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REIGN 42 NEWSLETTER



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STATE OF THE EMPIRE

Queen Mother of All the Americas, Nicole the Great gave her "State of the Empire" address at Houston's Coronation in January. She was very complimentary to the state of Texas. She announced the new Emperor of the Americas, Emperor XIII of Sacramento, Terry Sidie.

Anne Richards made Her Majesty, Nicole, an honorary citizen of Texas. Nicole also gave her praise to the unified effort after Hurricane Harvey. Then, Nicole recognized the military personnel and veterans in the audience, thanking them for their service.

Nicole gave some inspirational words as well as helped the congregation remember the last few months. She recalled the scare our brothers and sisters went through in Hawaii with the false alarm in the midst of threats and nuclear tests from North Korea. She criticized the current administration for cutting "Meals on Wheels." She spoke to the absolute tragedy of ongoing crimes against our transgender community. Nicole, of course, then, brought everyone in the room to remember the work of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. She wrapped up her opening remarks by asking us to start building bridges instead of building walls.

Nicole brought forth four major projects for 2018. She introduced 2018 as the Year of the Woman. She challenged all Courts to double their female memberships. Nicole asked us to educate ourselves on women's health and issues that affect our memberships and communities.

This is a mid-term election this year, and Nicole

expressed the severe importance of registering and voting, making our voices heard. She announced the formation of the National GLBT Network USA to help communities get together with our right to vote. The ICC has partnered with the Victory Fund, an organization focused on electing GLBT representatives, in order to move people to register and vote. The slogan for this year is, "Out of the Closets and Into the Voting Booths!"

The State of New York and the GLBT community is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. On June 28th, 2019, there will be a Wall of Honor celebrating pioneers, trailblazers and heroes, sponsored by the ICC.

Ten years ago, all of us as a part of the ICS raised money for the Matthew Shepard Foundation. We collectively raised over \$140,000 throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. This is the 20th anniversary, and Empress Nicole asks that each court have one event this year to help raise money for Matthew Shepard and "Erase the Hate."

The Jose Honors Awards will be held in Sacramento this year. There will be two documentaries celebrating the history of Mama José. There is a great effort to create a theatre in Palm Springs named after our founder, Empress I, Jose Julio Sarria.

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Empress Nicole introduced Emperor Terry to speak about the Jose Sarria Scholarship Foundation. He is currently the chair of the fund. This year they have raised over \$155,000. Empress Nicole stated that this fund is a matching fund, where if a Realm has a Scholarship Foundation, the ICS will match the donation provided by the Realm to its community.

Empress Nicole encouraged people to attend RuPaul's DragCon, May 11, 12 & 13, 2018, in Los Angeles, California at the Convention Center.

She also praised Canada for their series of firsts with the GLBT community. As a little bit of a laugh she asked Canada to be "patient" with us, the United States, "do not build a wall to keep us out."

Nicole ended her State of the Empire address with the fact that we make these Court relationships for life. She left the group with words from the late Winston Churchill, "You make a living on what you make, but you make a life on what you give."

For more details, please perform a search on YouTube for "2018 State of the Empire."

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONS

Our Royal Mardi Gras Show was a great success. We fought through snow and cold to put together a function for the Reign. Special thanks to Emperor XXII, Don Lacey, Prince Royal XXVI, Rick Rhody, Empress XXV Kassondra McEntire, Empress XLII, Antoniette Lilly, Emperor XLII, Charley Fox, Empress XXXII, XXV, XXXIX, Sable Gordon, Emperor XXXVII, Carroll Hillebrand, Czarina XLII, Daphine Starr, Porsha DeMarco-Douglas, Duchess XLII, Sarah Bellum, Princess Royal XIX, Audrey Anderson, Prince Royal XIX, Marlow Anderson, Prince Royal XLII, David Kuklin, Princess Royal XLII, Alexis Rave, Emperor XXXV, Roy Merkle, Crown Prince XLII, Ed Sanders, Michael Duplan, and my illustrious, beautiful, co-emcee, Vis-Countess XLII, Niq Banks for all her support. Thank you to Nic Grzecka and Club Q. Thank you to Dante Inferno-Martinez for your help. Thank you to Emilia Sanchez-riddick, Treasurer, Dan Alexander, and Darryl Alexander. Thank you, Emperor XXV, Ralph Chapman for your generous donation!

