



# The Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire **RESOLUTIONS**

(As of June 28, 2016)



## **COLLAGE OF MONARCHS**

### **1-1 Crowning Paraphernalia**

In order to insure safekeeping, the registered agent shall arrange for the storage of all items used during the crowning ceremony at Coronation and make sure that both the new and original State Crowns, Scepter, Orb, Sword, Robes, and other items used are kept in good repair and ready for the next Coronation, and arrange for their delivery at the site of coronation in a timely manner. The President of the Board shall receive the crowing paraphernalia for Coronation and return it to the Registered Agent directly following the event. The original State Crown shall be used for the crowning ceremony only and placed above the head of the newly elected Empress during the oath of office. (03/09/2004)

### **1-2 Complimentary Coronation, PR Ball, and CP Ball Tickets**

All past Monarchs of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire shall be offered one complimentary ticket for general admission seating at all Coronations of the Empire.

Complimentary Coronation Tickets shall only be given to:

1. Current Monarchs
2. Current Prince/Princess Royale
3. Current Crown Prince/Princess
4. President of the Board
5. Scholarship recipients
6. All administrator or operational people who will be working during coronation, who has been approved by the Board of Directors no less than 30 days prior to Coronation, including but not limited to:
  - a. Lighting
  - b. Sound
  - c. Door people
  - d. Any Master of Ceremonies

All past PR's of the RCGSE shall be offered one complimentary ticket for general admission seating at the PR Ball of the Empire.

Complimentary Prince/Princess Royale Ball Tickets shall only be given to:

1. Current Monarchs
2. Current Prince/Princess Royale
3. Current Crown Prince/Princess
4. President of the Board
5. All administrator or operational people who will be working during coronation, who has been approved by the Board of Directors no less than 30 days prior to Coronation, including but not limited to:
  - a. Lighting
  - b. Sound
  - c. Door people

All past CP's of the RCGSE shall be offered one complimentary ticket for general admission seating at the CP Ball of the Empire.

Complimentary Crown Prince/Crown Princess Ball tickets shall only be given to:

1. Current Monarchs
2. Current Prince/Princess Royale
3. Crown Prince/Princess
4. President of the Board
5. All administrator or operational people who will be working during coronation, who has been approved by the Board of Directors no less than 30 days prior to Coronation, including but not limited to:
  - a. Lighting
  - b. Sound
  - c. Door people

### **1-3 The RCGSE State Crowns (procedures)**

1. Registered Agent will be responsible to ensure the State Crowns are cleaned, repaired and ready for crowning ceremony each year along with all other crowning paraphernalia.
2. The State Crowns are the property of the RCGSE and are loaned to the Respective Titleholder for the duration of their reign.
3. State Crowns shall be defined as the Empress, Princess Royale, and Crown Princess, Crowns or any crown that is surrendered at step down and presented to their successor.
4. The State Crowns will be stored in their crown cases, which will be given to the Respective Titleholder at victory brunch, or time of appointment.
5. If the State Crown becomes damaged at any time, the Disciplinary committee and the Board of Directors must be notified once damage is incurred. If the crown is lost or damaged the reigning Respective Titleholder will be responsible for paying for its replacement or repair. It's the responsibility of the Disciplinary Committee and the President of the Board to have the State Crowns to be replaced or repaired and charged to the Respective Titleholder. If the state is damaged beyond repair, a new State Crown must be in the Courts possession before Coronation weekend (no exceptions). If the new state crown is not received or its damages fixed, the Board of Directors will not let the Respective Titleholder step down, or receive their title.
  - a. All State Crowns must be inspected seasonally by the Board of Directors to ensure the integrity of the Crown.
  - b. Damage incurred from normal wear and tear is excluded from the above sections. Normal wear and tear will be determined by the Board of Directors.

### **1-4 Emperor Ring/Crown and Prince Ring/Crown**

The Emperor, Empress, Princess Royale, Prince Royale, Crown Prince, and Crown Princess may have the option to purchase their Crown/Ring (of their choosing) with the annual amount to be established by the budget committee. They will be reimbursed no sooner than the Annual golden Spike Awards. The purchase of the Ring or Crown must be made prior to the in-town awards show of coronation weekend.

## **RCGSE FUNCTIONS & EVENTS**

### **2-1 RCGSE Events**

1. A court event is where all of the proceeds of such event will benefit an existing RCGSE Fund.
2. All proceeds raised during the event will be go through the respective fund for which the event is held and the court will write a check to the cause, organization, or fund withholding the required percentage stated below.
3. All proceeds of the event will be disbursed only to a third party for the payment of bills, medical bills, or to a third party organization/fund. No funds will be given to an individual directly, unless specifically

stated in the Show Form and by affirmative vote of the Board of Directors. Monies dispersed through the People With Aids Fund (PWA) will be exempt from this requirement.

4. 2% of the proceeds collected during the event will be payable to the RCGSE Scholarship fund and 15% of the proceeds collected during the event will be payable to the RCGSE General Fund. Proceeds raised during Aids Week, Trans Week, Cancer Week, PWA Kickoff and Snowball will be exempt from these disbursements.
5. All court events will abide by the guidelines set forth in section 2-3 Guidelines for Court Events.

## **2-2 Annual Required Events**

1. Fourteen (14) events/functions are required throughout the term of each reign. These events are to be scheduled in the months stated below and administered by the corresponding title holder/reign/committee.
  - a. Pageant Committee
    - i. Gay Pride (June)
    - ii. Closet Ball (September)
    - iii. Golden Spike Universe (November)
    - iv. Gay Utah (January)
    - v. King & Queen of Hearts (February)
  - b. Empress
    - i. Cancer Awareness Week (October)
      1. This event/function is exempt from giving 15% of proceeds to the RCGSE General Fund and also 2% to the RCGSE Scholarship Fund.
  - c. Emperor
    - i. AIDS Awareness Week (March)
      1. This event/function is exempt from giving 15% of proceeds to the RCGSE General Fund and also 2% to the RCGSE Scholarship Fund.
  - d. Emperor & Empress
    - i. Coronation (May)
  - e. Emperor, Empress, & Registered Agent
    - i. Transgender Awareness Week (November)
      1. This event/function is exempt from giving 15% of proceeds to the RCGSE General Fund and also 2% to the RCGSE Scholarship Fund.
  - f. Prince Royale & Princess Royale
    - i. PWA Kickoff (Prior to Labor Day)
      1. This event/function is exempt from giving 15% of proceeds to the RCGSE General Fund and also 2% to the RCGSE Scholarship Fund.
    - ii. Snow Ball (November or December)
      1. This event/function is exempt from giving 15% of proceeds to the RCGSE General Fund and also 2% to the RCGSE Scholarship Fund.
    - iii. PR Ball (May)
  - g. Crown Prince & Crown Princess
    - i. CP Ball (April)
  - h. Past reign (3<sup>rd</sup> reign from current)
    - i. Golden Spike Awards
2. 2% of the proceeds collected during the event will be payable to the RCGSE Scholarship fund and 15% of the proceeds collected during the event will be payable to the RCGSE General Fund.
3. All court supported events will abide by the guidelines set forth in section 4-3 Guidelines for Court Events.

