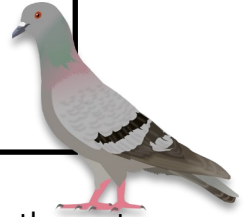




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**REIGN 43 NEWSLETTER**  
ISSUE FOUR



## **A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings Everyone,

We have made so many memories over these last forty three years. Our friends and family have been with us through the most wonderful, fun-filled times, and through some of the most devastating. We have met new friends, and bonded with people who have become part of our family. I am very proud to be a part of an organization that is able to raise so much money for those in need, but I also cherish the relationships that I have with some of the most talented, funny and loveable people. Each year with the United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire has brought a new perspective on the Southern Colorado community. Each monarch has made their mark on our city of Colorado Springs and our hearts.

As I reminisce over my tenure with the UCPPE, I think about all the stories I have collected from all of you as well the stories we wrote together. Sometimes it is very difficult to bring up older stories, but more often than not, it is heart-warming to recall these moments with someone new. I have to admit that I feel jealous that I could not be a part of the revelry and wondrous events that helped shape our LGBT community through some of the most challenging times in our history. You own those moments.

What I feel over these months that have moved us closer to the 44th year of our realm is that it can be absolutely terrifying to imagine that these moments could be lost. As we get older, the pictures we replay in our minds get fuzzier and frayed. Snippets of time are flying away each day. There is a sense of immediate

urgency to give these memories to the next person. It is in our blood to pass down our legacy to the next generation. The process of oral history goes back to the beginning of human tradition. We have an opportunity to keep our friends and family alive in us through recalling and retelling these beautiful moments.

I find it difficult at times to turn back and see that someone isn't there anymore. You start a conversation, listen to music, watch a favorite movie, and, just when you look back to talk to your friend about an emotional occasion, they aren't there. I empathize with the trouble of losing those moments like tears in the rain, but this is what also shapes us as people.

Cherish these memories, tell your stories to anyone who will listen. Pass down what you have seen. Try very hard to recreate the pictures that you have stored in your mind so that others can envision what our purpose is here in Southern Colorado.

It can be so easy to drive slightly off the road as we get distracted by so many different things. Our world is changing faster than ever, and we can lose the forest for the trees. It is a part of human nature to become passionate and principled in all aspects of our daily lives. We become inspirational to our family and friends as we fight for all our rights to exist in the pursuit of happiness.

Every year we watch the seasons travel through our realm. Summer is almost over, and we wel-

come a new fall season. Winter will be with us soon, another time of reflection. As we watch the snow silently fall to the ground, knitting a soft but cold blanket over our sleeping land, we conjure up more memories and feelings about what we have done and where we have been. It is natural to wrangle with sadness and depression.

Look to your family and friends who are still with you. In this age of electronic communication, take some time to pick up the phone or visit with them in person so you can hear their voice. Just the sound of a person's voice can create a sense of safety and warmth in some of the coldest times of our lives.

As our family members embark on another journey through another space and time, remember them fondly, keep them alive in your heart, and help ignite a fire in another person's heart so that more people can see our family in their mind's eye.

It appears to me that the universe tries to remind us that we have to step back and reflect on our deeds when someone special in our lives passes on. We find that we are not invincible, nor untouchable. You have done so much to help educate, entertain and enrich the lives of so many people all across these great imperial lands. Own what you have accomplished.

However, remember that we all in this together. We have to keep helping each other to succeed. Don't lose the forest for the trees. As we hold hands, walking down the road paved by decades of service and sacrifice, it is okay for you to ask for help or offer your talent to cut down the briar and the bramble, clearing a path for a new generation of leaders and caretakers of the crown.

For those of you who have consistently, tirelessly given your time and lives to this organization, I am so grateful. Thank you for all that you have done. I plead with you

to continue your support and continue to share your lives with all of us. We need to spend time stepping back and reflecting on where we all have been and what all we've done.

