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Empress II Fabiola 'the Great'

COME CREAM THE 'CRÈME DE LA CRÈME' AT THE 2ND ANNUAL CELEBRITY PIE TOSS!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 7
BOARD MEETING
NOOKIES
3334 N HALSTED, 7 PM
CANDIDATE REVIEW
BOARD FOLLOWS**

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

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 14
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
COLLEGE COOK-OUT
& CANDIDATE
ANNOUNCEMENT
BUCKS SALOON
3439 N HALSTED, 5-9 P.M.
\$5 DONATION**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 25
FABBY'S STILETTO
CHALLENGE
PRIDE PARADE, 12 NOON**

**SUNDAY
JULY 9
BOARD MEETING
TBA, 4 PM**

**SUNDAY
JULY 16
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TBA, 7 PM**

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY
JULY 14-22
VOLUNTEERING AND
FUNDRAISING AT GAY
GAMES**

The Windy City Empire will hold its second 'Celebrity Pie Toss' on Sunday, June 11 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Bucks Saloon, 3439 N Halsted, in conjunction with the staff of Bucks. All proceeds will be donated to DirectAid-Chicago, one of the reign's chosen charities and the dedicated cause of this home bar. They are generously contributing the supplies needed for our 'gourmet pastries'. Their staff and our dedicated volunteers will be on hand for one of our most successful fundraising events ever. All bids for pies start at \$25, with increases in \$5 increments. Bucks has graciously consented to allow us use of their credit card capabilities and there is an ATM machine on premises. Personal checks will not be accepted.



FLOAT PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR 37TH ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE



The Windy City Empire will have it's first float in the 37th Annual Pride Parade, June 25th.

The parade kicks off at noon from Belmont and Halsted.

The float's theme will be "Renaissance in Camelot - A Return to a Kingdom of Magic & Vision for the Future" in conjunction with this year's Coronation theme. Notice will

be given for our line up position when it is received from the Pride Parade Committee. All participants should be in full regalia on the float and monitors will all have matching Empire t-shirts.

Participants and volunteers for parade monitors should contact the Monarchs at chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com or regalcowboy1@yahoo.com

Greetings fellow Courtiers!

I have been asked to again take the helm as newsletter editor with the resignation of Crown Prince Marc Peurye from the Board of Directors.

With so many Court events and with

Coronation just around the corner, the newsletter will continue to be a vital source of information to you all. Watch your mail and stay informed of the many activities and opportunities to help the Court flourish and grow. In our absolute intention to be impartial, the Monarchs Report will be submitted by His Most Imperial Majesty.

Please remember that this is your newsletter and your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You may contact me at fabiola@windycityempire.org or send your letters and comments to the Court mailbox to my attention.

Fabby



WINDY CITY EMPIRE & ICS PARTICIPATION IN GAY GAMES VII

One of the highlights of this year's reign will be our participation and sponsorship at Gay Games VII, July 15th-22nd. The Empire will be offering commemorative souvenir pins for a \$5 donation. Proceeds from the pins will be distributed between Gay Games and the Empire II charities. They are available at membership meetings or on our website at www.windycityempire.org through PayPal. Shipping and handling charges are not included.

Along with volunteers from other chapters of the ICS we will also be volunteering our manpower at the Meet & Greet at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S Michigan Avenue, on Saturday, July 15th from 9am - 4 pm prior to rehearsals and the Opening Ceremonies at Soldier Field. This will be the first impression for many visitors to our realm and we are proud and pleased to be honored with this assignment. We hope that you will join us in our efforts by contacting the co-chairs of this undertaking, TMISM Fabiola and David at

chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com or regalcowboy1@yahoo.com.

STATE OF THE EMPIRE PROGRESS REPORT

As of April 23,2006	\$6957.00
Bachelorette Party	\$ 200.00
Derby Party	\$1123.00
St James Reunion	\$ 310.00
Total to Date [as of 5-13-06]	\$8590.00

**All figures rounded to nearest dollar*



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CANDIDATE REVIEW BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF MONARCHS

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the membership of my appointment as Dean due to the resignation of Jeff Hudson and thank him for his dedication to the organization during his tenure as Dean. In the College's recent meetings we have worked to make this a better organization. We have made several changes to SOP, reviewed the membership's recommendation to allow exception to SOP as to wearing regalia during the Pride Parade, discussed the use of dynastic titles, and considered whether a member's funding of an event is considered towards Sponsor Membership. We selected the College participants for the Candidate Review Board and the Election Committee. We developed recommendations for dates involving Selection and Election of Monarchs. As you can see, we have been busy.

After presentation and approval by the Board, the dates for Candidate selection and Monarch election are:

June 01, 2006, Applications for Monarch must be in the organization PO Box and post marked by this date.

June 07, 2006, Candidate interviews immediately follow Board meeting at Nookie's, 3334 N Halsted

June 14, 2006, Candidate announcement and candidates speeches immediately follow the Membership meeting at 7 p.m. at Bucks Saloon, 3439 N Halsted.

June 21, 2006, The campaign begins. Candidates remember that you are restricted to a campaign-spending limit of \$300.00.

August 20, 2006, Voting day where your vote along with the rest of the membership determines our next monarchs and later that evening the College will host the Monarchs Reception (Ball) where the results of the election is announced.

As Dean I am open to your questions and concerns as they relate to SOP and will try to answer them as best as possible. You can contact the Dean via email by clicking his name on the College of Monarch page on the Empire's website.

H.M.E, Le Baron II Steve 'Mother' Nokes, Dean of the College Of Monarchs

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

I hope that everyone had a great and safe Memorial Day Weekend.

I would like to thank Jeff Hudson who stepped down as the Dean of the College and Marc Peurye for their services on the Board of Directors. I would like to Congratulate Steve Nokes on being elected the new Dean of the College of Monarchs. At our last Membership meeting Neil Eaves (Douglas St. James) was elected to fill the position of Member at Large.

Summer is upon us once again, along with lots of activities. In June we will be having Candidate Interviews and Announcements, along with the start of candidate campaigning that culminates in the election of the New Monarchs for Empire III in August.

Wishing everyone a safe summer and look forward to seeing you at our events and meetings.

Remington VanAllen
President of the Board

MONARCHS REPORT

Greetings fellow Courtiers!

We are well on the way to the Empire's most successful record-breaking fundraising year ever, and a year filled with more community participation in local events which will help us grow and prosper within the community.

We would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to the goals we have set. Our year is only half complete, and we will need your help and assistance even more as we move forward in two major events. Our presence in the Parade this year takes on new meaning with our first-ever 'real float' in the Parade. A strong, large contingency is needed to make this event a success Market Days participation is also well underway and once again, we will need many volunteer hours to man our booth for two spectacular days. Please join in our efforts as we make our organization a vital part of our community.

TMISM, Emperor II David & Empress II Fabiola

From Mother Nokes, Le Baron II

*My sincere thanks to all the members who participated in the Easter and Derby events. With you help, we were a **better than ever** success. We even met one of the most basic goals of this organization, "To have fun raising money." Please continue your comments and support so that our Empire can grow these events, as well as all events, in terms of monies raised and community participation. It is a great feeling to witness this outpouring of support; I can only hope it continues in our future.*

Thank you again, Steve



Derby Photos



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

*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
June Membership Meeting*