## **2-3 Guidelines for RCGSE Events**

1. All annual required events and RCGSE events must be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors no less than three (3) weeks prior to the date of the event or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
  - a. Approved events must use the registered trademark or name of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire (RCGSE) in advertising and promoting of the event.
  - b. Unaffiliated events may not use the registered trademark or name of the RCGSE in any advertisement unless only to specify the proceeds or a portion of the proceeds are to be donated to a specific fund within the organization. The proceeds from such an event will be considered a Direct Contribution.
2. A “Show Form” and “Event Advertisement” must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval on all proposed events. Upon event approval, a copy of the show form and advertisement will be given to the Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Web Design & Administration to be placed on the Court Website.
3. The “Show Form” must consist of:
  - a. Event Host(s):
    - i. Who is hosting the event, the name, and contact number of the host(s).
    - ii. The host is responsible for the event and is required to complete and confirm all responsibilities required by the show form and under Section 2-3 of the Guidelines for Court Events.
  - b. Event Location:
    - i. An event location must be disclosed on the show form and advertisement prior to being approved by the Board of Directors. The host of the event must provide the approval of the location owner/manager or proof that the venue has been reserved for the proposed event.
    - ii. The contact information of the location owner/manager must be provided, along with the address of the event location.
    - iii. If an event requires another form or application to be completed for the proposed event, a copy of that form must be submitted with the RCGSE show form.
    - iv. The form must list when the court is allowed to collect money at the door, set up of light/sound and set, setup tables or seating arrangements, when the court must conclude the show, any necessary cleanup and removal of any light/sound or set used in the event.
    - v. Any special arrangements or details that the court must abide by as required by the location must be stated on the show form.
    - vi. If the event location provides lights, sounds, set, décor, etc, the approval to use these items must be approved by the location owner/manager.
    - vii. Any fee for use of the location/event must be paid by the host or arrangements to have the location paid by a third party.
      1. If the location is to be paid by a third party, an appropriate signature and statement that the location fee will be paid by that third party will be submitted on the event show form and will be paid no later than one (1) week before the event.
      2. If the location is to be paid by the RCGSE, approval of the fee must be approved by the Board of Directors through a majority affirmative vote. Exceptions to this would be previously budgeted events.
  - c. Event Time & Date:
    - i. Event start time and end time must be disclosed on the show form. If the doors to the event open prior to the start of the event, this must also be included.
    - ii. Date of event.
  - d. Proceeds will benefit:
    - i. Proceeds of the event must be disclosed on the form.
    - ii. For events where the 15% of proceeds are collected for the RCGSE General fund and 2% of the proceeds are collected for the RCGSE Scholarship fund, notice must be placed on

the Event Advertisement stating that “a portion of the proceeds will go towards the Administrative Costs”.

- e. Event Cost:
  - i. Cost of ticketed events must be included and printed on the ticket and Show Form. If the event is free to the public this must be disclosed. If the event is unable to collect a fee at the entrance of the event, a suggested donation will be listed on the form.
- f. Set Description:
  - i. If a set is to be used, a description of the set to be used during the event should be included on the show form.
  - ii. If a set is to be setup at the event location, an estimate of the time needed to setup and break down the set is required. A list of set volunteers should be included as the host is responsible to have the set completed one hour prior to the start of any event or set completed by the time doors open for events that have a door open time.
  - iii. Tables, chairs, podium, or other furnishings that will be used for the event must also be setup one hour prior to the start of any event or by the time doors open if the event has a door open time.
- g. Door People:
  - i. If applicable, at least one member of the Board of Directors must agree to be the event door person. This member will be responsible for collecting entrance fee and other applicable proceeds as required by section 4-3 Guidelines for Court Events. It is recommended that two members of the Board of Directors collect the applicable fees.
  - ii. If applicable, the Door Person(s) should arrive before the event to ensure that the collection of door proceeds is conducted. If the event has an early door open time, the door person should arrive before the early door open time to collect the door proceeds.
- h. Light & Sound:
  - i. If the event needs to use the RCGSE’s light and sound equipment, the host must coordinate with the Director of Audio, Video, and Lighting to find a trained technician. If a qualified technician cannot be found to run the equipment, then use of the equipment will not be available for the event.
  - ii. The technician will be responsible for the setup, operation, and take down of all related equipment.
  - iii. The host should coordinate volunteers and persons to help the technician with the setup and take down of all related equipment.
  - iv. The technician will complete and submit the “Light & Sound Rental Agreement” after the event to the Director of Audio, Video, and Lighting.
- i. Music:
  - i. If the event will be utilizing the court’s sound system, music must be sent in a MP3 or other digital format to the Light & Sound technician 24 hours prior to the start of the event via email; or arrangements are made with the technician 24 hours prior to the event. The technician will provide an email address to be given to the performers to use in sending their music. This information will be listed on the Show Form and Event Advertisement.
    - 1. A list of performers, the songs to be performed, and the order in which they will be cued must be given to the technician at least one (1) hour prior to start of show. Changes to the lineup of performers should not be altered after submitting to the technician unless that performer is not available.
  - ii. If the event will be using a DJ or the locations sound system, performers must provide their music to the event host no less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the event.
    - 1. Music should be collected by the show host from the DJ immediately after the show and then returned to the performers individually. If any performer leaves