Get Ready for the "King and Queen of the Kitchen" Contest and Show. This is planned to be a very energetic event. June 29th Reign XLII is organized two contests! The Line of Succession want to showcase their cooking talents, and their Majesties want to host the Annual UCPPE Pride Pageant, just in time for the upcoming PrideFest Event!

You are welcome to be contestant for either contest or both! Just send Emperor Charley or Antoinette an e-mail or Facebook message that you would like to be candidate for the June 29th function. However, please fill out the Pride Pageant form from our website in order to be a contestant for Pride. The contest for Mr., Ms., and Mz. Gay Pride is a four part process. There is a Talent Competition. Formal Wear Showcase, Q& A, and a Raffle Ticket race. Turn in the application to the host, Emperor XXXIV Sean Gooden, at the beginning of the function, so that people can hear about your wonderful contributions to the Southern Colorado community!

A portion of the funds raised go to the Matthew Shepard Foundation.





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Club Q is starting a new program where five dollars for every meal purchased will go to an organization. Nic Grzecka will start this program for the UCPPE on every third Sunday to help us raise money coinciding with Drag Brunch and Bingo. We encourage our Monarchs, Board of Advisors, Regents and Membership to join us for Brunch, Bingo and the new Community Branches program.



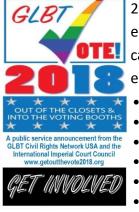
Order any burger plate and get a FREE Draft Beer or House Cocktail every Friday from 3:00pm to 8pm!



SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONS

The Karaoke Contest on February 23, was hosted by Reign XLII as well as emceed by Vis-Countess Niq Banks. The reign brought people together to sing their hearts out, and Nic Grzecka awarded the winner a bar tab.

On February 24, the Reign attended the Southern Colorado Shining Star Pageant. There were past pageant winners performing from Denver, Colorado Springs and Albuquerque. The event was well attended, and several UCPPE monarchs showed their support, including Emperor XLI, Water Xaris serving as one of the judges. Congratulations to Mesha Narie Fierce and Axel Massacre for a great step down.



2018 is a Mid-term election year, and we encourage you to get informed about Colorado candidates. The following positions are up for election in our state.

- US House
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- Attorney General
- State Board of Education
- Regent of the University of Colorado
- State Senate
 - State House
- Regional Transportation District

"Get Out of the Closets and Into

the Voting Booths!" There are a lot of webpages, blogs and other media sources that have information about candidates, where you need to participate in a caucus, and the issues coming up for your consideration. Make your voice heard. Get the representation you deserve as a Coloradoan and an American. Make sure you know where your tax dollars are being spent and how your city and state are making changes.

MARK THESE DATES

June 26, 2018 Primary Election
November 6, 2018 General Election

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT—Emperor Emeritus XXXIV, Sean Gooden

Thank you so much for your support of the UCPPE all these many years. I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for your tireless efforts, sleepless nights, and quiet tears. This Reign has come up with some very creative ideas, and they have had to adapt to many changes that were completely out of their control, not to mention our wonderful, predictable weather.

I am writing to you with both jubilation for such a wonderful start to a great year and consternation with our organization. We are going to be celebrating 45 years of service soon, here, in Colorado Springs. Think about all the work that all of you have done over this time. Where would we be without you? So much turmoil has thrown up hurdles in our collective struggle, obstacles designed to take us down. In this most turbulent time, please look to each other for support instead of looking to outdo another person's accomplishments, past or present. Every one of us has contributed so much of our lives to this organization, and each of us deserve the respect of being a leader and teacher in our community.

We all have a different point of view, and we all have brought our own flair to the UCPPE. Please take the time to empathize and understand those who came before you and those who have worked hard to save us from the brink of extinction. As Queen Mother states, build bridges, not walls. We are currently arguing, fighting and tearing each other down, when there are bigger issues facing Colorado Springs, the United States and this earth. Please be sympathetic and empathetic to each other for you never know when this next argument will be the last thing you said to your brother or sister.

