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# **Policies and Procedures Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. Reign 49**

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## **Preamble to the Bylaws of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc.**

Service through united action, guided by intelligence, is the hallmark of this corporation. Believing such unity essential for the mutual understanding and advancement of the interests and general welfare of citizens throughout Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings and Kern Counties; we have formed this corporation, the objectives of which shall be:

- A. Cultivate friendship among its members.
- B. Promote harmonious relations between members and the community.
- C. Place the members of this community on a higher plane of understanding and concern for our fellow man.
- D. Be of assistance and aid to all who are in need if it is within our power to do so.

We are representatives, and on behalf of our peers, desire to preserve and support the titles of Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. At the same time, we believe that the said titles of Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. can never become the personal property of a few individuals but will be held in trust for the benefit of all the people of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings and Kern Counties. To provide laws for the government of this corporation, we adopt these bylaws that shall govern the officers and subordinate members of this corporation in the exercise of their rights and discharge of their duties and obligations in accordance with the high standards of responsibility and conduct herein set forth.

## **Policies & Procedures of the 49th Reign**

The Reigning Monarchs, President & Vice-President of the Court, request and expect that everyone will treat each other with respect and work together to accomplish the goals of this organization and reign. When guests attend our Court meetings or functions, we ask that everyone show all guests common courtesy and make them feel welcome; anyone unable to meet these expectations shall be asked to leave the meeting and/or function. All are welcome to attend our meetings and functions and we



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encourage new people to join our organization for the continued betterment of our community.

### **Section 1: Monthly Court Meetings**

A. Court Meetings during the 49th Reign will be regularly held in person at the Fresno Equal Opportunities Commission LGBTQ+ Resource Center located at 1252 Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93721. In addition, court meetings will be available via Zoom, for those court members, Imperial Family, and guests, unable to be present in person. A Zoom link will be provided the day of the court meeting.

B. Court Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month except when that day is a holiday, in those cases, the meeting will be held the next day, Wednesday or the following week Tuesday, at the Reigning Monarchs discretion.

C. Court Meetings will be held at 7:30 pm.

D. At the discretion of the Reigning Monarchs, the venue can be changed. The Reigning Monarchs shall notify the court at the court meeting prior to the venue change, whenever possible. If this cannot happen due to unexpected events, signage shall be placed at the original venue and/or posts will be made on social media.

E. Meeting Agendas - The agenda for the Court meetings shall be produced the day before each meeting. Any issue needing to appear on the agenda should be submitted to the President of the Court at least 24 hours before the beginning of a Court meeting to be included in the agenda. (In most cases, by 7pm on the Saturday before the meeting).

F. Court Meetings will follow the agenda under the moderation of the Court President or chair delegated by the Court President.

G. Special presentations to the Court shall occur immediately after the Call to Order.

H. Tardiness, it is the responsibility of any member to arrive on time. If this is not possible, latecomers are responsible to make his or her presence known to the Secretary at the close of the meeting.

I. All Court meetings are conducted according to the form set out in Robert's Rules of Order.

J. Discussion may occur only after a motion has been made and seconded.



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- a. Members shall indicate their wish to speak to the matter at hand by raising their hand.
- b. Each member shall be given one opportunity per motion to speak for a maximum of 2 minutes.
- c. Discussion will be closed, and a vote taken when there are no longer any names on the speakers list or after a motion to close debate or a call for the question is made, seconded, and passed.

## **Section 2: Behavior**

Court Meetings are for the purpose of conducting the business of the Imperial Dove Court and therefore personal disagreements, personal attacks, inappropriate language, unprofessional outburst, or personal complaints are not appropriate. Should these occur, the speaker will be ruled out of order and should they continue, the member may be asked to leave the Court meeting.

- A. Issues of a personal nature involving members or title holders should be directed to those parties privately, rather than during meetings.
  - a. Should such issues fail to be resolved in private, they may be brought to the attention of the Reigning Monarchs for a private audience to resolve the matter.
  - b. If it is within the Reigning Monarchs' discretion to decide, this decision is final.
  - c. If the issue is regarding the Monarchs or the issue affects the business of the court beyond the Reigning Monarchs' discretion, it should be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Board.
- B. Inappropriate behavior which includes loud drunkenness, disrespect, insults, profanity, or threatening gestures/comments, between Court members and/or Imperial Family, will not be tolerated at Court meetings or functions. This includes out-of-town events.



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C. If you have a concern or disagreement with a Past Monarch or the Reigning Monarchs, please be forward by addressing the situation in a professional manner. We ask that you discuss and resolve the issue by speaking to the Past Monarch/Reigning Monarchs in person.

D. Inappropriate behavior, disrespect, profanity, insults, or threatening gestures made from the community, members of visiting Courts or other organizations toward the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno Inc. shall not be tolerated at Court meetings or functions.