- prior to the conclusion of the show or is unavailable to collect their music assumes responsibility for obtaining their music from the DJ directly or arranging to have it collected by another party.
2. All music must be cued and labeled with the performer's name, cut/side, track, etc.
  3. A list of performers and the songs to be performed must be given to the DJ at least ten (10) minutes prior to start of show. Changes to the lineup of performers should not be altered after submitting to the DJ unless that performer is not available.
- a. Performers:
    - i. All performers and performances must adhere to Utah State Laws.
    - ii. Asking individuals or groups to perform is at the discretion and is the responsibility of the host.
  - b. Dressing Room:
    - i. If a dressing room is made available by the event, performers are the only ones allowed in the dressing area. The dressing area is to be vacated within one (1) hour after the event.
    - ii. The host of the event will be responsible for ensuring that the dressing room is cleaned up after use.
  - c. Master(s) of Ceremony:
    - i. The event must have at least one master of ceremony.
  - d. Comp tickets:
    - i. Comp tickets will be given in accordance with section 3-3 of the RCGSE Resolutions.
    - ii. Ticketed events that do not fall under the direction of section 3-3 will be subject to the below rules:
      1. A list of Comp tickets should be provided to the Door person within one (1) hour of the scheduled start time of the event. The below list is who will receive automatic comp tickets.
        - a. Event Host(s)
        - b. Event Door person (limit of 2)
        - c. Event Light & Sound technician (limit of 2)
        - d. Spotlight Operator (limit of 2)
        - e. Reigning Monarchs
        - f. Reigning Prince & Princess Royale
        - g. Reigning Crown Prince & Princess
        - h. Pageant Chair (if applicable to a pageant)
        - i. Pageant Committee Members (if applicable to a pageant)
        - j. Reigning Pageant title holders (only applicable for the event at which they are the reigning title holders)
        - k. Pageant Contestants (if applicable to a pageant)
        - l. Master of Ceremony (limit of 2)
        - m. Judges (if applicable)
  - e. Monies Collected:
    - i. Proceeds of the event will be counted and signed off by the door person, and by at least two other persons, preferably members of the Board of Directors or members of the College of Monarchs. After counting the proceeds, the door person and individuals who counted the money will affix their signature to an envelope that will be sealed and contains the monies.
    - ii. The total amount of the proceeds will be disclosed to the reigning Monarchs and the President of the Board at the end of event. This will be used as a record for the amount of funds collected.

- iii. Monies collected will be submitted only to the Treasurer, reigning Monarchs, or to a member of the Board of Directors after the event, no later than seventy two (72) hours after the event. Transfer of the money must contain evidence on the envelope that the money was accepted by the accepting party and signed off by the submitting party; electronic notification (i.e. Board of Director email distribution list, group message) will be provided to the Board of Directors by the accepting party.
  - 1. If the funds are misplaced and/or lost, the accepting party will be required to inform the President of the Board no later than 24 hours after discovering the monies have been misplaced and/or lost. The accepting party also accepts liability of the monies and will be held liable for the repayment of such funds.
  - 2. If the accepting party either refuses to or is unable to repay funds that are deemed misplaced and/or lost, the individual will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further action, including but not limited to Civil Litigation.
- f. Advertisement:
  - i. Advertisements must contain the information as disclosed below, including but not limited to:
    - 1. RCGSE Name and/or Logo
    - 2. Details on where the proceeds will be given (fund/organization)
    - 3. Cost of the event
    - 4. Time
    - 5. Date
    - 6. Location
    - 7. Host name and contact information
    - 8. Court Website ([www.rcgse.org](http://www.rcgse.org))
  - ii. Advertisements are required to be placed in relevant locations and in such a manner as to inform the community of the event.
  - iii. Advertisements should be up and circulating no later than two weeks before the event. If the advertisements are not up in a timely fashion, the Board of Directors may assume the responsibility of advertising the event, and/or charging the event host for the posters/advertising.
  - iv. Each location has rules to follow concerning advertising. An agreement should be made regarding, poster size, placement of the posters, when advertising may be placed in venue, newspaper advertising paid for by venue, flyers, table tents and other forms of advertising. Standard poster size of 22" x 28" is generally used unless otherwise agreed upon by all parties.

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

### **3-1 Cancer Awareness Week**

- 1. A week in October shall be proclaimed Cancer Awareness Week of the RCGSE. The efforts put forth this week shall be for the purpose of raising funds for Cancer research and providing the community information regarding Cancer and prevention.
- 2. Every effort shall be made to make it a community event to include businesses, bars, and organizations, making it a community event. The reigning Empress shall be in charge of the week.

### **3-2 Transgender Awareness Week**

- 1. A week in November shall be proclaimed Transgender Awareness Week of the RCGSE. The efforts put forth this week shall be for the purpose of raising funds for the Transgender community and providing information regarding the Transgender community.

2. Every effort shall be made to make it a community event to include businesses, bars, and organizations, making it a community event. The Board of Directors shall elect a chairperson to oversee the functions of the transgender awareness week.

### **3-3 AIDS Awareness Week**

1. A week in March shall be proclaimed AIDS Awareness Week of the RCGSE. The efforts put forth this week shall be for the purpose of raising funds for the various AIDS projects and providing the community current AIDS information.
2. Every effort shall be made to make it a community event to include businesses, bars, and organizations, making it a community event. The reigning Emperor shall be in charge of the week.

### **3-4 Coronation**

1. Coronation will take place each year on the weekend of Memorial Day. Proceeds of the event shall go towards the General Fund.
2. The reigning Emperor and Empress shall be in charge of this event.

### **3-5 PWA Kickoff**

1. A fundraiser event shall be held each year after Coronation, but prior to Labor Day where the proceeds of the fund shall go towards the PWA Christmas Fund.
2. The reigning Prince and Princess Royale shall be in charge of this event.

### **3-6 Snow Ball**

1. A fundraiser event shall be held each year in either November or December where the proceeds of the event shall go towards the PWA Christmas Fund.
2. The reigning Prince and Princess Royale shall be in charge of this event.

### **3-7 PR Ball**

1. A fundraising event shall be held each year the Friday of Coronation Weekend. Proceeds of the event shall go towards the General Fund.
2. The reigning Prince and Princess Royale shall be in charge of this event.

### **3-8 CP Ball**

1. A fundraising event shall be held each year in April where the proceeds of the event shall go towards the Felicia Young Adult Fund.
2. The reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall be in charge of this event.

