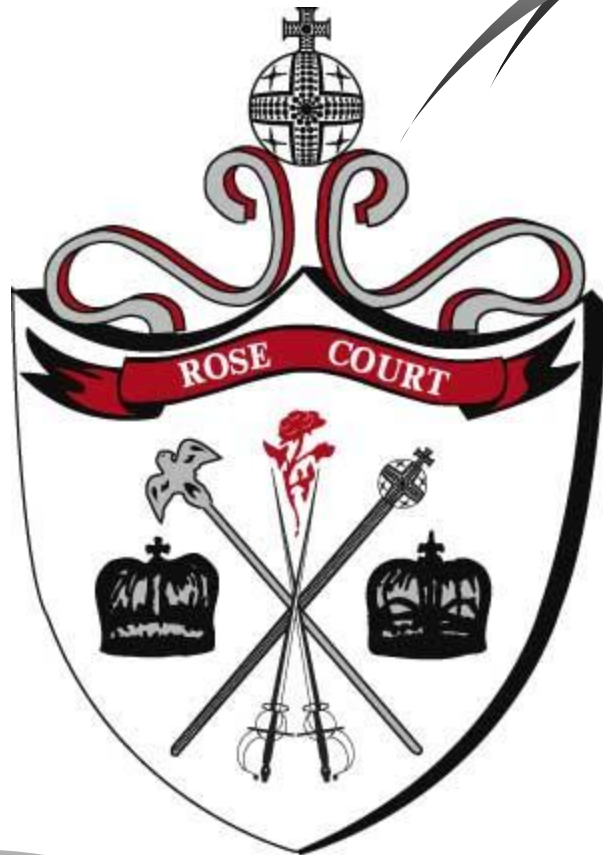
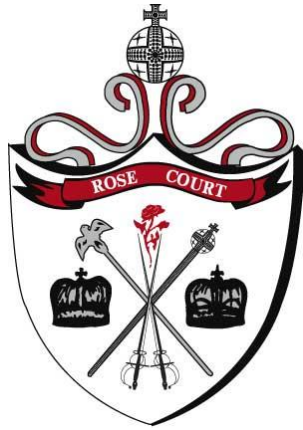


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Membership is open to all persons over the age of 21 who live within Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas or Columbia Counties. The ISRC does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other description used to categorize people.

Mission

The ISRC is organized for charitable, educational, literary or scientific purposes. The ISRC is established to create recreational, charitable, and cultural activities to promote greater understanding between members of a diverse community, and to represent that community and concerned individuals in support of community functions. The ISRC shall recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for their service to the community and will support 501(c)3 organizations through contributions.

In over 50 years, we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for various 501(c)3 charities.

Top Five Fundraisers

February – The White Knight/Debutante Pageant

April – The Rose Court Spring Ball

June – The Gay Oregon Pageant

August – The Gay Portland Pageant

October – The Rose Court Coronation

December – Investitures/The Prince & Princess Ball

The ISRC: A Community with a Rich and Proud History

In 1958, Sam Campbell formed a new social club called the Court of Transylvania and proclaimed himself Queen Samuel I, the Court's first Monarch. The following year, he retained his title, but the group faltered and eventually disbanded. It wasn't until 1965, when the Pruitts of Portland formed a new "Court", that the future ISRC once again took hold. Between 1965 and 1971, the Pruitts held semi-annual ceremonial balls. At these early balls, a "Rose Queen" was selected and crowned in a "Queen for a Day" manner. The Rose Queens became the cultural founders of the ISRC at a time when proclaiming oneself gay or lesbian was fraught with danger. A female impersonator by the name of Rose was crowned at the Spring Ball in 1965. She was later known as Rose Queen III, since she proclaimed to be Rose Queen I and II prior to 1965.

In 1969, the Portland Forum, Oregon's oldest chartered gay organization, took over the sponsorship of the balls. In 1970, the title of Rose Queen was changed to "Rose Empress".

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The Empress title was congruent with the title given to the heads of similar organizations, or "Courts", springing up in other cities. These Courts had begun to form an association which would later become known as the International Court System. In 1971, the Rose Empress became a constitutional position that was elected by the public on an annual basis each autumn. In 1975, the first Rose Emperor was elected alongside the Rose Empress.

By the late 1970s, the ISRC experienced significant growth. Its events were some of the most successful in the GLBT community. The fundraising and outreach activities grew exponentially. The Emperor and Empress were expected to travel to attend events sponsored by Courts from other cities. Other titles were created to assist the Emperor and Empress in the leadership and work of the ISRC. In 1981, the ISRC elected its first Board of Directors. The Board assumed financial and administrative responsibilities for the ISRC. This action allowed the Emperor, Empress, and titleholders to focus on ambassador, fundraising, and community outreach activities.



Annual Report

Charitable Donations for the 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year

Support grants to Youth & Scholarship organizations **\$ 9, 347.00**

Support Grants to HIV Services and Support Organizations. **\$5,920.00**

Grants to other 501c3 organizations **\$ 5,415.00**

Other Programs Services **\$ 6, 102.00**

TOTAL CHARITABLE PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 26,784.00



Organizations supported - Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund (Equity Foundation, Audria M. Edwards Scholarship/Peacock in the park; PEAR; Q Center; Our House; Camp KC; Esters Pantry; HIV Day Center; Cascades AIDS; Oregon AIDS Memorial and other 501c3 organizations in our Service area.

The Board of Directors: 2016-2017

President - HIM Rose Emperor XXXVI, Scott Seibert

Vice-President – Kenny Hart / Kenny McCollum

Secretary – Amara Valentine Foxx / Neeta McLean

Treasurer - HIM Rose Emperor XXXIII, Don Hood

HMIM Rose Emperor XL – Richard Rochelle / Richard Pickernell

HMIM Rose Empress LVII – Vivica V. Valentine / Jesus Alyla

Membership Secretary – HIM Rose Empress LI – Ciara DelaRosa

Member-at-Large – Oddysey Pink Nightengale / Theresa Porter

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