

**International Court System  
Third Session of Parliament  
May 14, 2010  
Fresno, California – Holiday Inn Downtown**

**Attendance:**

Officers:

Interim Speaker of the House:

AJ Turner Prime

Minister:

Nathan Page

Deputy Prime Minister:

Bruce Coddington

Executive Secretary:

Robert Delgado aka: Devon DeVasquez

Elected Speaker of the House:

AJ Turner

**Honorable Members of Parliament:**

Alameda, California

Christopher Bailado

Alaska

Gene Looman

Arizona

Ray Shapiro

Austin, Texas

Jose Marty Alvarado - Cecilia Martay

Buffalo, New York

Christopher Hempel

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Rob Eberly

Chico, California

Eileen Crabtree (Lantree)

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Don Lacey

Connecticut

Trevor Reynolds

Corpus Christi, Texas

Adrian Ramirez - BeBe Hughes Bouvier

Denver, Colorado

Robert Flores

Everett, Washington

Arthur Ganung

Fort Worth, Texas

Ron Wersal

Fresno, California

David Dulan

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Nathan Boudreau

Hawaii

Marshall Tokunaga

Houston, Texas

Scott Kenyon

Iowa

Sean Broyles

Las Vegas, Nevada

Louise Adolphus

Lexington, Kentucky

Donnie Royse

London Ducal, Ontario, Canada

Elliott Lionheart-Crawford

Los Angeles, California

Erika Honey

Minnesota

Darin Hatch

Modesto, California

Jeff Case-Young

Nebraska

David Allen

New York, New York

Jeffrey Wallach Orange

County, California

Hope M. Cocherell

Portland, Oregon

David Roberts - Alicia Day

Reno, Nevada  
Sacramento, California  
Salem, Oregon  
Salt Lake, Utah  
San Antonio, Texas  
San Diego, California  
San Francisco, California  
San Jose, California  
Seattle, Washington  
Spokane, Washington  
Stockton, California  
Surrey, British Columbia, Canada  
Tacoma, Washington  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Vancouver, Washington  
Waco, Texas

Robert Douglas  
Tony Southworth  
Dan Stults  
Steve Bolinder - Chevy Suburban  
Jay Henry Smith  
Adam Latham  
Stephen Rowell  
Julius Pleshakov  
Mark Surreal  
Mark Allen Surreal - The First  
David Fleming  
Doug Klein  
Doug Gonzales Snow  
Tom Williamson  
Daris Freimuth - Rhea Rhange  
Alan Baby Riffin

### **Honorable Alternate Members:**

Alameda, California  
Denver, Colorado  
Fresno, California  
Hawaii  
Houston, Texas  
Iowa  
London Ducal, Ontario, Canada  
Minnesota  
Modesto, California  
Sacramento, California  
Salem, Oregon  
San Antonio, Texas  
Stockton, California  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Margaret Ramirez  
Jackie Summers  
Johnny Orosco  
Ashley Harley Davidson  
David Fuhr  
Micheal Ferry  
Thomas Martin-Lionheart  
Jeffrey J. Crump  
Ryan Hernandez  
Michael Kennedy  
Gerald Colyer - Lydia Octavia Snapp  
Derrick Hutchinson  
Gilbert Rodriguez  
Ron Gullis

### **Imperial Court Council Members and Heir's Apparent in attendance:**

Queen Mother of the America's - Nicole The Great  
Heir Apparent - Martin Storm - Surrey  
Heir Apparent - Terry Sidie - Sacramento  
Heir Apparent - Hara Halston St James - Orange County  
Heir Apparent - Robert Surreal - Spokane

### **Audio/Visual:**

Page to Nicole The Great: Gilbert Navarro  
Sound: Richard Adamson  
Videotaping / Editing: Bhim Kumar Reyes

Intermin Speaker, His Excellency, AJ Turner calls upon the membership to rise for the presentation of the colors.

## **Presentation of the Color Guard:**

Yosemite Knights, Knights of Malta, Chapter

**Speaker:** Please welcome Queen Mother I of Canada, Mexico and the United States, Empress Nicole The Great.

Empress Nicole calls upon Mz. Rhonda of Calgary for the Invocation.

## **Opening of Parliament**

Empress Nicole calls open the Third Session of Parliament at 8:54am, Friday, May 14, 2010.

Welcomes all to the sunny city of Fresno, California. Salutations to the Heirs Apparent and all attendees.

Respects to dedicated royal officers of Parliament. A special welcome to all visitors and guests.

Reminder to all that this is the "People's Parliament" and all are welcome.