E. Problems or disturbances that occur at Court meetings or functions should be reported to the Monarchs or those acting in the capacity in the Reigning Monarchs' absence (i.e., Function Coordinators, and/or member of the Board of Directors).

F. In case of disturbances, disagreements, inappropriate behaviors, disagreements, the Reigning Monarchs requests that:

- a. Parties involved first attempt to resolve their differences between themselves.
- b. If this is not possible, the Reigning Monarchs shall attempt to resolve the matter.
- c. Lastly, if there still is no resolution, the Reigning Monarchs, parties involved, and the Executive Board Members shall try to resolve the issue.

### **Section 3: Discipline**

If any member of the court feels that another member has behaved in a manner that would negatively reflect upon the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno Inc., they may report behavior to the Reigning Monarchs or the Chairman of the Board.

A. The Monarchs and Chairman of the Board may then arrange a meeting together with the member involved and the individual making the accusation. Be cautioned, hearsay evidence is not admissible.



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B. The meeting will take place to evaluate the situation and review evidence. If after review of the facts the Reigning Monarchs and the Chairman of the Board feel it serious enough to warrant further action, a disciplinary committee shall be formed to investigate the charges and make a recommendation.

C. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the Reigning Monarchs may take the following actions in a progressive manner.

- a. Verbal warning by the Reigning Monarchs
- b. Written warning by the Reigning Monarchs
- c. Letter of Reprimand, with disciplinary action
- d. Removal of Title

D. If the misconduct is in violation of any city ordinance/code, state, or federal law, the applicable law enforcement agency will be notified.

E. Misconduct, related to alcohol, disruptive or inappropriate behavior can and will have you removed from a Court meeting/function/event and this conduct will have disciplinary consequences. This policy applies to all Court Members, the Reigning Monarchs, and Imperial Family and guests thereof.

F. The use of illegal substances at any function of the Imperial Dove Court is forbidden.

G. No persons under the age of 21 may consume alcohol or have alcohol in their possession at any function of the Imperial Dove Court.

H. Anyone who is deemed by the bartender on duty to have consumed enough alcohol to be considered inebriated may be denied any further alcoholic beverages and if their behavior warrants such, be asked to leave.

I. No one under the age of 21 may serve alcohol.

J. Bringing your own alcohol or beverages to any of the Court meeting/function/event is prohibited and will result in removal from Court meeting/function/event and will have disciplinary consequences.

K. All drinking of alcoholic beverages shall be served under the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) guidelines.



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## **Section 4: Court Functions**

- A. Each of the fundraising events of the 49th Reign will have an Imperial Family Advisor named by the Reigning Monarchs. An Event Coordinator may also be named by the Reigning Monarchs.
- B. The Event Coordinator would be responsible for working together with the Imperial Family Advisor to put together a committee to plan and execute the event they have been assigned.
- C. The Event Coordinator is accountable to the Imperial Family Advisor and should keep them apprised of all work being done on the project.
- D. A proposed budget shall be submitted 2 months in advance, when possible, at the Court Meeting to be voted and approved. This budget must first be submitted to the reigning Monarchs for their initial approval.
- E. Each Event Coordinator should choose several Court Members to help them in the planning and preparation of their function including crews for set-up and teardown.
- F. Event Coordinators set/conduct meetings of the Committee together with the Imperial Family Advisor and keep appropriate records of those meetings.
- G. Emcees and Entertainers for each event shall be chosen by the coordinator; however, final approval of emcees and entertainers is at the discretion of the Reigning Monarchs.
- H. Event Coordinators and Committee members may solicit donations from business and private citizens to maximize the amount of money that can be raised at our events. Letters describing the work of the IDC and its tax status may be obtained from the Court Secretary or Reigning Monarchs.
- I. Any direct soliciting should be reported to the Event Coordinator and the Imperial Family Advisor of the event.
- J. There will be no complimentary tickets provided for events unless approved by the Reigning Monarchs. Approval will be at the sole discretion of the Reigning Monarchs.
- K. Any minor attending an IDC function during the 49th Reign must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and they are responsible for always supervising the minor.



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- a. The Reigning Monarchs will designate Special ticket pricing for minors for in person events.
- L. The drink prices for the bar during the 49th Reign will be as follows:
  - a. \$10 Special Cocktails
  - b. \$8 Top-shelf Liquor
  - c. \$7 Well Liquor, Import Beers
  - d. \$3 Beer, Wine, Energy Drinks
  - e. \$3 Soft Drinks, Juice, Jell-O Shots
  - f. \$2 Bottled Water
  - g. Prices may be changed at the discretion of the Reigning Monarchs
- M. A program may be produced for each of the major, in-person functions of the reign. Ads for these programs may be sold for single events including the Coronation 49 Program. See Coronation Program Ad Pricing Addendum.
  - a. Ad subscription available at Monarchs discretion.
  - b. Smaller events may have programs with ads as well, prices to be determined at the time of the event by the Reigning Monarchs.
  - c. Coronation Programs Ads: See Coronation Ad Pricing Addendum.

