate in at least one (1) fundraising event, either jointly with other candidates or singly, with minimum proceeds of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) each, all of which must be turned over to the Treasurer by midnight, prior to the first voting day. The proceeds of the two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be deposited to the General Fund, All proceeds of two hundred dollars and 1 cent (\$200.01) or more shall be deposited into the Crowns and Medallions Fund.
- 18.24 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**

- 18.25 In the event a member at-large of Board of Directors should be elected Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, or Crown Princex he/she shall resign the elected membership of Board of Directors after the crowning ceremony.
- 18.26 In the event a past Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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, Empresses, Crown Princes, Crown Princesses and Crown Princexes 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, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex.

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

- 18.27 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**

- 18.28 Any person may run to succeed themselves in office including Board of Directors members, as further described in **Proclamation 29.6**
- 18.29 **[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.]
- 18.30 The community shall vote for the officers and titles of Emperor, Empress, Emperex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess, and Crown Princex 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, Empress Emeritus, Emperex Emeritus, half Emperors, half Empresses and half Emperexes 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.
- 18.31 Voting shall be limited to residents of Idaho who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Any past Emperor, past Empress, past Emperex, past Crown Prince, past Crown Princess or past Crown Princex 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**

- 18.32 **[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.]
- 18.33 Voting shall be done secretly in a Court Voting booth. Any attempt at coaching shall cause the ballot to be dropped from tabulation.
- 18.34 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 which may include locations in other cities within Idaho for all eligible Idaho residents.. Gem Emperors, Gem Empresses, Gem Emperexes, past Crown Princes, past Crown Princesses, past Crown Princexes 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, which date being the date if the In-Town-Show. These ballots will be tabulated with the other regular ballots. The procedure for Citizens for Life voting shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 18.35 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.
- 18.36 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.

- 18.37 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.
- 18.38 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.
- 18.39 The Vice-President as the voting registrar shall appoint 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**

- 18.40 The 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**

- 18.41 The winner shall be determined in the following manner:
1. If there is more than one (1) candidate, the winner must win by at least one (1) vote.
  2. 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 for that position. Total votes cast is herein defined as the combination of YES, NO and ABSTAINING votes cast for that office.
  3. Each of the offices are to be determined separately for the determination of the winner as set forth in subsection b herein.
- 18.41 **[PROCLAMATION 46.2:** From the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024, let it be known and followed that, starting with the 47<sup>th</sup> Reign, there shall only be two (2) Reigning Monarch (any combination of Emperor, Empress or Emprex) and two (2) Reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex during each Reign, and shall be based upon who receives the most “YES” votes.]
- 18.42 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**

- 18.43 A member of Board of Directors or another person as approved by the Board of Directors will present sealed results of the count to the Emperor, Empress or Emprex during Coronation or prior to the Coronation Event but shall remain sealed until the Crowning Ceremony..
- 18.44 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**

- 18.45 Any questions on voting and the count shall be directed to the Voting Registrar.
- 18.46 **[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 19 - CORONATION**

### **Coronation - Date**

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

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

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

19.3 The reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex 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.

19.4 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.

19.5 Projected income and projected expenses for all Court Events for the Reign shall be submitted by the reigning Emperor and Empress, to the Board of Directors and the General Court no later than the November 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 as herein defined as Advertisements, Hospitality, In Town Show, Out of Town Show, Coronation, and Victory Brunch, without prior approval of the Board of Directors, except that expenditures up to \$100.00 per event may be made without prior approval of the Board of Directors, will be reimbursed to the Treasurer by the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex or disciplinary action will be taken, which may include the denial of the “Gem” title to those Monarchs. 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. Emergency expenditures above the budget shall be followed as in in Section 12.5.

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

19.6 A maximum of two (2) free tickets to Coronation will be given each to the Reigning Emperor, Empress, and Emprex. A maximum of one (1) free ticket to Coronation will be given each to the Reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex.

1. If a Reigning Monarch position is vacant, the assigned free Coronation tickets shall not be given out by any other Reigning Monarch.
2. In addition to the six (6) Complimentary tickets herein enumerated, all Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to Coronation Weekend Event, as set forth in elsewhere herein this Constitution.
3. Honorary free tickets to Coronation may be given with the approval of the Board of Directors.
4. Out of State emcees for Coronation only shall receive complimentary Out of Town Show and Coronation tickets plus any remuneration as set forth in the Annual Coronation Budget.
5. Out of State emcees for the Out of Town Show shall receive a complimentary Out of Town Show ticket.

