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Welcome by His Most Imperial Majesty

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Greetings of White Light & Love to All,
Welcome to Edition Three of the 49th Reign Newsletter: King Of Hearts 49

This year's theme comes from the very first time I met Nina Montaldo. I was a 22-year-old kid absolutely fascinated by the words Nina was using. He was sitting on a bed, wearing chuck taylor's, rocking his feet back and forth...he took the time to spend time with me. I learned about the language my Queer Elders had to create in order to communicate with each other without persecution. I went home and dove all the way into Queer history and found the Documentary 'The Queen' from 1968. I was blown away to see Queer Elders communicating with words and phrases that Nina used with me weeks before. It made me realize how resilient and strong my Queer Elders are to ensure our Queer community survived a world that made no safe space for us. Our Queer community is a beautiful culture of fighters. The saying "Are you a friend of Dorothy?" is a term that came from the wonderful Dorothy Parker, an eccentric and witty writer, socialite, and political activist from the early part of the 20th century. Married to an openly bisexual man who called himself "queer as a billy goat," the pair wrote and entertained in New York and Hollywood until Parker was blacklisted as a Communist during the McCarthy era for her Civil Rights push. She welcomed many queer people into her

circles, and on her death, left her estate to Martin Luter King Jr. A true Legend. The most likely candidate for whom the term originates from, though, is none other than Dorothy Gale. Upon first publication, the Oz books were a sensation of their own inspiring musicals, plays, and movies even before the 1939 MGM epic "The Wizard of Oz". They were a blockbuster sensation before blockbusters were a thing! And they were really queer. The books are full of strong woman in close relationships with each other, gender bending princes, and more. In 1906's Road to Oz, Polychrome (literally the Rainbow's daughter, although that's pure coincidence as the LGBT rainbow flag as we know it was debuted in the '70s) tells Dorothy "You have some queer friends, Dorothy." And our plucky young heroine replies, "The queerness doesn't matter, so long as they're friends!". Queer people have always found a way to live our authentic lives. We as a people consistently take the baton and pass it onto the next generation. Unfortunately, as we see in our current climate, the fight is far from over. Actual legislation attacking our Queer community all over the USA will continue to happen unless we rise up. It is in our blood as Queer people to fight for our right to exist. We cannot do it alone, we need each other. We need to make sure there is a safe yellow brick road for the next generation to follow. It is up to us all.
King of Hearts 49

Hey Mary! Are You a Friend of Dorothy?...Follow the yellow brick road

would not have been possible without all the Reign 49 Family, countless volunteers who gave so much of their time, energy, and talent to make tonight possible! Thank You for joining us and for all that you provide the local and national Queer community! We have all worked very hard to create a positive and safe place for the queer community this year. It is an honor to have done this work with you all year. Thank You!!!

It was very important to me to never say "The Emperors Line" or "The Empresses Line", it was always "Reign 49 Family!" I could not have done any of this work this year without the 49th Reign Family!

Fred Valdez, Godfather Reign 49

Tammy Brunette, Godmother Reign 49

Tommy Hilfiger ITout, Count 49

Lexi Sexton, Countess 49

Aaron Sparkles, Barron 49

Jacob Sparkles LeCher, Baroness 49

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Caryn Tomlin, Czarina 49

Cubby, Grand Duke 49

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Scotti Carlyle, Supreme Queen Mother

Johnny Romero, Double Crowned King Father 49

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Emperor 49
Alexander Sexton**

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The Sapphire Blue
Rainbow Monarch
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Empress 49**



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Welcome cont.

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LOKI Sexton, Prince Royale 49
Jacklyn Hyde-LeCher, Princess Royale 49
Jackie O, Empress 49
In this life, it is so important to know where you come from to know where you want to go. The Wizard of Oz teaches us a valuable lesson. On your journey down the yellow brick road, you will need three things to find your way home: Courage, Heart, and a Brain. As Queer people, our journeys are so very different down the yellow brick road. But the thing we all want to find is the same, home...a place to be our authentic selves. Home, a place to be celebrated for our Courage, our Heart and our Brain. I have been able to build a chosen Queer family in Denver for over 15 years. My journey to find my chosen family has not always been easy, but it has been worth it. I joined ICRME at 22yrs old during Reign 34. I had the honor of being Count 35 and Prince Royale 37 for our beloved organization. Both those journeys on my yellow brick road taught me many lessons about the Queer com-

munity locally and nationally. Give yourself some grace with your growth, it is not a race, and you owe no one an explanation. Anything that is not growing is dead; you should never wake tomorrow the same as you were yesterday. I had to find myself first before I became a Monarch. You cannot mentor nor be an effective queer warrior without knowing who you truly are! Thank you to the local Queer Community for believing in me, supporting the mission of ICRME and for helping us all make a safe spaces for the next generations!

Thank you to my Coordinator/King Father/Husband, my rock, Thank You for all you do for me, the Reign 49 family and ICRME. I love you! Thank you to my brother Prince Royale 48 for your beautiful set design tonight! Thank you to the People's Building for giving us a home tonight. Thank you to the Crystal College of Monarchs, Board of Directors for all your support for King Of Hearts 49!

Thank You is not enough for the Dream Team: My Empress 49 Jackie O, Prince Royale 49 LOKI and Princess Royale 49 Jacklyn Hyde-LeCher! This journey with this family has been such a gift this year. I am blessed to have you in my Home and the end of my yellow brick road. Thank you for loving and supporting me and our Queer community in so much need.

