Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of Reign XLVIII. First off, I’d like to congratulate the reign as they are off and running with functions, fund raising and traveling! Job well done!

Your ICRME Board of Directors are also staying quite busy. Here are a few updates that we are quite excited to share with you all:

**New website coming soon**
We have been working with Flipcause and will be rolling out a new website working with this new partnership by the end of August 2021. Flipcause is an all-in-one, fully integrated suite of fundraising and donor management tools and support that allows resource-strapped nonprofits to focus on what matters most: their cause. For us, that means wonderful support in creating our fundraising campaigns via this new website, improved membership features and from a financial perspective a much more streamlined process for fundraising and donations. This partnership with Flipcause and ICRME is hugely overdue and we will see positive outcomes for us as well as more offerings from Flipcause in the years to come.

**Coronation XLIX**
At our August 4 board meeting the board reviewed and approved our hotel agreement for Coronation XLIX. We are excited to announce we will be returning to the Renaissance Hotel over Easter Weekend, April 15-17, 2022. We will be adding updates and more information to the website in the coming weeks.

**Annual Board of Directors Decades Show**
Save the date! The event is booked at Vybe on September 25, 2021, and will feature Reigns 8, 18, 28, 38 and of course 48. Thank you to Empress and Heir Stephanie Paul for getting the venue and date secured. We are now also accepting applications for the $1000 White Rose Scholarship that we will award at this annual event. Please email any board member for an application.

Please stay informed of upcoming events including Coronation via the ICRME website: http://www.icrmedenver.org/. This newsletter will be posted there as well as monthly ICRME board meeting minutes.

Until next time,

Sydney Andrews
President,
ICRME Board of Directors
Hello Everyone! Its been 4 months since I stepped up as Empress 48 of the Imperial Court of The Rocky Mountain Empire. It has been a great 4 months with restrictions lifting up slowly for covid; I was able to travel to Salt Lake City for Coronation weekend. Made extra special to see ICRME Empress 25 Kir Royale step up as Empress 46 of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire! I met a lot of new faces and I was lucky enough to celebrate the new monarchs elevating up. Omaha Nebraska Coronation weekend was a blast too. Being Empress is not always about traveling. We have done a lot of work here in Denver raising funds for other charities like, vivent health, the center on Colfax, Servicos de laRaza, Colorado health network just to name a few. We could not have done it without our establishments here in Denver. I am really proud of the new connections we are making. Lucid bar has allowed us to do 1 show a month there and so grateful. We cannot forget Vybe and Denver Sweet for all the beer busts and events they allow us to host there, not to mention the evening shows, and bingo. I am excited to showcase my line of succession on 8/28/21 at the vintage theater! For this event I am raising funds for Navajo water project. Stick around we have a lot of fun ahead of us as we continue to help those in so much need!

Cierra Mota LeCher

Empress 48

Cierra Mota LeCher

Presents

Touch of Class

August 28, 2021

Vintage Theatre

Social Hour 5PM
Showcase 6-9PM

$14 Premium Seating
$10 Standing Room

Benefiting

The Navajo Water Project

Presenting The Empress 48 Line Of Succession & The ICRME Crystal College Of Empresses
Emperor 48 Jio

It seems that it was only yesterday when I was planning to run and campaign for Emperor 48 of the Imperial Court of The Rocky Mountain Empire.

Covid and the pandemic brought many uncertainties in our everyday lives. We (my campaign team and I) truly had to get creative when campaigning and I guess that would be part of my legacy. Yes, I did not get the big announcement party I would have liked, but instead I got not only one, but two very intimate social distanced parties hosted at my 30th anniversary monarch, Gregg Looker. My candidate function was not different, I met with my home bar (Sweet) several times leading up to the event to make sure we met all the CDC guidelines. I’m proud to say that we held if not the ONLY at least the first hybrid show that consisted of live and video performances. A lot of work and planning went into these events. I don’t consider myself a role model by all means, but as someone who is campaigning to be a leader within the community I needed to make sure I would lead by example.

The third weekend of April was sure a busy one. I stepped down as Prince 46 Friday night and got crowned Emperor 48 Saturday night. Looking back at all these events today makes it hard to believe that we are just about 4 months into our Reign, that’s a little more of a quarter of the way down.

The “world opened back up” without a warning because it was all based on numbers and expectations, we were expecting a June opening for in person fundraising to start back up at full capacity, but ended up being mid May.

