

Barony Newsletter



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67 DAYS AWAY - IT'S THE BIG ONE



NOTES FROM FABBY

First and foremost, a special thanks to all who worked so hard and joined the Baron and I in the **Gay Pride Parade** this year. Grand Marquis II Andy Szwiec and Marquise II Andy Sierra Montana, Marquis II David James, Count II Marc Peurye, and President of the Board, Richard Clough all did a spectacular job and made this parade one of the highlights of our Reign. The community's response was phenomenal, I have never been prouder!

July is here and telling us loud and clear that there are only eleven weeks until **Adornment III**. While many of the committee's projects are well at hand there is still a great deal of work to do; we need your assistance to make "**Cirque de la Lune – A Night Under the Big Top**" a huge success. The set needs to be constructed, we need help with spotlights, set construction and tear down at the hotel, security, and hospitality. The **Adornment Committee** will be meeting on **Wednesday, July 16 at 8 o'clock** following a brief Board meeting. Please join us and volunteer your time to our cause. This year's Adornment will be bigger than last year; with the possibility of a sell out of the ball room so you will want to get your tickets early. Remember that in-town tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door the night of Adornment, so you'll want to buy early.

There are still several events planned for the remainder of the Reign, our trip to **Bristol Renaissance Faire on Sunday, August 3rd**; tickets are \$40 and include deluxe motor coach transportation to and from the Faire, admission to the Faire, and refreshments on board the bus. Tickets are available from Board members, so get them early! There's also a '**Night of Showtunes**' in the works for Sunday of July 20th. Watch Fabby's Updates for more details. Last but not

least, there's **Fabby's Fiftieth** at **@mosphere on July 30th at 8 p.m.** While not a fund-raiser, it is a celebration of my Golden Jubilee and I would so love to share the fun with all of you. We have also sponsored one of the buses to **ILGRA's Rodeo on Saturday August 23rd**. The Barony will be joining in the Grand Entry at the Rodeo and entertaining that afternoon. Once again, more details will follow in Fabby's Updates so keep a watch out for more details.

Remember that this is your organization and that your help and participation are vital to our success. We have had a spectacular year thus far; doubling the funds to be disbursed from last year already! We still have a few benefits, candidate campaign parties, and Adornment events to add to the total; your assistance and attendance at these events shows our community that we are working diligently toward our goals.

This has truly been one of the most glorious years in my life. It has been a lot of hard work, but the rewards have far outweighed the difficult times. It has been a learning experience to say the least, but an experience I am thankful to have had and I hope that I have lived up to your expectations and served both you and our community well.

Ta Ta For Now, Don't forget to renew your memberships and get your tickets for Adornment, the Renaissance Faire, and the Rodeo! There's still a lot of fun in the works, so please join us!



NOTE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT Richard Clough

So Little That Does So Much

Many moons ago, I was at the Orange County, CA coronation and noticed someone present a sandwich bag of little metal tabs to a former monarch of Las Vegas. The recipient was Mark Jenson, the founding monarch of the Desert Empire. The tabs were the opening tabs from beverage cans. The court in Las

Vegas collected them and presented them to their local Ronald McDonald House. They recycled the tabs and used the money to pay for dialysis.

After some additional research with our local Ronald McDonald House, it turns out that this is a national campaign to collect the tabs and raise money for the local chapter. Each chapter does something different with the money. Here, it goes into the general fund for the house associated with Children's Hospital in Lincoln Park. Last year at about 90 cents per pound, the local house generated about \$9,000 for the general fund. That's a lot of tabs.

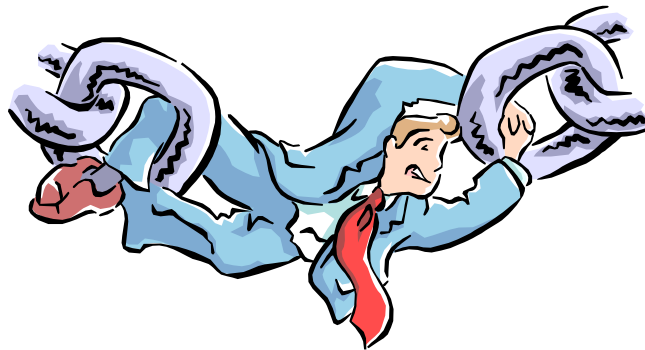
Our contact at the house, Jenny Frederick, mentioned other, more service related opportunities for our organization. They have volunteers that come in and cook dinner for the families at the house on a periodic basis. It helps enhance the feeling of home for those away from their own for long periods going through stressful times.

At the last board meeting, we agreed that this was a worthwhile project. Please save these and bring them to line or board meetings. We'll see that they get delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. It's such a little thing to do, but it can do so much.

Values

Values are the foundation of our character and of our confidence. A person who Does not know what he stands for or what he should stand for will never enjoy True happiness and success.

Lionel Kendrick



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The Leather Archives & Museum has a balloon payment on the mortgage for their building coming up next year. They need to raise \$209,000 between now and August next year. While listening to Guy Baldwin's presentation during IML about this, I made a connection: there are a lot of court members in this aging theatre, and the court exists to raise money and give it away. After determining that no system wide 2004 charity has been designated with Nicole the Great, I will present this concept to the council of heirs at their next meeting in Forth Worth on July 19th.

As endorsed by the board on Monday, June 30th, along with the endorsement of a number of individual members of the Barony, I hope to gain the endorsement of many other leather tribe members in the days before presenting this in Forth Worth. Anyone wishing to become involved with this effort, should contact the board President, Richard Clough, at 773-334-4518 or rclough554@yahoo.com.

“Thought for the Day”

Positive self-esteem is a realistic appraisal of self, and when we look at ourselves this way, we can see we are like other people. Pride is an unrealistic appraisal of self. We think we are better than others. Low self-esteem is an unrealistic appraisal of self. We are not as good as others, and these two things-pride and low self-esteem-stifle God's best for us.

Ray Burwick



HAPPY BELATED AND UPCOMING BIRTHDAY TO....

NAMES	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
David Blejski	7/7			
Aaron Byrd		8/31		
Aaron Johnson				10/30
Scott Delango	7/20			
Andrew Masterson	7/22			
Jeff Melton		8/16		
Larry Peek		8/1		
Rick Storer		8/12		
FABBY'S GOLDEN	7/29			
David Williams		8/31		

NEW MEMBERS

Paul Moffit
Kevin Morris

Bruno Mondello
Gary Trayman

Angel Trevino



Mark your calendars for September 20, 2003



Adornment III
Cirque De La Lune
A Night Under
the
Big Top

Sept. 19-21, 2003
Holiday Inn City Centre
300 East Ohio, Chicago, Illinois
312-787-6100