## **Opening Address**

"We gather in this a milestone, 2010 marking the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Court System by the City by the Bay, San Francisco, the mother and founder court of us all. I bring greetings and salutations from our founder, Empress Jose who is 87 years old. A pioneer for the LGBT movement. The Rosa Parks of the Gay Rights Movement - the first Empress of these Americas. We are blessed to have her as our founder. We all look forward in two short years to celebrate her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Renaissance Era continues to make changes these last 4 years, working together, the ICC and Parliament bringing our forces into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Honorable members of Parliament are the voice of the people, in many ways the future and survival of the court system is in your hands. We must expand our membership and bring in new blood, new ways or else surely our courts will indeed die on the vine. It has become more prevalent that some courts are floundering and must recycle monarchs, thus the Proclamation that courts can still be viable without a monarch for a year but be represented by a working Board and College of Monarchs. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and a reality we must face." During her Majesty's travels, she is pleased to see the the involvement of younger members, more women and straight allies and friends, it gives her hope. The biggest observation, the bull in the china shop, is the long boring coronations that are keeping people away. We can't ignore this. Example, if the emcees asked the members of the court to leave the ballroom, honestly, there would be no one left in the ballroom. Balls have become an exercise in applauding ourselves while our community's continue to stay away or shrink in attendance. No ball should end at one or two in the morning. No ball should last 4,6 or 8 hours. No attendees should have to be asked to vacate a ballroom and move the remainder of the event to another location. Balls should not be Jerry Lewis Telethons. Uses the example of crowing on the roof of a hotel. It happened. It's not humorous. We are all guilty of long boring coronations. Nicole proclaims, one walk, one title, period. The Council has not been successful in changing coronations. I hope Parliament can make these badly needed changes. Nicole commends and thanks everyone for the improvement of less profanity in respect to our guests/visitors, community members and family in attendance. Nicole commends the courts of Chicago and Stockton for their recent correct response for conduct unbecoming by any members, even monarchs. Stressed to hear of mismanagement of funds from yet another Officer of a Board of Director that could result in embesslement ranging from \$5000 - \$10,000. "I have zero tolerance for any financial mismanagement

and theft. If a Board does not take legal action, your charter will be removed and revoked. It is good to know that theft and mismanagement is rare in the 68 chapters.” Very pleased that the United Courts of Canada Conference has been established. Much love and respect to the brothers and sisters of this great nation, “you continue to be a great foundation of my reign. I look forward to many more state visits to Canada. The successful National Harvey Milk Commemorative Stamp campaign is being greeted most enthusiastically across the US and I send my thanks to all for your support and dedication for this important historic event. Thanks to Executive National Director, Emperor Michael of Arizona. This past year, together, we raised over \$100,00 for the Mathew Sheppard Foundation to erase hate/bullying in our schools. This campaign touched my heart and humbled me. This donation is the largest in the history of the Mathew Sheppard Foundation. I have proclaimed October 2010 as Harvey Milk Foundation month and urge all courts once again to support for an organization that reaches out to the youth. Harvey Milk supported and loved the court system. This foundation continues his legacy and supports and educates our youth. In this session we will discuss my recommended proposal that a King Father/Queen Mother of the Americas succeeds me.”

The Queen Mother goes off her official address.

The importance of a Dual Monarchy is that our Founder, Empress Jose, was retired. Jose had the luxury to travel. Jose was also not in a relationship. Made it easier to be available. “As I took the throne, I’m only semi-retired have consultations at my leisure and public relations with the whole Marine Corps does not constitute a relationship. I have had somewhat of a luxury to travel to your empires. I also have involvement in political government and public activism within the Gay and Latino community. Think about who will succeed me, look at the Heirs, they have 9 to 5 jobs and most are in relationships or have other organizational affiliations. The Heirs are not ready to succeed me. Sitting on the throne is not what it appears to be. I would not wish this upon my worst enemy. It is a toll on your time, it is a toll on your personal life. It is an unbelievable obligation that it cannot be imagined. In the creation of a Dual Monarchy, the representation could be more compatible to those who are in a relationship and have 9 to 5 jobs. In essence, the responsibility can be divided. There is personal expense that is very taxing on the position. Although a court pays for travel and hotel, there are still personal expenses that I incur. Please think of my words today before you vote. Think of how it will affect your future titular head of state. Your vote and discussion will be taken very seriously for discussion with the Council. In closing, as we prepare to gather for the 45<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, Kentucky, you the distinguished members of Parliament, the People’s House, are the first to know and to hear a Proclamation and this announcement. First, that this, the International Court System of Canada, Mexico and the United States will be commended and forever recorded in Congressional record of the Congress of the United States and a copy of this commendation and congressional record will be presented at the Anniversary Gala in Lexington, KY. We will be the first in the history of this country, Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender organization recorded in the records of Congress. If there is any organization that deserves this recognition, it’s you, the members of the organization. Our beloved Founder, World War II veteran, Empress Jose will be presented a ceremonial flag of these United States that has flown above the capital of this great nation and be presented on behalf of the members of Congress.”

