

Imperial Windy City Court of the Prairie State Empire

THE TOWN CRIER!

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Newsletter Editor
Prince Royale marc peurye

"ST. JAMES FAMILY...WHERE ARE YOU?"



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SUNDAY
MAY 6
A DERBY AFFAIR,
SIDETRACK,
3349 N. HALSTED, 2 PM**

**SATURDAY
MAY 13
ST. JAMES FAMILY
REUNION
@MOSPHERE
5355 N. CLARK ST, 10 PM**

**FRIDAY-MONDAY
MAY 26-29
INTERNATIONAL MR.
LEATHER
VENDOR MARKET BOOTH
FOR THE
IMPERIAL COURT SYSTEM
PALMER HOUSE HOTEL,
17 E. MONROE**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 11
THE WINDY CITY EMPIRE
CELEBRITY PIE TOSS
BUCKS SALOON
3439 N. HALSTED, 8-10 PM**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 25
FABBY'S STILETTO
CHALLENGE
PRIDE PARADE**

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY
JULY 14-22
VOLUNTEERING AND
FUNDRAISING AT GAY
GAMES
(AND CHEERING OUR
OWN DOUGLAS ST.
JAMES ON!)**

THE FAMILY IS COMING TOGETHER FOR SOME FUNDRAISING

St. James Family comes together and puts on a show at @mosphere, 5255 N. Clark St. Show begins at 10 p.m.

The St. James Family Reunion features your popular favorites and some newcomers to the Court Show stage. Come join the family and have a great time!



OFF TO THE RACES

DO YOU LIKE TO HORSE AROUND?

Baron II Steven "Mother" Nokes isn't done yet as he takes us to the Kentucky Derby with "A Derby Affair", May 6th at Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St. Doors open at 2 PM and the Kentucky Derby begins at 5 PM. Sponsor this year include Woodford Reserve Bourbon, Early Times Whiskey, and Heineken. Mint Juleps will be served. There will be several fun ways including raffles to contribute to the reign charities. Our top raffle prize is a Sony Portable Play Station. \$10 donation at the door.





*From the Desk of
the kinky cub
Letter from the Editor*

MEET OUR DOWAGER EMPEROR



I first became acquainted with the Imperial Court System in September of 2001. I was an invited guest of two of our founders, King Father for Life, Richard Clough and Baron II Steven Nokes to attend the Investiture of our first Baron and Baroness. It was a very interesting evening, to say the least, for someone unaccustomed to the Court System. I attended several more events that year and eventually I joined the Barony of Chicago in July 2002 shortly after Adornment II. Not long after joining the Barony, I was asked to become a member of the Regal Family after the resignation of Marquis II in December 2002. I spent the next year and a half learning about the ICS, the Barony of Chicago and meeting and getting to know some amazing individuals who have given of themselves to help their communities. During Reign III of the Barony, as Grand Marquis III, I was privileged to attend the Imperial Court Council meeting at which the Barony was elevated to full Empire Status. This was a real thrill as it was the culmination of many of our dreams. It was

my great honor and pleasure to have been elected the first Emperor of the new Windy City Empire, a truly humbling as well as personally enriching experience. I have learned so much in the past four years from all of you and hope that I have earned your trust and respect. I look forward to the future with all of you and making the Imperial Windy City Court the best it can be. In Service to the Court and Community, HIM Dowager Emperor David James Archer Big

STATE OF THE EMPIRE PROGRESS REPORT

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>As of March 31,2006</i> | \$5817.00 |
| <i>Skirts & Shirts</i> | \$ 117.00 |
| <i><u>Easter Egg /Bonnet</u></i> | <u>\$1023.00</u> |
| <i>Total to Date</i> | \$6957.00 |

**All figures rounded to nearest dollar*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter / Passover and made it back home safely. Lots of things are happening and before long summer will be upon us. I would like to let everyone know that the Windy City Empire will have a booth in the IML vendor Market. This is to help promote the International Court System and The Empire of Chicago. We will also be offering to have your photo's taken with members in their regalia for a nominal fee. I would like to thank Baron II Steve Nokes for organizing the Easter egg sales and Bonnet. Along with the Egg Sales Gang: ICP Kevin Morris, Emperor I David James, Richard C, Dennis F, Katarina, Steve S and Marc P. I have heard that a blast was had by all. It's that time of the year when the Applications for Monarchs are available. After May 1st you can obtain an application for Monarch by contacting me. Applications must be postmarked and addressed to the PO Box prior to June 1st. Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming meetings. Board of Directors May 7, 2006 4:00 pm Nookies Tree Membership May 17, 2006 7:00 pm To be Determined June Board of Directors June 7, 2006 7:00 pm To be Determined Look forward to seeing you at the meetings and upcoming events.