#### **Coronation – Crowns**

19.7 The crowns 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}

19.9 [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**

19.10 *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

- 19.11 At either the In-Town Show, Out of Town Show, Coronation or the Victory Brunch, as determined by the reigning Emperor, Empress, and Emprex, along with the Board of Directors, the Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex may present the following awards:
1. **Carlos Flores Humanitarian or Community Service Award**, given to a member of the Community for outstanding service to the Community during the past reign.
  2. The **Pride Award**, given to a member or organization of the community for outstanding Gay Pride.
  3. The **Excellence of the Gem Award**, given to a member of the Court for outstanding service to the Court during the past reign.
  4. The **“The Deanna Roberts Open Arms Award”**, given to an out of state person(s).
  5. The **Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award**, given to an individual or organization whose dedication and persistent positive efforts within the Court merit recognition.
  6. The Court Member of the Month and **Reba MacEnWhat Bixler 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.
  7. 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.
  8. The **Ball Chairperson's Award**, given by the Coronation Ball Chairperson to the individual who has been the most supportive to the Coronation.
  9. The **RaeJean – Kerti Endless Love Award** is awarded to One ICS Member, One ISGCI member, One Community member.
- 19.12 The Court Scholarship shall be awarded at a Coronation Weekend Event as chosen by the reigning monarchs.
- 19.13 **[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].
- 19.14 Each Emperor, Empress and/or Emprex celebrating his/her decade step down shall receive a complimentary ticket to coronation. Decade is herein defined as every tenth anniversary of their stepdown. Tenth Anniversary is herein defined as tenth, twentieth, thirtieth, fortieth, fiftieth, and so on.
- 19.15 **[PROCLAMATION 11.2:** 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].
- 19.16 A member of Board of Directors or another person as approved by the Board of Directors, will present sealed results of the count to the Emperor, Empress or Emprex during Coronation or prior to the Coronation Event but shall remain sealed until the Crowning Ceremony.
- 19.17 During the Crowning Ceremony the newly elected Empress, Emperor, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and/or Crown Princex shall wear white as they are crowned.
- 19.18 **[PROCLAMATION 19.4:** In keeping with the Regal and Imperial nature of Coronation, all newly elected Empresses shall wear white, floor length gowns as they are crowned.]
- 19.19 **[PROCLAMATION 21.1:** In keeping with the Regal and Imperial nature of Coronation, during the Crowning Ceremony the new Empress, the Emperor, the Crown Princess and the Crown Prince will be in white attire.]
- 19.20 ***The crowning ceremony will be as follows:***  
 All current Heir Apparent, Emeritus Emperors, Emeritus Empresses, Emeritus Emprexes, half title Emperors, half title Empresses, half title Emprexes will be called to the stage before the College of Monarchs assemble. College of Monarch members to be on the Crowning Ceremony stage shall be announced onto the stage by Reign and shall include Current reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex, past Emperors, past Empresses, past Emprexes, past Crown Princes, past Crown Princesses and past Crown Princexes, In addition, the Queen Mother of the Americas if she is attending, and the King Father of the Americas if he is attending shall also be announced onto the stage.
1. The reigning Empress, Emperor and Emprex go to get the newly elected Emperor, Empress and Emprex.
  2. The new Emperor, Empress and Emprex kneel of pillows.
  3. The oath of office is read to the newly elected Emperor, Empress and Emprex by the outgoing Emperor, Empress, and Emprex and if needed as a backup by the President of the Board of Directors.
  4. The Reigning Emperor, the Reigning Empress and the Reigning Emprex dub with a sword (left shoulder, right shoulder,

- head) the new Emperor, Empress and Emprex.
5. The ceremonial crowns shall be carried by the 10-year Anniversary Emperor, Empress, and Emprex, and if these Monarchs are not attending, then by each older ascending Anniversary Emperor, Empress, and Emprex and which are placed on the heads of the new Emperor, Empress and Emprex and removed.
  6. The crowns are placed on the new Emperor, Empress, and Emprex.  
[**PROCLAMATION 47.6** From this day forward, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2025, to honor both the history and setting a precedent for the future, the stepping down Monarchs shall crown the new Monarchs during the Crowning Ceremony']
  7. The new Emperor, new Empress and the new Emprex state their titles.
  8. The new Emperor, new Empress and the new Emprex go to get their new Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex.
  9. The new Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex kneel on pillows.
  10. The oath of office is read to the newly announced Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex by the new Emperor, new Empress and new Emprex or if needed as a backup by the President of the Board of Directors.
  11. The new Emperor, new Empress and new Emprex dub with a sword (left shoulder, right shoulder, head) the new Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex.
  12. The ceremonial crowns shall be carried by the 10-year Anniversary Prince, Princess and Princex and if these Highnesses are not attending, then by each older ascending Anniversary Prince, Princess and Princex, and which are placed on the heads of the new Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex and removed.
  13. The crowns are placed on the new Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and Crown Princex.
  14. The Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex state their titles.
  15. The new Monarchs and/or Highnesses greet their public

