

PAGEANTRY SECTION OPERATING GUIDELINES

SECTION I - THE COURT

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5 **1. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION:** It has been said that among gay
6 organizations, the Court System "is the most controversial, the most misunderstood." This
7 brief history is designed to answer questions commonly asked about the Court and will
8 hopefully clear up some of the misunderstandings.
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- 10 **2. WHERE DID THE COURT SYSTEM BEGIN?** In San Francisco, which has been
11 known for its outrageous personalities and colorful figures? So it was in that city that
12 Empress I, Jose declared himself the Dowager Widow of the Emperor Norton - Empress of
13 San Francisco and the Protectress of Mexico. Emperor Norton is an actual historical figure
14 of the 1800's, a product of the first wave of gold miners to the Barbary Coast. An eccentric,
15 he made a fortune in gold, lost a fortune in rice, and finally declared himself the Emperor of
16 San Francisco. Jose Sarria was notorious in 1965. He was perhaps the first openly gay
17 political candidate, when he ran for city supervisor in 1961. At the same time he was doing
18 this, a group of gay bar owners were organizing the "Tavern Guild". This organization was
19 designed to provide support in coping with an anti-gay political machine operating in San
20 Francisco at that time. The Tavern Guild sought out a hostess for its functions; Jose was the
21 logical choice.
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23 The standard of fun, glamour and irreverence attracted many. The Court system was
24 growing up and down the West Coast. In Seattle the Queen City Business Guild, a group of
25 gay bar owners had established a Court Ball, with Scotty as Empress I. In 1998 the Court
26 filed for and received from the IRS its 501.c3 status, and became known as The Court of
27 Seattle Organization. The purpose of the Court is to maintain pageantry and heraldry for the
28 Monarchy by means of electing titles and other such positions; to create goodwill; to
29 organize charitable social events; to hold fundraising activities; and to provide for the
30 enjoyment and benefit of its members and for the social community in which it exists.
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- 32 **3. WHAT DO THE MONARCHS DO?** Three things: have fun, raise money, and work with
33 other Courts within the International Court System. In spirit and practice, the organization
34 operates much like other social fraternal organizations; it is also similar to a theater group,
35 providing a creative outlet to its members. Talented individuals have the opportunity to
36 design elaborate costumes, sets and musical numbers, and then have a place to present them.
37 A lot of networking takes place throughout the system, not only locally, but also from one
38 Empire to another. And finally, the court raises funds for such charitable causes as higher
39 education (scholarships), Gay Youth programs, breast cancer and AIDS.
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- 41 **4. WHY DO THEY DRESS UP LIKE WOMEN?** Everyone has his or her own reasons.
42 For some, it is a kind of "street theater". The fun comes from creating an illusion. They are
43 male actors playing a part. For others, it provides a socially acceptable opportunity to
44 express their "feminine side", allowing them to play with new ideas and experiment with a
45 new persona. It's hard to beat. In general, members of the Court system have "real lives" as
46 people. They hold responsible and civic-minded positions in the community at large. The
47 issue of cross-dressing has always been an issue even within the gay community itself.

48 Some feel it is demeaning to women or politically incorrect. Those within the Court feel
49 that the freedom to express one's own views in word, dress or deed is essential to
50 maintaining the human spirit

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52 SECTION II - BOUNDARIES

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54 It is stated in the membership section that the boundaries of the Olympic and Rainier Empire for
55 ~~membership~~, offices and voting purposes includes King and Island counties; Hat Island; the
56 National Parks in which Mount Rainier and Mount Olympus are located, the site of the former
57 Olympia Brewery in Tumwater, WA. and free access to these locations.

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59 SECTION III - TITLES

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61 The following are the ~~elected~~ titleholders of the Court of Seattle.:

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63 **Empress – Olympia**

64 **Emperor – Rainier**

65 **Imperial Princess**

66 **Imperial Prince**

67 **Miss Gay Seattle**

68 **Mr. Gay Seattle**

69 **Ms. Gay Seattle (title retired)**

70 **Queen of the Seas**

71 **King of the Seas**

72 **Queen of Hearts**

73 **King of Hearts**

74 **Closet Ball Queen**

75 **Closet Ball King**

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77 **The Imperial Family**

78 The Court is a democratic organization. It is represented by a figurehead monarchy. This
79 monarchy serves only in a public relations capacity throughout our court, community, city, county,
80 empire, state and the International Court System. The Imperial Family shall be the elected reigning
81 titleholders of the court, as well as, the appointed Crown Prince and Crown Princess to the reign..
82 They shall be defined as: The Emperor and Empress (official heads of state); The Imperial Prince
83 and Princess; Mr., and Miss ~~and Ms.~~ Gay Seattle; ~~King and Queen of the Seas; King and Queen of~~
84 ~~Hearts;~~ Closet Queen and King; Crown Prince and Princess to Olympia and Crown Prince and
85 Princess to Rainier. All titles report directly to the Board of Directors. The Monarchs will hold
86 monthly Imperial Family meetings and are responsible for giving the Board an update on all of the
87 title reigns.

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89 A. **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Anyone wishing to run for any of the elected
90 positions within the Organization must meet the qualifications defined in the application and
91 as set forth below.

92 1. Titles are individual

93 2. Only one (1) person can hold any elected title--precluding such situations as "Co-
94 Emperor," "Co-Queen," etc.

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96 **B. RESIGNATION FROM TITLE:**
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98 Any and all elected or appointed titleholders may resign their position. Should such a situation
99 occur, resignations would be handled utilizing the following procedure:
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- 101 1. Any titleholder who chooses to resign must submit a letter of intent to resign their
102 position.
- 103 2. It must be presented to the Board secretary at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.
104 (Note: if the reason for the resignation is to do to an unforeseen relocation, the letter
105 and symbols of office maybe presented to a Board member and then brought before
106 the Board at the next meeting.)
- 107 3. The letter of intent to resign shall include the title being resigned and the reason for
108 the resignation by the individual.
- 109 4. At the meeting it is received, the letter shall be read during new business and entered
110 into the minutes. The resignation will become effective 30 days following this
111 official notification unless other action is taken.
- 112 5. The Board may question any letter of resignation and call for discussion with the
113 titleholder.
- 114 6. All symbols of office will be turned over to the Board. If the symbols of office are
115 not turned over, the resigning party will be monetarily responsible to replace the
116 symbols.
- 117 7. Once effective, the resignation is complete and irrevocable.
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120 **C. LINE OF SUCCESSION**

121 In the event that an elected title becomes open and unfilled due to death, disability, illness,
122 recall, resignation, termination, and/or any other reason, the provisions of this Section shall
123 apply. There will be no other means, method, or provisions for title succession except as
124 specifically and explicitly stated below:
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- 126 1. **EMPEROR AND/OR EMPRESS:** The College of Monarchs shall retain the right
127 to modify or change the following action(s), with Board of Directors approval.
 - 128 • If vacancy happens at any time during a reign, the Imperial Prince or Princess
129 will be given the right of first refusal. If the Prince or Princess does not wish
130 to ascend to the position of Emperor or Empress, the surviving titleholder
131 will meet with the College of Monarchs within 30 days of the position
132 becoming vacant to discuss the possibility of regency for that position. If the
133 college and surviving titleholder agree not to fill the position, it will remain
134 vacant till the next election.
 - 135 • If the College and surviving titleholder agree to a regency, then the process
136 for selection of regent shall be as follows:
 - 137 i. Skip the Monarchs that just stepped down
 - 138 ii. Offer goes in descending order of those Monarchs who have held the
139 vacant position according to Olympia or Rainier, and who are in
140 attendance at that meeting.
 - 141 iii. No regency shall be afforded a number.
 - 142 iv. This would not preclude the college awarding a number at the end of

143 their regency.

