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# Emperor I Fernando Reigns



TUCSON - Suspense, Glitter, Glamour, Pomp and Circumstance were the order of the evening last Monday at Jekyll's and Hyde's when Fernando Ochoa was crowned Emperor I Fernando of The Empire of Tucson, Arizona. After a full week of campaigning, campaign parties, Organizational meetings, balloting at each of the bars and judging, the five candidates learned the results of their labors at Midnight. Judging was conducted by five non-gay persons unknown to any of the candidates, which added to the impartiality of the selection. Staff members of AGN manned the ballot boxes at each of the bars, did the final ballot count, figured the percentages (40% for judging, 60% for popular vote) and arrived at the final selections. Rick Smith was runner-up and was anointed Prince Royale I. Jeff Nuzum ran third and was anointed The Grand Duke I.

The judging, which counted 40% in the final count, was most interesting with all candidates answering a different question concerning their goals if elected Emperor. Each expressed a desire to improve relations with the straight community, and made this project one of the major goals of the Tucson Court. The popular vote results are printed below, by bar, and indicate how important the various bars were in deciding who was most popular in each location and how well the candidates did in their respective campaigns.

Joining in the festivities of the night were Empress I Cicely of Tucson and many members of the Imperial Court of San Diego including Empress IV Nicole, Chairman of the Imperial Council of Courts and Dowager Empress of San Diego County; His Imperial Majesty Emperor V Terry of San Diego; Queen Mother V Bunny; Czar II Dennis; Crown Prince to The Empress Loren; Lord Prime Minister Brad; Grand Duke V Al; Countess V Miss Brooks; Royal Baby of California Jeff; Crown Prince to the Queen Mother of all California Richard and many other members of the San Diego Court too numerous to mention.

Over 400 persons were in attendance for the Coronation ceremonies at Jekyll's. Great entertainment was provided between presentations by Mahogany, Wang, Flo and Lavern. After the actual crowning of Emperor I Fernando, over 50 persons were investitured into the Court by Emperor I Fernando and Empress I Cicely. Some of them were Grand Duchess I Miss Mahogany; Imperial Princess Miss Wang; Lord Prime Minister Bud and various Barons, Dukes & Duchesses, Counts and Countesses, Lords and Ladies, etc. A proclamation was read during the ceremonies announcing that an Imperial and Official state of Unity exists between Tucson and San Diego, and that the two cities will be known as Sister Cities.

A fun evening full of suspense, drama, comedy and tragedy. We look forward to the Imperial Court of Tucson to be an active one in their assistance to the Tucson Gay Community. We extend our congratulations to our new Emperor I Fernando and wish him well.

TOP PHOTO: Emperor I Fernando and Empress I Cicely.  
BOTTOM PHOTO: L to R Grand Duke I Jeff, Prince Royale I Rick, Empress I Cicely, Emperor I Fernando and Lord Prime Minister Bud during Coronation ceremonies of the Imperial Court of Tucson, Az. January 31, 1977.

Voting Results	JIM	JEFF	FERNANDO	BRUNTE	RICK
LUCKY PIERRES	6	2	5	0	7
HAIR TIZ	0	0	11	1	4
GRADUATE	0	5	41	0	4
BACK POCKET	0	1	19	5	1
JEKYLL'S	8	32	36	60	20
262 TOTAL	6	40	112	66	36

