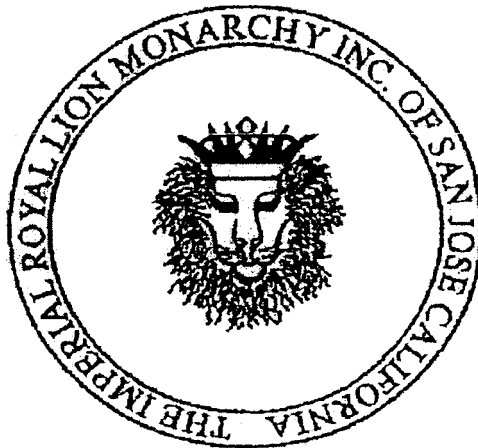


**THE IMPERIAL
CONSTITUTION
OF
THE IMPERIAL ROYAL
LION MONARCHY, INC.
OF SAN JOSE**



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PREAMBLE

We, The board of directors of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy, Inc. of San Jose, California do hereby adopt this Constitution for the purpose of creating and sustaining a productive charitable organization, that promotes honesty, Integrity and unity in ourselves and in our community through leadership, Love and fun.

IMPERIAL DECREE

LET IT BE KNOWN THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND EMPIRE AND TO ALL IMPERIAL HOUSES, ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS, ESTABLISHMENTS AND GUILDS EVERYWHERE, THAT WE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IMPERIAL ROYAL LION MONARCHY, INC. OF SAN JOSE, DO HEREBY DECREE AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

- A. That this is the Imperial Constitution for the Imperial Court and other title holders of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy of San Jose California. And that this Constitution shall never be ignored, violated, repudiated or declared null and void by any other establishment, association, club, guild, house, or individual within the community or any other, now or in the future.
- B. That in accordance with our Corporation Bylaws, we affirm that the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy of San Jose California shall be the sole owners of the titles Emperor and Empress.

WHEREAS: The titles of Emperor and Empress were designed to function for the good of the community and therefore belong to the community.

AND: That they are entrusted to the Corporation of The Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy of San Jose, California as the governing body of these titles.

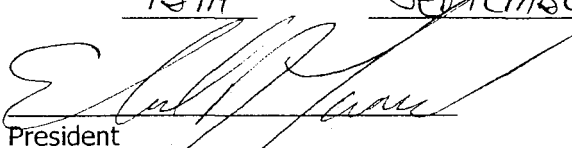
AND: That no one person or persons shall own or dictate to these community titles for our Corporation now or in the future.

- C. That we shall begin our Court and reign with the numerical succession of the past reigns in San Jose, California; Emperor XI and Empress XIX; so as not to upset the order of the San Jose Monarchs.
- D. After 1-31-95 all reigns, starting with XXV, will continue in equal numerical succession.
- E. This decree is hereby part of this Imperial Constitution and shall never be ignored, violated and/or amended without approval of the Board of Directors

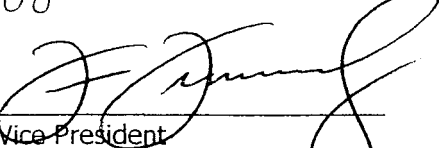
WITH THE SPIRIT OF OUR MISSION ALWAYS BEFORE US, WE DO HEREBY AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES

ON THIS 13th DAY OF September 2000


13th SEPTEMBER, 00



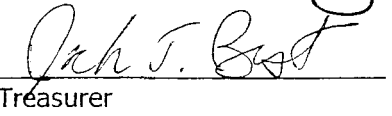
President



Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer

ARTICLE I

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Board of Directors (directors) is the governing body of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy of San Jose, Inc. (I.R.L.M.) and as such has sole power and authority in:
 - A. Matters relating to the integrity of and preservation of the Articles of Incorporation, By Laws, Imperial Constitution (Constitution) and Mission of the I.R.L.M.
 - B. Operational matters pertaining to or involving legal, tax and/or financial issues and/or decisions.
 - C. Any and all matters on which the Imperial Court (Court) fail to direct or exercise appropriate action as specified in the Constitution.
 - D. Matters relating to the integrity and/or preservation of the Court, reigning Monarchs and members, and other I.R.L.M. Titles.
 - E. Operational matters pertaining to protocol, standards of behavior and attire, adherence to the Constitution, candidate nomination, selection and election processes, the Order of Succession and Coronation Crowning Ceremony.
 - F. Removal of elected title holders and/or ICP's who fail to direct or exercise appropriate action as specified in the Constitution.
2. The Imperial Court is the operational body of the I.R.L.M. and as such has authority and responsibility in:
 - A. Matters relating to the duties and responsibilities of members of the Court.
 - B. Operational matters pertaining to member's standards of behavior and attire, adherence to the Constitution, Court functions and activities.
 - C. Appointment and removal of ICP's must have Board approval.
3. Any transaction, activity, function, or financial ventures occurring that involve I.R.L.M. promotion or support, must be submitted in writing for approval to the Court, and/or Board, as applicable.
4. Any I.R.L.M. member participating in any outside venture shall ensure they are viewed as a guest, and the venture is not perceived to be an I.R.L.M. venture. If confusion develops and the public is being led to believe it is an I.R.L.M. venture, it is any and all member's responsibility to do whatever can be done to clear up the misconception.

