



**Board & General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**The Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona**

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2014

**Minutes Prepared:** April 13, 2014

**Attendees:** Darrell Dern, Michael Gaffney, Bill Mitchell, Tom Bledsoe, Christopher Skalicky, Ray Shapiro, Kenneth Anthony, Eric Buckmaster, Sam Garner, Eddie George (Miss De Meanor), Jerry Heitman, Steve Marino, Seejay Moser III, Gary Munson, VanAllan Nelson, James Pence, Robert Price, Kyle Ross (Ionna Doublewide), Robert Schenberg, Craig Van Deen, Bill Van Tassell, W Allen White, CJ Whitmer

**Absentees:** Richie Black, Karen Bovard, Michael Brent, Mark Brower, Steven Chisson, Toby Craver, Cris Cringle, Ron Dangel, Greg De Rushia, Dusty Garner, Philip Gibson III, Allen Hall, Scott Haverstock, Kevin Hilzendger, Michael, Jacobs, Joseph La Graffe, Anthony Larson, Judy Marino, Dave McQueen, Jordan Musser, Heather Peoples, Laura Renfro, Jamie Saragosa, Ira Savely, Michell Set, Michael Tanner, Richard Van Stone, Ray Vela, Michael Weihn, Michael White, Brock Willayard

**Excused:** Bleu Verschoor, John Robitaille, Gregory Speak, Robert Tencate,

**Guests:** Lori Ann Faulx

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- ◆ **Call To Order:** 1:00pm at One Voice Community Center
  - ◆ **Welcome – Recognition of Service to the Organization:**  
Darrell welcomed everyone to this months Board/General meeting. Darrell announced that our Board Secretary – Ron Dangel has resigned his position. Also that Eric Buckmaster (Lady Christian) resigned as the Dean of the College and Member at Large. So these positions need to be filled, we will need nominations for both positions when called for later in the agenda. Both Ron and Eric are still members of the Imperial Court of Arizona.
  - ◆ **Review of Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2014:** No additions or corrections so these will be posted to the website

- ◆ **Review of Financials:** Bill thanked everyone who had helped with the Treasury, and that he will still be a Board member but has to recuse himself from the Treasury as a Candidate for Emperor 9. This will be his last report for Financials. No additions, corrections or questions. Main Checking: \$11,457.28 Secondary account: \$18,530.74
  
- ◆ **Standing Committees:**
  - a. Budget – Bill Mitchell – nothing at this time to report.
  - b. College of Monarchs – Ray Shapiro has been voted in as Interim Dean until Investitures. The College will meet on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at The Rock 1:00pm – Darrell as President of the Board has been invited to attend.
  - c. Corporate Sponsorship – Michael Gaffney – Tom Bledsoe received a \$3,000 donation/sponsorship from Staffing Network
  - d. Grievance – Jerry Heitman There have been 5 calls about grievances since the last meeting. Of these calls, only one potential grievance may be researched further. The other calls pertained to our Policies & Procedures that have not been completed. You can not file a grievance on behalf of someone else; if someone has a grievance they have to file it. For information on Grievance please contact Jerry.
  - e. By-Laws – Open – nothing to report
  - f. Policies and Procedures – Open – nothing to report
  - g. Parliamentary Representative – Eddie George (Ms DeMeanor): There are four possible Courts that may be considered for Parliament meeting this year; Colorado Springs, CO, Washington, DC, Cincinnati, OH and Portland, OR. Eddie will report more when the meeting place has been decided.
  - h. ICC Update – Michael Gaffney
    - Harvey Milk Stamp Press Release from USPS, Harvey B Milk Foundation & Nicole the Great, Queen Mother of the Americas will take place in Washington, DC on May 22. This is Harvey Milk’s birthday.
    - Harvey Milk Ship Campaign – received letter from Tootsi in Alameda that we need letters written especially from Government officials. Send letters to Secretary of the Navy.
    - Bayard Rustin Stamp Campaign – need letters sent in to the Advisory Committee all can do this plus get officials to participate. Also have Bayard Rustin Lapel pins for sale at \$5.00 each

