



Dragocious Casting Call

Rehearsals begin just after the first of the year for **DRAGOCIOUS TROPICAL NIGHTS!**

Those interested in performing in our annual spring fundraiser should contact me at 773-529-7368 or e-mail me at chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com. You must be in one production number to do a solo or duet performance. Stage and door help is also needed so please help and pitch in!

"Cirque de la Lune" Adornment III Videos Available !

Video tapes of Chicago's Adornment III "Cirque de la Lune – A Night Under the Big Top" are now available. The video consists of two [2] tapes and is available for \$30.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

Tapes are available by contacting:

**Steven Wright
Wright with You
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCHS

It is with great pleasure that the new monarchs Andy Szwiec Baron III and Sierra Montana Baroness III announce that the theme for Reign Three "Star Trek—In Search of an Empire" has gotten off with a tremendous start with your help and support in our mission to search for an empire.

The festivities began with a kickoff party hosted by Bucks Saloon which was a fun filled evening filled with a great show given by your current line members David James – Grand Marquis III, Rachael Cruise-Grand Marquise III, David Graham-, Marquis III, Alexandra St. James Marquise III, Marc Peurye-Count III, Remington Van Allen-Duke III and Steve Swan-Earl III. The newly formed college of Monarchs was also on hand to show their fabulous support and cheer the new Reign to a wonderful galactic beginning. Investiture was held on November 2nd at Stargaze and beaming in from Lexington was Emperor22 Larry Stanley, Empress 22 J.D. Vaughn, and Emperor19 E.V. Royce. The mother starship beamed down Kevin Drake and Michael from Boston.

Our quest began with a starship landing at Iowa's coronation followed by Louisville's fabulous adornment which your monarchs were bestowed with the following titles. Best Court Walk, Andrew Szwiec named Baron 6 ¾ and Sierra Montana Baroness 6 ¾ Baron to Baroness Award and Baroness to Baron Award with numerous other titles given to the former monarchs Emeritus Baron II Steve Nokes and Emeritus Baroness II Fabiola the Great. The next galactic landing was St. Catharine's which your Baron Andy Szwiec was given the title of Emperor 2 ½. Other titles given were Emperor to Baroness Award to Sierra Montana and Emperor to Baron award to Andy Szwiec. Some of the star fleet traveled to Boston and the following awards were bestowed-Empress to Baron Andy Szwiec and, Empress to Baroness Sierra Montana. Emperor to Baron Steve Nokes and Emperor to Baroness Fabiola the Great.

Our next constellation was wonderful Los Angeles California. Coronation was a wonderful Egyptian fantasy which many lasting contacts were made and Chicago was treated as Royalty. Mama "The Widow Norton" was just as cordial and lovely as ever.

Andy Szwiec
Baron III

Sierra Montana
Baroness III



Happy Holidays!
Join us
Sunday, December 21st
for our
2nd Annual Holiday Party
Buck's Saloon
3439 North Halsted Street
2 p.m.
*An afternoon full of fun, merriment,
Raffles and holiday cheer!*



Santa's join in the merriment at holiday buffet with members.

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Welcome everyone to our new newsletter format! The Membership Committee has begun a new approach in the Barony's efforts to communicate with it's membership, supporters and benefactors. In addition to our monthly print newsletter, a bi-weekly e-newsletter will be sent to all parties with e-mail addresses on file. If you would like to be included in our e-newsletter listing please message me at chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com with the subject E-NEWSLETTER and I will include you in our posting.

I am honored to have been asked to undertake this key role in communicating with our friends and membership. I hope that you will enjoy the format I have chosen and look forward to your comments and suggestions! You can contact me at my e-mail address or at 773-529-7368. Got an event or date to add to our calendar, send it so it can be included!

Fabiola

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Many things are happening in the Barony as this third reign pulls into gear. As you will see elsewhere in this publication, the newsletter is moving to a more frequent publishing calendar. I applaud this and hope we can continue to keep you informed as to our charitable endeavors.

Recently, we were able to release our donations to our charities for Reign Two. I'm sure all of us involved were thrilled to see the fruit of our work going out into the community to support institutions that we all agree need our assistance. I am particularly pleased to be able to inform you that our largest donation to date was made to the Leather Archives & Museum for their Capital Campaign. Last summer, we made the pitch to the ICS at the heirs meeting in Ft. Worth to have the entire Imperial Court System assist the LAM in the drive to retire their mortgage next August. The job isn't over, but Chicago is now the single largest ICS contributing member to the LAM Capital Campaign. A plaque in recognition of this will be added to the foyer of this fine north side institution soon. I urge each and every member of our organization to call them and arrange a tour. Rick Storer will be more than happy to arrange this.