Her Majesty calls forth Prime Minister, Nathan Page, His Excellency, Speaker of the House, AJ Turner and the Honorable Member of Fresno, David Dulan. Recognizes Anthony DePrada for the unbelievable job in establishing the foundation of this Parliament body. This is the first time in history that the Council has two members that are not monarchs. Nathan is presented with the symbol of the International Court Council. David Dulan is recognized for work on producing and preparation for Parliament. David will be considered for Heir Apparent in January for his work on the Third Session of Parliament. AJ is

commended for his tireless work and for stepping up to fulfill the seat of Interim Speaker. He is presented with the first medal commemorating the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ICS. It is presented to all as representation that you are the future of this court system.

“Finally, there has been discussion concerning the length of my reign as your Queen Mother. After much meditating, god willing, I have decided my Renaissance reign will be a decade of service. For I have grown to love the honor of being your Queen Mother, not for its’ title, prestige nor its ceremony but I love it for its/our potential to make it greater than it is. And, thus, I truly believe in my heart that the best days of our court system lies ahead of us. Happy Birthday Harvey, Long Live Jose, God Bless Canada, God Bless American and God Bless Mexico, Thank you and God Bless you all.”

“Thank you and please be seated.”

The Queen Mother issues a Proclamation. It is a clear message of a democratic monarchy that will always be a part of the International Court System.

“On this day, the 14<sup>th</sup> of May in the year 2010 during the third session of Parliament of the ICS, Canada, US and Mexico, I hereby proclaim that the King Father/Queen Mother who will succeed me must not only be voted upon by my Heirs in the ICC, but his/her name must be presented to the members of Parliament for their approval with a majority vote of Parliament. Signed by my hand in the great Empire of the Imperial Dove Court of Fresno/Madera, California, Empress Nicole The Great, Queen Mother I of the Americas, Canada, United States and Mexico.” Witness to the signing, Prime Minister, Nathan Page, Deputy Prime Minister, Bruce Coddington, AJ Turner. Nicole calls forth Empress Hara, Emperor Martin and Emperor Terry (Carry).

Following in Parliamentary procedure, we are accepting this as a submission to the Parliament floor. Speaker recognizes the Honorable Member of San Francisco.

Motion is made to ratify the proclamation, being the founding court; we acknowledge it and support it. Seconded by: Portland

Motion is tabled by the Speaker as the members have not been seated. Noted into the records for future vote.

Nicole announces the Proclamation is now in the hands of Parliament. It is up to us all to make sure that all courts not present understand the importance of the proclamation. It is up to us to make this Peoples House as it should be.

**Speaker:** The seating of the Chapter courts. We have seated 43 Chapter Courts for the Third Session of Parliament. Points out Parliaments procedures available in the program book.

Turns the floor over the Prime Minister, Nathan Page.

Our first order of business is the election of Speaker of the House. Opens the floor for nominations for Speaker of the House.

New York nominates, AJ Tuner. AJ accepts.

San Francisco nominates John Archer Pace from the city of Fresno. John Archer Pace accepts.

Prime Minister calls for any other nominations. Closes nominations.

Each is given the opportunity to give a 5 minutes speech.

Executive Secretary calls for the vote with ballot distribution.

Seconded by Nebraska.

Vote: Show of hands. Unanimous.

Prime Minister calls for recess for the votes to be tallied.

Seconded by New York.

Show of hands. Unanimous.

Tally was counted by the Session assistants, Gilbert Navarro and Richardson Adamson. Ratified by Exec Sec. and signed off on by the Prime Minister. Results were turned over to the Prime Minister in that the Speaker of the House was the position being elected.

Called back to session at 10:18am by Prime Minister, Nathan Page.

The Prime Minister asks that Her Majesty recognize AJ Turner as the elected Speaker of the House. Her Majesty thanks the member of San Francisco for nominating the member from Fresno. It's important to have alternatives and both should be commended for their wiliness to step up to the position.

Prime Minister turns the session over to Speaker of the House, AJ Tuner.

### **Ratification of the Proclamation**

Speaker announces we have a motion on the floor made by San Francisco, Seconded by Portland to accept the ratification of the Queen Mother's Proclamation regarding the line of succession.

Floor open for discussion. Seeing none. Voice vote. None opposed. Motion passes, the Proclamation is ratified by Parliament.

### **Canadian Affairs Report – Deputy Prime Minister, Bruce Coddington**

- This is the first time the Canadian courts have voiced their concerns at Parliament.
- The Canadian courts feel there is a lack of equality regarding voting on issues of International importance. Feel that Canadian issues would be overshadowed by US issues with only 15% of the vote.
- Presented a suggested map that would regionalize all courts in Canada, United States and Mexico into 5 areas. Suggested that each region elect a Cabinet member to conduct meetings outside of session to conduct business and come with a unified vote for the region.
- Suggest creating a position on the Executive Committee for a Canadian Prime Minister.
- Mexico would have one representative until the country grows in chapter courts.
- Feel the need for more clarification on the role of Parliament and its members – job descriptions
- Annual Parliament sessions should alternate between the US and Canada and in the future, Mexico

Questions from the floor. None.