ARTICLE II

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Shall be the governing body of the I.R.L.M. as stated in Article I of the Constitution.
2. Shall be the Board of Directors of the I.R.L.M. as stated in the Articles and Bylaws of the I.R.L.M. and shall consist of elected directors, the reigning Emperor & Empress, and alternate directors.
 - A. Directors and Emperor and Empress shall be voting members.
 - B. Alternate directors shall be nonvoting members with all other rights and privileges.
3. Shall be chaired by a current elected Board Member of the I.R.L.M.
4. Shall convene on a day of every month, at a time and place set by the Board, at the previous meeting.
5. Shall be the Directors and Advisors to the reigning Monarchs, and other I.R.L.M. title holders.
6. Shall have the sole power and authority to veto any decisions reached by the respective reigning Monarchs, and other I.R.L.M. title holders.
7. Shall at no time permit proxy, write-in, or absentee voting by the Directors.
8. Shall, when requested by any director, conduct voting procedures by secret ballot.
9. The Chairperson/President, shall vote only in the case of a tie.
10. Shall be nominated, selected and elected according to the process and procedures specified in the Articles, Bylaws, and Appendix A of the Constitution.
 - A. Officers shall be nominated and voted on at the April Board meeting by the seated Board.
 - B. Business owners are ineligible to become officers to avoid conflict of interest.

11. Shall ensure that the following operating policies, committed to the State and Federal government as an integral part of the I.R.L.M.'s Corporate charter and resultant 501c3 non-profit certification, are enforced and observed through out the life of the Corporation.
 - A. The I.R.L.M. Corporate account will contain the same amount of monies at the end of the reign (after coronation) as it did at the beginning of the reign, excluding candidate fees. This amount is set at \$1,500.00. All monies in excess of this amount will be given to non profit charitable organizations within Santa Clara County in the name of I.R.L.M.
 - B. Sixty (60) percent of all net monies raised from all fund-raisers, excluding Coronation Weekend events, must be allocated for and given to non profit charitable organizations within Santa Clara County in the name of I.R.L.M. One hundred (100) percent of Coronation weekend monies (gross) must be allocated for and dispersed to charity. Coronation weekend proceeds, along with all monies in the I.R.L.M. Corporate account in excess of the original \$1,500.00, excluding candidate fees, will be dispersed to non profit charitable organizations within Santa Clara County, as soon after Coronation as possible but no later than Investiture of the same year.
 - C. The budget allocated and approved for Coronation weekend shall not exceed the total amount raised for that purpose by the current reign prior to Coronation, IE: forty (40) percent of all net monies raised from fund-raisers, excluding Coronation weekend events.
 - D. Coronation weekend must be fully paid for prior to the event. Funds allocated for Coronation will be prioritized and dispersed as follows:
 1. First to cover the mandatory expenses of Coronation weekend events, IE: hotel/facilities, hospitality, brunch, sound & lights, bus run, tickets. Voting, etc..
 2. Second to cover Emperor & Empress accommodations for Coronation night and by the Monarchs at their discretion for sets, pins, plaques, etc.
- Because of the potential negative impact and risk to I.R.L.M. 's 501c3 non-profit status, this section of The I.R.L.M. constitution must stand "as is" through out the life of the Corporation, and is not subject to revision, addition, or alteration of any kind by any past, present, and future Board of Directors and/or any member of the organization/corporation itself.*
12. Shall exercise the sole authority to issue any and all decrees concerning itself, the respective reigning Monarchs, the court, and other I.R.L.M. title holders, and may direct and exercise the above towards persons, other establishments and organizations everywhere.
13. Shall have the authority to set the candidate fees for each year.
14. Shall issue goals and objectives for the newly elected Monarchs no later than thirty days after their Coronation. The general categories are:
 - A. FINANCIAL

1. Donations to Charities
2. Operational budget
3. Coronation budget

B. GROWTH OF COURT MEMBERSHIP

C. RELATIONS

1. Public
2. Community
3. Business

15. Shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the Imperial Regalia and other I.R.L.M. properties.
16. Shall not permit any organizations, courts, clubs, or associations to be created within itself.
17. Shall have caused, made, and issued a corporate logo called "The Imperial Royal Lion" as so prescribed by this Constitution. This logo may not be used to represent any individual member of the I.R.L.M.
18. Shall have caused, made, and issued a medal or plaque or proclamation called "The Richard Kendall Memorial Humanitarian Award" which may be presented annually at Coronation to citizen(s) who has given extraordinary service and support to the community of Santa Clara County.
19. Shall have, at Coronation, the right to confer to two persons who have shown extraordinary service and support to the community, two perpetual titles. These titles shall be known as "His or Her Royal Majesty King Father and Queen Mother" with the number and name of the I.R.L.M. The numbers will continue the numerical succession of past Empires of Santa Clara County, so as not to upset the order of the San Jose Perpetual titles.
20. Shall have the sole power and authority, by unanimous vote, to amend any Article, Section, or entirety of this Constitution, except Article II, Section 11, on an Annual basis at a Board meeting, to be held in May.
 - A. Revocation of amendments shall take place upon passage by the Board.
 - B. Enactment of amendments shall take place upon passage by the Board.