- Hunger Program is a year long event that may need help at our 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to promote a large food drive, more to come.
  - ICC Raffle all year long drawing in February 2015 – tickets \$2.00 a piece see Michael for list of items.
  - Need help putting together packet for ICC Heirs for ICC Meeting at our Coronation X, May 2015 (will need for meeting in Salt Lake City May 2014).
- i. New Membership – Open - still open
  - j. Public Relations – Multiple – Per Jerry, IONAZ has extended our contract one more month for missing our March ad which includes a ¼ page ad.
  - k. Scholarship Fund – Michael Gaffney – 3 applications will be awarded scholarships this year at Coronation. After a discussion with Darrell, we will also donate \$1,500 to the Jose Julio Sarria Scholarship Fund set up by the International Court Council.

◆ **New Business:**

- a. Call for nominations for:
  - i. Vice President 2 year term odd years – nominees thus far: Michael Gaffney and Allen White
  - ii. Treasurer 2 year term odd years – nominees thus far: Craig Van Deen (No) Chris Skalicky and Kenneth Anthony (motion Kenneth 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Schenberg)
  - iii. Secretary complete this term: nominees Jim Pence (motion Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle) & Seejay Moser (motion Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen)
  - iv. At Large Board Position #1 – 2 year term – nominees thus far: Sam Garner
  - v. At Large Board Position #2 – 2 year term – don't see any nominees
  - vi. Parliament – Parliament Rep – Eddie George  
Alternate Rep – Tom Bledsoe
  - vii. Additional New Business brought forward
    - ALBAC Calendar for 2015 called “Woof”. If you want a specific date on the calendar, i.e.: birthday, anniversary, etc they are \$2.00 per day. Months run Top: \$200.00 then below calendar banner ad \$100.00. Motion by Allen White with second by Jim Pence that the Court expends \$300.00 for the Calendar for May 2015. Passed and check written. Bill Mitchell also gave them

\$6.00 to put Coronation 10 on the first weekend of May 2015.  
This will be our 10 Year Anniversary.

- Cris Cringle called to ask when it would be a good time for Mille to return Miss Ebony's Crowns to the Court. It was suggested that she could come to the In-Town Honors Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> and bring them along. Michael will call Cris to set this up and to ask that Mille also look through papers for Reign II of the Imperial Court de Phoenix, Rockin' Robin mentioned that Miss Ebony had paperwork from then.

◆ **Old Business:**

a. Coronation 2014 – Eric Buckmaster (Lady Christian)

- Program – done, as of today monies match what has been submitted. If there are any others they need to be to Eric before April 15 when the program is sent to be printed.
- Pins – have arrived and look great – made at Condor Creations who have now moved to Simi Valley, CA from Texas
- Plaques – have been ordered and need to be paid for. Eric will get with the Treasurer for a check.
- Hospitality: Kenneth – have received donations from Charlies, and the Rock. The Rock has donated most everything but will accept donations from other bars. Letters going to Bunkhouse and Stacey's to ask for their assistance. Michael asked Pride about soda cases that were opened to see if they would donate the mixers.
- Food: Friday Afternoon – Castle Littlemore, Friday after Bus – Arizona Men of Leather and Phoenix Boys of Leather, Saturday afternoon – still working on, Saturday after Coronation – ALBAC. Breakfast will not be served this year since the hotel has a great breakfast to offer the guests.
- Volunteers: for bartending and helping the organizations to bring food to roof. Kenneth will send out email with times needed. LC also stated that this is our time to work and host, so if he sees someone from our Court and knows of something that needs done, he will strongly urge them to help out.
- Set – going smoothly
- Welcome Packets - Vanilla has put together and will list things about the bus tour and what each bar has to offer so guests can decide where they want to go.
- Bus Tour – This year it is called the Melrose Experience. The bus will leave the hotel and stop at the following bars: The Rock, Stacey's, Bunkhouse and Charlies making a continuous loop and back to the hotel each time.

