

Imperial Windy City Court of the Prairie State Empire

## THE TOWN CRIER!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE REALM



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Empress II Fabiola 'the Great'

### CANDIDATES FOR MONARCH ANNOUNCEMENT!



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SUNDAY  
JULY 9  
BOARD MEETING  
NOOKIES,  
3334 N HALSTED  
4:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 12  
USO SHOW  
MR / MISS  
STARS & STRIPES  
CONTEST  
@MOSPHERE  
5355 N CLARK  
8:30 - 10 PM**

**SUNDAY  
JULY 16  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
Q&A FOR  
CANDIDATES  
NOOKIES  
3334 N HALSTED, 7  
PM**

**JULY 14 - 22  
VOLUNTEERING &  
FUNDRAISING AT  
GAY GAMES**

Imperial Crown Prince Kevin Morris and Lady Alexandra Saint James were announced as the candidates for Emperor and Empress for Empire III at the June Membership Meeting on Wednesday, June 14 at Bucks Saloon, 3439 North Halsted which was preceded by a barbeque buffet.

The Candidate Review Board met prior to the Board meeting on June 4th to interview the candidates and make their determinations. Campaigning officially began on June 21st as prescribed by our Standard Operating Procedures. Both candidates will present their speeches at the July Membership Meeting on Sunday, July 16th at 7 p.m. at Nookie's Restaurant, 3334 N Halsted. A question and answer period will follow each candidates speech.

Elections will be held on Sunday, August 20th before the Monarchs Ball and Awards. The announcement of the Monarchs-Elect will follow the evening's festivities that evening.

### FUN SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN ANDERSONVILLE

The USO Show and Mr. & Miss Stars & Stripes Contest will be held on Wednesday, July 12th at @mosphere, 5355 N Clark Street from 8 - 10:30 p.m. The evening will take on a new twist with a "Christmas in July" addition with a toy drive for Misericordia Homes. Toys collected that evening at the door will be donated to them for disbursement to the children.

On August 5th, @mosphere will again host the Empire's "Who's Got Short Shorts" - A Short Evening of Songs on a Hot Summer Night from 9 - 10 p.m..

"Twisted Broadway - the Ignant Broadway Show" will also be held at @mosphere on Friday, August 11th from 9 - 10:30 p.m.

Proceeds for all shows benefit Empire II Charities.

# Proud Sponsor of Gay Games VII



Greetings fellow Courtiers!

The last few weeks have certainly been a whirlwind of activity with our participation at IML, the Celebrity Pie Toss, Candidate Announcement, the Pride Parade and Stiletto



Challenge, and our preparations for Gay Games VII. Our Gay Games / ICS commemorative pins are now available, a limited edition that will surely be sold out quickly, so please make sure to order yours today. This has been a year of extremely high visibility for our Court and each and every member should take pride in the goals and accomplishments we have achieved.

With three and a half months until Coronation, committees and planning will move into high gear, so please lend your support, time, and energies as we once again host the world at Coronation III.

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](http://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 or David at

[chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com](mailto:chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com) or [regalcowboy1@yahoo.com](mailto:regalcowboy1@yahoo.com)

## STATE OF THE EMPIRE PROGRESS REPORT



<b>As of 5-13-06</b>	<b>\$8590.00</b>
<b>Celebrity Pie Toss</b>	<b>\$1270.00</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$9860.00</b>

*Candidate Announcement  
& Stiletto Challenge final figures not available.*

*Total exceeds \$10,000!*

*\*All figures rounded to nearest dollar*



## Lexington's Silver Jubilee Coronation

## Chicago's 37th Gay Pride Parade



## *From Lord Chamberlain, Steve 'Mother' Nokes Coronation Weekend Coordinator*

Can you believe that we are less than 4 months to the big weekend and Coronation III – Renaissance in Camelot. When we blow out the last candle and fold the last piece of fabric from the set, our organization will have successfully planned and produced five annual galas (balls) for this Empire.

This is no small task. In fact, it takes lots and lots of teamwork. It does not matter which monarchy is your team. What matters is that you were on a team that helped make the night happen, walking away with the feeling that this was the best event we have ever done. To know that feeling, volunteer to help. There are many ways you can donate your time and talent. All you have to do is speak up and I know we will find a place for you within your capability. The next best time to let the monarchy and committee chairs know you are interested in volunteering is at the General Membership Meeting. The Empire holds this meeting the third Wednesday of the month and sometimes moves it to the weekend. So check the website and this newsletter for more information.

We need the help of every member to make our Empire shine as brightly and dazzling as sunlight does when reflected off Excalibur. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Lord Chamberlain, H.M.E. Baron I Steve 'Mother' Nokes

### *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

Greetings

At the last membership meeting the Candidate Review Board, College of Monarchs and the Board of Directors announced the Candidates for Monarch for Empire III. I would like to congratulate this years candidates, Candidate for Emperor, Kevin Morris, and Candidate for Empress, Alexandra St. James. May the both of you have a campaign filled with much fun and look forward to hearing your candidate speeches at the July Membership Meeting. This is where the membership can ask the candidates questions. Remember to mark your calendar for voting and the announcement of the results of the election for Empire III.

Lots will be going on this summer in anticipation of Coronation III and the culmination of Empire II. Both Emperor David and Empress Fabiola will need your help and support to make Coronation III a success. They are starting to look for individuals to help out with various details for that weekend.

Hope that everyone had a fun and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

In Service,

Remmington VanAllen  
President - Board of Directors

### *MONARCHS REPORT*

Greetings fellow Courtiers!

Summertime is here and we are heading into the home stretch and have lots to do. We have accomplished a couple of firsts this year; having our first IML booth and our first float in this year's Gay Pride Parade. The response that our court received at this years Gay Pride Parade was fabulous!! It was an honor and a thrill to be riding on the float and just seeing all these people cheering and clapping. Words can not start to describe it. Fabby and I couldn't have been more proud.

Once again, our annual Celebrity Pie Toss was successful. Thanks to all who got creamed for charity.

For these monarchs, we still have a lot to accomplish before the end of our reign. The next few months are going to be very busy and it will be the perfect time to get involved. Between Gay Games, fundraisers, Monarchs Ball & elections and planning meetings for Coronation, we just need everyone's help.

On behalf of Her Majesty and myself, we would like to thank each of you for your support during our reign and look forward to your continued support for the next couple of months.

TMISM, Emperor II David & Empress II Fabiola



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@ Pride Parade**



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