- 144 • If no College member accepts a regency offer, then the surviving titleholder
- 145 and the College may discuss additional options, or leave the title vacant till
- 146 the next official election for this title takes place.
- 147 • If vacancy happens in the last six months, the surviving titleholder may or
- 148 may not request a meeting with the college to discuss regency.
- 149 • In this event that the reigning monarch wishes to reign alone or that a
- 150 succession in this manner is not possible, the position will remain vacant until
- 151 the next official election for this title takes place.
- 152 • In case of no candidacy or a candidate not being elected to the position of
- 153 Emperor or Empress, the above positions for vacancy will apply.

154 2. IMPERIAL PRINCE AND/OR PRINCESS:

- 155 • In the event that either of these positions becomes vacant, they will not be
- 156 filled until the next official election for this title takes place.
- 157 • In the event that only one person is elected (i.e. either only a Prince or only a
- 158 Princess);
 - 159 i. The elected titleholder may choose to reign alone
 - 160 ii. The elected titleholder may name a title partner, with prior approval
 - 161 of the Board.
 - 162 1. That person would not be eligible to be elevated to the
 - 163 position of Emperor or Empress
 - 164 2. That person would maintain the role of host or hostess to the
 - 165 elected titleholder.
- 166 • This would not preclude the Imperial Prince and Princess Council to award a
- 167 number at their step down.

168 **ALL OTHER TITLES:** In the event that any other elected title (Seattle's, ~~Everett's, Seas,~~

169 ~~Hearts~~) becomes vacant within the first 6 months of the election, the first runner-up from the

170 most recent election for that position will be offered the position. In the event that this is not

171 possible, the Board may choose to authorize an election or leave the title vacant. The

172 granting of another higher number for that position will be dependent upon the

173 circumstances under which the office was vacated.

174 **THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS:** It shall be the duties and responsibilities of the

175 Emperor and/or Empress (hereinafter referred to as "The Monarchs," and addressed as

176 "Their Most Imperial Sovereign Majesties") to:

- 177 a. Represent the Board and Membership at all official Court-sponsored, Court-
- 178 sanctioned, and Court-endorsed functions, insofar, as is practical.¹ The Monarchs
- 179 will attend if possible, The Washington State Mr./ Ms. Leather Contest, and Seattle
- 180 Men in Leather's Daddy, and Daddy Boy's Contest.
- 181 b. Attend and preside at all Court meetings, and maintain good standing in the court.

182 ¹ revised Apr 00 - Declaration from Feb 2000

183 ³ revised May 01 - Declaration of Olympia XXX from Feb. 2001

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- c. The Monarchs may not bind the Board or the Court with any financial obligations without the prior expressed and written approval of the Board.
 - d. The Monarchs shall be responsible for the planning, execution, and success of all Court functions. They must also host and plan at least two fundraisers during their year for which 50% of the proceeds will be designated for the Court General Fund and 50% designated for the Court Scholarship Fund.³
 - e. The Monarchs maintain the right to issue titles of office within the Empire, with the Exception of those titles which are elected and those titles that have been retired or restricted.
 - f. Proclamations issued by Monarchs shall become an official temporary part of the Court records which expire at the end of their reign, provided that a written and duly-executed copy of such documents are placed in the hands of the Court/Board Secretary. Such Proclamations shall not affect the operation or financial position of the Corporation or the Court.
 - g. Declarations may not be issued by the Monarchs⁵. Prior declarations have become a permanent part of Court records. On the tenth anniversary of each declaration, it shall be reviewed for further inclusion or exclusion by the board. Upon the death of the signatories, all declarations and proclamations will immediately be transferred to the board for review. The exception to the above shall be that all proclamations and declarations of title shall remain in perpetuity.
 - h. When elected to a title, the winners cannot apply for another title in any other Empire, organization or judged contest for the duration of their reign/year.

217 **THE IMPERIAL PRINCE AND PRINCESS:** It shall be the duties and responsibilities of
218 the Imperial Prince and Princess " (hereinafter referred to as ~~"The Heirs Apparent"~~ and
219 addressed as "Their Most Imperial Sovereign Highnesses,") to:

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- a. Represent the Board and Membership at all official Court-sponsored, Court-sanctioned, and Court-endorsed functions.
 - b. Attend all Court meetings; and, in the absence of the Monarchs preside at Court meetings, and maintain good standing in the court.
 - c. The Heirs Apparent can not bind the Court with any financial obligations without the prior expressed and written approval of the Board.
 - d. The Prince and Princess shall be responsible for the planning, execution, and success of those Court functions as directed by the Monarchs. They must also host and plan at least two fundraisers during their year for which 50% of the

⁵ Declaration of Rainier 29 and Olympia 33 from Feb. 2004

233 proceeds will be designated for the Court General Fund and 50% designated for
234 the Court Scholarship Fund.⁶ They will also work with the new Monarchs in the
235 planning and execution of the court entrance for San Francisco's Ball as required
236 by the newly installed reign.

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238 ~~e. Proclamations issued by the Heirs Apparent shall become an official temporary~~
239 ~~part of the Court records, which expire at the end of their reign. Such~~
240 ~~proclamations shall not affect the operation or financial position of the~~
241 ~~Corporation or the Court. The Monarchs must approve all Heirs Apparent~~
242 ~~proclamations.~~

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244 ~~f. Declarations may not be issued by the Heirs Apparent.~~

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246 ~~g. When elected to a title, the winners cannot apply for another title in any other~~
247 ~~Empire, organization or judged contest for the duration of their reign/year.~~

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249 **THE GAY SEATTLES:** It shall be the duties and responsibilities of Mr., & Miss ~~& Ms~~ Gay Seattle
250 (hereinafter referred to as "The Seattles" and addressed as "Their Highnesses") to promote
251 community cooperation and cohesiveness throughout the Empire. Actively enroll new
252 members into the Court, and to serve as the official Hosts of The Empire.

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254 a. Represent the Court and Membership at all official Court-sponsored, Court-
255 sanctioned, and Court-endorsed functions.

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257 b. Attend all Court meetings, and maintain good standing in the court.

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259 c. The Seattles may not bind the Board or Court with any financial obligations
260 without prior expressed and written approval of the Board.

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262 d. The Seattles shall be responsible for the planning, execution, and success of those
263 Court functions as specified by the Monarchs. They must also host and plan at least
264 two fundraisers during their year for which 50% of the proceeds will be designated
265 for the Court General Fund and 50% designated for the Court Scholarship Fund⁷.

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267 e. The Gay Seattles are responsible to assist in planning, and for Hosting and
268 execution of Hospitality during Coronation Week

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270 f. The Seattles do not maintain the right to issue titles of office.

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272 g. When elected to a title, the winners cannot apply for another title in any other
273 Empire, organization or judged contest for the duration of their reign/year.

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275 h. The Seattles may not issue Proclamations and Declarations.