21. Shall cause a public posting of the financial standing of the I.R.L.M. on no less than an annual basis, but should be available upon request by any Santa Clara County resident.
22. In the event no Monarchs are elected, the Board may appoint Regent Monarch(s) according to the line of succession.
 - A. The line of succession will be as follows: Past Monarch's expressing interest, from the most current reign, descending backwards, until the position(s) is filled.
 - B. If the position(s) remains unfilled, the Board may, by unanimous vote, fill the position with a person(s) of their choice.
 - C. Once filled, the Regent Monarch(s) will enjoy all the rights and privileges of a duly elected monarch, with the exception of the use of HMIM as part of their title and the appointment of lifetime titles.
23. In the event a sole Monarch is elected, he/she may, with approval of the Board, appoint a Regent Emperor or Empress as applicable, for the current reign, with all rights and privileges of a duly elected monarch, with the exception of appointment of lifetime titles. The numerical line shall continue with each consecutive reign.
24. Upon successful completion of the reign, the regent Emperor and Empress may be awarded the lifetime title of Emperor or Empress, with the number of the reign, at the discretion of and with the approval of the Board.
25. Shall ensure that all official documents/records of the I.R.L.M. remain the property of the I.R.L.M. and shall cause such documents, in the possession of any member of the I.R.L.M. Board of Directors and/or Imperial Court, to be surrendered to the corporation upon resignation and/or removal of said member.
26. Shall ensure that approved proclamations are attached as an Appendix to this Constitution, then incorporated into the body of the appropriate Article at the next scheduled annual Constitution review and/or revision per Section 20 of this Article.
27. The Board of Directors:
 1. Shall cause the Treasurer of the Board to conduct an audit every twelve (12) months, by an independent auditor of the Board's choosing.
 2. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly financial report to include a distribution report of the 60/40 funds, and bank statement(s) with reconciliation. The same procedure will apply to all comities.

ARTICLE III

THE IMPERIAL FAMILY

1. Upon request of the Emperor and Empress, and/or the Court, members of the Imperial Family may come together, as an advisory council, to assist the Emperor and Empress and the Court in their activities.

2. The Imperial Family consists of: Past Monarchs, past numbered Grand Dukes and Duchess, any Queen Mothers or King Fathers and all perpetual title holders of the LR..L.M. (see article VI) and all previous households.

ARTICLE IV

THE IMPERIAL MONARCHS

1. Shall be the chosen candidates, elected at the Coronation ceremonies, on the designated date, for the office of Emperor and Empress of the I.R.L.M. for a period of one (1) year; upon reading, understanding and committing to the Constitution; and signatures being affixed to the "Oath of Office for the Imperial Emperor and Empress" (Appendix E); and upon crowning at the Coronation ceremonies.
2. Shall be duly elected according to prescribed election procedures and reign in good standing, for one (1) coronation year, unless wishing to resign or are removed from office.
3. Shall bear the respective titles of His or Her Most Imperial Majesty (HMIM), Emperor or Empress, number of reign, of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy of San Jose, Inc., with additional identification and Court name.
4. Shall neither create or ascribe to any other titles than those prescribed herein, except for camp titles.
5. Shall become voting members of the Board of Directors immediately following Coronation.
6. Shall present in writing, for approval of the Board, a "plan of activities and functions" during their reign no later than the second regularly scheduled Board meeting after Coronation. The "plan" shall contain:
 - A. A list of proposed activities.
 - B. The approximate date, time, and place.
 - C. The theme, if known.
 - D. The estimated cost.
 - E. The expected revenue and profit.

The Plan should also show proposed quarterly charity disbursements.
 - F. All activities for functions conducted during the reign shall benefit the I.R.L.M. per Article IV, section 12, B through D, and Article II, Section 11.
7. Shall present a written monthly report to the Board on the results of all functions and activities conducted.

8. Shall not be controlled or subject to public censure or removal except through due process of the Board.
 - A. During the reign, "Due Process" is defined as having just cause for censure or removal, as determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, upon recommendation by any member of the Board.
 - B. Upon successful completion of the reign, "Due Process" is defined as a conviction in a court of law of a felony/criminal offense and a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

9. Shall exercise the right to issue correspondence and proclamation(s) that have been approved by the Board, but may not issue decrees.
 - A. All official documents must be composed, reproduced, and sent to the Board Secretary for coding and filing.
 - B. Proclamations must have at least two other Board signatures to be valid.

10. Shall choose, appoint, confer, and remove Court titles as prescribed herein:
 - A. May confer titles at functions suitable for the occasion.
 - B. Conflicts over conferring titles will be referred to the Board.
 - C. The Monarchs shall have the right to confer or remove court, camp, or honorary titles. Board approval is needed to appoint and remove ICP's.
 - D. The Monarchs have the right to confer two perpetual titles at the end of their reign at the Coronation ceremony. In the case of only one reigning Monarch, both titles may be conferred by that Monarch. These titles shall be known as "His or Her Highness (title of Monarch's choice) for life" to (the # of reign or court name), with Board approval. The Monarch's may also confer two (2) outstanding court members with "Outstanding Court Member of the Year" awards, with Board approval.