Three thousand dollars isn't going to pay off their \$200,000 mortgage but it's going to help. This battle isn't won any other way than one drop at a time and this is a significant drop in the bucket. The ICS total in donations is now over \$5,000 dollars. I know of many other promised fund raisers to come.

The LAM effort is entering a new phase and will need assistance. The committee of 5 will need to contact each court, barony, or grand dukedom to encourage them to participate. This is a lot of work with 65 chapters in the US and Canada. Sooner is much better than later with an August deadline for the mortgage payment. Interested members can contact me at barony_of_chicago@yahoo.com.

My other message to the membership this month concerns our future. In the fall of 2004, we will be able to petition the heirs council for full court status. As those of you involved in our initial petition for recognition in Boston in 2001 are well aware this is not a small effort. Anyone interested in working on this project are strongly encouraged to contact me at barony_of_chicago@yahoo.com concerning this project. Additionally, this project will entail a rework of our protocol and, at the very least, an additional DBA filing for the Barony. Anyone interested in assisting is encouraged to come forward. Everything from our letterhead to our email address will likely change, so there is plenty to do.

In conclusion, I wish to thank each and every member for their support and efforts. This is a team effort. Our community benefits from everything we do. I hope to see you soon at Barony events.

Richard Clough, Board President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 13 **Snowball 8 p.m**
CGS Christmas Show
ILGRA Mr/Miss Mary
Christmas Show 10p.m.
- December 20 **Grandma Got Run Over
By A Reign, Dear!**
- December 21 **Barony Holiday
Party**

BARONY BIRTHDAYS!!

- December 9 Kevin Morris
- December 17 Marquise III
Alexandra St James
[Tede Grey]
- December 28 Count III
Marc Peurye
- December 31 Baron Emeritus II
Steve Nokes
- January 11 Marquis III
David Graham
- January 14 Blondina Del Rey
[Tim Callaway]
- January 22 John Broman
["Babs"]

Snowball 2004

**Join Baroness III Sierra Montana
at our Annual Holiday Extravaganza
Saturday, December 13th
Star Gaze
5419 North Clark Street
Show Time 8 p.m.
A Barony Holiday Tradition!**

Treasurer's Update

for the period Oct 25—Dec 1
through December 1, 2003

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
Event Revenues	
Meet and Greet the Roy-	427.00
Investiture	646.00
Turnabout	530.00
Membership Dues	40.00
Other	786.31
Total Deposits	
Expenditures	
Donations	(6,665.8
Operating Expenses	(203.48)
Total Expenditures	(6,869.3
Ending Balance	

**"Grandma Got Run Over
by a Reign, Dear!**

**A Benefit for Children's Place
hosted by Baroness II Fabiola
Fabette and Bear-o-ness Pinky**

**Saturday, December 20
Annex 3**

**3160 North Clark
show time 10 p.m.**

**Fabby's Irreverent Revue of
Holiday Song and Tradition!**

IMPORTANT BY-LAWS CHANGES CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on December 3rd, the following changes to the By-Laws were considered for the memberships approval at our general membership meeting/Holiday Party on Sunday, December 21. These changes were submitted by the Membership Committee upon their review of membership status recommendations and the need to meet the budgetary requirements of operating the corporation.

Voting by the membership on approval will take place during a brief membership meeting prior to the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 21st at Buck's Saloon, 3439 North Halsted at 2 p.m. Should you be unable to attend please contact the Barony at 773=334=3296 to make arrangements for an absentee ballot. Changes to the By-Laws require a 2/3 majority vote of the membership, so please take the time to cast your decision. The changes to membership have been included below for your review.



Changes for By-Laws

Article II, Section 1, Membership

Add as Item A. Levels of Membership

- 1 Three classifications for membership are available as determined by the following criteria
 - A. Active member – Individuals meeting the requirements as prescribed by Article 3, Section 1 of the Protocol Manual. All active members will receive a membership card and have full voting rights plus receive a 20% discount on all non-Adornment functions charging more than ten (10) dollars.
 - B. Supporting member – Individuals not meeting the requirements as prescribed by Article 3, Section 1 of this Protocol Manual who wish to actively support the organization. All supporting members shall receive a membership card but have no voting rights.
 - C. Sponsor members – Corporations, businesses, and organizations lending financial support or assistance to the corporation. Sponsor levels are determined as follows:
 1. Emerald – Sponsors contributing \$100 - \$200 annually. Sponsorship includes listing in web site and Adornment Program.
 2. Ruby - Sponsors contributing \$250 - \$450 annually. Sponsorship includes listing in web site, Adornment Program and all advertisements of the organization.
 3. Sapphire - Sponsors contributing \$500 - \$950 annually. Sponsorship includes listing in web site, all advertisements of the organization and discounted Adornment program advertisement.
 4. Diamond – Sponsors contributing \$1000 or more annually. Sponsorship includes listing in web site and all advertisements of the organization and complimentary Adornment program advertisement.