

Candidate Application for Emperor/Emprex and Empress/Emprex of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc.



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 (Also, to be known as the IDC, through representation of all IDC territories)

Applicant's Legal Name (Please Print)	
Name to be known as Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex Candidate (should you be accepted and elected) <i>Please Circle One</i>	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone(s) - Home, Work, Cell	
E-mail Address	
Date of Birth	
Present Employer, Address, Contact Person & Phone Number	

By submission of this application, I acknowledge that I have read the Rules & Regulations for Candidacy for the Office of Emperor/Emprex and Empress/Emprex of the IDC, the Rules for the Campaign and Election Day, and finally the Job Description for the Emperor/Emprex and Empress/Emprex of the IDC. I agree to abide by all the Rules and Regulations, and Job Description should I be elected, as set forth by the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. as may be amended from time to time.

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Date

Legal Signature

APPLICANT STATEMENT

In accordance with the established Bylaws of The Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc., and to be considered as a candidate for the Office of Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex of Fresno, I hereby agree to an oral interview by Board of Directors of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc.

SCREENING will be held on: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Emperor Jose Mo's Residence
4186 E. Thomas Ave. Fresno, CA 93702
Commencing at 5:00 PM

I fully understand that personal questions may be asked that could concern my lifestyle, background, my job, or financial stability. Also, such questions as may relate to and affect my performance as a prospective Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex of the IDC for which I have submitted an application to the IDC.

I fully realize that the purpose of these questions and the interview is to determine my qualifications and my ability to perform in the Office of Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex. I agree to any and all questions relative to the above-mentioned background, lifestyle, financial stability, and other such questions and do not hold the Board of Directors of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. liable in any way for the questions asked. Further, should I not be accepted as a candidate, I do not hold the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. liable in any manner because the vote of IDC Board of Directors is a majority vote for a decision as to my candidacy.

Explain all yes answers in the box below the question.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, or do you currently have a felony or misdemeanor charge pending? Convictions include a plea of guilty, no contender (no contest) and/or a finding of guilt by a judge or a jury.

Yes No

If yes, list by date and explain all convictions. Include any serious or violent felony convictions in any state of jurisdiction as enumerated in California Penal Code sections 667.6(c) and 1192.7(c). Any person convicted of felony embezzlement or registered sex offender would be considered ineligible to serve as Emperor or Empress of the Imperial Dove Court.

My submission of this application authorizes the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno to conduct a background investigation and authorizes release of information in connection with my application for candidacy. The investigation may include such information as criminal and

civil convictions, driving records, previous employers and educational institutions, personal references, professional references, and other appropriate sources. I waive my right of access to any such information, and without limitation hereby release this non-profit organization's Board of Directors and reference source (except in relation to prior contractual agreements, public policy, former employers and their agents or employees, as provided by law) from any liability in connection with its release or use. This release includes the sources cited above and specific examples as follows: the local law enforcement agencies, information from the Central Criminal Records Exchange or either data on all criminal convictions or certification that no data on criminal convictions are maintained, information from the California or other State Departments and any locality to which they may refer for release of information.

I agree to provide at screening the following:

1. A written letter of interest.
2. A two-to-three-minute verbal presentation about why I want to become the next Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex of Fresno and my qualifications for the office.
3. A valid form of ID, State or Federal.

If I become a candidate, I, my campaign manager, and committee agree to conduct a positive and clean campaign. There will be no negative campaigning against another candidate or destruction of their posters, flyers, campaign literature or negative or disrespectful postings on social media.

I am aware that all accepted candidates must give a staged presentation limited to five (5) minutes at the Coronation Ball at the appointed date and time decided by reigning heads of state.

Furthermore, I certify that I have made true, correct and complete answers and statements on this application in the knowledge that they may be relied upon in considering my application, and I understand that any omission or falsely answered statement made by me on this application, or any supplement to it will be sufficient grounds for failure to accept or for my discharge should I become Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno.

All Rules & Regulations were furnished to me prior to my submission of my application to the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc. on or before the 13th of April 2024.

A filing fee of \$200 (two hundred dollars) must accompany this application.

Date _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Reigning Head(s) of State Signature: _____ and/or _____

This statement must accompany the Application for Emperor/Emprex or Empress/Emprex of Fresno and must be signed in the presence of the Reigning Head(s) of State, who will serve as witness.

