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ICIA's New Newsletter

The ICIA will be producing a newsletter every other month to share Upcoming ICIA and Community Events, Interesting Information, and Other Fun Content.

A Letter from the President

For thirty years we have described the Court System as a game, where we play similar to the great courts of Europe. However like any game we have rules, it keeps the game fair and consistent. So please take some time and read our By-laws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Both of these documents are available on our website (ImperialCourtoflowa.org). These will show you why we do what we do, and hopefully help you understand us more. If you have any questions about what you read, ask a Board Member, if we don't have the answers off the top of our heads we can find it.

As the Imperial Court of Iowa journeys into it's third decade we continue to grow and change, as do all chapters of the International Imperial Court System. The Court System started in San Francisco in 1964. Similar to the world around us the Court System must continue to grow. So join us and add your touch to our growth.

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Meet the Empresses:



Juanita Voltaire DuFlagan Riverz Co-Reigning Empress 30 of ICIA

Juanita has been involved with the Imperial Court of Iowa since the beginning of Reign 26. Over the last 4 reigns she has been elevated from Princess to Imperial Princess 26, Princess Royal 27 & 28 and now Empress 30. During Reign 29 she served as Vice-President of the Board of Directors. Juanita didn't know 4 years ago what all she was getting herself into but caught the Community Fundraising bug out the gate.

Prior to being involved with ICIA Juanita is a founding member of the Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus and has served on the Board of Directors of The Downtown Chamber for the last 8 years.

Her main mission during Reign 30 is to connect the various facets of the LGBTQ+ community to assist in any way we can in the community that is all of Iowa, albeit fundraising, support, or stronger connections.

Throughout it's 30 year history ICIA has been forefront in raising money for those living with HIV and so that is why CAAP in Eastern Iowa was selected as one of our Reign Charities. We also want to look to the future of our community and invest in the next generation, this is why Iowa Youth Homeless Shelter, the Guardian Angel and the Yazmine DeMorney Scholarships have been selected to also be Reign Charities.

We have always lived in uncertain times and now seems to be heightened with the legislation out there trying to create inequality for portions of our community. We will always be stronger together and for that we want to celebrate what uniquely makes you, you. We want to band together for if there is a portion of our overall community that is at a disadvantage then we are all at a disadvantage.



<u> Alexandra St. James Co-Reigning Empress 30 of ICIA</u>

I would like to say hello and introduce myself (AGAIN). I am Alexandra St. James and I currently serving as one of the Empresses of Iowa for Reign 30. A little bit about myself I joined the ICS in 2003. I was a member of the Imperial Windy City Court of the Prairie State Empire (Chicago) until I moved to Des Moines (2014). While living in Chicago I served on the Board Of Directors, I was Empress for reigns 3,7,8 as well as Queen Mother to the court. I spent all those years supporting the Imperial Court of Iowa as I have a long standing herstory here as well. Upon moving to Des Moines I immersed myself in various aspects of the community. I am Ms. Iowa Leather (2017) and have received many awards from the community for being an advocate for Transgender Right and Health. I love my day job as a PreK Teacher and I am an avid baker. I would like to thank the members of the Imperial Court of Iowa for voting for me and believing in me and allowing me to reign and showcase my abilities.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ICON's Adulting Sucks Show
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 ICON's E & E Ball
15 Stomping Out Stigma Show	16	17	18	19	20 Bringing Light & Love Show	21 ICON's 1950's Prom
22	23	24	25	26	27 ICON's 70's Disco Party	28
29 January BOD Meeting	30	31				

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February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 ICOM Coronation Weekend	6	7	8	9	10	11 ICON's Birthday Bash & RISE for Colorado Springs
12 February BOD Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18 ICON's SnoBall
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ICON's Z&Z Soiree
26	27	28				

Click on Hyperlinks for more information.





SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

STARTING AT 3:00PM

EMCEE: LILI WHITE HOSTED BY: REGGIE KNIGHT CONTACT REGGIE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS

FEATURING:

ALEXANDRA ST. JAMES JUANITA VOLTAIRE **DUFLAGAN RIVERZ** AS EMPRESSES OF ALL IOWA, REIGN 30

KOLE MONROE EVA ROSE KRYSTAL FROST-CAVALIER **CHANCE MICHAELS-FROST** MILES LONG MICHAELS **SERENA STRONG** & REGGIE KNIGHT



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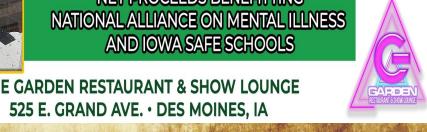
















FRIDAY, JANUARY 2014 STARTING AT 8:00 PM





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United Court of the Pike Peaks Empire for
Those Affected by the
Tragedy in Colorado Springs



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Click on Pictures above for the Google Meets links in case you can't make the meeting in person.