### Coronation – Oaths of Office

- 19.21 The Oath of Office for the **EMPEROR, EMPRESS, and EMPREX** shall be:  
Do You (Name) Accept the Position Of (Emperor, Empress, Emprex?) (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 Co-Monarchs, Your Highnesses and Your Community? (Answer)  
Will You Reign and Not Rule? (Answer)  
We, (Emperor, Empress & Emprex), Do Here By Crown You, (Emperor, Empress, Emprex) (Number) Once, (Our Right) Twice, (Our Left) Thrice. As (Emperor, Empress, Emprex) (Number) You Will Be Known As\_\_\_\_(They State Their Name)  
May You Reign With An Open Mind And An Open Heart.
- 19.22 The Oath of Office for the **CROWN PRINCE, PRINCESS, PRINCEX** shall be:  
Do You (Name) Accept the Position Of (Crown Prince, Princess, Princex?) (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 Highness shall place his/her hand on the crowned diamond for his/her answer) (Answer)  
Will You Serve With the Utmost Respect For Your Monarchs, Your Co-Highnesses and Your Community? (Answer)  
Will You Reign and Not Rule? (Answer)  
We, (Emperor, Empress & Emprex), Do Here By Crown You, (Crown Prince, Princess, Princex) (Number) Once, (Our Right) Twice, (Our Left) Thrice. As (Crown Prince, Princess, Princex) (Number) You Will Be Known As\_\_\_\_\_(They State Their Name)  
May You Reign With An Open Mind And An Open Heart.

### Coronation - Miscellaneous

- 19.23 [**PROCLAMATION 16.2:** From this day forward, July 19, 1994, that immediately following the annual Coronation (1) Stepdown 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.]
- 19.24 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.
- 19.25 [**PROCLAMATION 29.8:** Hospitality at the annual Coronation shall be coordinated by and hosted by the Monarchs of the prior reign.]

- 19.26 **[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.]
- 19.27 **[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.]
- 19.28 **[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.]
- 19.29 The Reigning Crown Prince, the Reigning Crown Princess and the Reigning Crown Princex 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, the Reigning Empress and the Reigning Emprex.
- 19.30 Each Gem Emperor, Gem Empress and/or Gem Emprex who places an advertisement in the Coronation Program shall be entitled to a 50% reduction from the current prices in the Coronation Program.
- 19.31 **[PROCLAMATION 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.]

## ARTICLE 20 - INVESTITURES

- 20.1 The newly elected Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex with the newly elected Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall plan, coordinate and present Investitures within sixty (60) days immediately following the annual Coronation.
- 20.2 The Prince Royale, the Princess Royale, the Princex 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 21 - FILLING VACANCIES

### Filling vacancies for Emperor, Empress and Emprex

- 21.1
1. Vacancies in the position of Emperor, Empress and Emprex shall be filled as follows:
    - a. Should a 50% plus one (1) NO vote for a single candidate for Emperor, Empress or Emprex occur:
      1. Prior Emperors, Empresses, and Emprexes, 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 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, Empresses and Emprexes 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.

- b.** Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Emperor, Empress or Emprex when no candidate files for the position:
1. Prior Emperors, Empresses, and Emprexes, 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 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, Empress or Emprex 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, the Crown Princess shall replace the Empress as Regent Empress, and the Crown Princex shall replace either as Regent Emperor, Regent Empress or Regent Emprex..
  2. In the event that the Crown Prince for the position of Emperor, Crown Princess for the position of Empress or Crown Princex for either the position of Emperor, Empress or Emprex, 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, Empresses, and Emprexes, 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 eligible to succeed themselves.
  4. Should all prior Emperors, Empresses and Emprexes decline the position it shall remain vacant for the remainder of the reign.
- d.** Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Emperor, Empress or Emprex 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. **Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Emprexes, Procedures**

Should no candidate(s) file for the position of Emperor, Empress and Emprex and no past Emperor, Empress or Emprex 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, Empress or Emprex. At the second meeting in July, no past Emperor, Empress or Emprex says yes to the position of Regent Emperor and/or Regent Empress and/or Regent Emprex for a full year.