If an accepted candidate withdraws from the campaign or election thereof it must be in writing to the Chairman of the IDC. Verbal notifications will not be accepted.

From the Bylaws of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF HEADS OF STATE

Section 01.00-Application for Candidacy

1. Application for candidacy, in a form prescribed by the Board, which includes the following:¹

Explain all yes answers in the box below the question.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor, or do you currently have a felony or misdemeanor charge pending? Convictions include a plea of guilty, no contender (no contest) and/or a finding of guilt by a judge or a jury. Yes No

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together with the filing fee, shall be submitted to a Head of State not less than thirty-two (32) days, nor more than forty- five (45) days prior to the date set for Coronation. The filing fee, which shall be set by the Board, shall include a Court packet for Coronation and a one-page ad in the Coronation program.

2. An applicant shall:
 - A. Have been a permanent resident within the boundaries of this corporation for not less than two (2) years prior to the close of filing of applications.
 - B. Be not less than Twenty-one (21) years of age on the date set for close of applications.
 - C. Have been a voting member of the Fresno Court for not less than one (1) year prior to the date set for Coronation; one year for this section only, constitutes from the event named Investitures, to the final application date.
 1. This means, individuals who were invested from crowning of new monarch(s) to date of investitures are eligible. It is not required to attend investitures, but rather be invested on or before investiture's date. ²
 - D. May not be a Head of State.
 - E. Not have been convicted of a sex crime involving a minor who is under 14 years of age, embezzlement, larceny or any financially related crime, regardless if it be deemed a felony or a misdemeanor. ³
3. Aspirants for Head of State will apply to one of two lines of descent: Empress or Emperor. Aspirants must submit, along with their application, the title and line of descent for which they are applying.

¹ Amended November 2012

² Added April 2016

³ Added April 2016

Accepted titles for the Empress line of descent include one of the following: Empress or Emprex.
Accepted titles for the Emperor line of descent include one of the following: Emperor or Emprex.⁴

Section 02.00-Approval of Application

1. The Board, excluding any member who has filed an application, shall, in open meeting, vote on the application, within two (2) days following the close of the filing period, as follows:
 - A. Conduct an oral interview with the applicant, which shall be tape recorded, to determine if the applicant:
 - i) Is able and willing to bear the financial burden and devote the time required to perform the duties of the office sought.
 - ii) Possesses and uses good leadership abilities, fair judgment, and is of an even temperament.
 - iii) Voting shall be by secret ballot, and the ballot shall contain the following question: "Shall the application of (applicant's name) be approved? () Yes () No."
 - iv) Passage shall be by a simple majority of the voting members present. In the event of a tie, a second vote shall be taken without discussion. In the event of a second tie, the application shall be deemed approved.
 - v) The final tally shall be revealed after each vote to the candidate and Board only.
 - vi) The Chairman of the Board shall announce to the public whether the application is approved or denied.
 - vii) Any filing fee shall be refunded to any applicant whose application is not approved following the announcement of the tally.

Section 03.00-Candidates and Campaigning

An applicant receiving a vote of approval at the screening interview shall become a candidate and be permitted to campaign upon notification.

Section 04.00-Voting

1. Voting shall be:
 - A. By secret ballot, nothing shall be attached to the ballot and no marks other than the voting mark shall be placed on the ballot.
 - B. On the date set for Coronation, during a pre-scheduled set time, chosen by the Board of Directors, between the hours of 10:00am to 5:00 p.m. and fifty-nine (59) minutes, after the doors open. In the event any person(s) qualified to vote and waiting in line at the close of voting shall be permitted to vote.
2. Ballots shall be cast only by:
 - A. Members of the Fresno Court with voting status and the Imperial Family.
 - B. Residents within the boundaries of this corporation, other than member of the Court, presenting a Coronation ticket and, upon request proper proof of such residence.
 - C. Voting shall be restricted in some manner so that one individual shall be permitted to vote only one time. The Chairperson of the Voting Committee must establish a procedure to prevent a person from voting more than one time.
 - D. Each candidate for office may select a representative to monitor the voting process. Such monitors may not actively participate in the voting process, but may challenge any voting procedure, which is in violation of these bylaws.
3. The ballot of the Chairman of the Board, the Executive Secretary, and the Executive Treasurer shall be sealed and placed in the ballot box.