### **Special Presentation**

Bruce presents to Her Majesty, Heir Apparent, Emperor I of Surrey, Martin Storm to present a certificate from the members of Canada's Parliament. The certificate is presented to the Speaker of the House. Speaker reads. It is from the House of Commons of Canada to Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez, City of San Diego, California. In recognition for time and effort in the successful repeal of the United States travel ban for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Nicole applauds Emperor Martin and clarifies that this is not a political issue, but a human rights issue, a civil rights issue. We cannot ignore that in the US we fight for equality and we're not there yet. We must educate all on the issues of today. Nicole spoke to members of Congress and the

Senate and they were shocked that this ban is still in affect. Clinton only lifted the ban suring the World AIDS Conference. She accepts the honor and salutes Martin and reiterates that One Person Can Make A Difference.

Speaker recognizes the Prime Minister, Nathan Page for the Prime Ministers report.

### **Prime Minister's Report**

Prime Minister reports that progress has been made. You made this happen. It's not the Officers, Her Majesty, it's you the members who issue in the progress. Your court is creating Parliament. Your court has touched this process and progress. Thanks to all for allowing to serve as Prime Minister.

### **Secretary's Report**

Speaker recognizes Devon DeVasquez, Executive Secretary to present the minutes from the Second Session held in San Antonio, TX, May 2009. The Secretary explains that the minutes were produced not as part of the duties by the newly elected Secretary, but fulfilling the obligation of the previous Secretary stepping down. The minutes were posted on the Parliament Yahoo Group and dispersed via electronic attachment the week before session. Last call for corrections. Seeing none.

The Honorable Member of Corpus Christi, Bebe Hughes-Bouvier motions to waive the reading of the minutes as they were made available on line for review.

Speaker recognizes, the Honorable Member of Corpus Christi, BeBe Hughes-Bouvier Seconded by Portland.

Calls for vote. Voice vote. None opposed. Motion carries.

### **Harvey Milk Commemorative Stamp Campaign, HM, Ray Shapiro**

Details of the campaign were presented by the Honorable Member, Ray Shapiro.

- Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to office in California.
- Responsible for passing stringent gay rights ordinance in the city
- Milk along with Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by Dan White, a city supervisor.
- Became known as the "martyr for gay rights"
- Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009

### **National Co-Sponsors of the Commemorative Stamp campaign are:**

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Harvey Milk Foundation  
Victory Fund  
Christopher Street West (LA Pride)  
Equality Across America

### **Honorary Chairs**

Stuart Milk, Rev. Elder Troy Perry, State Senator- Mark Leno, Academy Award Winner - Dustin Lance Black, Cleve Jones, Rea Carey, Lorri Jean, Speaker of the California Assembly – The Honorable John A Perez and CEO & President of Victory Fund – Chuck Wolfe

### **National Campaign Chair**

City Commissioner – Nicole Murray Ramirez

National Campaign Director – Michael Gaffney

Courtiers are encouraged to join the letter writing campaign. Post cards and Ad/Flyer were made available to all which contain the details on where to send letters of support. All are available online at [impcourt.org](http://impcourt.org). Proceeds benefit the Harvey Milk Foundation.

## Committee Reports

### Electronic Voting Committee, David Allen, Nebraska, Chairman

Formed in the San Antonio session of Parliament, sent back to committee

David Allen stepped in as chairman after the new year. Thanks to all who contributed much time and effort into the research and writing of the report. At this time, the chairman asks that the Bill be dropped for the following reasons:

- Voting by mail – most states require written consent (physical signature) and a unanimous vote in order to take action outside of a meeting
- Electronic vote – cannot force members to vote electronically. E-SIGN Act preserves the right of individuals to not use electronic methods.
- Lack of discussion – rewards and risks are not always disclosed at time of an electronic vote.

**Discussion:** Speaker recognizes, HM of Fresno,

In regard to the Senate, US Congress and Senate, was any research done to see how they get by with voting electronically?

**Response:** No, we did not look at it at the Federal level. Used California law since the organization is established as a California based organization.

**Motion made:** to drop the bill on Electronic Voting.

**Seconded by:** ??

**Discussion:** None.

### ICS Marketing Standards Committee, AJ Turner, San Diego, Chairman

Formed in the San Antonio session of Parliament, sent back to committee

#### Trademarking and Branding

To ensure we are defending what we do and how we do our work.

Consistency needed to provide a unified look.

The committee is in place to issue a set of guidelines and reference for all chapter courts make sure we are presenting the work of what the International Court System does in a consistent manner so that if anyone does try to use our logo, name or image we can legally defend ourselves.

Open for questions on trademarking or branding.

The 25, 50 and 100 word statements are not complete. These can be used for media and marketing releases.