Reign 30

Board Minutes 11-11-2022

Call to order at 12:12 pm

Motion to approve the minutes

Motion made by Eric D-P

2nd by Jake M

Motioned carried- all votes yes

Motion to approve the agenda

Motion made by Eric D-P

2nd by Jake M

Motion carried- all votes yes

File reports

President

Investiture went well all board members attended the event

Some glitches, due to new board member learning and have been fixed.

Communications to the bars will be coming for the President, Monarchs, or State functions.

Meeting with the Saddle went well

Will be doing show/liquor bust once per quarter.

Closed Sessions

Information in these sessions is to be between the 7 boards members and not to be discussed with anyone else.

Do not talk about court business in the bars.

VP handles Sop and By law updated

Treasurer handles the money

State functions handles- PR Ball, Monarch Ball, BOD Ball, Investiture

Secretary is the head of membership

Vice-President

Congrats on a great Investiture

Secretary

41 members as of 11-11-2022

Nothing else to report.

Treasurer

\$311.00 raised at investiture

Matt M

Square is not working-looking from a new P.O.S System

Locked out of PayPal-looking into setting up a new account

Accountant is asking for tax information

Email name tag information to the treasurer so they can be ordered

Make sure that all transactions have a reason noted.

Motion to change the event accounting form

Eric D-P brought the motion

Jake M 2nd the motion

Eric- D-P abstained from the vote

All other voted yes

State Functions

Four out of state guests at investiture

Greg R. going to check with Confront Inn for quotes for Coronation

Suggested that contacting hotels and speaking with sales and follow up with the RFP

Motion to approve RPF by Wyatt R

Seconded by Teddy G

All voted yes

James D-P to look up pricing to purchase Pipe and draping.

Monarch

Juanita

Excellent event (investiture)

\$1600.00 raised over the weekend from the three event that happened for the community.

Investiture

Bear Varity show

Monica Knight benefit show

Saddle

2/26/2023 Founders Day- liquor bust and show

In the main bar show will be from 4pm to 6pm.

Bingo 3/25/2023

These are the only events scheduled at the Saddle until May/2023.

Garden

Shows will be the 3rd Friday of the month beginning in January.

Monarch ball 4/15/2023- A Mad Hatters Tea Party

Andrew M will let us know when we are able to start having event at Kings and Queens

Meeting with Saddle

Power dynamic switched from this meeting

Open talks with the Garden, the Mynx, Kings and Queens, Basix, and Studio 13 to have events

Will see the line taking part in more events that are not court events to assist in raising money for the community.

Lexi

Lexi and Cage looking to state a grant program for trans community

Greg R advised that the court can give funds to a non 501C3 but the donations are not tax deductible

POC and Trans members of the community are seeing a monarch that looks like them for the first time.

Asked for all members to be Kind and caring

Working with Matt M. to get info to set up a Trans talk- also working with Miss Iowa Leather- looking to have event sometime in spring 2023.

Going to Chicago Coronation

Matt W

Eric D-P

Wyatt R

Jake M

James D-P

When at Dallas Coordination concerns brought to attention of our Monarchs of things that happened on Iowa Coronation.

Bullying

Inside jokes may seem to be bullying to those that aren't in on the joke.

Racist comments made by guests.

Even made as a joke, not ok.

If one person tells us they were uncomfortable then there were nine that didn't say anything to us, and many people may not be returning to Iowa

Part of the monarch's platform is accountability.

Make an announcement at the beginning of each set about fan clacking. Look at getting consent bands for the coronation.

James D-P will purchase the bands for the court

New Business

Teddy G

Submitting a grievance to the Chicago court again the Queen Mother of IL for comments made in Facebook while she was in route to Dallas for coronation.

Motion from Teddy G. to issue a moratorium on the Queen Mother of IL from entering the realm for Reign 30.

Cage M 2nd

All voted yes

Greg R motioned to move the victory party to the Garden

Cage M 2nd

All voted yes

Matt M to dj the party.

Next meeting on December 11th at the Saddle.

Motion to adjourn.

All yes.

ICIA Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 2022

Call to Order at 12:07pm- at the Blazing Saddle

Attendance

Greg R

Cage M

Wyatt R

Jake M

Eric D-P

James D-P

Steve M

Kyle S

Joe H- online

Chris C- Online

Matt M- online

Robert L- absent unexcused

Teddy G- absent excused

Approve the minutes

Cage moved

Wyatt Second

All ayes.

Approve the agenda

Cage moved

Jake Second

All aves

File Repots

President

Chicago letter has been sent and Herman has given copies to their board and D'vita.

Vise President

Asked for last years edited SOP and By Laws be sent to him

There are some spacing issues in the current SOP and By Laws- Matt M to fix.

