

# **A guide to Awards for the Imperial Court System**

The International Court System has a number of awards that are granted to persons whose service meets specific requirements. With the exception of the Jose Honor, they can all be submitted for qualifying persons using this request process. Please understand that not all persons submitted are approved, we review your biography in the submission to determine if the submission information is appropriate for the award or a different award, if any.

All award requests go through a review process and if approved they require time to prepare, verify, and get delivered in time for presentation.

**ALL AWARD REQUESTS MUST BE MADE A MINIMUM OF SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR CORONATION FOR CONSIDERATION.** Please note, all awardees are expected to attend to receive their award, none of these awards are granted posthumously.

## **AWARDS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

Are awards only available if the QM/KF are attending Coronation? No. While the QM/KF approve awards, they may designate Heirs who will be in attendance for award presentation.

How long does it take to get awards? Award nominations are due no later than 6 weeks prior to the date of presentation and must be complete for the process to start. All award requests go through a review process and if approved they require time to prepare, verify, and get delivered in time for presentation.

Are awards only for our Court Members? No, several are intended for community members and can serve to strengthen relationships with key community allies. If, however, you are considering a nomination for a member of another Court be aware that the current process requires that they now be endorsed by that Courts Board in writing as a part of the nomination process. Consider granting one of your Courts awards (E/E, Lifetime Member, etc) if you do not have the ability to complete the process prior to submission.

Do awardees have to be present to get the award? Yes. Please note, all awardees are expected to be in attendance to receive their award. No awards are granted posthumously.

Are nominations all approved? No. Awards are granted by the QM/KF. While most likely reasons for not being approved are the lack of a completed nomination, not submitted in time, or recipient may have already received that award elsewhere, it is the prerogative of the QM/KF to grant or decline any award.

How much do awards cost? Award costs are paid for by fundraising that the Council and Queen Mother/King Father do during the year. There is no cost to the court for approved awards but it is important that names for engraved awards be confirmed and submitted correctly or the award correction may not be at Council cost.

Are reigning Monarchs eligible for awards? Yes, however a reigning Monarch is expected to do an exceptional job for their Court. If they step down and continue exceptional service they are more likely to be granted an international system award. Please note that your Court is encouraged to have

awarded Members and Community Groups local awards where international awards are being requested.

**To submit an award request please follow these steps:**

Email your request **AT LEAST six weeks prior** to your Coronation date to  
QMAdmin@googlegroups.com

**For the overall submission please include**

Your email must include the following

2. Primary Contact name and email
3. Primary Contact phone number
4. Date that the Board approved the request(s)
5. Board President Name, Email and phone number
6. Date that the Monarchs approved the request(s)
7. Monarch Name, Email and Phone number
8. An attachment from the Board President and Vice President stating that the Board has reviewed the nominations and is in support of them as submitted. If the vote was not unanimous the results of the vote and reasons are to be included.
9. Event Date and Location
10. Shipping Address for the Contact
11. Shipping Address for the Coronation Venue
12. If any member of another Court is submitted a letter from that persons Board President and Vice President stating that the Board has reviewed the nomination and is in support of it as submitted. If the vote was not unanimous the results of the vote and reasons are to be included. Submissions that do not include the above information will not be processed until resubmitted as complete.

For each requested award the submission must include:

The nominees Stage/Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ *Please confirm the spelling of the name before submitting!*

Court Titles if any \_\_\_\_\_

Award Submitted for \_\_\_\_\_ If from another Court, that Courts name and contact information.

A short (1 page maximum) biography that includes information meeting the award requirements including local awards given and, if available, a recent photograph/headshot. (see last pages for an example)

Award Name	Award Requirements and Style
International Rev. Troy Perry Spiritual Award	Presented to Churches, Temples, Religious organizations or Pastors, Rabbi's and Spiritual Leaders who have made a difference in acceptance and tolerance. In honor of the Reverend Troy Perry, Founder of the Metropolitan Community Church. (Plaque)

The Dennis & Judy Shepard Family Values Award	Presented to GLBT Organizations, principals, schools, PFLAG Chapters, outstanding individuals (gay & non-gay) who reflect the values, acceptance, dedication, and leadership of Dennis & Judy Shepard. Five years of minimum community service required. (Plaque)
International Cleve Jones HIV-AIDS Leadership Award -	Presented to HIV-AIDS organizations, agencies, individuals, and leaders in our continuing fight against HIVAIDS. Given for minimum of five years' work in prevention, education, testing, direct services or stigma reduction. (Plaque)
The International Marcus Hernandez Leather Leadership Award	Presented to Leather clubs, organizations, bars, title holders, and individuals within the leather community in USA, Canada & Mexico. In honor of "Mr Marcus" longtime leather community leader and patriarch of the Bay Area Reporter family. Minimum five years' service. (Plaque)
The International Royal Order of Jose 1	The Highest Royal Order to the ICS is given for longtime inspirational service within our community in honor of Empress Jose. (Medal on a ribbon pin).
The International Royal Order of Emperor 1 Greg	Outstanding Service of Male Titleholders (Those who identify as Male Emperor/Emprex) in honor of the first recognized Emperor in the International Court System, Greg of Long Beach. Three years minimum service. (Medal on a Ribbon Pin)
The International Imperial Order of the Double Eagle	The Queen Mother's highest honor (Medal on a neck ribbon)
The International Court Commendation	Special Award presented to longtime court members or supporters for 5+ years leadership and service to the community. (Plaque)
The international Jose Julio Sarria Civil Rights Award	A civil rights honor that is presented to current or past elected government officials or civil rights leaders both non-gay and LGBTQ2S+ (USA, Canada, Mexico) (Plaque)
The Karina Samala Trans America Award	Presented to outstanding transgender organizations, agencies or leaders/individuals Three years minimum service. (Plaque)
The Fred E. Tree Spirit of Stonewall Award	For outstanding LGBTQ2S+ activism and leadership ages 8-98 years old. Must include examples of their community leadership in the biography submission. (Plaque)
The International Order of Baron Von Steuben	Presented to LGBTQ2S+ Veterans of the USA, Canada, and Mexico (Medal on a Ribbon Pin)