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⁶ revised May 01 -- declaration of Olympia XXX of Feb. 2001

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278 **KING AND QUEEN OF THE SEAS:** The King and Queen of the Seas will be named at a
279 fundraiser to be held during the month of July close in time to Seafair. The successful
280 contestants will be the ones to have raised the most funds during the timeframe and by the
281 means indicated for this particular fundraising event.
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283 **CLOSET BALL QUEEN / KING:** The Closet Queen and King pageant shall be a judged
284 community contest, with no commitment to join the Court unless the successful candidates
285 choose too. The only requirement is that they show up one (1) year later to pass on the title.
286 The planning and execution of the Closet Ball, sets, and advertising will be the
287 responsibility of the Reigning Monarchs. The winners will receive a prize to be determined
288 by the Board.
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290 **KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS:** The King and Queen of Hearts will be named at a
291 fundraiser to be held during the month of February near Valentine's Day. The successful
292 contestants will be the ones to have raised the most funds during the timeframe and by the
293 means indicated for this particular fundraising event.
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295 **SECTION IV - THE COLLEGE OF MONARCHS (see also by-laws Section VII)⁸**

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297 The Imperial Sovereign College of Monarchs of Seattle and the Olympic and Rainier Empire
298 (hereinafter referred to as "The College"), shall act as an advisory unit to the Board, the Court, and
299 the Imperial Family concerning matters of Pageantry, and Heraldry. The College shall also assist in
300 the planning, promotion and the proper execution of Investiture each year. The College will also
301 define crowning ceremonies for all titles in the Court and will ensure that the appropriate crowning
302 ceremony is used for investing new titles.
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304 **A. PURPOSE:**

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306 The College of Monarchs is an established College of past Emperors and Empresses of the
307 Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and includes the Emperor and Empress Emeritus. The
308 College was created in 1975 by Declaration of Her Most Imperial Sovereign Majesty, Olympia
309 IV Dominique St. Laurent. The College is comprised of Rainier's and Olympia's who have
310 successfully fulfilled their reigns and who are inducted into the College the evening of their
311 stepping down. The College is headed by a Dean who is assisted by an Associate Dean. The
312 Associate Dean is elected by the College membership. After serving as Associate Dean for a
313 period of one year, he/she assumes the position of Dean at Coronation and officiates at the
314 Crowning ceremony of the new Monarchs. It is the duty and responsibility of the College to
315 assist, guide and mentor the reigning Monarchs and the Court membership without interfering in
316 the current reign or in the normal business workings of the Court. The College is also
317 responsible for maintaining the history, standards, traditions and Integrity of the Imperial
318 Sovereign Court of Seattle and the Olympic and Rainier Empire. The College will host annual
319 fundraising events to benefit the J.C. / Graytop Scholarship Fund. The College will preside at
320 the Crowning ceremony of the new Emperor and Empress at Coronation. The College is

⁸ Section added 5/02

¹⁵ Section added 5/02

321 responsible to assist at the polls on voting day for the elections of the new Emperor and
322 Empress.

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324 The colors of the College of Monarchs are Purple and Silver.

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327 **B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEAN:**

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- 329 a. It is the responsibility of the Dean to chair all College meetings.
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 - 331 b. To be seated on the Board of Directors of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle
 - 332 for the term of office of one year.
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 - 334 c. To attend monthly Board meetings and assist the Board in their endeavors to
 - 335 successfully accomplish their goals.
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 - 337 d. To Host and help produce the annual College fundraising event(s).
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 - 339 e. To assist in the monitoring of the voting station on election day for the Emperor
 - 340 and Empress titles during the hours voting is open.
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 - 342 f. To give out the JC/Graytop Memorial Award during Coronation week. The Dean
 - 343 will assist in preparing the College for Crowning ceremonies. The new Dean,
 - 344 assisted by the College of Monarchs and President of the Board of Directors,
 - 345 performs the crowning ceremony and then presents the newly elected Monarchs
 - 346 to their people.
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348 **C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN:**

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350 It is the responsibility of the Associate Dean, to assist the current Dean with whatever is
351 required. The Associate Dean takes on learning the duties and responsibilities of the Dean
352 in upholding the history, standards, traditions and integrity of the Imperial Sovereign Court
353 of Seattle and the Olympic and Rainier Empire.

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355 **D. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COLLEGE:**

356
357 It is the responsibility of the College Membership to uphold the History, standards,
358 traditions and integrity of the College and the Court, and to assist the reigning Monarchs
359 during their reign without interfering in the current reign or in the normal business workings
360 of the Court.

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362 **E. COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP:**

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364 Membership in the College of Monarchs is automatic upon completion of the reign of a
365 Monarch, ~~pending the Approval of the College.~~ The induction ceremony at the end of
366 Coronation, just prior to the Crowning of the new Monarchs formalizes this membership.

369 **G. THE STATE CROWN:**
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371 Donated to the Court by Olympia IV Dominique St. Laurent and affectionately known as
372 "The Lamp Shade", this original crown was retired at the conclusion of Coronation in 2007.
373 The Ric A. Chayka Official State Crown received a blessing of Jose, The Widow Norton at
374 Coronation 2007 and was used to crown the new Empress, Olympia 36. This new crown
375 will be used by the reigning Empress during her reign. It is the responsibility of the
376 Empress to safeguard this State Crown and return it to the Court in good condition at the
377 conclusion of her reign. Repairs for any damage to the State Crown are the responsibility of
378 the Empress and must not be done without consultation with the College and Board of
379 Directors and only through an approved vendor. The Empress must provide to the Board of
380 Directors, evidence of insurance coverage to include the full replacement value of the State
381 Crown against any loss or damage during her reign. Proof of such insurance must be
382 provided to the Board of Directors within 30 days of ascension to the title by the Empress.
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384 **H. EMPEROR MEDALLION AND SWORD**
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386 The perpetual Emperor's medallion is worn by the Emperor at all official functions. The
387 sword is a symbol of the Office of the reigning Emperor and is used in Crowning
388 Ceremonies of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and can be carried by the reigning
389 Emperor at other times at his discretion. It is the duty and responsibility of the reigning
390 Emperor to insure these articles for their full appraised value against loss or theft. Proof of
391 such insurance must be provided to the Board of Directors within 30 days of ascension to
392 the title by the Emperor.
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394 **I. THE IMPERIAL STATE ROBES:**
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396 These robes are used and worn for the Crowning ceremony of the new Emperor and
397 Empress. The Robes are done in the colors of Purple and Silver. They are full length robes
398 that are housed and protected by the Dean of the College. After crowning the robes will be
399 taken and kept in the safe keeping of the Dean. The robes may be worn during the reign of
400 the Monarchs with prior arrangement with the Dean of the College.
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403 **SECTION V - COUNCIL OF IMPERIAL PRINCES AND PRINCESSES (See also by-laws**
404 **Section VIII)¹⁵**
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406 The Council of Imperial Princes and Princess of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and
407 the Olympic and Rainier Empire (hereinafter "The Council") shall act as an advisory unit to
408 the Board, the Court, and the Imperial Family concerning matters of Pageantry and Heraldry
409 pertaining to the Imperial Princes and Princess. The Council will be responsible for
410 assisting in the planning, promotion and proper execution of the Imperial Prince and
411 Princess Ball each year.
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413 **A. PURPOSE:**
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415 The Imperial Prince and Princess Council is an established Council of past Imperial Princes
416 and Princesses. This Council, was created in 1990 by their Most Imperial Sovereign
417 Majesties, Rainier XVI Jack O. and Olympia XX Nasty Weather. The Council is made up of
418 past Heirs Apparent, who have successfully fulfilled their reigns and upon a vote have been
419 inducted into the Council the evening of their step-downs. The Council is headed by a
420 Chancellor, who is assisted by a Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor is elected by the
421 Council membership. Upon Completion as Vice Chancellor for a period of one year. The
422 following year he/she is automatically elevated to Chancellor. It is the duties and
423 responsibilities of the Council to be teachers, guides and mentors to the reigning Imperial
424 Prince and Princess as well as the Court membership. They are also responsible for
425 upholding the history, standards, traditions and Integrity of the Imperial Sovereign Court of
426 Seattle and the Olympic and Rainier Empire. The Council is responsible for hosting an
427 annual show to help raise funds for the Imperial Prince and Princess Promotional Fund.
428 They also assist in the Crowning ceremonies at the Imperial Prince and Princess Ball. It is
429 also their responsibility to assist at the polls on voting day for the elections of the new
430 Imperial Prince and Princess. The colors of the Imperial Council are Blue and White.