Love & Light,

His Most Imperial Majesty
The Legend of Oz
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Moment in 49



Welcome by Her Most Imperial Majesty

FROM THE EMPRESS:

As we approach Coronation 50, it's a great time to acknowledge the contributions to reign 49 by the Emperor's imperial Order!

Traditionally known as the 'male line' these volunteers have produced so many memorable entertainers as well as 'behind the scenes' support, production, marketing and promoting of our events. Thanks so much for everything you do! I hope everyone enjoys this year's King of Hearts, a journey down the yellow brick road. To LOKI, I will remember forever the respect you've given me as well as your loving kindness. We've depended on you and your loyalty never waived.

While it is nice to give each other awards and acknowledge the work all of us do—Emperor Alexander and I also wish to thank the community-at-large for two

awards recognizing Reign 49. Last summer, we accepted the Colorado Gay Rodeo's Community Hero Award and recently received an Achievement in the Queer Community 2023 Award by the Colorado DIVAs. We are so happy we were able to visit so many organizations and events during the year. The support we've received as we do our fundraising activities is really humbling, and we are grateful for this!

I'm so proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as your Empress and please make plans to spend the weekend of April 7 (including Coronation 50 April 8th) with us. Visit our website to purchase tickets.

Respectfully in your service,

HMIM Jackie O
Empress 49



Moments in 49



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The Teal Smiling Playful Prince of Soul, Solidarity and Inspiration The Mischievous Aspen Prince HMIH Prince Royale 49 LOKI

The Galactic Pearl Butterfly Princess of Sarcasm, Wit, and the Oxford Comma HMIH Princess Royale 49 Jacklyn Hyde- LeCher



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Prince Royale 49 LOKI

So let's see what is happened since the last newsletter worth noting. We had a wonderful Snowball. Congratulations to our Empress 49 Jacky O. I had such a lovely time and incredible memories from this event. We had our Black Tie Affair, which was an amazing success. Thank you to all who attended and especially to Dr. Bob and Jacky O for providing such an amazing space to hold this event.

Our fabulous Czarina 49 Caryn Tomlin received the Ruby Orchid award for her, tremendous love support and service to the PR's of reign 49, with much love much appreciation from the princess and I. Speaking of czarina 49 Caryn Tomlin congratulations to you on a tremendous and successful Adopt a Monarch show. I had such a wonderful time doing a duet with my

adopted monarch Emperor 44 Jon "Crunchy" Crenshaw. Also attended Houston coronation, which was absolutely beautiful and spectacular. Then went to Long Beach. Was planning our last walk at an out-of-state coronation, but due to uncontrollable circumstances, ended up being a nice few days with chosen family out of town, living our best life.

In between all this of fun and excitement, there were many other shows. Also preparing for King of Hearts, PR ball and throwing thoughts in for coronation 50.

Speaking of King of Hearts, I am very much looking forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our Emperor 49 Alexander Sexton. This man is such an amazing individual, and a force of nature! He has truly

shown me light love and the true definition of mentor. Wishing him the most amazing success at his King of Hearts. We truly do have an amazing family. The love and care that I have seen come from people is truly inspiring.

I would like to add. To our newer generation of ICRME Family. Reach out to the past monarchs and people in the court. Don't be scared. Don't be intimidated. 9 times out of 10. They're waiting for you to approach them. There is a well full of knowledge and advice. Some good some bad but all will help you.

Please keep your eyes open to Facebook for our upcoming events and I hope to see you there.

Wish you all Love and Light,
HMIH Prince Royale 49 LOKI

Princess Royale 49 Jacklyn

Hello you beautiful creatures!

As King of Hearts approaches, we only have a month left in this reign! Time has flown by.

December saw an amazing show of community with Let There be Light event on December 13, hosted by friend of the court Lucinda Rear. Speaking of Lucinda, we had an amazing time visiting with her and some of our other out of town family in Long Beach during what would have been her step down in early March. That was also planned to be LOKI's and my final out of town walk as reigning PRs. We made it work though and walked the pier at sunset instead! A

magical moment with chosen family.

January brought us New Year's day beer bust at Triangle, Morning Madness, Celebrating 50 Years of Noble Deeds at Tracks, and UCPPE's Investitures. The latter being complete with a white out snowstorm leading to an impromptu sleepover with Caryn, Sarah, and me.

In February, we had a successful Black Tie Affair. Thank you to all of you who attended, performed, decorated, and helped plan. We couldn't have done it without you. Most importantly, we were able to raise over \$1,200 for the general fund.

Here we are in March and my heart is filled with gratitude. Reflecting on this past year, I've been lucky enough to meet some amazing people from other realms, get to know so many of you even better, and get to know more about myself along the way. I want to say a special thank you to my Empress Jackie O. for bringing me with her on this amazing journey.

With love,
HMIH Princess Royale 49
Jacklyn Hyde-LeCher

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Upcoming Event—PR Ball Apr 7th

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March 2023

Candidate Functions Dates and Places

Candidate #1

Saturday March 25
Denver Sweet
Doors at 2:00 pm
Show at 3:00-3:30 pm

Candidate #3

Sunday March 26
Bad Habits
Doors at 6:00 pm
Show at 7:00 pm

Candidate #2

Sunday March 19
Denver Sweet
11:00 am brunch
#VYBE
Show at 4:00 pm

Candidate #4

Friday March 24
#VYBE
Doors at 7:00 pm
Show at 8:00 pm

Moments in 49



Upcoming Event—Triangle Beer Bust Mar 26th 4:00 pm—8:00 pm



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and King Father 49
Emperor 35
Johnny Romero

Dynasty, The Golden Anniversary of Legends & Crystals—Apr 8th

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....FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

MARCH 11, 2023



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