

Mama Takes Manhattan

by Duchess DaisyMae



Our founder, Jose Sarria, The Widow Norton, has arrived in the Emerald Empire to share his wisdom and joy once again! Many of us attended his book signing at *A Different Light* bookstore on Saturday, October 17, and have seen him at other events or have taken him out on the town. Being the perfect guest, it is our pleasure that he has come back again to visit. A perfect gift suggestion: buy his book - *The Empress Is A Man* ! It's like having tea with him. Very witty and insightful. And buy one for a friend - the Holidays are coming.

East Coast Conference - September 21, 1998

by Empress IX Philomena

The creation of the East Coast Conference in September of 1995 was the first attempt by a neighboring group of individual courts to join together to combine their energy for common goals. The ECC consists of the Canadian Courts from Toronto, Hamilton, London and St.Cathrine, and the U.S. Courts of New York, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Connecticut, Kentucky and Rhode Island.

This year's Conference, chaired by Charles Ching, took place in Boston the weekend of Massachusetts's Adornment, and began with updates of the worldwide member Courts. Torecap: The proposed Court in the U.K. has encountered some difficulties, and is still under consideration for now. The Mexican Court of Baja is now an official Court — previously the Court of Rio Tijuana had been an honorary entity. The Mexican Court now includes several smaller Courts throughout the Baja Peninsula, and not just Tijuana. Other announcements include that contrary to what the people from the Grand Tetons

are saying, they are not an official Court, and that although there are two Courts in Modesto, CA, only one of them is officially sanctioned. The official Court is the Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc., and one must be very careful, as the unofficial Court uses nearly the exact same words in a different order.

Charles then recounted the most recent effort of the ECC to pool their efforts for a common cause, which were the Breast Cancer Awareness benefits that each Court produced in their own communities this past May. The ECC raised a total of \$7,843, and the Courts overall raised \$82,000, all of which was donated to Breast Cancer support programs in each individual community. The ICNY benefit was a cabaret show produced by Emperor William at Caroline's Comedy Club, featuring Julie Wilson, Julie Halston and KT Sullivan.

The main thrust of this meeting was to choose our next event, and it was decided for each Court to once again to produce an event to benefit an organization in their own community with a common theme: In connection with World AIDS Day (December 1), each Court will produce a benefit of their own choosing, to benefit an organization that provides

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The Executive Board of the Imperial Court of New York meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

The General Membership meets on the first Wednesday of each month at The Center, 1 Little West 12th St. at 8:00pm.

food in some way to PLWAs in their community. ICNY's event will benefit the *Momentum Project*.

Wrapping up the Conference, it was decided to plan the next two Conferences for June of 1999 in Hamilton, and in February 2000 in Connecticut. Here's to the continued success of the East Coast Conference

You Ought to Be In Pictures

by Duchess DaisyMae

The journal committee is starting the work on the journal for Night of 1,000 Gowns. Please submit your photos of Court events as soon as possible so we can start working on the layout. We can take either a print, or if you have it in a .TIF or .JPG file on diskette, or e-mail it to ICNY DAISY@AOL.COM. If you have questions, feel free to call either Bob or myself and we'll be glad to answer your questions. Here's looking at you kid!

Night Of A 1,000 Gowns - Beneficiaries Update

By Marquess Mathias

This year the Board of Directors of the Imperial Court of New York has received nine applications for review as potential beneficiaries of the Night of a Thousand Gowns weekend events. After careful review the Board has selected four finalists, each of whom will receive funding from our organization. These are:

- God's Love We Deliver
- Friends for Life

• NY Anti-Violence Project

• Callen-Lorde Health Center

It has not yet been determined which will be the beneficiaries of the Saturday night ball, the out-of-town show, the prince and princess show, or the tough drag event. Each of the four agencies will be interviewed in depth by Board members to define their needs. The board will then prioritize the potential impact of our fund-raising efforts and designate the beneficiaries of each night's activities. In the past the Imperial Court of New York has given awards of \$10,000 to \$15,000 from the annual ball. We hope to increase that amount so **remember to push those tickets!**

Canada Dry?

By Marquess Mathias

On October 10, 1998 nine members of the Imperial Court of New York had the honor of representing our city at the annual Toronto coronation. Empress Panzi, Emperor William and seven court members took off to the Canadian skies for a weekend of fun. Let it be known that Toronto may be cold in temperature but it is hot in decadence! I had the distinct honor of being treated to a private dancer from Remingtons by our illustrious empress. She is so generous. The rest of our New York contingent made it to this landmark several times over the course of our three day stay. Friday night Empress Panzi participated in the Out-of-Town show as of Monica Lewinsky. The crowd may not have understood the significance of the name, but they got it when the music started and a white filmy substance spewed from Panzi's mouth. She