### **3-9 Pageant Events**

1. During each reign, the pageant committee must host 5 pageant events. The purpose of these events is to encourage new membership and involvement with the court. All proceeds of these events shall go towards the General Fund.
2. The current Pageant Committee shall be in charge of these events.
3. The five (5) required events are listed below along with the months in which they shall be held.
  - i. Gay Pride (June)
  - ii. Closet Ball (September)
  - iii. Golden Spike Universe (November)
  - iv. Gay Utah (January)
  - v. King & Queen of Hearts (February)

### **3-10 Golden Spike Awards**



1. Golden Spike Awards is a community voted awards program designed to bring the community together and celebrate each other and the past year of the organization.
2. The awards are meant to be fun, not demeaning.
3. Nominations and final voting is open to the entire community of Salt Lake City.
4. The Board of Directors shall determine the dates, times and locations of nominations, final voting and when the Golden Spike Awards will be presented.
5. To insure the smooth operation of the Golden Spike Awards, the following shall apply:
  - a. The monarchs of the reign matching the number of the annual Golden Spike Awards shall be in charge of putting on the event.
  - b. They will select the venue and start time for the ceremony itself
  - c. They will oversee all aspects of the awards and will work with the Board of Directors to ensure that these rules are followed.
  - d. They will assist with the Golden Spike voting process as deemed necessary.
  - e. Should both monarchs scheduled to host be unable to oversee the event, the election of Voting Administrators shall be by nomination and vote on by of the Board of Directors

### **3-10-1 Golden Spike Awards Voting**

\*\*Voting Administrators listed below are the monarchs in charge of Golden Spike Awards that year.

#### **Preliminary Voting**

1. The Voting Administrators will compile a list of categories and criteria to be eligible for each category and bring it before the Board of Directors for approval no later than March 31st of each year
2. Once the list of categories have been approved by the Board of Directors the community will nominate and vote for their choice in each category to determine the contestants on the final ballot
3. The Voting Administrators along with the Registered Agent and President of the Board of Directors will tally the nominations
4. The top five (5) names receiving the highest number of nominations will appear on the final ballot.

#### **Final Voting**

1. Voting Administrators will prepare the final ballots containing the top 5 contestants who received the most nominations in each category.
2. The community at large will vote for one person per category to determine the winners.
  - a. Write in votes will be considered void
3. Voting will be held in April each year from 9 PM until Midnight
4. There will be no court sponsored functions held on the night of final voting
  - a. This is to ensure adequate coverage for all voting locations
5. Any person nominated for an award cannot man a voting box if possible.
6. Voting Administrators along with the Registered Agent and the President of the Board of Directors will collect and tally the votes, determining 1st through 3rd place in each category.
7. If a tie should occur on final ballots for second or third place, each person will be awarded a certificate.
8. If a tie should occur on final ballots for first place, each first place winner will be awarded a plaque.
9. There shall be no printed campaign material for any of the Golden Spike Award categories.
  - a. Any printed advertising of a nominee will result in immediate disqualification.

#### **Awards**

1. Voting Administrators will be responsible for acquiring the appropriate awards for the top three winners in each category (i.e. plaques and/or trophies)
  - a. If necessary, the Voting Administrators may receive help in acquiring the awards.
2. Voting Administrators must abide by any and all budget amounts when acquiring awards.
  - a. Voting administrators may look into getting sponsors for the awards, but it is not necessary, as the budget amount should be sufficient enough to cover costs.

3. If an individual wins first place in any category for three consecutive years in a row, that category will then be put in that individual's name and therefore disqualifies that individual from being nominated in that category.
  - a. Awards that are currently in someone's name are:
    - i. Juan Carlos Best Dancer
    - ii. Scott Wilson Best Live Performer
    - iii. Chip & Doug/ Ray & Alan Male Lovers of the Year
    - iv. Snowball Show of the Year
    - v. Felicia Best MC
    - vi. Randy Bodle Bartender of the year
    - vii. Cindy Bjerregaard Favorite Door Person
    - viii. Kevin Callaway Favorite Waiter / Waitress
    - ix. Utah Cyber Sluts Tackiest Outfit
    - x. Mark Thrash Best Male Performer
    - xi. Utah Cyber Sluts Best Performance by a Duo / Group
    - xii. Kim & Barb Female Lovers of the Year
    - xiii. Veronika Bitch of the Year
    - xiv. Utah Cyber Sluts Best Comedy Performer
    - xv. Scott Peterson Favorite Disk Jockey
    - xvi. Sharon Blue Woman of the Year
    - xvii. Cortney Cartier Best Looking Drag
    - xviii. Angela Dominguez – Best female performer of the year
  - b. These named awards may or may not be included on the ballot
    - i. Depending on relevancy and the board vote
4. For example if a couple wins Male or Female Lovers of the Year for three consecutive years in a row, the award will then be put in both parties names.
  - a. It stays in their name until some other couple wins three consecutive years in a row or until they are no longer together, at which time it returns to the original category name on the ballot.
5. Any awards based upon a performance (i.e. Song of the Year, best MC, etc...) must have been done or performed at least twice prior to April 1st.

### **3-10-2 Other Awards at Golden Spike Awards**

1. The reigning Emperor & Empress shall have the opportunity to present personal awards to individual community members of their choosing.
  - a. Examples of such awards are:
    - i. Most money raised by a Pageant Title Holder (approved by the Board of Directors)
    - ii. Most money raised by a General Member (approved by the Board of Directors)
    - iii. Community Supporter of the Year
    - iv. Most creative show idea
2. The reigning Emperor & Empress will also present the Lifetime Achievement Award
3. At Golden Spike Awards, the reigning Emperor and Empress will present "THE ROYAL COURT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" to someone within the court whose dedication and persistent efforts within the Court merit this special recognition. Past recipients of the Community Service Award will also present the award to a new recipient at Golden Spike Awards.

## **FUNDS & DEBTS**

### **4-1 Funds & Debits**

1. It shall be mandated according to federal 501(c) 3 guidelines (51-6707628) that no member of a current sitting Board of Trustees/Directors, may access a specific fund. This is in accordance with the guidelines

set forth by the Federal government that oversees the stipulations and acts of a non-profit organization in good standing.

2. Any funds authorized to be paid from a fund will be distributed directly to the creditors or third party and must be accompanied by copies of invoices when presented to the Court for payment. No funds will be dispersed directly to any individual unless specifically stated in the Fund's section.