431 **B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHANCELLOR:**

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- 434 a. It is the responsibility of the Chancellor to chair all Imperial Prince and Princess
435 Council meetings.
- 436
- 437 b. To be seated on the Board of Directors of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle
438 for the term of office of one year
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- 440 c. To assist the Board in the endeavors to successfully complete their goals.
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- 442 d. To Host and help produce an annual Council Show or fundraiser.
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- 444 ~~e. To co-ordinate the monitoring of the voting station on election day for the~~
445 ~~Imperial Prince and Princess titles. To monitor the voting station for the hours~~
446 ~~voting are open. It is also the responsibility of the Chancellor to count the ballots~~
447 ~~with the Board President to obtain results of said election.~~
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- 449 f. ~~To give out the Chancellor's Award at the Imperial Prince and Princess Ball. To~~
450 ~~also induct and present the new Chancellor and induct the out going Imperial~~
451 ~~Prince and Princess to the Council at the Imperial Prince and Princess Ball.~~ The
452 Chancellor will ~~also~~ assist in preparing the Council for Crowning ceremonies and
453 the presentation of them. The Chancellor performs the crowning ceremony and
454 then presents the new ~~ly-elected~~ Imperial Prince and Princess to the reigning
455 Monarchs.
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- 457 g. The Chancellor is responsible for co-producing the Imperial Prince and Princess
458 Ball.
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460 **C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR:**

461 It is the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor, to assist the current Chancellor with any thing
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463 he may need. He takes on the learning of the duties and responsibilities of the Chancellor as
464 he upholds the history, standards, traditions and integrity of the Imperial Sovereign Court of
465 Seattle and the Olympic and Rainier Empire.

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467 **D. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNCIL:**

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469 It is the responsibility of the Council Membership to uphold the History, standards,
470 traditions and integrity of the Council and the Court, and to assist the reigning Imperial
471 Prince and Princess during their reigns.

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473 **E. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

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475 Membership in the Council is automatic upon completion of the reign of an Imperial Prince
476 or Princess. At this time the Council will elect a new Vice Chancellor.

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479 **F. THE IMPERIAL PRINCE AND PRINCESS STATE ROBES:**

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481 These robes are used and worn for the Crowning ceremonies for the Imperial Prince and
482 Princess Ball. The Robes are done in the Council colors of Blue and White. They are knee
483 length capes that are housed and protected by the Imperial Prince and Princess Council.
484 After crowning the robes will be taken and kept in the safe keeping of the Council. They
485 now represent and are part of the crowning ceremonies only.

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487 **H. IMPERIAL PRINCE MEDALLION**

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489 The perpetual Imperial Prince medallion is worn by the Imperial Prince at all official
490 functions. It is the duty and responsibility of the reigning Imperial Prince to insure the
491 medallion for its full appraised value against loss or theft. Proof of such insurance must be
492 provided to the Board of Directors within 30 days of ascension to the title by the Imperial
493 Prince.

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495 **SECTION VI - ELECTION OF TITLEHOLDERS**

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497 **A. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

498 Anyone wishing to run for any of the following elected positions within the organization
499 must meet the qualifications, as set forth below. Titles are individual, and only one (1)
500 person can hold any elected title--precluding such situations as "Co-Emperor," "Co-Queen,"
501 etc.

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503 **1. THE EMPEROR/EMPRESS ~~AND THE IMPERIAL PRINCE/PRINCESS:~~**

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505 **a.** Complete an application and submit a Letter of Intent in MS Word format ~~for~~
506 ~~Board review two (2) months in advance (at the December Board meeting) to~~
507 ~~allow the Board a full 30 day review.~~
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- 509 **b.** Submit a photograph of their selves appropriately attired in the fashion applicable
510 to the office sought - with the full knowledge that such photograph will be
511 published in the media prior to election; submit a disc in JPEG format with
512 Picture and Letter of Intent; **in addition proof of income and / or proof of**
513 **sponsorship if applicable and proof of residence in the Empire as evidenced by a**
514 **utility bill in the applicant's name or valid driver's license or Washington State**
515 **ID.**
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- 517 ~~**e.** Interview with and receive approval of the Board of Directors, including any past~~
518 ~~Emperor/Empress **and/or Imperial Prince/Princess;**~~
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- 520 **d.** Pay a non-refundable filing fee, as determined by the Board of Directors;
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- 522 **e.** Has been a resident of the Empire for at least two (2) full years prior to tendering
523 such application;
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- 525 **f.** Has been an active Member in Good Standing of the Court for one (1) entire year
526 prior to tendering such application (has not fallen out of good standing during the
527 year);¹⁸ **active membership shall be defined as participation, attendance or**
528 **working on committees for at least 50% of the Court activities during the most**
529 **recent year and must have organized or participated in at least one community**
530 **service event during the year.**
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- 532 **g.** Not be a reigning titleholder in this or any other Empire;¹⁹
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- 534 **h.** Be willing to grant the Board of Directors the right to verify their financial
535 credibility;
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- 537 **i.** Provide documentation as necessary to substantiate eligibility and qualifications
538 as set forth in this section.
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540 **2. THE GAY SEATTLES:**

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- 542 **a.** Complete an application for the position of the Gay Seattles;
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- 544 **b.** Pay a non-refundable filing fee, as determined by the Board of Directors;
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- 546 **c.** Be eligible for membership in the Court;
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- 548 **d.** Not be a reigning titleholder in this or any other Empire;²⁰
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- 550 **e.** Provide such documentation as necessary to substantiate eligibility and
551 qualifications as set forth in this section.
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- 553 f. Must join the Court within 30 days of ascension to the title and must remain a
554 member in good standing during the reign.²¹
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556 g. Must be available during Coronation Weekend to assist in hosting hospitality.
557

558 ~~**3. THE HEARTS AND SEAS:**~~
559

- 560 ~~a. Complete an application for the position of the Gay Seattles, Hearts and or Seas;~~
561
562 ~~b. Pay a non-refundable filing fee, as determined by the Board of Directors;~~
563
564 ~~c. Be eligible for membership in the Court;~~
565
566 ~~d. Not be a reigning titleholder in this or any other Empire;²²~~
567
568 ~~e. Provide such documentation as necessary to substantiate eligibility and~~
569 ~~qualifications as set forth in this section.~~
570
571 ~~f. Must join the Court within 30 days of ascension to the title and must remain a~~
572 ~~member in good standing during the reign.²³~~
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575 **3. CLOSET QUEEN AND KING:**
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- 577 a. Pay a non-refundable filing fee. This amount will be determined by the Board of
578 Directors.
579
580 b. Not have executed drag before, with the exception of Halloween or turnabout.
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582 c. Candidates for Closet Queen and King must have one sponsor who will prepare
583 the contestant.
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585 d. Observe all protocol as stated in the protocol guidelines of the Olympic and
586 Rainier Empire.
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588 **B. CAMPAIGNING:**
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590 Campaigning prior to the official campaign period is grounds for immediate disqualification
591 from any race. Committee formation, planning, preparations, discussions, verbal
592 announcement of candidacy and requests for support shall not be construed to be
593 “campaigning” for the purposes of this section. However, any verbal solicitation of a vote
594 will be construed as campaigning. No buttons, pins, pens, key-chains, T-shirts, hats, posters,
595 flyers, or any other advertising gimmick or media shall be permitted until the beginning of
596 the official campaign period, as determined by the Board and specified on the application