For those of you who are just starting your journey down our yellow, brick road, I am so happy to witness all of your contributions that have enlightened our ever-changing culture. I plead with you to share more with your family face-to-face. We want to see your smile and hear your jovial voice.

We are always running out of time. There isn't anyone who has a surplus of minutes and hours to throw away at a whim. I understand that each second is precious, but when we spend those little moments for each other, they become more distinctive and imprint a valuable treasure to keep in our hearts and minds.

There is so much work to do to prepare for our 44th birthday, and, just like every year, we come together as a family in order to celebrate decades of toil and trouble, magic and merriment.

I love you all. I love all your individual idiosyncrasies that add to the tapestry of this community. We may not agree all the time. We don't have to. The horizon always seems to be farther and farther away each year, but it's still there. The road we are paving winds around some very challenging terrain, but I ask you, since when has it been easy? Since when has it been a cake walk? I don't recall this road created on gossamer grass or ethereal plains. We have always worked together to blaze through the brush.

Stay the course and bind together through the memories and moments of all our family members.

THE UNITED COURT OF THE PIKES PEAK EMPIRE PRESENTS

# The Campaign Kickoff Show

Saturday  
September 14th  
9:00pm



The United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire Presents

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22  
11am

**BINGO 2PM**

ASPEN  
BRUNCH



THE UNITED COURT OF THE PIKES PEAK EMPIRE PRESENTS

*The Colorado Springs All-Candidates Show*

# SERVICE



Club Q

OCTOBER 12  
Show—9PM

# ROYALTY

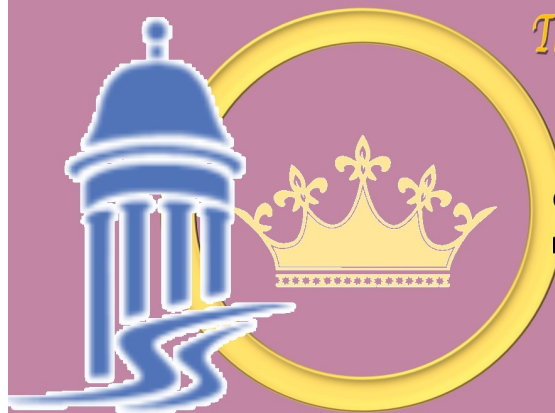


3430 N ACADEMY BLVD. — COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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*The Pueblo All-Candidates Show*

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The Spirit  
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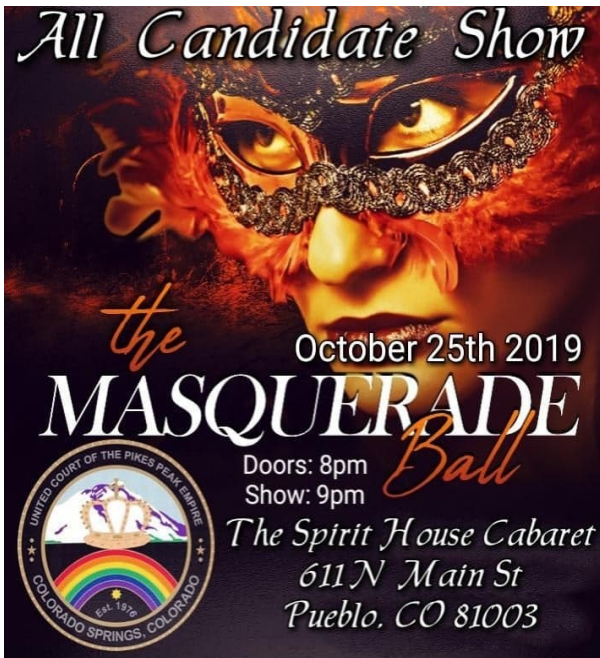
Cabaret  
OCTOBER 25

Doors—8PM  
Show—9PM

# ROYALTY

611 N MAIN ST. — PUEBLO, COLORADO

*All Candidate Show*




October 25th 2019

**MASQUERADE**  
*Ball*

Doors: 8pm  
Show: 9pm

*The Spirit House Cabaret*  
611 N Main St  
Pueblo, CO 81003




**VOTING: 11AM-1PM**

Pueblo Voting!  
October 26th, 2019

Squawk Coffee Shop  
517 W. 5th Street  
Ste. 101  
Pueblo, CO 81003

Vote on:

Emperor & Empress of  
Southern Colorado

Board of Advisor Positions

Voice your Vote!

