

# THE IMPERIAL COURT OF NEW YORK

## MISSION STATEMENT

THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION HAS BEEN ORGANIZED ARE AS FOLLOWS: TO RAISE FUNDS FOR GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE A SAFE, SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH THE SAME INTEREST AS THOSE OF THE CORPORATION; TO CREATE AND PROMOTE POSITIVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE IDEALS OF THE IMPERIAL COURT SYSTEM.

## MEMBERSHIP

### 1. TITLES

- A. All members must be titled by the Court. The may be assigned by the Board of Directors, and is in effect for as long as the member maintains his good standing within the court.
- B. Members may be bestowed a "title" by the reigning monarchs, said title will remain in effect for the duration of the reign of the monarchs bestowing the title
- C. Honorary titles may be bestowed by the reigning monarchs to individuals outside the organization for exemplary contributions, and must be approved by the Board of Directors. Honorary titles may also be acquired at the Night Of A Thousand Gowns Charity/Coronation Ball for a donation by an individual and is in effect only for one year from the date of investiture. Honorary title holders are not considered members of the Imperial Court.

### 2. MEMBERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. An annual non-refundable membership fee of \$25 will be assessed at the beginning of each fiscal year. Amount of fee may be revised by the Board of Directors at any time Payment of membership fee is a qualification for a member in good standing designation.
- B. A member in good standing is expected to conduct himself in an acceptable manner of dignity, decorum and responsibility. Because of the nature of the organization, members are expected to project a positive image, including physical appearance, reflective of the level of style and attitude of the Court.
- C. A member in good standing may use the name of the Court and title assigned or earned only during official Court functions. The only exception would be the Reigning Monarchs who will represent the Court with full title during the course of their reign. Members may not use the name of the Court and Title for his own personal gains. Abuse of the use of name/title, specially for personal monetary gains, and involvement in any form of criminal activities, are grounds for immediate revocation of membership.
- D. Members are expected to participate actively in all Court functions, including the Night Of A Thousand Gowns Charity/Coronation Ball. Members are encouraged to undertake or produce fund-raising events and socials. Participation in any events will earn merits in the annual evaluation of performance.
- E. Members are expected to promote and maintain a harmonious relationship with all members of the Court. Disruptive behavior and actions that are not in the interest of the Court, as determined by the Board of Directors or Officers of the Court, are grounds for revocation of membership.
- F. Members in good standing are eligible to vote on all issues brought to the general membership.
- G. Members in good standing are eligible to vote for the title of Emperor/Empress, and the election of the officers, after six months of membership.
- H. An annual review of membership will be conducted by the Board of Directors and current Officers, to determine the qualifications of membership renewal.
- I. Membership may be revoked by the Board of Directors, with just cause, or by majority vote of the general membership.
- J. Application for membership will be received only during the first three months of the current fiscal year. Applicants must be sponsored by a member in good standing, and approved by the Board of Directors, or by majority vote of the general membership.