The National Sarria – Sidie – Townsend Outstanding Veterans Award	Honoring LGBTQ2S+ Veterans organizations or outstanding community organizations. (Plaque)
International Royal Hall of Fame	Reserved for esteemed ICONS and trailblazers. (Plaque)
Jose Sarria Entertainer Award	Awarded in honor of founder Empress Jose Sarria to any exceptional performer in the International Court system with a minimum of 6 years of distinguished entertainment! (Plaque)
The International Royal Couples of Distinction	This award is given to long term couples who have been together for at least 2 decades and who serve as inspiring role models for others. (Plaque)
The Royal Order of the Maple Leaf	<b>(This honor is reserved for Canadian Royalty)</b> The highest Royal Order of Canada for outstanding service to the crown and community
The Royal Order of the First Empress of Canada	<b>(This honor is reserved for Canadian Royalty)</b> In Honor of ted northe, this award is given for distinguished service to the community.

The final page of your submission must include a complete list of all submissions:

Name of Award	Name of Nominee	Approved/Declined ICS Use ONLY

About 3 weeks prior to the event you will be notified which award(s) have been approved. **It is an expectation that awardees are present to receive the award.** Once confirmed we will ship the awards to the contact. **UPON RECEIPT the contact should confirm the spelling of names on the award(s)**

Sample submission:

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We are pleased to nominate

Glenda KnocksYourSocksOff

Empress 33, Princess 31, current Board President

Award Submitted for: The International Royal Order of Jose 1

Empress Glenda has been a member of our court for 17 years. She currently serves as our Board President and Sergeant at Arms for the Monarchs Council. During her reign as Princess she started the largest annual fundraiser for the local Pantry, The Pretty Princess Pantry Olympics which is a day of fun competition between different local gay organizations, from tricycle races to the 50 yard high heel dash. Always fun, it brings together various groups that don't normally socialize and is the communities favorite activity (after the Pride Parade). Glenda is a 3 time award recipient of the Inspirational Court Member of the year.

Glenda and her spouse of 16 years have 3 great children, two dogs, and a Subaru. Glenda also serves on the Board of the local LGBT+ hiking group and has been involved in local human rights issues for 12 years.



We are pleased to nominate

Reverend Verna VeryGood

Reverend, Saint Nicole Episcopal Church

Award Submitted for: International Rev. Troy Perry Spiritual Award

Reverend VeryGood has led St Nicole Episcopal for 17 years. She opened her door to the formation of our local PFLAG chapter, worked with our AIDS hospice to start a pantry for all needy residents, has been an advocate for refugee rights, and serves on the local Human Rights Commission.

In 2022 her church was tagged with homophobic and racist paint and the exterior was set on fire. The Court assisted in raising funds and replacing some plantings. This attack did not slow her activism and she continues to be a frequent spokesperson for all parts of the community. Her testimony ([YouTube Link Here](#)) before the county and state opposing anti transgender, anti gay, and anti refugee bills was considered the turning point and in the end the bills failed to pass. She has been honored twice by the Court as a community leader in the last 5 years. She is a frequent attendee at our events and will be at Coronation doing the opening prayer/invocation.

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We are pleased to nominate

Larry Lifer

Crown Prince 37

The International Order of Baron Von Steuben

(*So here is something to consider.* Larry could be eligible for either Military award. However, one is a plaque, one is a ribbon. As someone involved in the Court, a ribbon can be worn at events to signify this honor so it is likely the preferred submission for Court Members getting a military honor.)



Larry recently retired from the United States Marine Corps with an Honorable Discharge after 20 years and 3 months. Larry has been involved with the Court for 4 years and last year served as our Crown Prince. Larry has been active in support for the refugee resettlement project and fundraisers for Casa de Luz because he saw the devastation and discrimination that LGBTQA+ persons suffered during his service. Larry and his partner Sam StayAtHome have been together for 12 years.

Example Final Page:

Name of Award	Name of Nominee <b>CONFIRM SPELLING</b>	Approved/Declined ICS Use ONLY
The International Royal Order of Jose 1	Glenda KnocksYourSocksOff <b>Note:</b> Because Glenda has been a <b>MONARCH</b> you may submit the award for Empress Glenda KnocksYourSocksOff OR without the Empress title	
International Rev. Troy Perry Spiritual Award	Reverend Verna VeryGood	
The International Order of Baron Von Steuben	Larry Lifer	

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