11. Shall be properly attired at all times in the following manner:
 - A. Empress: Dress accordingly In female attire, in good taste and, at her discretion, wear her crown of office at out of town Coronations, unless dress is camp or theme.
 - B. Emperor: Dress accordingly in male attire, in good taste and, at his discretion, wear his crown of office or sash at out of town Coronations, unless dress is camp or theme.
 - C. As representatives of the I.R.L.M., the reigning Monarchs and their Court should be dressed in good taste for the function being attended.

12. Shall institute, promote, and provide various activities throughout the year of their reign, with primary consideration to the following:

- A. Fund-raisers
 - 1. Investiture of Court titles before April 15th.
 - 2. Election/Coronation Ball
 - 3. Emperor and Empress sponsored function
 - 4. Mr/Ms Gay Pride South Bay function to coincide with the Gay Pride Celebration in San Jose. Candidates for the title of Mr & Ms Gay Pride South Bay shall:
 - I) Be at least 21 years of age and complete the application process.
 - II) Are encouraged to attend Court meetings
 - B. All advertisements, IE: news ads, posters, fliers, etc., should be distributed and posted at least 15 days prior to an event, and must indicate that we are a non-profit organization.
 - C. All monies will be collected by the Treasurer or His/Her designee.
 - D. Net proceeds of functions/activities shall be announced to the community at the end of the event, whenever possible.
13. May chair the Court meetings alternately, and shall convene said meetings monthly. The Court is one body and meets as one body.
- A. Decisions reached at Court meetings may be overridden by the Monarchs, but the majority vote should be taken into consideration.
 - B. May appoint a Chairperson in their respective absence.
14. Shall be subject to removal from office for any of the following reasons:
- A. Holding a position on a Board of a conflicting organization.
 - B. With just cause by the Board.
 - C. Failing to actively support the activities of the I.R.L.M.
 - D. Failing to present a positive image and attitude when discussing or representing the I.R.L.M.
 - E. Failure to perform as stated in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Operation and Protocol Handbook of the I.R.L.M.
15. In the event of removal or abandonment of one or both Monarchs, the Monarchs will not be allowed to retain or utilize their title and number or board seat. The Board may invoke the "Order of Succession" to approve and fill the position of Regent Emperor/Empress for the duration of the reign.
16. In the event of "Good Faith Resignation" by or death of one or both Monarchs, the Monarchs will retain and be able to utilize their title and number, but will not retain their

seat on the Board. The Board may invoke the "Order of Succession" to approve and fill the position of Regent Emperor/Empress for the duration of the reign.

17. Shall read and abide by all of the guidelines and rules contained/defined in the I.R.L.M. Operation and Protocol Handbook.
18. Shall not veto, ignore, repudiate or amend any part of this constitution.

ARTICLE V

THE IMPERIAL COURT

1. Shall consist of loyal citizens of Santa Clara County, conferred and appointed by the reigning Monarchs.
 - A. Titles are for the duration of the specific reign.
 - B. Titles may be conferred by the Monarchs at any time during their reign.
 - C. Duplication of titles may occur except in the Crown Titles. See section 4 of this Article.
 - D. The conduct of the Court members is within the jurisdiction of the reigning Monarchs and are subject to those measures deemed necessary by the Monarchs, including removal of titles, excluding ICP's, which requires Board approval.
 - E. Court members may resign at any time.
 - F. The duties of the Court members will be at the discretion of the Monarchs. Each Crown Title shall initiate and host a minimum of 1 fundraiser, to benefit the I.R.L.M. per Article IV, Section 12, B through D.
 - G. Court appointment scrolls may be issued by the Monarchs.

2. The Monarchs, shall in each Court member, require responsible conduct and dedicated service for the good of the Monarchy and community. Court members are required to observe the Articles and By-Laws of the Corporation, the rules of law set down by this Constitution, the desires and directives of the Monarchs and the decisions reached by the Board.

3. Shall act as a body in meetings when called by the reigning Monarchs.
 - A. The Court has freedom to advise the Monarchs and conduct business pertinent to its existence.
 - B. The Court has no power to impose its will or decisions upon the Monarchs or the Board.
 - C. Any Court member has the right to appeal, in cases of disagreement with the Monarchs, in writing to the Board. Appeals will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. In the event of an appeal to the Board, the Monarchs will present their case and then be dismissed. The appealing party will then be heard and excused. The Board will deliberate in closed session and advise all parties of their decision.
 - D. The Court may be abolished by a joint proclamation of the Monarchs for justifiable reasons and subject to investigation and approval by the Board.