**COLORADO SPRINGS  
VOTING**

Sunday  
October 27, 2019

Club Q  
3430 N Academy Blvd.

Vote for  
Emperor & Empress as  
well as Members at  
Large for the BOA

Voice Your VOTE!

11am—2pm



## TWO DIFFERENT VENUES

This year we have an opportunity to bring together our two biggest towns in Southern Colorado. We have an All-Candidates Show in Pueblo as well as in Colorado Springs. Candidates are able to be seen by more potential supporters for the upcoming 44th year of our Court.

The Board of Advisors, thanks to Empress 34, Candy Rose and Princess 14 & 17, Wanna Lee, has organized and planned for a two-day voting event as well. With careful supervision by members of the Board of Advisors, citizens in Pueblo will be able to vote and, then, voting in Colorado Springs will be the next day.

Spread the word, and join our Candidates for Emperor, Empress and Members-At-Large over the next couple of months.



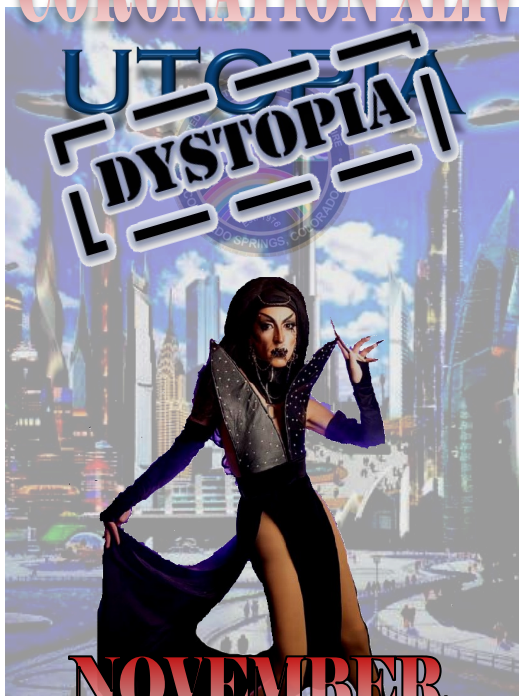
**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD  
FOR OUR 44th PROGRAM?**

If you are a Regent and you would like to submit an advertisement for the Coronation 44 Program, send your copy to Emperor 34 Sean Gooden, emperorsean@live.com.

Send your discounted price to our COS online store on our website.

Only \$60 for Regents

Please Join Empress Anka Shayne  
Prince Royal Nic and Princess Royal Autumn for



**HOTEL**  
*Elegante* **1, 2 & 3** COLORADO SPRINGS  
CONFERENCE & EVENT CENTER  
**NOVEMBER 2019**



# CORONATION XLIV

## THE BREAKDOWN

Coronation 44 will be at the Elegante Hotel & Conference Center. Our beloved hotel has hosted the UCPPE for over 20 years. The Cost of Coronation is **\$75**, with a discount for UCPPE members. We will enjoy a delicious buffet as well as great entertainers.

We are expecting a lot of our Anniversary Monarchs for Reign 43 to attend, and we hope to continue our road to Jubilee. This year, the Board of Advisors have added a new ticket for young people between the ages of 18 to 21 to attend for \$20, primarily to include the students of our beloved Southern Colorado organization Inside/Out Youth Services.

The Co-Chairs to the Council of Regents, Emperor Charley and Empress Antoniette, are working on a fun menu for hospitality. Stay tuned to the Court website for upcoming campaign shows and hospitality fundraisers.