#### Logo

Crown with the flags of the three nations, Canada, United States and Mexico

Directions are available on the use of the logo in the program book.

Floor open for questions.

Speaker recognizes HM from San Francisco.

How soon can the images be available for use?

**Speaker:** all images are currently available now. Images will be available on the website.

Joseph Brumley will be asked to upload the images to [impcourt.org](http://impcourt.org). The entire Marketing Standards packet will be made available once complete as well. If anyone needs the images immediately, make direct contact with the Speaker.

Speaker recognizes the HM from Spokane.

Curious about the cost of the patent (trademark).

**Speaker:** Initial trademark for at least 20 years is \$295, is about a year to a two year process. It is important the legal filing is exactly as intended.

Speaker entertains a motion to recess.

**Motion made:** San Antonio

**Seconded by:** Portland

**Vote:** Passed

Meeting is reconvened.

Speaker calls Honorable Member from Austin, Co-Chair, for the Membership Committee report.

### **Membership Committee, Jose Alvarado, Austin, Co-Chairman**

Formed in the San Antonio session of Parliament.

The intent of the committee is to gather information from chapters about how they promote, retain and seek membership. Both Chairman, John Cummings and Co-Chair, Jose Alvarado have both taken over the committee recently.

First survey results were disappointing. Only 5 courts responded.

A second survey is being circulated to gather information but is being retracted to be rewritten to be more inclusive and sensitive to those outside of the United States.

The floor is turned over to Prime Minister, Nathan page.

Speaker recognizes the Prime Minister.

Apologizes for the verbiage used in the surveys. There was no intent to offend our Canadian counterparts. Canadians are being asked to join the committee to assist in future surveys.

**Questions:** Prime Minister recognizes the HM, from New York.

Suggests individualizing the surveys to capture an individual's demographics rather than a court as a whole. The results can be compiled and presented as a court.

Speaker asks to consider the challenges when taking a survey across the border into Canada.

Some questions violate Canadian law. The Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister are also going to be involved in the development of surveys/questionnaires.

**Announcement:** Fresno Coronation tickets available outside the ballroom the remainder of the day. Taking an hour and a half lunch. Lunch homework – review the Fundraising Committee report, Phase two. We encourage questions and conversation upon returning to session. Review the Design Committee report and be prepared with questions. Tri-fold and Mission Statement is lunch homework as well.

Recess for lunch.

### **Fundraising Committee, BeBe Hughes-Bouvier, Corpus Christi, Chairman**

Formed in San Antonio session of Parliament

Committee met on August 14, 2009 in Austin, TX to outline goals.

Developed a 3 Phase plan to collect data before presenting a fundraising recommendations report.

Phase 1 – Discovery – Poll the chapters

The poll was focused on Fundraising Fundamentals. Only 20 courts responded.

Phase 2 – Data Collection – compile and analyze results of Phase 1

Only 13 courts responded. A full hand out is available of fundraising ideas that were collected.

Phase 3 – correlate fundraising efforts with Coronations

Objective is to create Fundraising Best Practices and Guide. A focus for all courts should be self sustained funding. The report contains a foundation for evaluating your fundraising efforts and provides a good starting point all courts could use to build on. The committee will continue to work on completing the three phase plan and incorporate Canadian fundraising rules and guidelines. It is recommended that a Canadian join the committee to give a Canadian perspective.

A couple of fundraisers that are non-drag related are:

**Chocolates for Charity** – monthly bake sale. Brought in \$10,000 to the United Court of Austin.

**It's in the Water** – Empress gets pregnant - sell tickets to select the father – 3 month project. Host a full baby shower, donate the gifts to children's charity. Host an event to announce the birth.

**Nobles de Robe** – Nobles of the Gowns – purchase a title to be presented to the monarchs at Coronation. Works well in New York. Non-active title. In name only.

**Discussion:** Speaker recognizes HM Portland.

Thanks the committee for a job well done. What an opportunity we missed. Will take this back to our court and jump on board.

**Speaker** recognizes Calgary. Emails are not being received by all members.

BeBe recommends mailing out hard copies to all courts to guarantee distribution.

**Speaker** states that all members have deliverables to take back to our courts.

### **ICS Design Committee, Jay Smith, San Antonio, Chairman**

Formed in San Diego session of Parliament

The committee took over from the San Antonio session to work on the procurement of medallions and sashes. A poll was presented to the members of parliament with the following results:

Seventy five percent (75%) of the respondents answered Yes, they would take the question of sashes and medallions to their chapter court.

Ninety six percent (96%) responded Yes, willing to pay for the medallions out of pocket.

Ninety three percent (93%) responded Yes, to buying 2 medallions and passing them on to the next MP and AMP.

Sixty eight percent (68%) responded, Yes, to both the MP and AMP wearing a sash.

Fifty six percent (56%) responded, No, to one sash per court.

Two quotes were presented to the membership for sashes. Pride Sash has the most reasonable price.