⁴ Added April 2024

4. At the close of voting, the ballots shall be delivered to an impartial public accountant who shall:
 - A. Count and tabulate the ballots in the box except those which are sealed.
 - B. Count the ballots, which are in sealed envelopes only in the case of a tie, and only for the office and the candidates who are tied.
 - C. Place the results in a sealed envelope, and not reveal the results in any manner, except in the case of an unresolved tie.
 - D. Deliver the results in the sealed envelope to a designated Officer of the Board, who shall not open the envelope until the Board has assembled. The designated officer shall present the sealed envelope to the reigning monarch(s).
5. If there is only one (1) candidate for an office, the ballot shall contain the following question: Shall (candidate's name) be elected (name of office) of The Imperial Dove Court de Fresno/Madera, Inc.
() Yes () No
6. If there is no candidate, or no candidate is elected to an office, the elected Head of State, may reign alone.
7. If there are no candidates or no candidate is elected for both offices, the Board may qualify as the heads of State from the date of Coronation.
8. If there is only one monarch elected, the elected Head of State shall reign alone.⁵

⁵ Amended December 2012

Job Description and Rules as described in the Bylaws of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno, Inc.:

ARTICLE V - HEADS OF STATE

Section 01.00-Term of Office and Authority

1. The term of office of the Heads of State shall be from Coronation and continue until the next coronation is held.
2. The Heads of State shall reign and rule jointly with equal authority over the Fresno Court.

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Section 02.00-Responsibilities and Duties

1. The primary responsibility of the Heads of State is to provide leadership to The Court in its involvement in the Fresno community and elsewhere.
2. The duties of the Heads of State shall be to:
 - A. Conduct Investiture, which shall be held not more than forty-five (45) days after the date of Coronation.
 - B. Jointly invest titles to create members, other than Imperial Family, of the Court as follows:
 - i) Titles may be invested upon members of the Imperial Family.
 - ii) The types of titles are at the discretion of the Heads of State; however, the Heads of State shall invest the titles of Imperial Crown Prince and Imperial Crown Princess who shall become officers of The Court.
 - iii) All titles invested whether it be at the event named Investitures, or otherwise, must be documented by title, date and place. This information is to be handed to the Court Secretary immediately for record keeping. The titles may be jointly invested after Investitures, provided however, that such title shall become effective only after notification to the Court Secretary, who shall immediately note the title and date of notification on the Court files.
 - iv) Only honorary titles may be given to persons residing outside the boundaries of this corporation.
 - C. Jointly remove any title invested, at any time they choose to do so.
 - D. Attend all meetings of The Board and The Court, unless there is an excusable reason. The reason must be submitted in writing to a member of the Board at or prior to the next Board meeting.⁶
 - E. Wear attire which reflects their elected gender at all State functions whenever possible.
 - F. Provide all Court members with a Court roster of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and titles of all Court members. Provided, however, that each member shall have the right to request that their address and/or telephone number not appear on the Court roster.
 - G. Call special meetings of The Court.
 - H. Set the starting time and theme of their outgoing Coronation, no more than ninety (90) days after the event called Investitures, which shall be held in the month of May.⁷
 - I. Submit a proposed Coronation budget, containing expected revenue and expenditures, to the Court in the form of a motion not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the date set for Coronation.⁸
 - J. Establish a set of policies and procedures regarding their reign within sixty (60) days after they become Heads of State as specified in Article XII, Section 04.00. and shall

⁶ Amended November 2010

⁷ Ibid

⁸ Ibid

- abide by the policies and procedures in effect during their reign.⁹
- K. Shall act within their fiduciary duty. The Heads of State have a fiduciary duty that forbids them from acting in any manner financially adverse or contrary to the interest of the Court or from acting for their own financial benefit in relation to the Court.¹⁰
 - L. Shall extend themselves as representatives of the Court at:
 - i) Events within the jurisdiction of the Court
 - ii) At least five (5) state functions. This requirement shall include San Francisco Imperial Coronation; one (1) out-of-state coronation; two (2) in-state coronations (one being the San Francisco Imperial); and two (2) coronations at the discretion of the Heads of State. This requirement applies to each Head of State individually, not collectively.¹¹