4. The rank and order for the Imperial Court is:
 - A. Flag Bearers, Banner Bearers - The Royal
 - B. Jester, Clerk, Page - The Royal
 - C. Ambassadors to the Court - His or Her Excellency, The Royal
 - D. Lords and Ladies - The Royal
 - E. Lord Chamberlains - The Royal
 - F. Lord Knights - The Royal
 - G. Lords in Attendance - The Royal
 - H. Ladies in Waiting - The Royal
 - I. First (1st) Lord in Waiting - The Royal
 - J. Lord Chancellor - His Excellency, The Royal
 - K. Baron, Baroness - The Right Honorable Royal
 - L. Vis-Count, Vis-Countess - The Right Honorable Royal
 - M. Count, Countess - The Right Honorable Royal
 - N. Marquis, Marquessa - His or Her Grace, The Royal
 - O. Prince Consort, Princess Consort to HMIM
 - P. Grand Duke, Grand Dutchess - His or her Highness
 - Q. Prince Royal, Princess Royal - His or Her Highness (Crown)
 - R. Crown Prince, Crown Princess - His or Her Highness (Crown)
 - S. Imperial Crown Prince, Imperial Crown Princess - His or Her Highness (Crown)
 - T. Emperor, Empress (number of reign) His or Her Most Imperial Majesty

Monarchs may have additional titles with approval of the Board.

5. Shall not veto, ignore, repudiate or amend any part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI

PERPETUAL TITLE HOLDERS

1. Shall be known as:
 - A. His or Her Royal Majesty King Father or Queen Mother (plus number)
 - B. His or Her Grace The Imperial Grand Duke or Duchess (plus number)
 - C. Mr. Or Ms. Gay South Bay San Jose (plus year).
 1. This applies to Mr. And Ms. Gay South Bay, 1990/91 through 1997/98 only.
 - D. His or Her Highness "Title conferred by Monarch" for Life to the Emperor or Empress or Court or reign number (IE: Lifetime titles).
2. After successful completion of reign as Emperor or Empress, the word "Absolute" shall be added to the protocol when walking with Emperor or Empress number representing I.R.L.M., IE: His or Her Imperial Majesty, the Absolute Emperor or Empress, number of reign, and any additional information or identification.
3. Shall not veto, ignore, repudiate or amend any part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

ORDER OF SUCCESSION

1. In every Court of the I.R.L.M. the Court titles will be appointed by the Emperor and Empress.
 - A. Imperial Crown Prince and Princess: First successor to the Monarchy, must be approved by the Board at the last Board meeting before Coronation.

2. In the event one or both elected HMIM's vacate office, this event may activate the "Order of Succession":
 - A. The Imperial Crown Prince and Princess, with Board approval, may assume the title of Regent Emperor and Empress, finishing the term of the vacating HMIM, with number of the current reign.
 - B. If the position remains unfilled, the position may be filled as stated in Article II section 22.
 - C. If no Regent is placed from within the successors, the post of Regent (and the vacated HMIM office) will remain vacant for the duration of the reign.

3. In the event of Section 2, A and B above, the title of the successor will be Regent Emperor and Empress ONLY. Only an elected Emperor or Empress will use HMIM as part of their title.

4. The Regent Emperor and Empress will possess all the authority of the HMIM (see Article II section 22 C) except they may not remove titles without mutual consent of the Board.

5. The Regent Emperor and Empress, not being elected Monarchs, will be eligible to run for Emperor and Empress at the end of term as Regents.

ARTICLE VIII

IMPERIAL REGALIA

1. The Corporate Seal of the I.R.L.M. shall be the Imperial Seal of the Emperor and Empress. No changes will be made to this seal except by approval of the Board.

2. The Imperial Seal:
 - A. Shall consist of a gold seal with gold lettering "The Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy of San Jose".
 - B. May be exposed and presented at all Court functions in the form of a banner.
 - C. May be inscribed into a rubber stamp and used on all official documents.
 - D. May be used in any black and white electronic form, for Corporate purposes.
 - E. Shall be held in the possession of the Secretary of the Board.

3. Logos, banners, and colors may be adopted and provided by the respective Monarchs:
 - A. Logos and banners are encouraged and should contain the name, number and symbol of the respective Monarchs.
 - B. The Imperial Royal Lion is the official emblem of the I.R.L.M. and may not be used by any Monarch.
 - C. May not be a combination of any two (2) of the colors of the I.R.L.M., which are black, gold, and silver.
 - D. Banners may be constructed of any durable material with the dimensions described herein: 36 inches wide and 47 inches long, with a 3 inch band of material fitted over the crossbar, which will be 40 inches long. Staff is optional.
 - E. Logos or emblems of Monarchs may not be repeated. Exact color combinations may not be repeated within a 5 year period. The exception is by an initiating Monarch for a repeat reign.
 - F. Banners may be presented at Coronation, and at other functions at the discretion of the Monarchs and will become property of the I.R.L.M.

4. Imperial Regalia shall be the sole property of the I.R.L.M. and be held in the possession by, or as specified by the Secretary of the Board. Imperial Regalia shall consist of:
 - A. Imperial Crowns (2) - Shall be the official instrument for crowning new Monarchs. Coronation use only. Personal crowns may be used at all other functions.
 - B. Imperial Scepter (1) - May be official instrument of investiture for the Empress. Coronation and investiture use only. Personal scepter may be used at all other functions.

- C. Imperial Sword (1) - Shall be an instrument of Investiture.
- D. Imperial Pillows (4) - Shall be official instrument of Coronation and Investiture used to carry crowns and for Monarchs to kneel on.