**b. ELIGIBILITY:** All past Emperors, Empress, and Emprexes regardless of meeting the eligibility requirements to be a Regent Emperor, Empress, or Emprex 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, all past Empresses and all past Emprexes shall be selected by secret ballot. There shall be a minimum of two (2) sets each of Emperors and/or Empresses and/or Emprexes selected. The successful past Monarchs shall collectively select the time in which each shall serve. Two past Empresses or 2 past Emperors or 2 past Emprexes, or combination thereof may serve together.

**d. TERMS OF SERVICE:** Each of the sets of Joint Regent Monarchs shall serve as Regents for an equal time as herein listed.

**e. TRAVEL MONEY:** Each Joint Regent Emperor, Joint Regent Empress and Joint Regent Emprex shall be entitled to a proportionate share 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 Joint Regent Emperor, Joint Regent Empress and Joint Regent Emprex shall be required to attend a minimum of two (2) out of state Coronations within tenure. Each Joint Regent Emperor, Joint Regent Empress and Joint Regent Emprex shall be required to host all ISGCBI events normally held within their tenure. All Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Emprexes shall be required to plan for and host the annual Coronation. All Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Emprexes shall be honored at Coronation. Each Regent Emperor, each Joint Regent Empress and each Joint Regent Emprex shall only have two (2) each command performance sat Coronation. Each Joint Regent set shall be allowed to have their

last walk at the end of each set at Coronation. Appointed Regent Crown Princes, Regent Crown Princesses and Regent Crown Princeces shall have a Last Walk at Coronation.

**g. CROWN PRINCE, CROWN PRINCESS AND CROWN PRINCEX:** Should an eligible Court member file for the position of Crown Prince, Crown Princess, OR Crown Prince and if successful in their election to that position, that Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess and/or Crown Prince shall reign for the entire year. That Crown Prince and/or Crown Princess and/or Crown Prince 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, Crown Princess, or Crown Prince, all Joint Regent Emperor, Joint Regent Empress and Joint Regent Emprex shall jointly name the Regent Crown Prince and/or Regent Crown Princess and/or Regent Crown Prince.

**h. REGENT TITLES:** All Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Empresses who successfully complete their reign 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 Joint Regent Emperor, Joint Regent Empress, or Joint Regent Emprex, that Board of Directors officer shall not be required to give up that position for the other time in the Reign when they are not serving as the Reigning Emperor, Empress or Emprex. The Board of Directors Vice-President shall, as required in the ISGCBI Constitution, fulfill that position for the time period when an Executive Board of Directors officer is a Joint Regent Emperor, Joint Regent Empress, or Joint Regent Emprex.

**j. PROCLAMATIONS AND TITLES:** Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Empresses shall have the power to make a maximum of two (2) Proclamations each in accordance with the current ISGCBI Constitution. Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Empresses shall have the power to make a maximum of one (1) honorary title each in accordance with the current ISGCBI Constitution. Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint 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 Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint Regent Empresses prior to issuance. Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint 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:** Joint Regent Emperors, Joint Regent Empresses and Joint 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 Joint Regent Emperors and Joint Regent Empresses shall jointly give the title to the Reign.

### **Filling vacancies for Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Prince**

21.2 Vacancies in the position of Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Prince shall be filled as follows:

1. Should a 50% plus one (1) NO vote for a single candidate for Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Prince occur, Prior Crown Princes, Crown Princesses, and Crown Princeces, 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 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, Crown Princesses and Crown Princeces decline the position, it shall be filled in accordance with Section 18.11.
2. Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Prince when no candidate files for the position, it shall be filled in accordance with Section 18.11.
3. Should a vacancy occur in the position of either Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Prince when an incumbent leaves the position, either voluntarily or involuntarily, it shall be filled in accordance with Section 18.11.

### **Vacancies – Special Election**

21.3 The new election called for in Sections 21.1 shall be held in the following manner:

1. All candidates shall appear before a Screening Committee.
2. The candidate fee shall be prorated.
3. Candidates shall have two (2) weeks to campaign.
4. Voting shall occur at a time and place set by the Board of Directors.
5. 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, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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, Regent Empresses or Regent Emprexes shall complete all obligations that apply to the duly elected Emperor, Empress or Emprex. All Regent Crown Princes, Regent Crown Princesses or Regent Crown Princexes shall complete all obligations that apply to the duly elected Crown Prince, Crown Princess and Crown Princex.

### Vacancies – Prorated Requirements

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

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

Time Remaining and Events			
Emperor, Empress, Emprex		Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex	
10 – 12 months	6	9 – 12 months	4
8 – 10 months	5	6 – 9 months	3
6 – 8 months	4	3 – 6 months	2
4 – 6 months	3	0 – 3 months	1
2 – 4 months	2		
0 – 2 months	1		

### Vacancies – Leaves of Absences

- 21.8 In the event the reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex, Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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 In the event that a reigning Emperor, Empress, Emprex Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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, Empress or Emprex is removed and the Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex 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.