Section 03.00-Resignation and Removal

1. A Head of State wishing to resign may do so by presenting such resignation in writing to any member of The Board who shall immediately transmit such resignation to the Executive Secretary and Chairman of the Board. All Board members are to be notified immediately by the Chairman of the Board.
2. Any Head of State who submits a written resignation shall immediately become a non-voting member and shall remain so until the matter of the resignation has been decided, however the office shall not be considered vacant.
3. The matter of the resignation shall be placed on the agenda of a special Court meeting to be held not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of the notice given by the Executive Secretary. The special Court meeting will structure as follows:
 - A. The matter of the resignation shall be placed on the agenda. The acting President will open the meeting with the agenda item and explain the process of resignation to the Court membership.
 - B. If the Head of State who submitted the resignation is present, they must be given the opportunity to speak and explain the reason for their resignation.
 - C. A majority vote by the Court will be taken to accept, or reject the resignation.
 - D. If the resignation is accepted, the remaining monarch will serve alone. If the resignation results in there being no Head of State, the Board of Directors will act as Head of State for the duration of the reign.¹²
4. A Head of State may be removed from office for failure to perform the duties of the office, as outlined in Section 02.00 of this Article, upon a motion to The Court. Any such motion shall contain the duty (duties) that the Head of State allegedly failed to perform, and be placed on the agenda of the next Court meeting. Any witness who may speak to the alleged failure must be present at the Court meeting where the motion is discussed and voted upon. Individuals present may not speak on behalf of anyone else. Any witnesses who are unable to be present may submit a written and notarized document to the Court. This document shall outline their testimony as it relates to the alleged failure of the Head of State. Once the evidence has been examined and witnesses have been heard, the Court shall vote on the motion. A motion to remove a Head of State shall be voted on by secret ballot. A seventy-five percent (75%) majority is required for passage. Only Court members with voting status, present at the meeting where is motion is discussed may vote.¹³
5. If it is found that the application for candidacy was falsified or omissions made then a formal investigation will be conducted by the board of directors through the following course of action:
 - i) The chairman of the board and executive secretary will meet with the accused Head of State to discuss allegations.
 - ii) If there is reasonable doubt that the Head of State may have falsified information on the application for candidacy, a special board meeting will be called no later than 14 days after the first initial contact with the Head of State.

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ Added November 2010

¹¹ Added November 2010

¹² Amended December 2012

¹³ Amended November 2010

- iii) At the special board meeting, the accused will have an opportunity to defend him/herself and provide documentation of support.
- iv) The board of directors will then vote if the Head of State should have a formal investigation.
- v) The background investigation shall be paid by the current reign's funds.
- vi) If the background investigation provides evidence that the Head of State falsified statements on the application for candidacy, this would constitute grounds for removal.
- vii) If the Head of State admits to falsifying the application for candidacy at any time during this process, this would constitute grounds for removal.
- viii) No new members will be accepted until after the results of the current membership vote.

6. A vacant elected Head of State office shall be filled by the board of directors.

A. Procedures for the IDC board to follow to fill the office of Emperor and Empress when there is no elected Emperor or Empress:

- a. A special board of directors meeting shall be called for by the chairman of the board.
- b. All past monarchs of good standing of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno will be invited to the meeting.
- c. The chairman will ask if any of the past monarchs would like to be considered the position of Interim Emperor or Interim Empress.
- d. The candidates for Interim Emperor and Interim Empress will fill out the application for Emperor or Empress.
- e. Applications will be approved by the sitting board as specified in Article VII Section 02.00.
- f. A special court meeting shall be called by the chairman of the board.
- g. At this time a secret ballot with the names of candidates for Emperor, names of the candidates for Empress or as specified in Article VII Section 5 and 6 there will be an option for the court members to vote no confidence for each candidate. (i.e.) candidates name Yes/No confidence
- h. The voting members of the court in good standing on May 1st of the year will be allowed to vote.
- i. The votes will be tallied by the chairman of the board and the executive secretary.
- j. The person who has the most votes for Emperor will be known as Emperor for the reign and the person who has the most votes for Empress will be known as Empress for the reign. (The newly elected will be able to use the titles of Emperor and Empress due to their prior successful reign) should the outcome of the vote be no confidence for all the applicants the current board of directors shall guide the court through the next year's reign. This will then be known as a board run reign.