ARTICLE IX

IMPERIAL CORONATION CEREMONY

1. Is the Perpetual Ceremony for crowning the newly elected Monarchs.
2. The Monarchs shall have a budget approved by the Board that will not exceed the total amount raised for that purpose in accordance with Article II, Section 11.
3. The Monarchs shall have a draft of the program agenda for the Coronation Ball prepared and approved by the Board at least two (2) months prior to Coronation, which should include, but not limited to:
 - A. The number of acts.
 - B. The order of acts.
 - C. The names of Command Performers.
 - D. The order and names of the Masters of Ceremony.
 - E. The Invocation.
 - F. The introduction of the Court.
 - G. Introduction of the Imperial Family.
 - H. Introduction of the Board of Directors.
 - I. Charity disbursements.
 - J. The Richard Kendall Memorial Humanitarian Award.
 - K. The candidates presentations.
 - L. The last walk of the reigning Monarchs.
 - M. The election results (see Article IX, section 5.).
 - N. The crowning ceremonies.
4. The processional shall begin promptly, at the time indicated in the program, with rank and order as follows:
 - A. The Presentation of the American, California, other countries, and rainbow flags; the National Anthems, and the invocation.
 - B. Reigning Monarchs and the Court.
 - C. Visiting dignitaries.
 - D. Former Monarchs and perpetual titles of San Jose. (Imperial Family)
 - E. Board of Directors.

- F. In town community organizations.
 - G. Out of town community organizations.
 - H. Out of country Monarchs and courts.
 - I. Out of State Monarchs and courts.
 - J. In State Monarchs and courts.
5. Elections results and Crowning Ceremonies.
- A. Board of Directors and Imperial Family will witness the ceremony.
 - B. The Certified Public Accountant (CPA)/Enrolled Agent (EA) or the Secretary of the Board shall present the final sealed tallies to the Reigning Monarchs at the dais, then the CPA/EA will show the results to the witnesses.
 - C. The tallies to be presented are: Emperor first, the Empress second.
 - D. The Oath of Office is to be read by the Chairperson of the Board or his/her designee, signed by the new Monarchs at the time of the reading, and witnessed and retained by the Board Secretary.
 - E. The Sword of Investiture, Scepter, and the presentation into office.
 - F. The Crowning of Emperor and Empress by the step-down Monarchs, or the Chairperson of the Board or his/her designee in the event of no step-down Monarchs, with the Imperial Family of Santa Clara County in attendance on. stage.
 - G. The New Monarchs grand march.
 - H. The reception of the new Monarchs.

ARTICLE X

APPLICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. The Board shall require those citizens wishing to be elected Emperor or Empress to fulfill the requirements stipulated in the application forms (see Appendix C).
 - A. Candidate applications will be issued by the Board no later than 90 days prior to Coronation. Forms are to be mailed per Appendix B.
 - B. The Candidate applications shall contain the following:
 1. Candidate requirements:
 - a. Shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - b. Shall be a current resident of Santa Clara County for a minimum of One (1) year.
 - c. Shall have been an active member of the I.R.L.M. Board of Directors or Court within the last three (3) years.
 - d. Shall not be a former Monarch of the I.R.L.M. or any outside house within one (1) year reign to reign.
 - e. Shall be capable of meeting the financial responsibilities of the desired position.
 - f. Shall post the applicable fees at the interview.
 - g. Shall submit two (2) copies of a 3 x 5 portrait style picture at the time of the interview. Picture must be half toned.
 - h. Shall submit a copy of a current and valid State or Federal photo ID.
 2. Candidate applicants who hold current titles, or have held titles, within any Court system, whether won, bestowed, self proclaimed, etc. Are subject to these additional requirements:
 - a. Shall agree to make all other titles subordinate, except in the case of current regents that are running for higher office.
 - b. Must have initiated and hosted an event that raised a minimum of \$200.00 (per candidate) for charity while holding title.
 - c. Must have fulfilled all obligations of previous or current title prior to application.
 - C. In the event there are no applicants for the position of Emperor and Empress, the Board may appoint Regent Monarchs according to the line of succession per Article II, Section 22, A through C.
2. Interviews will be held no later than 45 days prior to Coronation at a place to be designated by the Board. The only people in attendance will be the interview committee,

the reigning Monarchs, and the Board of Directors. These interviews will be tape recorded and kept confidential. Applicants will be notified, in person, of the results by the interview committee that evening, followed by mail notification. Candidacy will remain confidential until official announcement at Candidates Night.

- A. Any applicant can appeal a negative decision, in writing, to the Board. Appeals will be placed on the agenda of a special Board meeting, to be conducted within one week of receipt of the appeal.
3. The interview committee shall have the authority to choose candidates by majority vote.
 - A. Failure to comply with any written application requirements or procedures will invalidate the candidate.
 - B. Each applicant will be screened individually.
 - C. Any committee member who seeks candidacy must remove him/herself from the committee.
 - D. Each accepted candidate must commit to abide by the Constitution and Mission statement of the I.R.L.M., evidenced by the signing of the "Candidates Oath" (Appendix D)
 - E. Candidates will be formally announced by the Board on "Candidates Night" and not before. Candidates night will be 30 Days prior to Coronation and will be sponsored by the Board.
 - F. Any accepted candidate, if a Board member, shall relinquish their Board seat, and "Office" if they are also an Officer of the Board.
 4. In the event there are no approved candidates for the positions of Emperor and Empress, the Board may appoint Regent Monarchs according to the line of succession per Article II, section 22, A through C.
 5. Any accepted candidate who does not continue their campaign, for whatever reason, will forfeit all fees paid.
 - A. Applicants riling fees will be the sum determined by the Board in U.S. currency, per applicant, in the form of a cashier's check or money order, made out to the I.R.L.M., due and payable at the time of their interview.
 - B. Candidate filing fees will be held to fund Investiture, with the remainder, if any, going to the I.R.L.M. funds, per Article IV, section 12, B.
 - C. In the event an applicant is declined, their filing fee will be refunded with their notification.
 6. Candidates campaigns will run as follows:
 - A. Candidates will run their campaigns from Candidates Night up to Coronation.