We invested our line of succession on the 15th of May and we were put to work right away. We held our first Beer Bust at Denver Sweet on Memorial Day weekend and sadly I wasn’t able to be at since it was the weekend of Salt Lake City coronation, but the line of succession with the Guidance of Prince 48 Roger, knocked it out of the park! We have held several successful beer busts at Denver Sweet, #Vybe, Triangle and several equally successful drag show events up to date.

We kicked off Pride weekend with a booth at the Pride Liberation event held at Cheesman park where we talked to several member of the community of all ages. We were present at the virtual parade thanks to the help and video skills of our King Father Johnny Romero and Queen Mother Alexander Sexton.

Aside from the four out of town Coronations (Salt Lake, Kentucky, Boise, Austin) I have attended and the two awards I have received, one of the most memorable events has been the Emperor’s Imperial Order show. I got to see the talent and enthusiasm every single one of my line members has and they really showcased on stage what they are capable off. I’m truly proud of them cause they inspire me continue and to be a better Emperor at each event.

I’m more than excited to see what we accomplished the next three months. Our line members are starting to book events on their own and have many event ideas they want to do individually and with their line partners. Also we are looking forward to my Empresses Cierra Mota LeCher’s Touch of Class show and see what they have in store for us.

It breaks my heart to think that the next time you read this we will be half way through our reign, but at the same time it’s enough motivation to keep going cause the end will be here sooner than later.

See you all out on the battlefield.

With love, respect and in service,
Emperor XXLVIII
Jio

Photos
The Legendary Crystal Court of Love and Teamwork

In New Excitement

The Electric Blue Minotaur
Guardian of Xanadu
Prince Royale 48 Roger Conejo

The Dionysian Songbird
Princess of Dance Laughter and Seduction, Princess Royale 48 Lani Lecher

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Prince Royale 48 Roger Conejo

ICRME Gets Its Rodeo On!
The weekend of July 10th the Rocky Mountain Regional Gay Rodeo was held after a 2-year hiatus. This year’s Rodeo celebrated 40 years of CGRA. This marked the Gay Rodeo Circuits first public event since the pandemic hit. People came from all over the country to enjoy what Colorado had to offer. ICRME volunteered serving adult beverages, soda and water to the Rodeo’s quests, Empress 47 Star Kirkland along with Prince Royale 48 Roger Conejo and ICRME Board Treasure Leon helped to organize the volunteers for the Friday Night Check in and Saturday Rodeo Events. ICRME Board Member Jackie O held a Western Hat Auction to raise money for both ICRME and CGRA. Sunday members of the 47th and 48th reign performed for the attendees to great applause. It was a fun time for all as both ICRME and CGRA came together to make sure everyone had a splendid time.

PR Picnic Returns

After a long, long, long pause in events for the ICRME the PR Picnic returned with a bang. Held again in Cheesman Park it was a fun time filled with games, food, and community. Prince Royale 48 Roger Conejo and Princess Royale 48 Lani Lecher brought all the fun together with help from past Monarchs, Collage of Cardinal Members, Past PRs, and 48 Family members. It truly was truly a work of love and tradition. Games were once again provided by the Glitter Goddesses (DCS) With a few differences from before it continued the tradition of service to the community and ushered in a return to public events.

Princess Royale 48 Lani LeCher

Lani has had a fun and experience as Princess Royale. She has traveled to coronation out of state to Nebraska and Salt Lake City as well as performed at and sat on the Dias for PR Ball in our daughter court in Colorado Springs. She and her Prince Royale hosted a successful PR picnic. Whether it’s performing at our shows, pouring/hosting at a beer bust or coordinating the family to run the pride 5k, Lani has been present and enthusiastic about this reign. Please join her October 15th for Lani’s Princess Tea Party.
Moments in 48
The Legendary Crystal Court of Love and Teamwork in New Excitement

48th Imperial Family

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August 2021
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Passing of Empress 27 Twyla Westheimer

Come join us as we celebrate the life of Empress 27, Twyla Westheimer
Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 4pm
Lil’ Devils, 255 South Broadway,
Denver, Colorado 80209
Board of Directors

Sydney Andrews, President
Empress 23

Roger Cornejo
Prince Royale 48

Marnee Padilla
Member at Large

Anna Rexik, Vice President
Princess Royale 47

Lani LeCher
Princess Royale 48

Sarah Phelps
Member at Large

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College of Monarchs Representative
Emperor 18

Leon F
Court Treasurer, College of Cardinal
Member at Large

Bryan Monroe
College of Cardinals Representative
Prince Royale 43

Board of Directors 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule (subject to change)
September 22
October 27
December 8
January 26
March 9
April 13

Location PorchLight Real Estate Group,
838 Broadway in Denver, 6pm-9pm
Email info@icrmedenver.org for agenda items.