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, Empress, Emprex			Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princex		
	Standard	Incentive		Standard	Incentive
10 – 12 months	\$1,000	\$1,200	9 – 12 months	\$400	\$500
8 – 10 months	\$833	\$1,000	6 – 9 months	\$300	\$375
6 – 8 months	\$666	\$800	3 – 6 months	\$200	\$250
4 – 6 months	\$500	\$600	0 – 3 months	\$100	\$125
2 – 4 months	\$334	\$400			
0 – 2 months	\$167	\$200			

## ARTICLE 22 - 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) Proposed bylaw changes may be proposed and voted on at the first Court meeting in July and will be effective at the Annual Court meeting in August.
  - 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.]
  - 9) Upon the approval of recommendations of the By-law and Constitution Review Committee by the General Court membership at any regular or special meeting, this Constitution of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court shall 1) be amended and 2) become effective at that General Meeting.

## ARTICLE 23 - PROCLAMATIONS

- 23.1 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emperex 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 the Emperor, Empress, and Emperex, unless there is only one (1) Monarch as mandated by Proclamation 33.5.
- 23.4 The reigning Emperor, Empress and Emperex 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, Empress and Emperex who issued the prior Proclamation. If the Emperor or the Empress or the Emperex of a Reign is deceased, the surviving Monarch(s) shall have the right as herein described. If the Emperor, the Empress and the Emperex of that Reign are deceased or if the Emperor, Empress and Emperex 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, Empress and Emperex shall be limited to a total of four (4) 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, Empress and Emprex 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, or the Emprex of a Reign is deceased, the surviving Monarch(s) shall have the right as herein described. If the Emperor, the Empress and the Emprex of that Reign are deceased or if the Emperor, Empress and Emprex 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

[NOTES: By action of the General Court members voting unanimously on May 3, 2023, without changing any of the Proclamations issued through Reign 44, any Proclamation making reference to the Emperor or to the Empress shall also include reference to the Emprex. AND, without changing any of the Proclamations issued through Reign 44, any Proclamation making reference to the Crown Prince or to the Crown Princess shall also include reference to the Crown Princex.] [*Original Proclamations are in italics*, revised Proclamation in regular font, Action notes are highlighted.]

#### 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. **By action of the General Court on 13 August 2025, this Proclamation was retired.**
- 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.* **By action of the General Court on 13 August 2025, this Proclamation was retired.**

### **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".* **This Proclamation was rescinded by Gem Emperor Troy.**
- 7.3 *That the reigning Emperor, Empress, Crown Prince and Crown Princess will run for no other title during their reign.*  
**Pursuant to Section 23.8, this Proclamation was rescinded by action of the General Court on May 3, 2023.**
- 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).* **By action of the General Court on 13 August 2025. This Proclamation was retired.**

### **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.

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

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

#### **Gem Emperor XI - Scottie and Gem Empress XI - Martini**

11.1 The Imperial Gem Court of Idaho will commence and continue a Memorial Scholarship to be given to an LGBTQ+ 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.

By action of the General Court on 13 August 2025, the word "gay" was changed to "LGBTQ+"

11.2 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.

11.3 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**

12.1 *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.)

13.1 Brittany shall be henceforth known as "The Imperial Sister for Life to Troy".

13.2 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 Board of Directors.

13.3 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**

14.1 The Twelfth Reign bestows upon Steve Quintana the Title of "Emperor Emeritus for Life".

14.2 Dale Merrick shall be known as the "Brother Emperor to Emperor XIV Robert and Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler for Life.

14.3 Secrete Desire is "Sister Empress to Emperor XIV Robert for Life".

14.4 Victoria is "Sister Empress to Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler for Life".

14.5 The Silver Dollar Court of Reno, Nevada, is "Sister City to the Twelfth Reign".

14.6 The Rose Court of Portland, Oregon, is "Sister City to the Twelfth Reign".

14.7 The Twelfth Reign bestows the title of "Grandmother of All Living Creatures for Life" upon Brenda Buffet.

14.8 That Bunny and Jolene Bixler shall be known as "Sweetheart Mother Princess for Life to Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress XIV Delorian Snow Bixler".

14.9 *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.

14.10 That Lee Williamson shall be known as "Ambassador for Life to The Twelfth Reign".

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

#### **Dual Gem Emperor XV - Dan and Norman and Dual Gem Empress XV - Bunny and Jolene Bixler**

- 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.