#### **4-2 RCGSE AIDS Fund**

The RCGSE AIDS Fund was designed to help those living with HIV/AIDS during the interim period between diagnosis and possible eligibility for supplemental income. Guidelines for the administration of these funds are as follows:

1. The College of Monarch President and the reigning Emperor shall oversee the administration of the RCGSE AIDS Fund.
2. If a request for assistance is made from the RCGSE AIDS Fund, the administrators shall work to ensure the application is complete and all requirements are met.
1. Due to the growing number of people living with HIV/AIDS in Utah, a maximum per reign amount per recipient will be set at \$500.
2. Funds will be distributed directly to the creditors and must be accompanied by copies of invoices when presented to the Court for payment.
3. If the request is approved, copies of all receipts/bills and the application must be turned over to the treasurer before any disbursement will be made.
4. To ensure confidentiality, all names and personal information will be removed from the copies of the receipts/bills and the application. The application will then be designated with a number.
5. If the balance of the RCGSE AIDS Fund exceeds \$4,000, the reigning Emperor shall have the option of donating the overage to a worthy AIDS cause or organization.

#### **4-3 Cancer Fund**

The Cancer Fund is designed to assist those persons who find themselves afflicted with Cancer and the monetary obligations which occur.

Guidelines for the administration of these funds are as follows:

1. The College of Monarch President and the reigning Empress oversee the administration of the Cancer Fund.
2. If a request for assistance is made from the Cancer Fund, the administrators shall work to ensure the application is complete and all requirements are met.
3. Due to the limited resources at our disposal, a maximum per reign amount per recipient will be set at \$500.
4. Funds will be distributed directly to the creditors and must be accompanied by copies of invoices when presented to the Court for payment.
5. If the request is approved, copies of all receipts/bills and the application must be turned over to the treasurer before any disbursement will be made.
6. To ensure confidentiality, all names and personal information will be removed from the copies of the receipts/bills and the application. The application will then be designated with a number.
7. If the balance of the Cancer Fund exceeds \$4,000, the reigning Empress shall have the option of donating the overage to a worthy Cancer cause or organization.

#### **4-4 The Wade DeForest "Felicia" Young Adult Fund**

Money raised for this fund shall be the responsibility of the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess. The purpose of such fund will be the following, but not limited to such:

1. Will be solely designed to help individuals or organizations benefiting people 20 years of age or younger.
2. Will not be limited to gay youth. Any young person or organization in need may call upon such fund.

3. If the balance of the Felicia Young Adult Fund exceeds \$4,000, the reigning Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall have the option of donating the overage to a worthy Youth Outreach cause or organization.

#### **4-5 Drive of the Spike Scholarship Fund**

1. In order to empower individuals within our community, the RCGSE will establish a scholarship fund entitled the Drive of the Spike Scholarship Fund. A minimum of \$1000, but not limited to that amount, must be awarded each year at Coronation. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for raising and monitoring these funds. To insure there will be a minimum of \$1000 available each year, 2% from every court function shall be placed into a profit bearing account known as the Scholarship Reserve.
  - a. Functions exempt to the 2% are:
    - i. Coronation
    - ii. PWA Kickoff
    - iii. Functions during AIDS Awareness Week
    - iv. Functions during Transgender Awareness Week
    - v. Functions during Snowball
    - vi. Functions during Cancer Awareness Week
2. Scholarship Panel:
  - a. Scholarship distribution and policies will be governed yearly by a Scholarship Panel consisting of the following members: President of the Board of Directors, the Reigning Monarchs, the Reigning Prince and Princess Royale and one Board member from the elected Board of Directors. In recognition of being the creators of the Drive of the Spike Scholarship Fund, the Scholarship Panel will extend an invitation to Emperor XX Peter Christie and Empress XX Sheneka Christie (aka Ralph Currington) to serve as honorary members of the panel each year.
  - b. They will also be invited to be on stage during the time the scholarships are awarded. If any member of the standing panel, excluding honorary members, is unable or chooses not to serve on the panel, the Board of Directors will elect a replacement for them.
3. Distribution of Money:
  - a. The President of the Board of Directors and the Reigning Monarchs will distribute scholarship monies being awarded that year at Coronation at the designated time that evening. Special recognition will be given to Emperor XX Peter Christie and Empress XX Sheneka Christie as the originators of the Drive of the Spike Scholarship Fund. (03/18/2003)
  - b. Funds will be distributed directly to the scholastic institution and must be accompanied by copies of invoices.

#### **4-6 Peoples Concern Fund**

This fund is to provide relief for those needing financial assistance due to an unforeseeable tragedy or emergency. This fund is not limited to the guidelines mentioned below. The Peoples Concern Fund is to be used in manners as described as follows:

1. To help individuals whose personal rights have been violated due to their sexual orientation.
2. To help individuals with extreme medical problems that are not AIDS/Cancer related.
3. To help individuals involved in litigation that does not involve drug/alcohol offenses.
4. To help individuals with utility bills where the service is being disconnected and/or have been given notice that payment must be paid within ten days (Final Notice), or termination of services will be put in affect. Applications must be received 5 days prior to the final notice or termination of services. Applications received after the allotted timeframe may be denied.
5. To assist individuals with emergency funding when needed. (i.e., death in family, wrongful termination, car issues, natural disaster.)

6. At no time will any individual be allowed to receive more than \$200 during any one reign. The administration of this fund will be done through the Prince and Princess Royale under the direction of the Board of Directors.
7. At no time will a check be made out to the individual asking for assistance. All funds are to be made out to the creditor(s) on the application.
8. Should the total amount due be more than the maximum limit of \$200 and the recipient doesn't have the means available to cover the remaining balance to bring the debt current, the request for assistance will result in an automatic denial
9. Applications will be available at all times through the Court website and the Prince and Princess Royale. (09/04/2003)

#### **4-7 Monarch Discretionary Fund**

The Travel Fund shall be established for monies donated above and beyond the budgeted travel allowances. The only restrictions on the account are that it is divided equally between the Emperor and Empress, and no more than two functions in a year can be thrown by the RCGSE, or in the realm, for the purpose of filling the account. Money is to come from direct donations or functions thrown on behalf of the monarchs by other courts. (03/30/2005)

#### **4-8 The Pride Fund**

The Pride Fund shall be established to ensure the RCGSE can take part in the annual Pride Day festivities. This will also ensure that our organization and our mission remains a visible presence to the community we serve. The guidelines for the fund and raising and administration of monies are as follows:

1. Money raised for the Pride Fund shall be the responsibility of, but not limited to, the reigning Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Pride of the RCGSE.
  - a. Each title holder shall hold two (2) events; one (1) event shall benefit the Pride Fund in which the proceeds raised shall go to the Pride Fund. The second event shall benefit the RCGSE General Fund.
2. Any money raised shall be used to:
  - a. Secure an entry in the Pride Parade for the RCGSE.
  - b. Secure a booth during the Pride festival at the discretion of the Board and pending availability of funds.
  - c. Help pay for any insurance that the RCGSE will need for the Pride festivities.
  - d. Cover the cost of items for the float and items to be used in the booth at the festival.
    - i. Money shall not be used by anyone representing the RCGSE in the parade or in the booth or otherwise for personal reasons, i.e. food and drink, personal purchases at the festival, etc.
3. A committee consisting of two members of the Board of Directors as well as the reigning Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Pride of the RCGSE shall be established by the last board meeting in March of each year. The responsibility of this committee will be:
  - a. To acquire and complete all necessary forms from the Utah Pride Center to:
    - i. Have an entry in the Pride Parade, as funds available
    - ii. Have a booth during the Pride festival, as funds available.
  - b. Attend any required meetings or briefings concerning the Pride festivities.
  - c. Coordinate and work with the newly crowned Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Pride of the RCGSE, as well as, anyone else willing to volunteer, to construct our float/entry in the parade and putting together anything needed for our booth at the festival.