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²² Revised 05/02

²³ Revised 05/02

597 form. Evidence of proper authorization of use of business or company logos and or written
598 endorsements will be required if used on campaign materials. Said authorization(s) will be
599 given to the Marketing/Advertising Chair. Any advertising material, business card size or
600 larger and / or anything having or requiring the Court Logo and / or Court identification
601 requires Advertising Committee approval. Any candidate due to conflict of interest can not
602 use official court sponsors. In a contested race, Board Members and members of the
603 Imperial Family as defined by the Reigning Monarchs must remain neutral.²⁴The official
604 campaign periods shall be as follows:

605
606 **1. EMPEROR/EMPRESS: ~~IMPERIAL PRINCE/PRINCESS;~~**

607
608 Campaigning shall be at least two (2) weeks, but no longer than four (4) weeks in length,
609 prior to Coronation and Ball. Exact dates for the beginning and ending dates will be set by
610 the Board of Directors.

611
612 **2. THE GAY SEATTLES: ~~AND KING & QUEEN OF THE SEAS; AND KING &~~**
613 **~~QUEEN OF HEARTS~~**

614
615 Campaigning shall begin as authorized by the Board of Directors.

616
617 **3. CLOSET QUEEN / KING:**

618
619 No campaigning shall be permitted.

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621 **SECTION VII – ELECTIONS**

622
623 **A. VOTING FOR EMPEROR/EMPRESS ~~& IMPERIAL PRINCE/PRINCESS;~~**

624
625 Voting for these positions will take place at a location between the hours designated by the
626 Board. Voting for the positions of Emperor and Empress of Seattle are conducted only in the
627 city of Seattle. Voters will need proper identification to establish residency in the Empire.
628 Monitoring will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors, with assistance of the College of
629 Monarchs. ~~and/or the Council of Imperial Princes and Princesses;~~

630
631 All residents of the Empire and those Honorary Citizens as designated by Imperial Declarations
632 may cast ballots. Preprinted ballots will be used and write-in candidates shall not be allowed at
633 anytime for any reason. Absentee ballots of members in good standing will be allowed provided
634 that such ballots are voted and tendered to the Board President during their first meeting in
635 February or April of each year. If a candidate for a particular position is running unopposed,
636 then that candidate will be elected according to a "Yes-No" vote. "Yes" votes must exceed the
637 "No" votes.

638
639 **1. VOTE TABULATION:** an independent accounting and/or law firm as designated by the
640 Board will tabulate ballots cast for the position of Emperor and Empress. ~~For the position of~~
641 ~~Imperial Prince and Princess, ballots will be tabulated by the Board President and~~
642 ~~Chancellor of the Council, between the day of voting and the day of the function.~~

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644 **2. No co-reigns or co-regencies will be allowed or sought.**
645
646 **3.** Prior to election for Emperor and Empress ~~and Imperial Prince and Princess~~, the Board of
647 Directors will cast a secret ballot which will be used as a tie breaker. This balloting will be
648 the responsibility of the President of the Board of Directors and the Secretary.²⁵
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650 **4.** All persons counting the ballots must maintain confidentiality and not disclose the results
651 before they are publicly announced.²⁶
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653 **B. VOTING FOR THE GAY SEATTLE'S ~~AND KING/QUEEN OF THE SEAS; KING/~~**
654 **~~QUEEN OF HEARTS.~~**
655

656 Voting for these positions will take place at the location of the appropriate function between
657 the hours designated by the Board. Voting will be open to anyone in attendance.
658 Tabulation of the ballots will be the responsibility of the Board President and the Board of
659 Directors. Anyone counting the ballots must maintain confidentiality and not disclose the
660 results before they are publicly announced.²⁷
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662 **C. CLOSET QUEEN / KING.**
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664 A five member non-partisan panel shall judge The Closet Queen / King pageant. Selection
665 of this panel shall be the responsibility of the reigning Monarchs and/or the Board. A ten-
666 (10) point system shall be used in three (3) categories. They are:
667

- 668 **1. BEFORE AND AFTER:** Judges are looking for the most change, originality, and
669 presentation. Both the sponsor and contestant must be present and on stage to be judged in
670 this category, or lose the points for this category.
671
672 **2. POISE AND PRESENTATION:** Judges are looking for a contestant who is relaxed, has
673 agility in foot attire, and overall attention to detail.
674
675 **3. QUESTION AND ANSWER:** Judges are looking for confident, original answers. This
676 is a person who may be representing our organization in the coming years. Judges can score
677 each contestant 1 to 10 in each category. The contestant closet to the score of 30 shall be
678 declared Closet Queen. In the case of a tie, the Board shall vote by ballot to determine the
679 winner. Each contestant and sponsor will have one (1) hour to complete the transformation.
680 For safety purposes, each contestant will be allowed to apply their own mascara and
681 eyeliner.
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683 **SECTION VIII - COURT FUNCTIONS (See also by-laws Section IX)**
684

- 685 1. The Court shall be required to seek and execute a monthly community outreach project to

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- 686 balance out our commitment to community service.²⁸
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688 2. AUGUST: Fundraising for Lifelong A.I.D.S. Walk.²⁹
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690 3. Participation in the Lifelong A.I.D.S. Walk.³⁰
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692 4. DECEMBER: The Bailey-Boushay Cabaret Show.³¹ Court Christmas Show to be done
693 jointly with the Knights of Malta.³²The Proceeds from the Courts will be designated to
694 Bailey-Boushay.
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696 SECTION IX – DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

697 See Business Section

698 SECTION X - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

699 The following awards and titles belong to this organization:
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701
702 **A. THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** To be determined by the President of the Board for
703 presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.
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706 **B. THE ANTHONY J SCHMIDT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:** To be voted
707 upon by the general membership in good standing at their first meeting in January for
708 presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.
709

710 **C. THE EMPEROR'S AWARD:** This is a perpetual award that is given out by the
711 Emperor to a College Emperor from his own College, that has been of great service, help or
712 guidance to the Reigning Emperor. To be determined by the reigning Emperor for
713 presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.
714

715 **D. RAINIER AND OLYMPIA AWARD:** To be determined by the reigning Emperor and
716 Empress for presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.³³ The award will bear the
717 year of presentation rather than a sequential numbering.³⁴
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719 **E. CROWN PRINCE FOR LIFE TO RAINIER:** To be determined by the reigning
720 Emperor for presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.
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722 **F. CROWN PRINCESS FOR LIFE TO RAINIER:** To be determined by the reigning
723 Emperor for presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.
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725 **G. THE EMPRESS AWARD:** To be determined by the reigning Empress for presentation
726 to the recipient during Coronation week.

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²⁹ revised Apr 00 - Declaration from Feb 2000

³⁰ revised Apr 00 - Declaration from Feb 2000

³¹ revised Apr 00 - Declaration from Feb 2000

³² Declaration of Olympia XVIII Kristin Dior of Feb. 1989

³³ revised Apr 00 - Declaration from Feb 2000

³⁴ Modified by agreement of Rainier 25 and Olympia 29 in 05/02

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H CROWN PRINCE FOR LIFE TO OLYMPIA: To be determined by the reigning Empress for presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.