Medallions will be ordered from Condor, based in San Antonio. The floor is turned over the HM from Fresno. Fresno has donated the first 100 medallions for Parliament.

Speaker summarizes that each chapter court will purchase two per court.

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Motion to recess:** Alameda

Seconded by Chico.

### **Trifold and Mission Statement Committee, Ron Wersal, Fort Worth, Chairman**

Formed in San Antonio session of Parliament

Present the ICS Parliament tag and Mission Statement. Trifold was not completed due to other commitments.

Speaker recognizes Her Majesty, Nicole.

Nicole asks how many members of the committee were Canadian. HM Ron answers, none.

Nicole advises that Canadians must begin to co-chair committees. We must become sensitive to Canadian verbiage and plan for the future growth of Mexico. Nicole tells the Canadians present to raise their hands and point out if the Canadian perspective is left out.

**Discussion:** none.

Speaker closes discussion.

Announces there was a miscout in the number of courts present. There are 44 chapter courts present. We have a Super Majority present. We can take as much action as needed.

Speaker forms the following committees:

#### **Blue Ribbon Task Force on Canadian and US Affairs**

American chair: Tacoma, Minnesota

Canadian chair: Surrey, Halifax

Mission is to harmonize what we are doing in this chamber.

Debate and vote

### **Dual Monarchy**

Speaker recognizes Her Majesty.

Statements were made during opening address. Believes that a dual monarchy is the best way to go. All we need is a vote to move the process forward. The ICC will be tasked with creating the process in which the dual monarchs will be selected. That process will run through Parliament for the final vote.

Her Majesty opens the floor for questions.

Speaker recognizes San Francisco Imperial.

Is there anything in place, structure that will help us to answer the call for a vote. Can a member of Parliament be part of this process?

Nicole has discussed with the ICC and they decided to get Parliaments "buy in" before beginning the development. All courts have been presented with the call for a vote. Not many responded to the request from Empress Jack E.

**Point of order** is called by Colorado Springs. There is no motion on the floor.

Speaker recognizes the HM from Colorado Springs.

**Motion:** Accept the proposal of a dual monarchy as presented by the Queen Mother

**Seconded by:** Minnesota

**Discussion:** none.

**Roll call vote.**

**Motion passed:** Unanimously

Nicole commits that there will be members of the ICC Heirs Apparent and Parliament on the task force to create the Dual Monarchy proposal.

## Design Committee

Speaker announces that the sashes cost would be picked up by each individual court.

Speaker recognizes the HM from San Antonio, Jay Smith.

Jay announces the cost per sash would be \$25 including the Parliament seal.

Speaker recognizes the HM from Portland.

**Motion to accept** the Design Committee recommendation.

**Seconded by:** Austin

**Discussion:** Colorado Springs –ask Portland for clarification of “which one”

Portland answers: with the seal.

Colorado responds with: which vendor?

Portland answers: Pride Sash

**Friendly Amendment** is to accept the Design Committee proposal for the sash with the logo purchasing from Pride Sash.

**Seconded by** Alameda Imperial

**Discussion:** San Francisco Imperial is recognized.

Is the subject of medallions on the floor for a vote?

Speaker announces, medallions are off the floor.

Speaker recognizes Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs – does that include shipping to each court? Second, what time frame for each court to pay for the sash?

Speaker clarifies that the sash order must be in bulk and distribution of the sashes is has not been discussed.

Speaker recognizes the HM from San Antonio.

The price is to produce the sash and ship to Las Vegas. Unknown if there will be additional shipping fees. The order must be placed in bulk.

Speaker recognizes the Prime Minister.

The topic at hand is just the purchase of the sash by each court.

Colorado Springs states that he was unclear on exactly what was being voted on and concedes that the motion at hand is just the purchase of the sash and distribution will be taken up at the next level.

Speaker announces that the Officers will coordinate the distribution process.

Speaker recognizes HM from Iowa.

If Fresno donated the medallion, why have a sash?

Speaker recognizes the HM from New York.

The sash belongs to the court and the medallion belongs to the member of Parliament. HM from Iowa again, why both?

Speaker recognizes the chairman, HM Jay Smith.

The sashes were going to be purchased by the empire and the medallions purchased by the individual.

Speaker recognizes Salt Lake City.

The design is what is up for vote. Distribution will be decided later.

Speaker recognizes San Francisco Imperial.

Misunderstood the purpose of the poll. His court voted for a medallion not a sash.

Speaker recalls the San Antonio session. Medallion can be worn anywhere. The sash was discussed to that when we walk we could be recognized. Medallions to show who has served on this body. The sash shows who is serving on the body.

Speaker recognizes Salem.

Tacoma calls point of order. Comments should be directed to the Speaker, not each other.

Speaker redirects.

Salem express concern that the medallions will be confusing as to who is currently serving.