### **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 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. of Boise, Idaho, Constitution.

**This Proclamation was amended by action of the General Court on August 5, 1996.**

### **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 Marlana.
- 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.

**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 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.*

**On 3 February 2020 the Board of Directors and the General Court altered the original Proclamation to read as follows:**

- (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 and other members of our community 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 1) to purchase grocery gift certificates or food vouchers which can be redeemed by recipients at local grocery stores or 2) issued by Court check to organizations in our community in the furtherance of these organizations’ food programs. Individuals shall not be given cash.
- (B) Priority consideration shall be given to organizations working with persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- (C) 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”.
- 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.
- 18.7

## 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 Empresses shall wear white, floor length gowns as they are crowned.

## 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.*

By action of the General Court on 13 August 2025, this Proclamation was revised.

In keeping with the Regal and Imperial nature of Coronation, during the Crowning 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.

- 21.5 From this day forward, Emperor XXIII Michael of the Silver Dollar Court of Reno, Nevada, shall be granted "Emperor Emeritus for Life" to the Pride and Unity of the Gem's XXI Reign, and shall be granted all rights and Privileges of this title.
- 21.6 From this day forward, Empress VI Fontana Devine of the Imperial Sovereign Court of New Mexico shall be granted "Empress Emeritus for Life" to the Pride and Unity of the Gem's XXI Reign, and shall be granted all rights and Privileges of this title.

#### **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.

#### **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 Board of Directors 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 a **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.

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.

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 Selena 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 wellbeing 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 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.

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 Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors 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 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.
- 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 General Court:

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.

- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Board of Directors 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 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.*

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 – FabuLanza

**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 [PROCLAMATION 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.

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 – Steve

**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.

- 37.2 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 in 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 XXXXIX 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, Emperesses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. All past Emperors and all past Emperesses 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, Emperesses, Crown Princes and Crown Princesses who complete their reign in good standing shall be considered members in perpetuity. All past Emperors and all past Emperesses 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 1st 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 ½ 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.

Citizen for Life: Empress Mozzarella the GRATE of San Francisco

Citizen for Life: 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 Delish of 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  
Gem Emperor XL – Carmine Caruso and Gem 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. [see Proclamation 46.6]
- 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 Buzz of the Gem**

#### **Gem Empress XLI – Seranitee Love**

41.1 From this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, for his love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Princess 47 of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Portland Char Macpherson Star shall be known as Empress 41 ½ for life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Buzz of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

41.2 From this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Prince 39 of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho Douglas Burwell shall be known as Emperor 41 ½ for life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Buzz of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

41.3 From this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Empress 43 Vega Starr of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire shall be known as "Empress Emeritus" for life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Buzz of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

41.4 From this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, for his love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Emperor 43 Kayden Starr of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire shall be known as "Emperor Emeritus" for life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Buzz of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

41.5 Continuous and guaranteed funding for the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court and the Imperial Court Council is critical. It is hereby proclaimed that from this day of June 3, 2019, forward that 2% percent (2%) of all Imperial Sovereign Gem Court General fund show door proceed, excluding In-Town and Out-of-Town Coronation events, shall be placed into the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court's ICC Fund. The Court then would decide when and to whom we send any money collected, as per our current financial guidelines.

41.6 For the outstanding support from the King Father and Queen Mother of ALL Idaho, I proclaim on this Monday June 3, 2019 from this day forward that the King Father and Queen Mother will receive entry into Coronation at NO CHARGE!

41.7 From this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2019, forward, let it be known that the Imperial Sun Empire of ALL Florida (Fort Lauderdale) shall be known as the Sister Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, because we choose to do so.

Citizen for Life: Alexis "Boom Boom" Cheesecake from Hell

Citizen for Life: Dave Smith

Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award: None given

### **The Inclusivity and Expansion of the Gem**

#### **Empress XLII – Veronica Miles**

42.1 From this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2020, forward, let it be known throughout all the lands that Steven B. Childs Foxx, for his love and support of the 42<sup>nd</sup> reign, shall be granted the title of "Emperor 42 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.

42.2 From this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2020, forward, let it be known throughout all the lands that Elle Blue Nouveau, for her love and support of the 42<sup>nd</sup> reign, shall be granted the title of “Emperor 42 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.