I. CROWN PRINCESS FOR LIFE TO OLYMPIA: To be determined by the reigning Empress for presentation to the recipient during Coronation week.

J. THE PRINCE TO PRINCE AND PRINCE TO PRINCESS AWARD: To be determined by the reigning Imperial Prince for presentation to the recipient at IPP Ball.³⁵

K. THE ALEX GIBSON AWARD: To be determined by the reigning Imperial Prince for presentation to the recipient at IPP Ball. This award is named after and in the memory of H.I.S.H. Imperial Prince 10 Alex Gipson. This is a perpetual award that is given out by the Imperial Prince to a Council Prince from his own Council that has been of great service, help or guidance to the Reigning Prince. This award is given out at The Imperial Ball.³⁶

L. THE PRINCESS TO PRINCESS AND PRINCESS TO PRINCE AWARD: This is a perpetual award that is given out by the Imperial Princess to a Council Princess from her own Council that has been of great service, help or guidance to the Reigning Princess. This award is given out at The Imperial Ball.³⁷

M. THE HURRICAN LOW-RAIN AWARD: To be determined by the Imperial Princess for presentation to the recipient at IPP Ball. This award is named after and in the memory of H.I.S.H. Imperial Princess XII Hurricane Low-Rain. This is a perpetual award that is given out by the Imperial Princess to a Council Princess from her own Council that has been of great service, help, or guidance to the Reigning Princess. This award is given out at her step down.³⁸

N. JACK O. AND NASTY WEATHER TASMANIAN AWARD: This award to be determined by the Chancellor of the Council and given out at the IPP Ball.³⁹ The Chancellor's Award: This award was named after and in the memory of the founders of the Council. This award is known as the Jack O and Nasty Weather Tasmanian Chancellor's Award. This award is given out by the Chancellor just before crowning to some one the Chancellor feels merits the award. The award is merited by a substantial contribution of help, to the Council, Court or community. The recipient, is chosen by the out going Chancellor. This is a perpetual award.⁴⁰

O. THE GRAYTOP MEMORIAL AWARD: Voted upon by the members of the College of Monarchs at their first meeting in January for presentation to the recipient(s) during Coronation week.

³⁵ revised Apr 00 - Council action

³⁶ Revised 05/02

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³⁹ revised Apr 00 - Declaration from Feb 2000

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769 **P. THE GEORGE RAY AWARD:** Presented by Emperor Rainier Emeritus George Ray
770 during Coronation week each year, at his discretion.⁴¹

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772 **Q. COURT MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** Voted on by the general membership and
773 presented during Coronation week each year by the outgoing Monarchs.⁴²

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775 **R. CITIZEN FOR LIFE:** Designated by the reigning Monarchs as they see fit, for
776 presentation during Coronation week.⁴³ (Not to exceed one each, and must have Board
777 Approval).

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779 **S. The “Scott Rodriguez” Business Person Award⁴⁴** This award is nominated and
780 elected by the court membership in good standing at the first general membership meeting
781 in March for presentation to the recipient at The IPP Ball by the outgoing Prince and
782 Princess

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784 **T. The “Alex Veltri” Business Award⁴⁵** This award is nominated and elected, in January,
785 by the court membership in good standing and shall be presented to the recipient during
786 Coronation by the outgoing Monarchs or their designees.

787 788 **SECTION XI – PROTOCOL**

789
790 The Minister of Protocol as designated by the reigning Monarchs shall follow Protocol as set forth
791 by them and the following.

792
793 **WHAT IS PROTOCOL?** By Definition: *PROTOCOL n. The rules of diplomatic and state*
794 *etiquette and ceremony. MINISTER n. One appointed to head an executive or administrative*
795 *department of a government.*

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797 For the purpose of The Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and The Olympic and Rainier Empire,
798 the Minister(s) of Protocol, as appointed by the Emperor and Empress, shall, as their duties, be in
799 charge of all things pertaining to Protocol. They shall at all times, be aware of all titles bestowed by
800 the reigning monarchs. At all times they should have current and complete lists of titles granted
801 and/or bestowed in their proper order from the least or lowest ranking title, right up to and including
802 the Emperor and Empress, and the full name of the recipient (both given and drag/stage name). So
803 at no time are they in a quandary as to who is the holder of said title or titles.

804
805 They shall be in charge of making the line-up in proper order of any and all entrances by the court
806 in or out of town. If the entrance is out of town, and they are unable to attend, they shall make
807 available for one of the people attending the function, the necessary information so that the proper
808 entrance can be made without any confusion. They shall see that the Master of Ceremonies for the
809 event, or whoever will be making the entrance announcement, has in their possession the cards with
810 all information contained there on for proper introduction of the court and that the cards are in
811 proper order. They should have a duplicate set of cards so that the proper alignment of the court

⁴¹ Revised 05/02

⁴² Revised 05/02

⁴³ Revised 05/02

⁴⁴ Declaration of Olympia XXXII Rainier XXVIII of Feb 03

⁴⁵ Declaration of Olympia XXXII Rainier XXVIII of Feb 03

812 can be made and everyone in their proper places prior to the entrance.

813
814 Out of courtesy to the MC's, they should have the cards in their possession prior to the event so as
815 to read through them and understand them so if any clarification is needed, it can be made then, not
816 during the entrance. Standard procedure has been that they be on 4 X 6 cards for ease and
817 convenience of the MC's. It might be wise for the Minister(s) of Protocol to have a master card file
818 in their possession at all times. After determining who is present from the empire, that permanent
819 card can be pulled out from the file and a copy made and placed in the proper order for the line of
820 march.

821
822 Protocol is the manner of acting while in public, and for most instances, within the city. It also
823 covers entrances and the proper line of march. One of the first things which should be remembered
824 is, "**LET COMMON SENSE BE YOUR GUIDE**".

825
826 One of the easiest methods of embarrassing the Emperor and Empress is for someone to act in a
827 manner, which would reflect adversely upon the entire city or Court. Obviously this is to be
828 avoided at all costs. Perhaps the simplest rule for everyone to follow is "**TAKE YOUR CUE**
829 **FROM THE REIGNING MONARCHS**". Does that sound a little strange? Well, let us cover a
830 few little examples to let you know what we are talking about.

831
832 When a situation arises where a member of another court is, for any reason, in disfavor with our
833 own Emperor or Empress, obviously, there is a very subtle manner to show your displeasure with
834 this individual. You simply do not stand when that person makes an entrance. It is certainly not up
835 to you, as an individual, neither to pick a fight with that person nor to show disrespect for them by
836 not standing just because you do not like them. If the Emperor and Empress stand, so do you. You
837 never remain seated at any time when your own Emperor and Empress are standing.

838
839 Another equally important rule of thumb to remember is that you, as an individual, may honor any
840 out-of-town Monarch, either past or present. You do this by giving them the honor of standing at
841 the time they make an entrance. These are the only people for whom you will stand, unless the
842 reigning monarchs for the Olympic and Rainier Empire also stand.

843
844 Perhaps we can break this down even more simply by listing some of the current titles. If your title
845 is lower than that held by the person, you would almost always be right in preparing yourself to
846 stand.

847
848 REIGNING EMPEROR AND/OR EMPRESS - ALWAYS

849
850 PAST EMPEROR AND/OR EMPRESS - take cue from our monarchs, or as you feel
851 necessary

852
853 PRINCE AND/OR PRINCESS CONSORTS - only if they accompany a reigning head of
854 state

855
856 IMPERIAL PRINCE AND/OR PRINCESS - our own equal part should recognize them, and
857 others as they see fit, upon one exception. That exception is at the stepping down of these
858 titles. During their entrance and final walk, it is traditional to pay them the honor of
859 standing.