Secretary

Nothing to report

Treasurer

Absent (unexcused)

Matt M will be changing the phone number on the Venmo account to Greg R's number.

Monarchs

Teddy G absent (excused)

Wyatt R

Fund raising

12/17/22 Andrew M is having a show in Waterloo- neither monarch will be in attendance.

The benefit show for Romeo raised \$1800- non-court show.

Reggie will be hosting a show on January 15, 2023

Iowa Safe Schools

Mental Health

January 20, 2022, monthly Garden Show

Club Q

Wyatt made motion to not withhold the 25% admin fees

Cage seconded

All ayes

Jake

Greg

Eric

Wyatt

Cage

Jean Marie and Rory will be hosting a show in February

Not sure of the date during the meeting

February 26, 2023

1st liquor bust and show at the Blazing Saddle 2pm – 6pm

Will also be Founder's Day celebration

Show will be in the main bar and spotify will be used for the music.

Travel

Wyatt to E&E ball in NE on January 14, 2022

Teddy planning to attend coronation in San Francisco.

State function

REPs will be creating a spreadsheet- will eliminate the most cost-

ly

Not getting responses from 3rd party venues

Received bid from Voliday Inn on Mearl Hay road

Waiting to receive non-profit pricing from the Scottish Right

Hampton Ira lowered rates \$129 double

\$139 king

Free meeting room

Free parking

Minyx

Matt M does not believe that the space is large enough for coronation.

May need to move coronation to the end of the last weekend of September.

Motion to approve file reports

Cage Motioned

Wyatt seconded

Ayes

Jake

Greg

Eric

Cage

Wyatt

Auxiliary Reports

Web Master

All emails have been updated

Joe

Gmail conversion has been completed there is an admin email that needs to be assigned can't be someone that is assigned to another address

Need to decide who will be the admin.

Need to have more than one log in and password for web maint.

New Business

Kyle invested

Family line Zoom meeting 12/12 @ 7:30pm

Pipe and drape costs

\$485.00 with drape

\$315.00 without drape

Next meetings

January 29, 2023, at the Garden

February 12, 2023, at the Saddle

Adjourn at 1:01pm

December BOD Meeting Minutes are a Draft ONLY. The meeting minutes will be voted on at the January Meeting.



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2023 Black History Theme Executive Summary: Black Resistance

African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores. These efforts have been to advocate for a dignified self-determined life in a just democratic society in the United States and beyond the United States political jurisdiction. The 1950s and 1970s in the United States was defined by actions such as sit-ins, boycotts, walk outs, strikes by Black people and white allies in the fight for justice against discrimination in all sectors of society from employment to education to housing. Black people have had to consistently push the United States to live up to its ideals of freedom, liberty, and justice for all. Systematic oppression has sought to negate much of the dreams of our griots, like Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston, and our free-



dom fighters, like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Septima Clark, and Fannie Lou Hamer fought to realize. Black people have sought ways to nurture and protect Black lives, and for autonomy of their physical and intellectual bodies through armed resistance, voluntary emigration, nonviolence, education, literature, sports, media, and legislation/politics. Black led institutions and affiliations have lobbied, litigated, legislated, protested, and achieved success.

In an effort to live, and maintain and protect economic success Black people have organized/planned violent insurrections against those who enslaved them, such as in Haiti., and armed themselves against murderous white mobs as seen in Memphis, TN (1892). Rosewood, FL (1923), and New Orleans, LA (1900). Additionally, some Black people thought that the best way to resist was to self-liberate as seen by the actions those who left the plantation system, of Henry Adams and Benjamin "Pap" Singleton, when they led a mass exodus westward in 1879 and Bishop Henry McNeal Turner of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who organized emigration to Liberia.

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Black faith institutions were spaces where Black communities met to organize resistance efforts, inspired folk to participate in the movements, and offered sanctuary during times of crisis. To promote awareness of the myriad of issues and activities media outlets were developed including radio shows, podcasts, newspapers (i.e. Chicago Defender, Chicago Bee, the Afro, The California Eagle, Omaha Star, the Crisis, etc.). Ida B. Wells used publications to contest the scourge of lynching. These outlets were pivotal in sharing the successes and challenges of resistance movements.

Cultural centers such as libraries including George Cleveland Hall Library (Chicago, IL), Dart Hall (Charleston, SC) and social, literary, and cultural clubs, such as Jack and Jill, Phillis Wheatley Literary Societies, fraternal and sororal orders, associations (i.e. Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, National Association of Colored Women, etc.) worked to support the intellectual development of communities to collect and preserve Black stories, sponsor Black history and literature events, and were active in the quest for civil, social, and human rights.