- Ticket Sales – Friday and Saturday from 11-1 on 5<sup>th</sup> floor before going out to the roof. Tickets will also be sold prior to the events. (Chris and Sam)
  - Protocol – Friday and Saturday from 11-1 on 5<sup>th</sup> floor before going out to the roof. (Ray and Gary)
  - Hotel – Room block closes on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Pool on roof will not be operational but the outdoor pool will be heated.
  - Opening Production Number – Rehearsal schedule will be up on Friday of Coronation and the rehearsal will be on Saturday, anyone that wants to help with opening number is welcome.
  - Victory Show and Party – At The Rock Party hosted by Dallas at 3:00? and The Rock has provided everything needed. Show to be hosted by Tyra Marie at 6:00?
- b. Pride Beverage Program – Tom B pride beverage went very well this year we hit our maximum of 6,250 beverage tickets and made over \$1,100 in tips from beverage and soda/water. Our check will be awarded at the Pride Gala in June and it will be decided prior who will be representing the Court.
- c. Additional Old Business brought forward
- In-Town Honors – This will be this coming Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Zorf’s. A menu was sent out during the meeting and the cost is \$10.00 which includes your dinner and tip, beverage is additional. Kenny is looking forward to us being there.
  - Voting – it was brought up by Kyle that if people are voting on their laptops, smart phones, etc at the bars that we would see the same IP address. Richard Davis (accountant) will be looking at these. The website is ready to go for voting per Darrell with the help of Marcus. Thank you to Marcus for all of your help with the website.
- ◆ **Upcoming ISEA Events:**
- In-Town Honors – Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at Zorf’s 6:00pm
  - Court Appreciation – Easter Show /High Heels and Higher Hats Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> 3-6 at Apollo’s hosted by Savannah Stevens
  - Coronation May 2-4 Wyndham Phoenix Hotel
  - Southern Style Sunday Brunch & Show “A Tribute to Mothers” Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Zorf’s –Brunch 11-2 \$15.00 Show: 3-6 benefits the SOCO Spanish Orchid Legend of the Phoenix Burial Fund.

◆ **Upcoming Coronations:**

- **April** – 19<sup>th</sup> Calgary AB, 26<sup>th</sup> - Denver CO , Corpus Christi, TX, Orange County, CA & Providence, RI
- **May** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Arizona & Sacramento, CA, 10<sup>th</sup> - Vancouver, WA, 17<sup>th</sup> – Fresno, CA & Surrey BC, 24<sup>th</sup> – Buffalo, NY, San Antonio, TX & Salt Lake City, UT (ICC Meeting)

◆ **Upcoming Community Events:**

- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Bearlesque at Bunkhouse at 9:00pm
- Nearly Naked Theatre – Porno Zombies from now until May 10 at the Little Theatre
- April 26<sup>th</sup> at Exposed Gallery Greg Edelman has given us a table to promote the Court this runs from 11-3 then Electo demo at 3ish
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Best Chest Contest at Anvil 9:00pm
- May 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm and May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Yard Sale by MCC Phoenix located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Glendale. Parking lot of the Beatitudes.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Phoenix Leather send off – TBD
- Sept 18-21 – SW Daddy Bear & Cub Contest (see Robert Schenberg for information)

◆ **Community Forum:** We do what we do because it matters – we received a thank you note from Destiny, age 4 for donations for Logan’s Playground

◆ **Storage:** If you have anything in your possession that belongs to the Court please have it marked and given back to Michael to put in storage.

◆ **Keep the following in your Prayers:**

- **Vanilla went home for her brothers funeral**
- **Michael going home for his mothers funeral**
- **Robert Tencate (Paula Sha Empress VII) is in the hospital**

◆ **Adjournment** At 2:22pm Motion by Chris second by Tom

**Next Meeting May 18, 2014 Board at 1:00 Once Voice Community Center**