**OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM QUEEN MOTHER I OF THE AMERICAS**

**EMPRESS NICOLE THE GREAT**

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**SAN FRANCISCO 2016**

               GLBT Royalty turned up in great numbers for the stepping down coronation of the very popular “Golden Jubilee Monarchs” of the International Imperial Court System, **Emperor Kevin Lisle** and **Empress Khmera Rouge.**It was certainly a fun-packed weekend and San Francisco rolled out the red carpet for their out of town visitors.  The Galleria Design Center once again hosted the coronation and many were attired in the “Space Odyssey,” with the best entertainment ever.  Stand outs were **20th Anniversary Monarch Empress 31 Cockatielia** (who also had one of the most beautiful gowns of the evening.)  The 35th year Anniversary Monarch **Empress 16 Phyllis** brought back many “memories.”  **Empress 41 Galilea’s** number was a great professional performance, reminding me of the famous “Jewel Box Review.”  I loved **Emperor 29 Tom Basch’s** 15th Anniversary number as it was one of the best performances by an emperor that I’ve seen in decades.  **Empress 19 Rėmy Martin’s**tribute number was, as she is, outstanding!  Command performance stand out was **Empress Hope Jewel Halston** of Reno, it was fabulous.  While there was**American** and **Canadian** court representation, a very rare attendance by GLBT Royalty of **Mexico** was welcomed by all.  I must say that **Emma Peele’s** candidate performance was one of the best I’ve ever seen or heard, as she could be a winning contestant on “The Voice.”  It was good to see my longtime friend, **Senator Mark Leno**, who I urge to run for mayor in the next election.  San Francisco is lucky to have such a dedicated public servant.

I must once again salute the award-winning **San Francisco Bay Times** for its outstanding coverage of the 50th Anniversary of the Imperial Court of San Francisco.

 Yes, **Emperor Kevin** and **Empress Khmera** had wonderful outfits and yes, their reign gave out over **$50,000** to the community, but what stood out to all was something I have not seen on a long, long time… a full ballroom of people who totally and truly loved and respected the reigning monarchs.  Let me tell you, I have never heard a negative word about **Kevin** and **Khmera** throughout their entire reign… now that’s a miracle!

 I was much honored to once again be asked to join the Imperial Family of San Francisco to witness the crowning of their new monarch on stage.  I always think of our beloved Founder **Empress Jose I** during this magical ceremony.  The crowd roared its approval when **Salvador Tovar** and **Emma Peel** were announced as the new monarchs of San Francisco.

 I woke up early the next morning for the annual **Cemetery Pilgrimage** to pay our respect toe **Empress Jose** and **Emperor Norton**.  This even is hosted by “**The Brotherhood of Emperors”**and **Empress Donna Sachet** (**Steven Dorsey was a great Co-Emcee).**  Once again the **S.F. Freedom Band**, **Golden Gate Guards**, and the **S.F. Night Ministry** honored us with their presence.    **Emperor Jacques Michaels** gave the keynote speech and it was one of the best ever.

**Emperor I Marcus Hernandez** was my “royal father” and close friend, who came down to crown me as Empress of San Diego many times.  It was good to see his final internment right in front of his Empress, **Empress Jose.**Asshe did for the funeral of Empress Jose, she did for the interment of Marcus, thank you for your professionalism and dignity for these two beloved monarchs, thank you so much **Empress Galilea.**The bus trip to and from the cemetery gave me a chance to get to know the new San Francisco Monarchs **Salvador** and **Emma,**and once again our mother and founding court have a great team that I hope you will get to know.

The “Victory Brunch” was well-attended and it was nice to see **Khmera’s** Consort, the handsome **Prince Travis** get the recognition he so richly deserves.  By the way, the introduction of Khmera’s wonderful mother at coronation got the biggest standing ovation of the evening. (It was the first time she had seen her son in drag!)  I had the honor to address the crowd and wish the new monarch the very best.

               One of the most important events of the weekend was the screening of the upcoming film documentary, **“50 Years of Fabulous.”**  It is definitely one of the most important projects in decades.  All of us at the special screening went through emotions of pride, laughter and tears.  This film is brilliant and long overdue.  It will be a must-see for the entire GLBT community.  BRAVO! To Executive Director **David Lassman** (aka **Empress Chablis**) and award-winning filmmaker **Jethro Patalinghug**.  Please support this project.  For more information: [www.5**0YearsOFFAB.com**](http://www.50yearsoffab.com/)

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**2016 State Visits**

               March 5               Long Beach

               March 12             New York

               April 2                   Tijuana, Mexico

               March 26             Vancouver, Canada

               April 16                Rhode Island

               April 23                Orange County

               May 14                Fresno

               May 28                 San Antonio

               July 16                  Massachusetts

               August 6              Hamilton (pending)

               September 10     Washington, D.C.

               October 8            Cincinnati (pending)

Respectfully,

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