Speaker clarifies that medallions will be worn by anyone who has served. Sashes are for currently serving on the body.

Speaker recognizes the HM from Corpus.

Asking Fresno for clarification on the medallions. Are they gifts to the members currently seated or are they presented to the chapter courts?

Speaker clarifies they medallions are a gift to the seated members.

Corpus – for clarification – medallions are not a dead issue as previously stated.

Speaker replies. Correct. Medallions can be purchased by individuals.

Speaker recognizes Modesto.

Ask for clarification on the number of sashes to be ordered.

Speaker replies: 134 sashes need to be ordered.

Modesto – what if a court does not want to order the sash?

Example. Boise, will they be purchasing sashes? How will this affect the pricing.

Speaker recognizes New York.

We need to purchase sashes to cover every court and have readily available.

Speaker recognizes Calgary.

Calgary brings up the issue of the One title – one walk and the Honorable Member of Parliaments has been dropped from protocol by hosting courts.

Nicole – unless given by Jose or Nicole.

Nicole recognizes Everett again for being present during their coronation weekend.

**Motion** to close debate made by Tacoma.

**Seconded** by Sacramento.

Speaker reads the motion. Incorrectly.

Colorado Springs clarifies the original motion.

**Motion to accept** the Design Committee proposal for the sash with the logo purchasing from Pride Sash with each court being responsible for two.

**Roll call vote:** Motion passes.

Speaker turns the floor over the Prime Minister.

Nathan announces the Officer will take over the administration of the purchase and distribution.

## Mission Statement

Speaker recognizes Everett.

**Motion to accept** the Mission Statement as read.

**Seconded** by Las Vegas.

**Discussion:** San Jose – clarification – needs some tweaking.

Salt Lake City motion to send back to committee.

Denied – motion within in a motion.

Colorado Springs call for vote.

Speaker recognizes Everett.

Calls to retract the motion.

**Accepted.** The motion is withdrawn.

**Motion to** send to committee by Salt Lake.

**Seconded by:** Minnesota

**Voice vote:** unanimous

Speaker recognizes Fresno.

**Motion** to make the Fundraising Committee a permanent standing committee.

**Seconded** by Seattle.

**Voice vote:** Passed unanimously

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**Request from the Fundraising Committee for Canadians to join the committee.**

**Speaker recognizes San Francisco.**

Speaker recognizes Portland.

Do you have to be a seated member to be on a committee?

Speaker replies. No. Any member of the ICS can be on a committee.

Prime Minister announces that ANYONE can be on a committee. You do NOT have to be a member of the ICS. Utilize your resources.

Speaker forms the Guide Book and Guidelines Committee. To develop and expand on the processes.

American Chair: Waco

Canadian Chair:

### **Email opt in**

On the registration Certification form we will include an Opt In option to include your email address on the impcourt.org website. Asks for all members to join the Parliament Yahoo group.

Open floor time:

Recess: Modesto

Second: Halifax

Voice vote: Passed.

Speaker announces that after reviewing the transcripts, there were some open items that need to be addressed. Votes and decisions are not nullified. All are noted in the minutes.

Speaker recognizes Nicole The Great.

During the recess members expressed concerns that the leather community is recognized by their sash. Leather protocol doesn't allow for multiple sashes being worn. Also, the rodeo association is known for wearing a sash along with city title holders. Requests a straw poll on who is opposed to wearing sashes, 14 votes. Proposes an alternate symbol, a neck chain. Calls for a straw vote, 34. How many would like the neck chain vs. a sash. Majority vote for the neck chain.

Speaker recognizes San Antonio.

Would conflict with Emperor medallion. Two medallions overlapping.

Speaker recognizes Orange County.

Neck chain would conflict with an Emperors mantel.

Speaker recognizes Connecticut.

What is the cost of the neck chain? The Queen Mother responses with \$15 each.

Speaker recognizes Everett.

BOD already voted for the sash.

Speaker recognizes Austin.

Court paying for it, we need make up our minds and not toss around ideas that were not part of the committee report.

Speaker recognizes Colorado Springs.

Sash is the symbol of office.

Speaker recognizes Corpus.

Clarification is asked for the exact design of the sash. How will it hang?

Speaker recognizes Salt Lake City.

The answer is the sash is actually a stoll. Doesn't come across, it hangs down like a priest.

Speaker recognizes San Jose.

Doesn't this straw poll undermine the decision already made earlier in the session?

Nicole interjects with there is no intent to undermine or stir a hornets nest. Withdraws comments regarding the neck chain.

Speaker recognizes Tacoma.

There are members of other communities that CANNOT wear a sash. Protocol does not allow for it. Speaker asks the assembly, what do want to do with this?

Notes that there were incomplete motions on the floor during the Design Committee report. The vote is nullified, but noted.

Speaker recognizes San Jose.