B. To remain compliant with the International Court System and the proclamations bestowed upon the chapter members, the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno reserves the right to remove: Heads of State, all past Heads of State, the King Father, the Queen Mother, any Interim Emperor or Interim Empress approved by the board of directors, and any Emperor or Empresses of another Empire made Honorary Emperor/Empress of Fresno with all rights and privileges approved by the board of directors, who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony, that is a sexual offense which involves a minor and requires the individual to register as a sex offender, or an embezzlement felon. Individuals who fall under this category shall be permanently removed and are ineligible for membership with the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno. This shall also apply to all general members and lifetime title holders.

- a. The Imperial Dove Court reserves the right to allow the Queen Mother/Executive Director of the International Court Council to declare a pardon to exempt individuals from removal.

Section 04.00-Removed Heads of State

If a Head of State is removed from office, all rights and privileges and titles (both future and present) are revoked.

Section 05.00-Travel Fund

The monarchs may, upon availability from the general fund account, be reimbursed the following expenses: coronation and brunch tickets, transportation, and hotel costs. The total amount which may be reimbursed shall be one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) per monarch or up to one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600 if the monarch reigns alone.

One major factor in determining whether funds are available from the general fund account is whether the current reign has an unpaid debt to the trust account for funds which have been borrowed as "start-up" money. If on December 31 of the current reign, the "start-up" money and any other funds due the general fund account are not available for

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reimbursement by the Treasurer, travel fund reimbursement will discontinue. Once all funds have been repaid to the general fund account, travel reimbursements will again be considered.

Section 06.00-Duty to Set Aside Funds

Each reign shall deposit a minimum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from the administrative funds into a trust account. Funds from this account can be borrowed to use for "start-up" money by the succeeding reign to be re-deposited by December 31.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for the CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF EMPEROR/EMPREX AND EMPRESS/ EMPREX OF THE IMPERIAL DOVE COURT DE FRESNO, INC.

- **Application Deadline: Thursday, April 11th, 2024 - 8:00 pm to 11:59 pm**
The Red Lantern, 4618 E. Belmont Avenue Fresno, California 93702
- **Applicant Screening Interview: Saturday, April 13th, 2024 - 5:00 pm**
Emperor 46, Jose Mo's Residence 4186 E. Thomas Ave. Fresno, CA
93701
- **Official Candidates Announcement: Second Sunday Show, April 14th, 2024**
The Red Lantern, 4618 E. Belmont Avenue Fresno, California 93702
- **ICP Ball: Sunday, April 21st, 2024**
Splash Fresno, 644 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, CA 93728
- **Cocktails with the Candidates: Saturday, May 11th, 2024**
Emperor Jose Mo's Residence, 4186 E. Thomas Ave. Fresno, CA 93701
- **The Imperial Family Show: Sunday May 19th, 2024**
The Red Lantern, 4618 E. Belmont Avenue Fresno, California 93728

Encourage to Attend:

Sacramento Coronation, April 26-28, 2024

Arizona Coronation, May 3-5, 2024

Coronation 51: The Royal Dreamland of Tomorrow

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – In Town Show

- The Red Lantern, 4618 E. Belmont Avenue Fresno, California 93702

Friday, May 24, 2024

- **Out of Town Show - 5:30pm to 7:45pm**
 - Double Tree by Hilton, Sequoia Room, Fresno Convention Center - 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, California 93721
- **Bus Transportation 8:00pm pick up at Double Tree Hotel**
 - 1st Stop – Red Lantern, 8:30pm-9:30pm
 - 2nd Stop – Splash 10:00pm – 1:00am
 - BUS will pick up at 1:15am to return to the hotel.

Saturday, May 25, 2024

- **VOTING/Hospitality 11:00am - 2:00pm**
 - Double Tree by Hilton, Fresno Convention Center - 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, California 93721
Pool Side Suites (Behind the Bar)
- **VOTING 5:00pm - 5:59pm**
 - Double Tree by Hilton, Fresno Convention Center - Salon A, 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, California 93721
- **Coronation Ball**
 - Double Tree by Hilton, Fresno Convention Center, Salon A, - 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, California 93721
 - Doors - 5:00 pm
 - Dinner & Awards Ceremony- 5:30 pm
 - Coronation 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 26, 2024

- **Victory Brunch:** 11:00 am - 1:00pm Double Tree by Hilton – Sequoia Room
- **Victory Show:** 8:00pm - The Red Lantern - 4618 E Belmont, Fresno, CA 93702