860
861 PRINCE AND/OR PRINCESS OF THE REALM - only if your title is lower than this one
862 and then at your own option

863
864 REMEMBER that you will never be wrong if you take your cue from the Emperor and Empress. If
865 they pull the boo-boo, that is their problem, not yours. Of course to every rule, there is the
866 exception. For information purposes, it has been decreed within the Olympic and Rainier Empire
867 and most other empires, that if Jose' I and or Nicole The Great makes an entrance, everyone will
868 stand. You will notice that the reigning head of state will pay Jose' and or Nicole The Great the
869 honor of walking more than halfway down the runway to meet Them.

870
871 It has become traditional, within our own empire to use the following form of greeting:

872
873 Males bow slightly from the waist.
874 Females - curtsy.

875
876 Kissing of hands is really not acceptable in our court system, unless there is a hand fetish involved
877 somewhere. Do not kiss the Monarchs unless they indicate in some manner that they wish to be
878 kissed.

879
880 In nearly all courts, the Minister(s) of Protocol prepares the line of entrance. It is their job to
881 determine who is where from your own court and to insure that the proper introduction is written on
882 the entrance cards. Protocol also includes being nice to people you don't know or those whom you
883 dislike. You are each a representative of this court, and as such should conduct yourself
884 accordingly. You, from the Emperor and Empress on down, should do nothing, which will cause
885 undue talk among the other empires.

886
887 Surprisingly enough, one of the major items of protocol which is never really talked about, nor does
888 anyone stop to think about; is when out of town, the Emperor and Empress and past monarchs are
889 liable to arrive late. Since they are usually doing the public relations work for the city. It is
890 important for them to talk to and greet as many of the individuals attending a function as they can.
891 For this reason, the members of our own court forget that they are indeed the Heads of State, and
892 should be saved a seat at the table. In our mad scramble for good seating, we often forget to pay
893 this simple courtesy.

894
895 Another area of proper protocol falls upon the shoulders of the All Members. One of their main
896 jobs is the protection of the reigning monarchs. Upon many occasions, a good number of people
897 both within and without the empire, attempt to get the ear of the monarchs. At those times, if the
898 individual has taken too much time, or sees that the monarchs are becoming bored, simply step in
899 and inform the monarchs that there is someone across the room to which they should talk to.

900
901 Each person granted a title should fill out a 4 x 6 card with the following information:

902
903 (Example) PROPER NAME AND TITLE - ROGER DODGER, IMPERIAL DUKE
904 FULL INTRODUCTION TITLE - THE IMPERIAL DUKE, ADVISOR TO THE
905 THRONE OF OLYMPIA AND RAINIER, KEEPER OF THE GARTER, ETC.
906 ROGER DODGER

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908 Crowns won with title are the Crowns to be worn at all Court Walks during their reign. The
909 exception will be at the Titleholders “Final Performance” they may choose to wear Their Personal
910 Crown.

911
912 In most cases, it would behoove the Minister(s) of Protocol, early in the year, to assess the proper
913 line of entrance and to assign each of the persons with a title a number. That way, each person
914 would then know exactly where he or she is going to be in the lineup, no matter what the entrance
915 and who is or is not there. The less confusion the better.

916
917 Order of entrance is important and should be followed to the letter. Various titles all have a degree
918 of importance and some are greater than others are. An example of a typical entrance follows:

919

VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE EMPIRE

920 IMPERIAL HONOR GUARD

921 IMPERIAL GUIDES

922 COURT JESTERS

923 GRANDFATHER OF THE COURT

924 MOTHER AND FATHER OF THE COURT

925 KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF THE REALM

926 GRAND ADVISORS TO THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS

927 LORD HIGH CHAMBERLAIN

928 LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR

929 MINISTER (S) OF PROTOCOL

930 LADIES IN WAITING TO THE EMPRESS

931 CROWN PRINCE AND CROWN PRINCESS

932 VARIOUS ELECTED TITLES OF THE COURT - ELECTED DURING THE
933 REIGN OF THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS. EXAMPLES ARE - CLOSETS,
934 HEARTS, SEAS, SEATTLES

935 PAST IMPERIAL PRINCE/PRINCESS

936 PAST EMPERORS/EMPRESSES

937 IMPERIAL PRINCE/PRINCESS

938 EMPEROR AND EMPRESS

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940
941 Other titles can be inserted where they belong. The proceeding is based on the protocol of the
942 British and French. Titles from other empires should be avoided as confusion results and there is a
943 very fine line between some titles as to which is the greater and the lesser title. The following is a
944 list of the English/French Protocol, and as a suggestion be studied by all incoming monarchs so as
945 to familiarize themselves with the various titles and they’re ranking. Corresponding female titles
946 are also noted.

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948 PAGE – male servant, young man training for knighthood

949 SQUIRE – young aspirant to knighthood serving as an attendant and armor bearer to a
950 knight

951 KNIGHT (LADY) - holder of a nonhereditary title below the rank of baronet entitled to use
952 Sir before given name

953 BARONET (LADY) – inheritable title below a baron and not part of nobility, uses Sir
954 before given name

955 BARON (BARONESS) – lowest hereditary nobility

956 VISCOUNT (VISCOUNTESS) – nobility, ranking between Earl and Baron
957 COUNT (COUNTESS) – nobility, having rank corresponding to that of an Earl
958 EARL (COUNTESS) – nobility, next in rank above a Viscount and below a Marquis
959 MARQUIS (MARQUISE) – nobility, next in rank below a Duke
960 DUKE (DUCHESS) - nobility, hereditary rank immediately below a Prince and above a
961 Marquis
962

963 The job of Minister(s) of Protocol is an important position with the court system. If handled
964 properly can be fun and rewarding job, if not can lead to some embarrassing situations for you, your
965 empire, and to your Emperor and Empress. So stay on top of everything, know when Seattle is
966 making an entrance at an official function and see that all your people are in their place so no
967 confusion results.
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969 **C. EMPEROR & EMPRESS EMERITUS:** The Titles of Rainier Emperor Emeritus and
970 Olympia Empress Emeritus will be given out only once. Mr. George Ray and Charity will be the
971 only persons to ever have these titles.⁴⁶ Furthermore, the titles Emperor, Empress, Rainier and
972 Olympia may not ever be used in any other honorary title.⁴⁷
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974 SECTION XII – ATTACHMENTS

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976 (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIOUS TITLES)

⁴⁶ added June 02 per Original Declaration of Rainier XII Michiel Orias and Olympia XVI Sofonda Peters of Feb. 1987

⁴⁷ added June 02 at the request of the College of Monarchs.

977 **APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF EMPEROR OR EMPRESS**

978
979 Name _____ Address _____
980 City _____ Zip Code _____
981 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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983 I hereby tender my application for the position of _____ of the Imperial Sovereign
984 Court of Seattle and The Olympic and Rainier Empire. I certify that:

985
986 1. I am at least 21 years of age. I have been a resident of the Olympic and Rainier Empire for at
987 least the past two (2) years, and have been an active member for one (1) year of this organization
988 prior to filing **per the Operating Guidelines**.

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990 2. I am a member in good standing in accordance with the by-laws and guidelines, and have not
991 been indebted to the court for any reason whatsoever.

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993 3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to check my financial credibility, and reserves the right
994 to refuse my application for cause.

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996 4. The offices are open to both men and women.