- B. Each campaign and the associated finances will be the sole responsibility of the candidate.
- C. All campaign fliers will keep within the dignity of the organization.
- D. Campaign functions and fliers will not benefit or be sponsored by the I.R.L.M.
- E. Each candidate must campaign individually and separately.
- F. Campaign paraphernalia will be individual and separate.
- G. No candidate shall campaign for another candidate.
- H. No campaigning or campaign paraphernalia shall be allowed within twenty (20) feet of any voting area.
- I. Failure to comply with any of the above will constitute disqualification with approval of the Board.
- J. Fundraising for personal gain during the campaign is illegal and will result in disqualification.

7. The reigning Monarch (s) and Board members will not show favoritism.

8. Election proceedings shall be held as follows:

A. Voter requirements:

- 1. Must be eighteen (18) years of age, and must provide one of the following:
 - a. Valid California Driver's license.
 - b. Valid California Identification Card.
 - c. Valid Military Identification Card.
 - d. Valid U.S. Passport.
- 2. Must be a current resident of Santa Clara County.

B. Voting requirements:

- 1. Voting may take place up to one week prior to Coronation and will close Coronation night.
- 2. Voting will be at designated stations within Santa Clara County as determined by the Board. The locations and times will be publicly announced on Candidate's night and posted throughout the county.
- 3. Voting will be monitored, and ballots will be counted by an unbiased, licensed CPA/EA or 3 current members of the Board of Directors.
- 4. Voting at Coronation shall begin when doors open and shall end after two(2) hours.

C. No voter shall place more than one ballot in the box as evidenced by voting register.

- 1. No absentee, write-in, or proxy votes are allowed.
- 2. Each candidate may have a witness for voting and counting.

3. The first vote cast shall be that of the President of the Board, and shall be sealed in an envelope to be opened only in the event of a tie vote. This vote shall be the deciding vote.
- D. Tallying of votes:
1. Tallying will be performed at Coronation by the CPA/EA and the Secretary of the Board, or 3 current members of the Board of Directors.
 2. Tally sheets with the results will be signed by the CPA/EA or Board members.
 3. Tally sheets with results will be sealed by the CPA/EA or Board members.
 4. The Ballots and tally sheets shall remain with the Secretary of the Board for a period of 1 year.
- E. If the winning Candidate is not present, the title will go to the candidate with the next highest number of votes, unless the winning candidate's absence is for compassionate reasons, Board approved and notification to the Board President occurred before the start of the Coronation Ceremony.

APPENDIX A

PRODECURES FOR NOMINATION, SELECTION, AND ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

In addition to the procedures stated in the Articles and By-Laws, the following will also apply:

1. Nominations for open Board seats must be publicly announced by the Board of Directors and will be accepted by the Board at any time from the Board, Court, and the general public.
2. Nominee interviews will be conducted as a part of the regularly scheduled Board meeting, or a special meeting determined by the Board. Voting selection will take place at the same meeting.
3. Proxy, write-in, or absentee voting is not permitted. Voting is open to any Santa Clara County resident in attendance.
4. Board members not in attendance at the time of interview will not be allowed to vote.
5. Candidates will be notified of their acceptance or denial at time of interview.
6. Accepted candidates will be formally welcomed upon completion of voting.
7. A minimum of two (2) alternate Board members will also be chosen when necessary. Alternates will have all rights of Board members however do not vote. Alternates will be the next automatically considered should a Board position become vacant.
8. Expectations of members and alternate members of the Board of Directors of the I.R.L.M.:
 - A. Attendance Expectations:
 1. Meetings:
 - a. On time for Board meetings.
 - b. No more than 3 absences without notification to a fellow Board member.
 3. Functions:
 - a. Attend and support a reasonable amount of in-town functions.
 - B. Participate in meetings.

- C. Be involved in Board Committees.
- D. Meet all commitments made to I.R.L.M. organization and Court.
- E. Gossiping - keep our "dirty laundry" at home.
- F. Maintain appropriate dress and decorum at functions.
- G. Represent I.R.L.M. in a positive manner in public, both in words and actions.
- H. Be supportive of anyone who is donating their time and talents to I.R.L.M.
- I. Fully participate in Coronation and all activities involved in putting on Coronation weekend events.

Any infraction to the above will be subject to review of status as a Board Member or Alternate Board Member of the I.R.L.M., Inc.