Richard Siemers, Corporate Secretary
Member at Large

Jaime Brown (Jio)
Emperor 48

Bryan Monroe
College of Cardinals Representative
Prince Royale 43

Jackie O'
Member at Large, God Mother 48
Prince Royale 43

Sarah Phelps
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This newsletter is produced by Empress 23 Sydney Andrews, Queen Mother 48 Prince Royale 37 Alexander Sexton, and King Father 48 Emperor 35 Johnny Romero

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The Decades Show

HOSTED BY REIGNS 8, 18, 28, 38 AND 48

DATE - SEPTEMBER 25TH 2021
LOCATION - #VYBE - 1027 N BROADWAY, CO, 80203
COVER - SUGGESTED $5.00 DONATION
SHOW STARTS - 7PM

BENEFITING WHITE ROSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Imperial Press
The Eighth Reign
The Court of the Seraph and the Moon

Emperor VIII
The Stallion Emperor
Jim Ash
Empress VIII
The Seraph Empress
Annie Brenman-West

The eighth reign brought about some changes to the court, and the city chose as their agents of change Emperor and Empress VIII, Jim Ash and Annie Brenman-West. As the Gay Communities’ premier news periodical, OUTFRONT said, Pert and pretty Empress Annie, the first woman to hold the coveted title in the Imperial Court, distinguishes her office with style and dignity and by making decisions that reflect common sense. Emperor Jim brought a new direction and flash for the male side of the monarchy. No Emperor in Denver, before or since, has displayed his individuality with as much pizzazz and flamboyance as did the eighth Emperor. Under the eighth Reign, a new governing body took shape in the formation of a twelve member Advisory Council. Out of this council came the requirement of function accountability with report sheets to be filled out and turned in after each function held by a court member. The Courts by-laws, were examined and updated in depth. Court members’ attendance at Court functions was tracked for purposes of gauging Court involvement.

During the eighth Reign, the Empresss Touch of Class show became a Gay Pride Event. Jim and Annie were the first monarchs to have a non-gay publication cover their Coronation (Rocky Mountain Business Journal, Mar. 31, 1982, Issue). The energy of the eighth reign was evident in their major functions. The PR Ball was really a dinner and show, held at the Fuji En. It carried the theme of Sayonara. Snowball was a Christmas Affair & Carnival, with a magic show and organizational booths held at Rossis Catering Hall. The King of Hearts ball went sports-minded, with Campaign Kick-Off, a football inspired theme also held at Rossis.

The energy and electricity of the monarchs was further upheld by their lines of succession. For Annie, Princess Royale was Janelle Neiman; Queen Mother (for life) Pearl DeVere; Czarina, Brandy Dennison; Marquessa, Jay Sutherland. For Jim, the Prince Royale was Hal Reidemann; King Father (for life), Ron Heath; Grand Duke, Chuck Fugita; Czar, Chuck Bates; and Marquis, Steve Anger. Brandy Dennison was made the Imperial Butterfly Princess for Life by Annie, while Jim gave his permanent title to Missy of L.A. as Empress of Empresses for Life.

Amid one of the most spectacular sets Denver has ever had, Egypt Pharaohs in Time at the Denver Radisson, the eighth Reign went to glory and the ninth Reign began its journey.

Empress VIII, Annie Brenman-West, is the only member of the Eighth Reign who has remained actively involved with ICRME. Besides coordinating many Coronations and putting together numerous programs and selling advertising for them, her focus has been working with the White Rose Scholarship Committee. Annie was the first empress to have a college degree when she was empress and is fully committed to encouraging every one to continue their education beyond high school.

Education is the most important investment we can make in ourselves for the future. An education beyond high school can leverage someone’s earning potential by more than a million dollars in their lifetime. Any help that we, the White Rose Scholarship Committee, can do will impact the future of whom ever we help.

During the 20th Anniversary of the Eighth Reign, Annie helped to establish the Cressy-West Endowment Fund, by contributing $2,000.00 as seed money. She worked tirelessly to find a professional, non-profit money manager to place the funds with. The Giving First organization not only manages our funds, but they work with ICRME/WRSF to grow the funds. It is our hope to draw money off the fund for scholarships soon. And it happened!
Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire & the Board of Directors Present

Día de los Muertos, a celebration of life

Coronation 49
April 15-17th, 2022

Save The Dates!

Join Their Most Imperial Majesties

HMIM Emperor XLVIII JIO
HMIM Empress XLVIII Cierra Mota LeCher

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