Citizen for Life: None given

Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award: None given

**The Prism of the Gem  
Gem Empress XLIII – Dani Blue**

**NOTE; No record in the minutes was found for the adoption of these Proclamations. Reign 45 on behalf of Reign 43 adopted the Proclamations.**

- 43.1 In honor of Reba MacEnWhat Bixler's lifetime commitment to philanthropy and community service, I hereby rename the ISGCI Court Member of the Year Award to: "The Reba MacEnWhat Bixler Court Member of the Year Award"
- 43.2 In honor of Empress 42, Veronica Miles, I hereby create the Empress/Emprex Jewelry Box. This is a resource of jewels donated by past monarchs to assist the newest Empress or Emprex with jewelry as they need for court events. In conjunction with proclamation 43.2 the Jewelry Box, there is a check out sheet and inventory log and instructions that comes with it.
- 43.3 In honor of the commitment and hard work of Temperance Abigayle to ISGCI, I hereby proclaim Temperance Abigayle Princess Emeritus for Life.
- 43.4 I hereby proclaim Empress of San Francisco Misty Blue as Empress Emeritus 43.
- 43.5 I hereby proclaim Emperor of The Royal Court of the Golden Spike Peter Christie as Emperor Emeritus

Citizen for Life: Robert Haggard

Citizen for Life: Jann Beale

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** None given

**The Rare Diamond of the Gem  
Empress XLIV – Lady Teavana Delicious**

**NOTE; No record in the minutes was found for the adoption of these Proclamations. Reign 45 on behalf of Reign 44 adopted the Proclamations.**

- 44.1 The RaeJean – Kerti Endless Love Award is awarded to One ICS Member, One ISGCI member, One Community member. These individuals showed the Reigning Emperor, Empress or Emprex an exceptional amount of Love and support throughout their Reign. In the name of RaeJean Cox and Hertie Hendrix.
- 44.2 Ten percent (10%) of all proceeds from the In Town Show shall be donated to Idaho Black Community Alliance. This shall be named “The Rare Diamond Donation” from this day forward.
- 44.3 Emperor 44 ½ is awarded to Sid D’Licious
- 44.4 Empress 44 ½ is awarded to Temperance Abigayle

Citizen for Life: None given

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:** MGI Foundation

**The Wonder and Dazzlement of the Gem  
Emperor XLV – Jase Nelson**

- 45.1 Any Monarch or past Monarch who chooses to purchase a crown or tiara shall ensure that the crown or tiara is different in some way, including but not limited to metal content, background for the gems, or the gem color, from the official State Crown and/or tiara of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho.
- 45.2 Monarchs who are granted the title of Emeritus within the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, as defined in Section 4.8 of the ISGCBI Constitution, shall include the non-binary title of Emeritus Emprex.

- 45.3 From this 19th day of July, 2023, for her love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Tree Empress 48 of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire, Vancouver, Washington, Epiphany DM Dupont Valentine shall be known as "Empress Emeritus for Life" of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Wonder and Dazzlement of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 45.4 From this 19th day of July, 2023, for his love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Emperor 20 of the Imperial Sovereign Rainbow Court of Northern Utah, Marc Lucero shall be known as "Emperor Emeritus for Life" of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Wonder and Dazzlement of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 45.5 From this 29th day of July, 2023, for their love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Emprex 51 Karmella Barr of the Vancouver, British Columbia Dogwood Monarchist Society shall be known as "Emperx Emeritus for Life" of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Wonder and Dazzlement of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

Citizen for Life: Star Empress 45 of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Willamette Empire, Salem, Oregon, Mulan Rouge  
 Citizen for Life: Emperor 18 and 21 of The Imperial Rainbow Court of Northern Utah, Ogden, Brandon Pacheco  
 Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award: NONE GIVEN

**The Chaos of the Gem  
 Emprex XLVI - Harley Innocent**

- 46.1 From the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, for their love and support of Emprex 46, Harley Innocent, and the whole Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Emperor 20 of the Imperial Rainbow Court of Northern Utah, Marc (Lucero) Riley from Hell, shall be known as Emperor 46 ½ for life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, and the Chaos of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 46.2 From the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024, let it be known and followed that, starting with the 47<sup>th</sup> Reign, there shall only be two (2) Reigning Monarch (any combination of Emperor, Empress or Emprex) and two (2) Reigning Crown Prince, Crown Princess or Crown Princex during each Reign, and shall be based upon who receives the most "YES" votes.
- 46.3 From the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, for their continued love and support of Emprex 46, Harley Innocent, and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Empress 48 of RCGSE, Nubbs from Hell, shall be granted the title of Empress Emeritus for life to the Chaos of the Gem and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 46.4 From the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, for their continued love and support of Emprex 46, Harley Innocent, the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, and the whole Imperial Court System, let it be known that Rose Empress 61 of Portland, JenuWine Beaute, shall be granted the title of Emprex Emeritus for life to the Chaos of the Gem and the whole Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 46.5 From the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, for their continued love and support of Emprex 46, Harley Innocent, the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, and the whole Imperial Court System, let it be known that Emperor 48 of the Golden Spike Empire, Bobby Childers, shall be granted the title of the Emperor Emeritus for life to the Chaos of the Gem and the whole Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 46.6 From the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, with the uncontested approval of Gem Empress 40, Minerva Jayne VanAllen and Gem Emperor 40, Carmine Caruso, the MEA Fund hereby extends its services to our transgender community by agreeing to pay a set percentage, and a yearly set limit, for HRT (Hormone Replacement Therapy) supplies for individuals over the age of 18 and with financial struggles, through designated clinics within the state of Idaho. The MEA Fund will also pay directly to government institutions for name changes instead of reimbursing individuals after the name has been changed. \*All these changes will be made and properly documented in order to start taking, and filling, request by January of 2025.\* [see Proclamation 40.2]