#### **4-9 The Transgender Fund**

This fund is to provide relief for those needing financial assistance for medication, counseling, doctor visits, legal fees and surgeries related to sexual reassignment.

The Transgender Fund is to be used in the manners as described as follows:

1. To assist individuals who choose to undergo gender transition.
2. To assist individuals with medication expenses related to gender transition.
3. To assist individuals with counseling expenses related to gender transition.
4. To assist individuals with doctor visit expenses related to gender transition.
5. To assist individuals with surgical expenses related to gender transition.
6. To assist individuals with legal fees related to gender transition.
7. At no time will any individual be allowed to receive more than \$200 during any one reign, unless the individual is seeking assistance due to surgical expenses related to gender transition. If the individual is seeking assistance with surgical expenses, they will be required to host a function and the funds raised at the function will go toward said individual's surgical expenses. If the function raises more than \$500, the individual will receive all the funds minus 15%, which will be applied to the RCGSE General Fund, and an additional 2% will be applied to the RCGSE Scholarship Fund. The administration of this fund will be done through the Registered Agent along with the reigning Emperor and Empress
8. Applications will be available at all times through the Court website
9. The Registered Agent along with the Reigning Emperor and Empress will be required to host Transgender Awareness Week to raise money for this fund during each reign. The functions are to be held in the month of November, which is Transgender Awareness Month.
10. Funds will be distributed directly to the creditors, medical, legal, counseling institutions, or other third party and must be accompanied by copies of invoices when presented to the Court for payment. No funds will be dispersed to the individual directly.
11. To ensure confidentiality, all names and personal information will be removed from the copies of the receipts/bills and the application. The application will then be designated with a number.

## **VOTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **5-1 Voting**

1. Let it be known, by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire, Board members will have the following voting rights:
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not casting a vote
2. Any matter brought before the Board requiring a vote in order to pass, must receive a simple majority of "Yes" votes from active Board members present at the meeting (51%), or 2/3 thirds for certain matters as required in the Bylaws and Resolutions.
3. In addition, all voting conducted at Board Meetings shall be done by a show of hands with the exception of Peoples Concern Fund issues. Board members with current voting rights shall have the right to request a vote by ballot for any reason. If a request for vote by ballot is proposed by any Board Member, no discussion will be made on the topic of the ballot, and the issue will be voted on by ballot. Board member voting rights are outlined in Bylaw VII, section 11.

### **5-2 Phone/Email Votes**

Whenever a situation arises that would require action by the Board of Directors outside a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the following will apply:

1. The Chairperson of the Board and both of the co-Presidents will discuss the situation and determine if a phone/email vote is needed or if the matter can wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting. This decision must be unanimous.
2. The Chairperson and/or the Board Secretary will make the phone and/or email contacts.
3. The Secretary will list all members of the Board with active voting rights and will make at least two attempts (one attempt should be during the evening hours if the first unsuccessful attempt was made during the day) to contact all members with voting rights. The situation will be explained to each

member and a YES, NO, or UNABLE TO CONTACT notation placed by each name. A TWO-THIRDS majority of the voting members must be contacted (regardless of the time involved or the numbers of attempts necessary) to constitute what will be considered a voting quorum.

4. The Secretary will contact the Chairperson of the Board with the results of the voting quorum. A majority vote of the voting quorum will be the action of the Board. And the voting list will be brought to the next scheduled meeting to be read into the minutes.
5. The Chairperson, as in any action, will vote only in the case of a tie, and will be responsible to see that the results of the vote are properly implemented.
6. Any action that requires, by by-law, a two-thirds majority vote of the Board cannot be considered for a phone vote.
7. The President and/or Board Secretary must state the action and the outcome of the vote, so that it may be entered into the Board minutes. (08/10/2004)

### **5-3 Confidentiality of the Board**

Information discussed at Board meetings is open information to the general membership, with the exception of following:

1. Persons, names, or information relating to monies given out from the People's Concern Fund.
2. Issues discussed within a closed Board Meeting. By default these meetings are closed to the public and the information discussed is confidential.
3. Board members who are not able to maintain confidentiality when needed may be subject to action by the Disciplinary Committee. Board members are asked to remember that, due to the nature of our organization, all information is ultimately accessible to the public and therefore should maintain professional discussions when in Board meetings. (5/11/1993)
4. Board members are expected to maintain confidentiality of information whether they are presently or no longer serving on the Board; in short, what was learned in confidence remains in confidence perpetuity. Board members who are not able to do so may be subject to action by the Disciplinary Committee.

### **5-4 Excused Absences**

1. Any active member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire may be granted an excused absence if they are unable to attend Board meetings due to an illness that requires hospitalization or extended home care after hospitalization.
2. Excused absences will not affect the voting rights or proxies of the Board member and there will be no limits on the number of absences taken by an Active Board member during a reign.
3. During an excused absence, the President of the Board of Directors may assign the excused Board member's vote to another active Board member who is not already holding a proxy.
4. An excused absence may be granted during the current reign only, and expires on the first scheduled Board Meeting of the next reign.
5. Excused absences may also be granted to Board Members who have to care for a longtime companion or immediate family members during home care after hospitalization.