**Motion made** to send the proposal back for review.

**Seconded by** Everett.

**Discussion:** Speaker recognizes HM from San Antonio, Jay Smith.

This will never be decided. We will never please everyone in this room.

Nicole adds that she wants both a sash and medallion. Stands on both sides of the fence. Greeted with laughter.

Speaker recognizes Alameda.

You've been given a medallion. Wear it however you choose to.

Speaker recognizes Houston.

Do both and decide what you want to wear. You have options.

Speaker recognizes Seattle.

Give information on how to order the sash and medallion and let the court decide.

Speaker recognizes Modesto.

This has been on the table for 3 years. Let's get this going.

Speaker recognizes Portland.

The Heirs didn't like the idea of the red robes, but we made a decision and lets stick to it.

Speaker announces that technically the vote is invalid, but if the body decides that we want to stay with the original decision, we can.

Speaker recognizes San Diego.

**Motion** to revote is made by San Diego.

**Point of Order** there is a motion on the floor.

**Question** is called by Corpus.

**Point of Order** is called by Tacoma again. Announces the speaker is about to make the same mistake. Must call of an end to debate.

**Motion to end debate** made by Tacoma.

Roll call vote to end debate.

Speaker clarifies that the original motion is now the only motion on the floor.

**Roll call vote:** 42 to 1 to close debate

Nicole interjects with an update on the Mission Statement.

**Point of Order** called on Nicole by Colorado Springs.

The original motion is reread. Friendly is accepted.

Show of hands.

**Vote:** 32 YAY, 11 NAY, 1 Abstention

Motion carries.

Nicole announces the HM from Fort Worth caucused with the members from Canada to revise the Mission statement.

Speaker recognizes the HM from Fort Worth.

Reads the revised Mission Statement.

Met with applause.

Speaker recognizes Colorado Springs.

**Motion made** to accept the revised Mission Statement as read.

**Seconded by** Nebraska.

**Discussion:** recommends not repeating ICS and follow through with just Parliament.

**Vote:** 44 – unanimous

Speaker recognizes Iowa.

Encourages all courts to consider getting insurance. Can cover against stolen funds, liability for injury, etc. All should look into getting your organizations covered.

Speaker recognizes Connecticut.

From experience, coverage works.

Nicole asks for what happened to the member who stole? Do they still have their title?

Requests that those guilty of embezzlement lose all rights, titles and membership.

Speaker recognizes Colorado Springs.

Asks that we form a committee to become financially supportive of Parliament events.

Speaker forms the Parliament Operating Expenses Committee.

Colorado Springs will chair the committee.

Prime Minister clarifies that we will run through the ICC. We do not have bank accounts.

Nicole agrees that funds raised by Parliament are earmarked for Parliament.

Speaker asks for a Canadian Co-chair. Surrey.

Speaker recognizes San Francisco.

Thanks Fresno for hosting.

Speaker recognizes Fresno.

We have internal as well as external communication problems. We need a standard even flow of communication. What do we communicate? Nicole adds the protocol is already there for communicating to the heirs and herself. It is open, public accessibility. Speaker commits that

the Officers will work on the continuity of communicating to all empires. Nicole adds we need to use the internet to communicate to the masses about all that happened at Parliament. All are responsible for communicating that Parliament is building a solid foundation. Speaker commits that we will have a summary press release ready by Sunday brunch to blast across the internet.

Speaker recognizes San Francisco

We need some sort of deliverable quickly. Speaker commits the minutes within a week of session. Executive Secretary laughs.

Speaker recognizes Portland

One meeting a year is not sufficient time to get work done. We lose momentum with only one meeting a year.

Speaker recognizes San Jose.

How soon will the Mission Statement be available?

Prime Minister announces it will be posted on the Yahoo group immediately.

Speaker closes Open Discussion.

### **2011 Fourth Session of Parliament – Bid Presentation**

Announces we will not go into discussion after the Bid presentations.

Prime Minister announces we will have a rank ballot system.

Speaker announces key dates.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Kentucky – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

July – Nebraska – ICC meeting

January - San Diego ICC meeting

Transgender Summit – June

Women's Conference – April 2011

Harvey Milk diversity brunch next week.

Five courts present bids for the 4<sup>th</sup> session of Parliament.

Buffalo – May 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Denver – April 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Halifax – February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Houston – January 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Minnesota – August 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Prime Minister asks for ballots to be distributed.

Speaker does not call for recess while votes are tabulated.

Speaker announces ball information.

All who are interested in joining a committee, see the chairs named.

Speaker calls the chamber to order.

Fourth Session of Parliament will be in Denver.

Nicole asks for a round of applause for all cities that presented a bid. Nicole insists that the 5<sup>th</sup> session be in Canada or in the east.

Speaker thanks the chamber and Fresno.

**Motion to adjourn:** Everett

**Seconded by:** Fort Worth

**Voice vote:** unanimous

Heirs exit.

Nicole exits the ballroom.

Session is closed.