APPENDIX B

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDACY FOR EMPEROR OR EMPRESS OF I.R.L.M., INC. OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Listed below are the requirements for application for candidacy for the titles of Emperor and Empress:

1. Shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must provide proof of such.
2. Shall be a current resident of Santa Clara County for a minimum of one (1) year and must provide proof of such.
3. Shall have been an active member of I.R.L.M. Board of Directors or Court within the last three (3) years.
4. Shall not have been a former Monarch of the I.R.L.M. for at least one (1) year, reign to reign.
5. Shall be capable of meeting the financial responsibilities of the title.
6. Shall post the filing fees of \$___ U.S. Currency in the form of a cashier's check or money order, made out to the I.R.L.M., Inc., at the time of the interview.
7. Shall submit two (2) copies of a 3 x 5 portrait style picture at the time of the interview. Pictures must be half-toned.
8. Shall submit a copy of a current and valid State or Federal photo ID.

Additionally, applicants who hold current titles, or have held titles, within any Court system, whether won, bestowed, self-proclaimed, etc., are subject to these additional requirements:

9. Shall agree to make all other titles subordinate, except in the case of current Regents that are running for higher office.
10. Must have initiated and hosted an event that raised a minimum of \$200.00 (per applicant), for charity while holding title.

11. Must have fulfilled all obligations of previous or current title prior to application.

12. Applications are to submitted to the I.R.L.M., postmarked 60 days prior to Coronation.

Mail Application to:

I.R.L.M., Inc.

Interview Committee

P.O. Box 90340

San Jose, Calif. 95109

APPENDIX C
EMPEROR AND EMPRESS CANDIDACY APPLICATIONS AND
LETTERS

Date: _____

To: _____ Applicant for Emperor / Empress

From: Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy Interview Committee

Re: Application Acceptance

Thank You for your application for the title of: _____

This is to inform you that after much consideration, the Interview Committee of I.R.L.M., Inc., has not accepted your application for the following reason(s):

Please accept our sincerest Thank You, and we hope that you will continue your support of the I.R.L.M., Inc.

Though Honesty, Integrity, and Unity,

Date: _____

To: _____ Applicant for Emperor / Empress

From: Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy Interview Committee

Re: Application Acceptance

Thank You for your application for the title of: _____

This is to inform you that after much consideration, the Interview Committee of I.R.L.M., Inc., has accepted your application.

Please be at:

Place: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

For your personal interview with the Interview Committee. The interview should last about thirty minutes to one hour. Also bring the required filing fee, photos, proof of residency, and copy of your State or Federal ID, to the interview. Be advised that the interview will be tape recorded and kept confidential.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Through Honesty, Integrity and Unity,

Date: _____

To: _____ Applicant for Emperor / Empress

From: Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy Interview Committee

Re: Candidacy Determination

Thank You for your application for the title of: _____

This is to inform you that after much consideration, the Interview Committee of I.R.L.M., Inc., has not accepted you as an official candidate for the following reasons:

Any appeal to this decision must be presented, in writing, to the Board of Directors by the next regular Board Meeting.

Please accept our sincerest Thank You, and we hope that you will continue your support of the I.R.L.M., Inc.

Though Honesty, Integrity, and Unity,

Date: _____

To: _____ Applicant for Emperor / Empress

From: Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy Interview Committee

Re: Candidacy Determination

Thank You for your application for the title of: _____

It is our pleasure to inform you that after much consideration, the Interview Committee of I.R.L.M., Inc., has accepted you as an official candidate.

Please be at:

Place: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

To be introduced to the community as a Candidate, and officially begin your campaign. Please be advised that your filing fee is now non-refundable. Also please refer Article X, section 5 of the Imperial Constitution for further information. Good Luck and Happy Campaigning.

Through Honesty, Integrity and Unity,

APPENDIX D
CANDIDATES OATH

"Let it be known that I,

Print full legal name: _____

As a candidate for the Imperial Title and office of Emperor or Empress (circle one), have read and understand the Articles, Bylaws, Constitution and Mission of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy, Inc., of San Jose, California.

That these are the rules of law for the Board of Directors, and the Imperial Court, and I shall abide by and work within these rules of law in the service of my community.

That I endorse the Mission of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy, Inc., of San Jose and commit myself to it in word and deed. I Agree to use it as my guide and standard.

That I shall not ignore, violate, repudiate or declare null and void any part of the Articles, Bylaws, Constitution and Mission, nor establish any other rule of law within the bounds of The Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy, now or in the future, in the event I shall be elected to the High office of reigning Monarch.

All this I do swear and certify (or declare), that the foregoing is true and correct".

Executed on this: _____ Day of: _____, 20 ____ At: _____

California.

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

APPENDIX E

OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE IMPERIAL EMPEROR OR EMPRESS

I, _____(print full legal name)

AKA: _____ (print name to be used)

BEING THE DULY ELECTED

Print title elected to

I do solemnly pledge my loyalty and service to the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy, Inc., of San Jose, California., and to uphold the Constitution and abide by the Bylaws of the I.R.L.M., Inc.

I further pledge to promote the mission of the Imperial Royal Lion Monarchy throughout my reign.

By the will of the people, this I do swear and declare before those assembled.

Executed on this: _____ Day of: ____, 20 ____ At: _____

California.

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

SO LET IT BE WRITTEN, SO LET IT BE DONE