### **5-5 Non-Board Members at Board Meetings**

To promote involvement as well as an understanding of the business operations within the general membership of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire all REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS of the RCGSE shall be open to all interested persons wishing to sit in on such meetings. NON-VOTING spectators shall not interfere in any way in the operations of the board and will not be allowed a vote unless otherwise provided for within the bylaws of the RCGSE. An executive session may be called to discuss business deemed "sensitive nature" (discussions regarding, but not limited to, the Peoples Concern Fund). (7/20/1999)

### **5-6 Registered Agent**

In the event of the death, resignation, inability or refusal of the President of the Board to serve, the Registered Agent shall assume the position of the Interim President of the Board of Directors. This individual shall hold the position until such time the Emperor and Empress nominate a new candidate to the Board for approval to fill that position. And this action shall be automatic and not require any action by the Board.

### **5-7 Spokesperson**

1. The RCGSE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money to improve the lives of others, and the Court encourages its members to be active in the community and to freely express their opinions on community affairs \
2. The current president of the Board of Directors will be the official spokesperson for the organization. In their absence it will fall to the reigning Emperor and Empress.
3. Only the spokesperson shall make any statement on behalf of the RCGSE.

## **REPORTS**

### **6-1 Budget Report**

The Budget Chairperson shall give a Budget Report at the first Board meeting of September, November, January, March and May. Said report will state the percentage and total amount of each budget item at that time. Also, he/she will give a year-end report at the first Board meeting in July. (7/12/1994)

## **GENERAL ELECTION**

### **7-1 General election campaign rules**

In order for an individual to seek an elected office in the RCGSE, they must meet the following qualifications and attend a Candidate interview at which time they are to pay the candidate campaign fee and submit an 8 x 10 photo.

1. Qualifications for running for an RCGSE office:
  - a. The candidate must be 21 years of age and a resident of the State of Utah twelve (12) months prior to application. Only Utah residence residing south of the 41<sup>st</sup> parallel, also known as Sheppard's lane shall be eligible to run for candidacies.
  - b. Any member aspiring to seek an office must attend 70% of all general Court meetings during the current reign, until and including the first meeting in the month of April, and responsible for signing the membership roll sheets themselves.
  - c. A candidate must be a member in good standing of the current reign at least nine (9) months prior to candidate interviews (April). (A candidate is not eligible to run for office if they have an outstanding debt with the RCGSE.)
  - d. A candidate must not have any outstanding debts or bad checks with the businesses, bars and organizations of the gay community.
  - e. Any other requirements stated in the RCGSE bylaws.
  - f. The candidate must be approved and endorsed by a 2/3 vote by the Board of Directors and College of Monarchs at the candidate interview.
  - g. A member of the Board of Directors or a member of the College of Monarchs who is also a candidate for the office of Emperor or Empress will not have a vote counted for that office. This is done to promote fairness for all candidates who wish to run for an elected office since those Board Members are not present for the opposing candidates interview(s).(09/04/2003)
2. Candidate Interviews
  - a. Candidates will meet with a Board Representative (selected and approved by the Board and the candidates at the time of candidate interviews) following interviews and prior to Golden Spike Awards to decide how campaign functions are to be run: (A) together, (B) separately, or a combination of both.



- b. Any candidate unable to attend the interviews must make arrangements before hand to reschedule their interview.
  - c. Any active member of the Board of Directors that is a campaign manager of a candidate for an elected office may not participate in the interview process for candidates seeking the same position.
  - d. Candidate interviews are considered a “sensitive nature” and will fall under the guidelines stated in Resolution 7-3.
3. Voter qualifications:
- a. Only Utah residences residing south of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parallel, also known as Sheppard’s Lane, are eligible to vote in elections.
  - b. All persons voting must show proof of residency by a Utah driver license, a Utah State I.D. card or military I.D. issued from a Utah Military base or post. There will be no exceptions. Passports are not valid I.D.
  - c. Voter must be over the age of 18.
  - d. There will be no campaigning, to include telling someone how to vote, or loitering by anyone in or around the voting room. Candidates and their staff will not be allowed in or around the voting area except to cast their votes. (This includes the parking lot).
  - e. The President of the Board of Directors will provide a list of people who are allowed in the voting room. This list must be presented at the Board meeting prior to voting. Before presenting the list to the Board, the President must review the list with the Candidates and the Board Representative. (This list should include, but not limited to the Emperor and Empress, Coronation Ticket Sales Coordinator, and the Board Representative.)
  - f. Voting will occur at least one week prior to Coronation in a neutral territory and not in a bar or on bar property. Voting will be one day and will be for a 12 hour period.
  - g. The Board of Directors will advertise throughout the community voting information regarding the general election. The advertising must include the date, time, location, voting qualifications, the court website and the court phone number. No information regarding candidates will be on the poster. The advertising will be paid for through the General Fund.
  - h. All citizens for life will be mailed a paper ballot with a self return envelope so that their vote may be counted towards the general election. With a written deadline as set by the Board of Directors.
4. Campaign rules
- a. No candidate may campaign prior to the day of Golden Spike Awards, 12:01 A.M., posters, etc., may appear at that time. Pre-campaigning (discussing your intention of seeking an elected office by soliciting votes with possible voting members of the community) will be a violation and may result in your inability to seek office.
  - b. The reigning Emperor and Empress, President of the Board and reigning Prince and Princess Royale may not openly endorse or campaign for any candidate.
  - c. The reigning Emperor and Empress and the Board of Directors will set the length and dates of the campaign. However, the candidates have priority for all scheduling during the campaign period with the exception of prescheduled General Court or Board meetings.
  - d. The candidate must contact each business individually regarding location, the size and the number of posters that are allowed in their bar. A signed statement from the business’s manager and or owner must be received regarding the decision.
  - e. To make unveiling fair for all candidates, the Board Representative will be in charge of coordinating the unveiling ceremony. The Posters for unveiling cannot be bigger than 22 x 28. The candidates and the Board of directors shall decide the location of the unveiling.
  - f. Candidates and their campaign managers are responsible for the actions of their Campaign.
  - g. Campaign is defined as the candidate, the candidate’s campaign manager, the candidate’s campaign committee, and all persons campaigning on behalf of that candidate.