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998 5. Candidates will present their applications with a letter of intent, resume of qualifications with a
999 photograph of themselves appropriately attired in the fashion applicable to the office sought to the
1000 Board of Directors and the Court at a date, place, and time to be specified by them These items
1001 become the property of The Court of Seattle Organization. To be used as Promotional Material as
1002 deemed necessary.

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1004 6. There will be no campaigning allowed until _____ Each candidate will be allowed one (1)
1005 official function, and campaign material will be allowed so long as it meets the approval of the
1006 Minister of Protocol or Board President prior to distribution.

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1008 7. Regalia pertaining to the positions sought are the responsibility of the winner, to include cost of
1009 repair or replacement.

1010
1011 A non-refundable application fee for these positions is _____, and includes admission to the
1012 event for the candidate and one (1) dresser.

1013
1014 I have received and read the current operating guidelines governing the office I am applying for,
1015 and do hereby agree to follow said rules and regulations during the campaign. I further understand
1016 that any and all actions that are detrimental to this organization or the other candidates will be just
1017 cause for removal, whether discovered before or after the campaign begins, and will result in
1018 immediate disqualification by the Board.

1019
1020 _____
1021 Applicants Signature Date

1022 _____
1023 Approved/Disapproved

1024 **APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF IMPERIAL PRINCE OR**
1025 **PRINCESS**

1026 Name _____ Address _____
1027 City _____ Zip Code _____
1028 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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1030 I hereby tender my application for the position of _____ of the Imperial Sovereign
1031 Court of Seattle and The Olympic and Rainier Empire. I certify that:

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1033 1. I am at least 21 years of age. I have been a resident of the Olympic and Rainier Empire for at
1034 least the past two (2) years, and have been an active member for one (1) year of this organization
1035 prior to filing.

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1037 2. I am a member in good standing in accordance with the by-laws and guidelines, and have not
1038 been indebted to the court for any reason whatsoever.

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1040 3. The Board of Directors reserves the right to check my financial credibility, and reserves the right
1041 to refuse my application for cause.

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1043 4. The offices are open to both men and women.

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1045 5. Candidates will present their applications with a letter of intent, resume of qualifications with a
1046 photograph of themselves appropriately attired in the fashion applicable to the office sought to the
1047 Board of Directors and the Court at a date, place, and time to be specified by them.

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1049 6. There will be no campaigning allowed until _____. Each candidate will be allowed one (1)
1050 official function, and campaign material will be allowed so long as it meets the approval of the
1051 Minister of Protocol or Board President prior to distribution.

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1053 7. Regalia pertaining to the positions sought are the responsibility of the winner, to include cost of
1054 repair or replacement.

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1056 A non-refundable application fee for these positions is _____, and includes admission to the
1057 event for the candidate and one (1) dresser.

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1059 I have received and read the current operating guidelines governing the office I am applying for,
1060 and do hereby agree to follow said rules and regulations during the campaign. I further understand
1061 that any and all actions that are detrimental to this organization or the other candidates will be just
1062 cause for removal, whether discovered before or after the campaign begins, and will result in
1063 immediate disqualification by the Board.

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1066 Applicants Signature Date

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**APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF MR. OR MISS ~~OR MS~~ GAY
SEATTLE**

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City	Zip
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Home Phone	Work Phone

I hereby tender my application for the position of _____ of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and The Olympic and Rainier Empire. I certify that:

1. I am at least 21 years of age, and a legal resident King County or Island County.
2. I agree to join the Court and become an active member at the next general membership meeting if I win.
3. I am not a current titleholder in this or any other Empire.
4. I will provide any and all documentation required substantiating the above stated facts.
5. A non-refundable application fee for these positions is \$25.00, and includes admission to the event.
6. There will be no campaigning allowed until _____. All campaign materials must be approved by the Marketing/Advertising Chair prior to distribution.

All applications are to be received by the end of the Announcement of Candidates Event. I agree to be at the function 30 minutes before it starts.

I acknowledge that I have read, and fully understand the Duties and Responsibilities for these titles as stated in the operating guidelines of this organization. I further acknowledge that there are neither expressed, nor implied, financial subsidies, allowances, etc., for the purpose of travel, entertainment, etc.

I further understand that any and all actions that are detrimental to this organization or the other candidates will be just cause for removal, whether discovered before or after the campaign begins and may result in immediate disqualification by the Board.

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~~APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF KING OR QUEEN OF HEARTS~~

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Name Address

City Zip

Home Phone Work Phone~~

~~I hereby tender my application for the position of _____ of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and The Olympic and Rainier Empire. I certify that:~~

- ~~1. I am at least 21 years of age, and a legal resident of the Olympic and Rainier Empire.~~
- ~~2. I agree to join the Court and become an active member at the next general membership meeting if I win.~~
- ~~3. The offices are open to both men and women.~~
- ~~4. I am not a current titleholder in this or any other Empire.~~
- ~~5. I will provide any and all documentation required substantiating the above stated facts.~~
- ~~6. A non-refundable application fee for these positions is \$25.00, and includes admission to the event.~~
- ~~7. There will be no campaigning allowed until _____. All campaign materials must be approved by the Minister of Protocol or Board President prior to distribution.~~

~~All applications are to be received by the end of the Announcement of Candidates Event. I agree to be at the function 30 minutes before it starts.~~

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~~I further understand that any and all actions that are detrimental to this organization or the other candidates will be just cause for removal, whether discovered before or after the campaign begins and may result in immediate disqualification by the Board.~~

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Applicants Signature Date~~

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1162 **APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF KING OR QUEEN OF THE SEAS**

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1165 Name Address

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1167 City Zip

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1169 Home Phone Work Phone

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1171 I hereby tender my application for the position of _____ of the Imperial Sovereign

1172 Court of Seattle and The Olympic and rainier Empire. I certify that:

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- 1174 1. I am at least 21 years of age, and a legal resident of the Olympic and Rainier Empire.
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- 1176 2. I agree to join the Court and become an active member at the next general membership meeting if
- 1177 I win.
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- 1179 3. The offices are open to both men and women.
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- 1181 4. I am not a current titleholder in this or any other Empire.
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- 1183 5. I will provide any and all documentation required substantiating the above stated facts.
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- 1185 6. A non-refundable application fee for these positions is \$25.00, and includes admission to the
- 1186 event.
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- 1188 7. There will be no campaigning allowed until _____. All campaign materials must be
- 1189 approved by the Minister of Protocol or Board President prior to distribution.

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1195 as stated in the operating guidelines of this organization. I further acknowledge that there are

1196 neither expressed, nor implied, financial subsidies, allowances, etc., for the purpose of travel,

1197 entertainment, etc.

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1200 candidates will be just cause for removal, whether discovered before or after the campaign begins

1201 and may result in immediate disqualification by the Board.

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APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF CLOSET QUEEN OR KING

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Name Address

City Zip

Home Phone Work Phone

Sponsor's Name

1. I hereby tender my application for the position of Closet Queen or King of The Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and The Olympic and Rainier Empire. I certify that:

2. I'm at least 21 years of age, and a legal resident of the Olympic and Rainier Empire.

3. A non-refundable application fee for this title is \$25.00, which includes admission to the event for myself and one sponsor.

4. I understand that there will be no campaigning allowed for this position.

5. I have not been in drag at any time prior to this event with the exception of Halloween and/or Turnabout.

6. I have a sponsor, and is the individual preparing me.

I understand that any and all actions that are detrimental to this organization or the other candidates will be just cause for the removal, whether discovered before or after the contest and will result in immediate disqualification by the board.

Applicant's Signature Date

Approve/Disapprove