brought the house down. Emperor William and I left shortly after this as who could top that performance? Panzi continued the evening as the mistress of ceremonies while the rest of the gang went back to Remingtons, dancing and wreaking general havoc in Canada. The next morning our group went our separate ways to explore the city. Princess Louisa Verde entered the Hogtown Queen contest but was a runner up. Always a princess, never an empress. Some day, Louisa! We celebrated Panzi's birthday in the afternoon and then dressed for the evening. The male contingency looked fabulous in matching kilts (all are members of the Emerald Empire; Prince Gary Green, Duke Oliver von Birkenwaldau, Marquess Mathias, Baron Craig) while the ladies, including Jacqueline Jonee and our new member Lorelie, added to the elegance. We arrived in a van driven by our empress which resembled the Simpsons with Marge at the wheel. Scary!!! Empress Rose of Toronto arrived in a white limo driven into the building (it was a huge warehouse converted to a ballroom for the evening) followed closely by the Widow Norton on a motorcycle. That set the stage for numerous performances by various homegrown and visiting dignitaries. Empress Panzi herself gave a command performance as the Acid Queen dressed in black vinyl. Once again, she didn't let the crowd down and put on a terrific show. We were also treated to a bevy of nude go go boys displaying all their finery for everyone to see. They should all be very proud of their gifts. We were. The ball culminated in the crowning of Toronto's newest empress, Chantel.



Everybody had fun at Club 58, roasting Empress VII, Coco LaChine on her 29th birthday...???

Congratulations to her and the rest of our sister court members. At the victory brunch Panzi was honored with an Empress to Empress Award by Rose and the New York Court was given the designation of best out of town walk. Along with a plaque came a donation of \$150 to our favorite NY charity. It was a privilege representing our fellow court members and continuing the tradition of bringing home honors to our city

Striking Gold On The Delaware

Dining in Drag...by Carol & Babs Casbar

We like to meet our friends from the Philadelphia area for dinner. We've been searching for a secure, friendly place with world class cuisine, a comfortable cozy ambience and a responsiveness to our dietary needs and preferences.

HERE SHE IS, ROSE LEVINE!

Will be at **Don't Tell Mama**,
November 14th at 7pm and
November 15th at 3pm. Rose
Levine will be joined by Kenny
Rahtz and David Johnson in her
newest revue. Call for Reservations
(212) 757-0788.

Yes, Virginia, there is such a place! Michel and Barbara Faure's elegant 1857 fieldstone inn situated between the Delaware River and the Pennsylvania Canal, the Golden Pheasant Inn which offers "A bite of France in Bucks County"! We appreciated the ambience of the large open room with exposed beams that still exuded a sense of warmth, of dignified comfort. The right touch of class with rugs, pictures, wall hangings and lighting.

We were able to sample the culinary artistry of Chef Michel, who came out to greet us and enlighten us and ensure our gastronomic happiness. What we sampled was uniformly excellent. For appetizers, we enjoyed the Pheasant Pate served with a peach chutney, a delightful smoked trout with a horseradish and sour cream sauce. On a return visit, our party of ten was comfortable in the cozy middle dining room, where we actually tried the veal kidneys sauteed in an interesting sauce of dijon mustard, shallots and cognac. even the whole grain bread was interesting and tasty! The crisp roast duck was well enhanced by the multi flavored apricot and ginger sauce. The

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Empress VIII, Billie Ann and her escort, Lord Sterling Silver at Conncticut's Emperor and Empress Ball.

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poached salmon was light and complemented the Bearnaise sauce. Little things, like the taste of rice seasoned with saffron and coriander were welcome surprises to our pallets. Desserts were reported excellent, as we were preparing for our upcoming vacation. it took ALL our will power to resist the desserts. Ok,..OK..we couldn't resist! Peaches, vanilla ice cream, cinnamon, shards of almonds, pound cake and chocolate syrup..together! Grand Marnier cheesecake! Then the "killer chocolate" birthday cake they served for Dyans' mmmtieth! Pack the waist cincher!

Chef Michel boasts an impressive background learning his culinary skills in France, then refining them here in the U.S. Besides the excellent quality of the food, the originality, the presentation, the friendly service, the pleasant ambience, the Faure family treated us as people, with apparent genuine respect and concern, regardless of our method of gender expression.

The menu is a la carte, entrees ranging from \$17-25. The Golden Pheasant Inn has six intimate

Keep in Touch!

Deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is November 10th. Please submit articles either on diskette or via e-mail in ASCII (text) format only. We can scan photos or incorporate graphic files. Call me at 212/208-1691 or 212/989-8113 if you have a submission or questions. You can e-mail the articles to **ICNYDAISY@AOL.COM**
Thank you! Michael Weyand, Editor

guest rooms that feature four * views. Dinners served Tuesday * poster queen sized canopy beds. * thru Sunday from 5:30, Sunday * The rooms are furnished in * brunch, 11-3 p.m. * antiques and offer river or canal * Golden Pheasant Inn, 763 River



For the Birds... Thanks to the foresight of Empress XII Panzi, the Court got a real treat - bird watching in Manhattan! As you can see from the picture, she managed to land the bird with all the assets - The Black Swan from *Swan Lake*! As many theatre goers remarked, there's nothing like Men in Feathers!

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