- h. No Campaign will deface any business; Graffiti is prohibited.
  - i. Campaigns cannot buy votes.
  - j. All complaints must be personally referred to the Board representative by the candidate himself/herself.
  - k. Any Campaign that is found in noncompliance with any campaign rules will be called to a meeting of the Board of Directors to review the situation. The Board Representative must initiate any noncompliance issues before the Board. The Board of Directors will then decide if action should be taken, including revocation of candidacy and/or impose fines on that candidate deductible from that candidates campaign refund and will see that such action is enforced.
  - l. Candidates may have one poster in the voting room during voting and one of each in the hospitality suites. No other paraphernalia may be posted in these areas. The poster cannot be bigger than 22 x 28.
  - m. Candidates are allowed to provide their own shuttle.
5. Candidate Campaign Fees
- a. Campaign fees are as follows:  
\$100.00 per Emperor Candidate  
\$100.00 per Empress Candidate
  - b. Campaign fees will go into a campaign fund for use by the candidates.
  - c. Criteria for the refund of Candidate Campaign fees:  
Campaign fees will be refunded at the Second Board meeting of the reign.  
The amount refunded is to be calculated by the amount of that candidate's campaign fee minus any money spent plus any money made. Refund may be up to 100% as so stipulated in the resolutions.
  - d. Reasons why a Candidate may not receive their full Campaign fee refund: A candidate will be responsible for four (4) hours of assistance to the Coronation Coordinator. This may be done either personally or by a representative of the Candidate. The candidate or their representative will be responsible to sign in with the coronation Coordinator. NOTE: If the candidate sends a representative, they must show up or the candidate will be held responsible. Any candidate (or their representative) that does not show up for their four (4) hours of work will not receive their candidate's fee refund and it will be donated to the General Fund. Candidates are responsible for the cleanup of all campaign paraphernalia in the bars 24 hours after Coronation, or they may be fined at the Boards discretion from their share of the Candidate Campaign Fund. If a Candidate's campaign is found in violation of the campaign rules and fined by the Board of Directors, their fine will be deducted from their portion of the refund of the Candidate Campaign Fund. If the Candidate does not get a signed waiver regarding poster sizes and an issue arises with the bar/ establishment/ manager/ owner pertaining to that matter, their campaign fee may be withheld.  
(09/04/2003)

**7-2 YES or NO votes, Refusal to accept office**

During the election process for any RCGSE title or position the ballot will call for a YES or NO vote for each candidate. Should the candidate receive a majority of NO votes, the following will apply.

1. For any position other than Emperor or Empress, the position or title will not be filled. During the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board will have the option of filling the vacancy with a person of their choosing who receives a majority of affirmative votes from the Board of Directors.
2. For the position of Emperor or Empress, if no candidate received a majority of Yes votes, it will be considered an inability to serve and the position will go to the Board of Directors and College of Monarchs to vote upon the appointment of a regent Emperor or Empress to fill the position, in accordance with existing Bylaws and Resolutions.

### **7-3 No Candidates for the office of Emperor and/or Empress**

In the event that no candidates seeks, or qualifies for, the position of Emperor and/or Empress, the College of Monarchs shall have the option of either:

1. At the time of the candidate interviews, the College shall present candidates for the office(s) to campaign for the position, from the existing College of Monarchs.
2. Appoint a past Monarch during the Crowning Ceremony at Coronation to fill the position. The past Monarch, who accepts or is elected to the office per this resolution, shall be known as Regent during that reign. The position(s) shall be offered to any past Monarch, who is willing to step into the vacancy, as approved by the Board of Directors and College of Monarchs.

## **ODDS & ENDS**

### **8-1 Button Machine**

1. The Registered Agent of the RCGSE shall to be responsible for the Court button machine and shall make sure the machine is kept in good repair, keep a log of its use and see that the following agreement is kept with anyone who uses it:
  - a. A fifty dollar (\$50.00) rental fee is left for the use of the machine.
  - b. From April 1 to May 31, the machine can be rented for two (2) consecutive days only.
  - c. From June 1 until March 31, the machine can be rented for seven (7) consecutive days.
  - d. The fifty dollar (\$50.00) rental fee is non-refunded: :
    - i. The machine is not returned on time there will be an additional \$5.00 per day late fee charged.
    - ii. The machine is not returned in good repair the person using the machine shall be charged repair costs.

### **8-2 Portable Sound System**

1. The Registered Agent of the RCGSE shall be responsible for the Court Portable Sound System and shall make sure the system is kept in good repair, keep a log of its use and see that the following agreement is kept with anyone who uses it:
  1. Usage of the Portable Sound System for non court approved functions shall be dictated by the below rules:
    - i. A hundred (\$100.00) rental fee is charged for the use of the system.
    - ii. The system can be rented for two (2) consecutive days only.
    - iii. If the machine is not returned on time there will be an additional \$15.00 per day late fee charged.
    - iv. If the machine is not returned in good repair the person using the machine shall be charged for the repair costs.
  2. The system may be used in conjuncture with any approved court functions at no cost.

### **8-3 Out of Realm Courts in Dispute**

Any court recognized by the International Court System experiencing internal disputes of legitimacy (that we are aware of) shall not be acknowledged by the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire until their internal concerns are resolved. The courts in dispute are welcome to visit the realm of the RCGSE; however, none of the disputing parties' titles will be acknowledged nor will they be allowed to participate in any of our court sponsored functions including Coronation. (09/04/2003)

### **8-4 Marci Malloy Empress Extraordinaire Excellence of the Spike Award**

The reigning Emperor and Empress may choose an individual from their reign who has shown extraordinary support, to be the recipient of the "EXCELLENCE OF THE SPIKE AWARD". This award will be presented annually the night of Coronation. (05/28/1995)

### **8-5 Citizens for Life**

Because of their dedication, love and respect of the Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire, two (2) individuals from outside the realm (of the RCGSE) may be selected as "Citizens of RCGSE". These individuals shall have all the privileges of a regular RCGSE court member. They shall be chosen by the reigning Emperor (one) and Empress (one) and will be named each year at Coronation (08/10/2004).

### **8-6 Court Member of the Year**

The reigning Emperor and Empress may choose an individual from their reign who has shown extraordinary support to be the recipient of the "COURT MEMBER OF THE YEAR". This award will be presented annually the night of Coronation.

### **8-7 Board Member of the Year**

The President of the Board may choose an individual from their Board of Directors who has shown extraordinary support to be the recipient of the "BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR". This award will be presented annually the night of Coronation.

### **8-8 Youth Member of the Year**

The reigning Emperor and Empress may choose an individual from their reign who has shown extraordinary support to be the recipient of the "YOUTH MEMBER OF THE YEAR". This award will be presented annually the night of Coronation.

### **8-9 Program Ads**

1. Any individual, organization, or business wishing to place an ad in any program for an RCGSE event, to include Coronation, PR Ball, Pageants, etc. must have their ad to the current program advertising coordinator prior to the deadline set by said coordinator. All ads must be paid in full prior to the program being printed or it will be deleted from the program.