Thank you for your service for almost 45 years!
—President of the Board, Emperor XXXIV, Sean Gooden

OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Some of our Membership attended our meeting on February 11th, at the Cliff House. Thank you Emperor XXXVII, Carroll Hillebrand, for organizing the venue for our meeting. We voted for our new President and Treasurer, Emperor Sean Gooden, and Dan Alexander. We discussed the usual business for the UCPPE, including the great number funds to be distributed at Winter Cotillion this year. The amendments to the By-Laws were an addition of the Non-Discrimination & Anti-Bullying Policy and Code of conduct, the clarification of appropriate use of Court regalia, and the removal of the By-Law stating a person cannot serve on more than one independent board.

Emperor XI, Duane Thompson, brought up some inconsistencies with our Membership Program and Policy. He enlightened the Membership, and, then, agreed to chair a committee that would bring a well-defined policy to the BOA. King Father, Emperor XXIV, Michael Cornejo, volunteered to serve on this committee to help Duane with this important project! Thank you everyone for your help!

TRAVELLING MONARCHS!

Emperor XLI Water Xaris & Empress XLI Koriander Xaris attended a fun Coronation at Waco, Texas this year, reuniting with friends and family during the February 10th weekend.

Emperor XXXVII, Carroll Hillebrand, Emperor XXVII, Charlie Davenport, and Emperor 31, Miguel Navarro-Garcia, represented us well in Minnesota.

Don't Forget! Our Empress I will be stepping down at Coronation II in Springfield, Missouri, September 29!



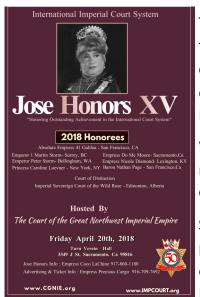
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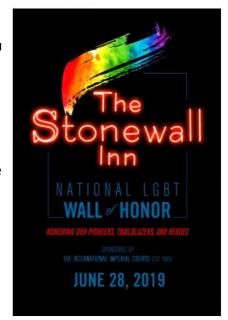




The ICS is sponsoring a cornucopia of events this year, and we invite you to participate. You can take a trip to any of the functions outlined on the ICS website, or you can help us reach ICS goals here in Colorado Springs.

We are hosting shows that will be raising money for the projects described by Nicole the Great in her "State of the Empire" address.

Stay tuned for more developments with these projects as well as upcoming fundraisers designed by the creative and enthusiastic Reign XLII!



UCPPE NEWS

The First Board Meeting of the UCPPE will be addressing the short term and long term goals of

our organization. We will be appointing a replacement Membership Chair as well as a replacement for the Corresponding Secretary.

If you would like to contribute the UCPPE website, please submit your queries to our webmaster, Crown Prince XLII, Ed Sanders. If you wish to be a part of the UCPPE Facebook page, please help us make it one of our many successful marketing tools through positive, strength-based communication.

Our brother organization, the Pikes Peak Summit Masters has put their anniversary pins on our website in order to help us raise money! Check out our stores to see how you can support our Leather Brothers and Sisters in Southern Colorado!

ONGOING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You can also renew your Membership for only \$12. If you are interested in becoming a new member, it's only \$15. Enjoy the convenience of making your UCPPE purchases online with our website!

*Internet service charges will apply.





CORONATION CALENDAR

Denver: March 31

Phoenix: May 5

San Antonio: May 26

Salt Lake: May 27

Albuquerque: June 2

Omaha: July 14

Feb. 26 — A Karaoke Contest

Mar. 10 —Winter Cotillion —Club Q —5pm

Mar. 23—Drag Take-Over

Apr. 14—The Unturnabout Show Strikes

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Apr. 27—James Bond, Build A Bear Show
May 12—UCPPE Turnabout

May 25—Kamikaze Gang Drag Race

Jun. 9 - Black & White Ball —Club Q —5pm June 29th The King & Queen of the Kitch-

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Sep. 8 —PR Ball —Club Q —5pm