Black medical professionals worked with others to establish nursing schools, hospitals, and clinics in order to provide spaces for Black people to get quality health care, which they often did (and do not) receive at mainstream medical institutions. For economic and financial independence businesses, such as Binga Bank, Johnson Publishing Company, Parker House Sausage Company, Soft and Sheen, etc., were developed to keep funds within the community. In order to resist inequality and to advocate for themselves Black men and women formed labor unions based on trades and occupations, some examples, include the Colored National Labor Union, Colored Musicians Club, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, and Negro American Labor Council.

Education, whether in elementary, secondary, or higher education institutions have been seen as a way for Black people and communities to resist the narrative that Black people are intellectually inferior. When Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week (NHW) in 1926, he saw it as a way

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to provide a space and resources to critically educate students about their history. The grassroots network of Black teachers used this week not only to lionize individuals and narratives, but also to teach students about racial progress, and as well as shared and collective responsibility. They developed assignments and curriculum to provide students with the tools to succeed. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), were developed by Northern white philanthropists, but they emerged as a space for the formation of activists, artists, business owners, educators, etc. and their continued operation have stood as testament to Black investment and creative thinking in the face of the changing landscape of higher education. Furthermore, students at HBCUs were at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement, Black Power Movements, and social justice movements from the nineteenth to twenty-first centuries.

African American spirituals, gospel, folk music, hip-hop, and rap have been used to express struggle, hope, and for solidarity in the face of racial oppression. Music has been used to illustrate societal issues including white and state sanctioned violence (i.e. Billie Holiday's Strange Fruit), sexual politics (i.e. Salt-N-Pepa's Let's Talk About Sex), as motivation, for strength against harassment, and to experience freedom. The Black artists, writers, photographers, and musicians who participated in the Black Arts Movement, the Harlem Renaissance, and the Chicago Black Renaissance were the soundtrack and the visual representation of resistance movements. These individuals created art that supported the resistance movements, but also provided a space for Black people to express love and joy. Creatives used poetry, fiction, short stories, plays, films, and television to counter stereotypes and to imagine a present and future with Black people in it.

Sports are a world pastime, and it both brings people together and separates them. Black athletes have used sports as a way to advocate for social issues and for political agendas. Serena Williams, Flo Jo, Jesse Owens, Tommie Smith, John Carlos, Jackie Robinson, Colin Kaepernick, Simone Biles, and many others have used their public forum to bring awareness to issues that affect society as they resisted the idea that they cannot or should not speak about political, cultural, or social issues. Black athletic activists have often suffered personal and economic consequences due to their stances, speech, and actions, but to them it has been worth it to see changes.

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Historically and today in the 21st century, Black people have worked the political angle to seek their rightful space in the country. Where race is concerned, legislative or judicial action to deal with controversial issues has often come late. The historic Executive Orders 8802 and 9346 were responses to A. Phillip Randolph and the all-Black March on Washington Movement's threat to lead a 50,000-strong Black worker's march into Washington, D.C. And all three of the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act were concessions to the Civil Rights and Black Power movements. Every advance, improvement in our quality of life and access to the levers of power to determine our destiny has been achieved through struggle. John Lewis advised, "Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

Lewis' advice is true not just for the 21st century, but also during the antebellum period, as seen in the narratives of the enslaved, such as Frederick Douglass and Harriet Jacobs, to testimonials about lynchings and ongoing police violence against African Americans. With the murders of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Breonna Taylor, and thousands of other Black women, men, and trans people there are new movements (i.e. #Sayhername) and organizations (i.e. Black Lives Matter) that are pushing for the justice system to investigate police involved shootings and white supremacist vigilantes. Nearly 179 years ago, the Rev. Henry Highland Garnett proposed that the only path to freedom. justice, and equality; self-determination; and/or social transformation is resistance. In thunder tones, Garnett shouted, "Let your motto be resistance! resistance! RE-SISTANCE!

By resisting, Black people have achieved triumphs, successes, and progress as seen in the end of chattel slavery, dismantling of Jim and Jane Crow segregation in the South, increased political representation at all levels of government, desegregation of educational institutions, the passage

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of Civil Rights Act of 1964, the opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History in DC and increased and diverse representation of Black experiences in media. Black resistance strategies have served as a model for every other social movement in the country, thus, the legacy and importance of these actions cannot be understated.

As societal and political forces escalate to limit access to and exercise of the ballot, eliminate the teaching of Black history, and work to push us back into the 7890s, we can only rely on our capacity to resist. The enactment of HR 40, the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, the Breathe Act, and the closure of the racial wealth gap is not the end. They too will require us to mobilize our resources, human and material, and fight for "freedom, justice, and equality"; "self-determination", and/or "social transformation".

This is a call to everyone, inside and outside the academy, to study the history of Black Americans' responses to establish safe spaces, where Black life can be sustained, fortified, and respected.

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