## **Section 5: Insurance Responsibilities**

Anyone driving on behalf of the Imperial Dove Court, must submit a copy of their driver's license and proof of insurance to be kept on file.

## **Section 6: VIP Passes**

A. When purchasing a VIP pass, it must be paid no later than December 17, 2022. A payment plan will be established, or the VIP may be paid in full (equaling \$300). A minimum of \$60.00 should be paid per month for 5 months at each function/event, beginning in June or July. If there is no event scheduled for that month, a payment must be made to the treasure. See VIP Pass Addendum.





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B. Any VIP pass not paid in full by the date due, shall become null and void.

C. VIP Pass Holders who have not paid their VIP Pass in full must make a minimum payment, equally the entry of each event they attend until VIP Pass is paid in full.

### **Section 7: Checks**

Checks will be accepted at the discretion of the Reigning Monarchs. All checks must be made out to “Imperial Dove Court de Fresno Inc.”, no abbreviations.

### **Section 8: Tips and Gratuities**

A. Money given to members of the IDC as a tip, either when performing or bartending is a gratuity given to the individual.

B. Donating tips back to the organization is strongly encouraged however not mandatory.

C. If a performer or bartender chooses to keep their tips in lieu of donating; no individual shall make negative comments or publicly shame them for doing so.

D. If a performer or bartender pays for entrance to an event, they may keep their tips. If the performer or bartender chooses not to pay for entrance to an event, they must relinquish their tips to the organization.

### **Section 9: Crowns, Sashes, etc.**

A. Crowns, tiaras, medals, and sashes may be worn at IDC events by Court members appropriate to their invested titles. Pageant crowns may be worn by those who received these honors.

B. It is particularly appropriate to wear crowns, coronets, baronets, and tiaras at formal state functions.

C. When traveling as a guest to another realm, it is important to check on the local custom before wearing crowns. When in doubt, ask our Reigning Monarchs.



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### **Section 10: State Affairs**

There are only 3 Formal State Affairs for the Imperial Dove Court. Please dress either in formal attire (Black Tie, Gowns and Crowns) or in the event theme if possible.

- A. Investitures 49
- B. Ducal Ball 49
- C. Coronation 50

### **Section 10: Coronation Court Walks**

It is the desire of the Reigning Monarchs that court walks conducted for coronations be cohesive in theme and/or color. All those walking with the court of the 49<sup>th</sup> reign must adhere to the color theme chosen by the reigning monarchs or be in coronation theme attire. The designated theme will be shared with court members in advance of the coronation.

All male court members walking must wear gloves when walking as part of the 49<sup>th</sup> court. Gloves will be provided if needed.

\*\*\*Reign 49 Policies and Procedures are subject to change at the Reigning Monarchs discretion.



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**Application for a VIP Pass to the events of  
The Imperial Dove Court's 49<sup>th</sup> Reign**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Stage Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to pay the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno the amount of \$300 (up to five installments) for a VIP Pass to all the events of the 49<sup>th</sup> Reign\* (unless specified).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULED PAYMENTS	PAID (initialed by Executive Treasurer or Chairman of the Board of Directors)
July 23	



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August 27	
October 8	
November 19	
December 17	

\*Events of the 49th Reign include: Investitures 49, IDC Pool Party, Mirror Ball, Ducal Ball 2022, Pre-Thanksgiving, Closet Ball 2023, Trans Ball 2023, 4M 2023, ICP/ICPR Ball(Brunch) 2023, Coronation L Out of Town Show, Coronation L, & Coronation L Victory Brunch.

### Advertising Contract for the 49th Reign

<b>Advertiser</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Contact Person</b>	
<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	



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We wish to place one or more ads in the following events programs published by the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. We agree to pay the full amount due for each ad and to provide ad layout within two weeks of signing this contract.

Event	Ad Size	Price
Mirror Ball	_____	_____
Ducal Ball 2022	_____	_____
Pre-Thanksgiving 2022	_____	_____
Closet Ball 2023	_____	_____
Tranz Ball 2023	_____	_____
4M 2023	_____	_____
Coronation L	_____	_____

Event Program ad size/cost

5 1/2 " x 8 1/2"

\$50

Coronation 50 Program ad size/cost

Full page, color

Back Cover \$225

Inside Cover \$175

Full Page \$150

Half Page \$75

Qtr. Page \$40

Signature of Advertiser \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_