In Service to the Community, Court and Crown,
Remington VanAllen President – Board of Directors
aka Her Imperial Majesty, Dowager Empress I

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR MAJESTIES



Greetings fellow Courtiers!

We have reached the midpoint of our reign and want to thank each and every one of you for your incredible help and support in raising one-third of our projected charitable income! Upcoming participation at International Mr. Leather with our first vendor booth, sponsorship of Gay Games 2006, and the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association, and our first Pride Parade entry with a float are all signs of the growth and strength of the organization as we near the end of our fifth year. We look forward to your continued assistance and participation in all upcoming events!

Our "5th Annual Derby Affair" at Sidetrack will be another huge success and as we move on to the IML Booth and start preparations for the Pride Parade and Gay Games your participation will be needed more than ever to help fill the manpower and hours needed to meet our obligations. Let's keep the momentum going as we reach even greater heights and expectations.

Very special thanks to HME, Baron II Steve 'Mother' Nokes for spearheading our 4th Annual Easter Egg Sales and Easter Bonnet Contest in our "absence" as we fulfilled other obligations. We would also like to thank all those who worked so tirelessly on the holiday weekend to make this event a success: Imperial Crown Prince Kevin Morris, Crown Prince Dennis Fiore, Crown Prince Marc Peurye, Duke Steve Swan, Grande Marquise Katarina Kalishnikova, King Father Richard Clough, Emperor I David James and Empress I Pia Mess.

In Service to the Court and the Community,

His Most Imperial Sovereign Majesty

David A. Graham

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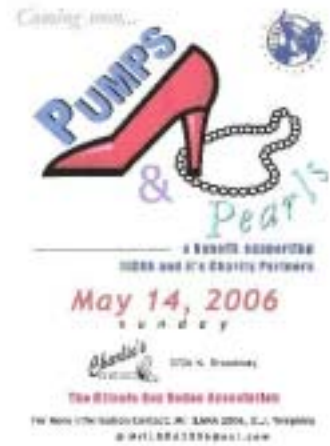
Fabiola 'the Great' Buckingham-Fontaine

Court Members About Town

On Thursday, April 27, Court Members participated in a fundraiser for AIDScafe called **Dining Out For Life**. Baron II Steven "Mother" Nokes, Board Vice President Richard Clough, Prince Royale marc peurye, Marquis Andrew Masterson and Lord Edward Luisi were spotted at Speakeasy Supper Club. ICPR Cherise Pretty went with "a group of friends from Jackhammer to Francesca's on Bryn Mawr. We had a wonderful time and ate some fantastic food, the cocktails weren't bad either." Empress I Pia Mess, Grand Marquise Douglas St. James and Duke Steve Swan Bludd Mess were also spotted at one of our home bars that also serves delicious fare, Star Gaze. Emperor II David Graham and Imperial Crown Prince Kevin Morris were on hand at T's on Clark.

REMEMBER Your help is needed to make the IML Booth a success! People are needed to work the table and all royals are requested from Windy City Empire and beyond to participate as models for the fundraising photos with the vendor market participants all for \$10 a piece. Hour and multiple hour slots still available. Contact Prince Royale marc peurye to sign-up. (subsmcub@aol.com).

Support our friends at the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association at this fabulous new fundraiser for their charities.



Join us Sunday, June 25th
for the 37th Annual Pride Parade



Grande Marquise
Katarina Kalishnikova
&
Marquise Chanel Exotique
entertain at the
"Bachelorette Party"

Come cream the 'Creme de la creme'
2nd Annual Celebrity Pie Toss
Sunday, June 11 8-10 p.m.
Bucks Saloon 3439 N Halsted



Fabby's
Stiletto Challenge
Pledge Sheets
available at
May Membership Meeting

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We're on the web