- 46.7 The Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho is not one person, or Monarch(s), responsibility to maintain. It should always be a group effort in order to evenly disperse responsibilities and take stress off the reigning monarchs. For this reason, as of the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, and continuing thru every new reign, ALL fund committees will be responsible for producing required fundraisers for their designated funds. This includes: securing a venue, hosts, performers and the raffle/auction items, etc. as it pertains to their fundraiser. Committees may ask the monarchs to assist as needed or monarchs may reach out to assist, but ultimately, if the fundraiser is not completed it will not be held against the Monarch(s) when it pertains to their requirements.
- 46.8 From this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024, for the on-going support and love for what we do as the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, the MGI Foundation shall be further known as our Sister Organization and we shall help and guide them as equals, as needed, for both organizations can better serve our LGBTQ+ community.

Citizen for Life:

Citizen for Life:

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award:**

#### **The Resurgence of the Gem**

**Gem Emperor XXXXVII – Jerry Nabarrete-Stuart and Gem Empress XXXXVII – Percilla Moore**

- 47.1 Let it be known from this day, July 2, 2025, The Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc., Fresno, California, shall be known as the Brother Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.
- 47.2 Let it be known from this day, July 2, 2025, The Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, shall be known as the Sister Court to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc.
- 47.3 Let it be known from this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025, Star Emperor Stingray MacPherson of Salem, Oregon, shall be granted the Title of “Emperor 47 ½ for Life” to the Resurgence of the Gem Reign and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc. and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 47.4 Let it be known from this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025, Emprex 51 Andi Biotic of Fresno, California, shall be granted the Title of “Emprex Emeritus for Life” to the Resurgence of the Gem Reign and the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Boise, Idaho, Inc. and shall be granted all rights and privileges of said title.
- 47.5 Let it be know from this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025, in honor of the original creator of the annual Breast Cancer Show that benefits a women’s charity, for the amount of love and support that has been committed, shall be renamed to the “Chaise Manhattan Pretty in Pink Breast Cancer Show.”
- 47.6 From this day forward, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2025, to honor both the history and setting a precedent for the future, the stepping down Monarchs shall crown the new Monarchs during the Crowning Ceremony.

Citizen for Life:

Citizen for Life:

**Mary Ann Kelly Lifetime Achievement Award: The Community Center**

#### **The Astonishment of the Gem**

**Gem Emperor XXXXVIII – Jeremiah Nabarrete-Stuart and Gem Empress XXXXVIII – Seranitee**

- 48.1 From this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, forward, Let it be Known for her support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, Princess Royale 32 of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire Systeem Chapelle shall be known as “Empress 48 1/2” for lift to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and the Astonishment of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.
- 48.2 On this Fifth day of November 2025, Let it be known for their continuous love and support of Empress 48 Seranitee Love Manhattan and the entire Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, that Empress 54 of the Court of Spokane Freedom Rights shall be known as Empress Emeritus for Life to the Astonishment of the Gem and the Imperial Gem Court of Idaho and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.

- 48.3 For their love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of all Idaho, for their excellent attendance to their duties as Members of the Board of Directors, We do hereby Proclaim on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025, forward, that John Walmsley and Marianne “Anne” Henderson shall be known as the Grand Dukc and Grand Duchess to the 48<sup>th</sup> Reign of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho for Life, with all rights and privileges thereto.
- 48.4 On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, for their love and support of the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho, let it be known that Emperor 40 from the Empire of the Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star, Inc. of Houston, Texas, Pup Naranja shall be known as Emprex 48 ½ for Life to the Imperial Sovereign Gem Court of Idaho and The Astonishment of the Gem, and shall be granted all rights and privileges of this title.