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Reno bids adieu to a local gay icon

The community, family and friends gathered at the Virginia Street Brew-House on Saturday, January 22 in the heart of downtown Reno to honor a man who was dedicated to raising money for charity and community, Larry Mastropierro.

The Final Larry Mastropierro fundraiser produced \$12,753 for two of his favorite charities; OUR Center, the local LGBTQ Community Center and Northern Nevada HOPES, where the local HIV/AIDS services are located.

Donations for the final Larry Fund Raiser can be still made. Please contact SDC Treasurer Glammer at stevenreno99@yahoo.com.

At one point in the tribute show, Mastropierro's Imperial daughter Joan-E said "We were hoping to raise \$2,000 tonight, then we thought maybe five, but we are at \$9,100. Can we get it to \$10,000?"

Many of those attending dug into their pockets and donated what they could. People came up reaching out with twenties, fifties and hundred dollar bills. Virginia BrewHouse has a upstairs area that overlooks the stage - bills were floating down from there too. It showed the impact Larry Mastropierro had on his community and those in the International Court System that knew him. Quickly the 9,100 went over the 10,000 mark.

Besides members of the local LGBTQ community, people traveled from Alaska, Portland, Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento. Also present were the Queen Mother of the Americas, Nicole the Great. Titular head of the International Court System and Emperor I of the Americas, Terry Sidie. Serving as MC's for the night were Joan-E, Imperial daughter of Larry and Jack and Reno Empress Pandora Box.

Mastropierro passed away over Thanksgiving weekend sending disbelief and shock not only through the local LGBTQ community, but also the International Court System.

He was active locally in the Silver Dollar Court (SDC), having reigned more times as Emperor than anyone. He was Emperor XI (1981), X (1985), XVII (1992) and XXXVII (2012). Larry also served many terms as President of the SDC, the oldest LGBTQ organization in the State of Nevada, who mission



Four-time elected Emperor of the Silver Dollar Court and King Father of Nevada, Larry Mastropierro



Empress of Vancouver BC and MC Joan-E Edwards-Mastropierro

is philanthropy and socialization in the LGBTQ community.

Mastropierro was appointed 4th in line of succession of the International Court System Council by Queen Mother of the Americas, Nicole the Great. He also held the title of King Father of Nevada.

When HIV/AIDS began to devastate the local gay community, Mastropierro and two other members of the SDC, Chris Chilton and Dennis Sutton, were founding members of the Nevada AIDS Foundation in 1987.

He continued his charitable work for those with HIV/AIDS serving on the Board of the Residence Program. He and his partner of nearly 45 years started the annual AIDS Benefit Gala in Reno raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the program over the past 32 years.

On the Court Circuit, where



Reigning Rose Emperor Ty VanHelsing



Queen Mother of the Americas and Emperor 1 of the Americas bestow a special honor to the longest couples in the ICS. Jack and Larry were almost 45 years

representatives from each organization travel to other cities for their annual benefit, Larry and Jack-E were well known, beloved and respected.

Portland, home of the Imperial Rose Court of Oregon, held a special place in the Edwards-Mastropierro world. Annually, for almost four decades, the two would travel to Portland each October to MC their Coronation.

Reigning Rose Emperor Ty VanHelsing was at the Tribute to Larry. He presented a check to the final fundraiser, collected from Rose Court Monarchs and community members in the amount of \$2,550.

Larry was always willing to lend



Empress XXXV and XXXVII of SDC Chanel



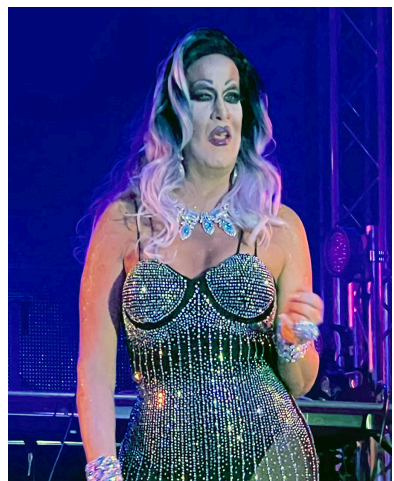
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Empress XXIII of SDC Crystal Towers-Jar



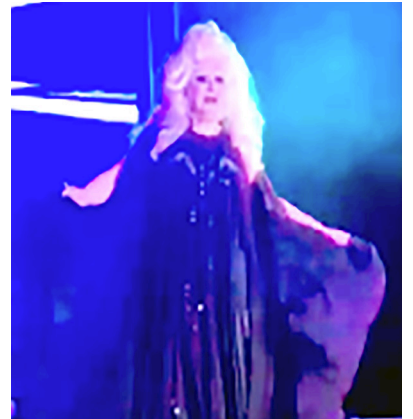
Reigning Empress of the SDC Sharpay Evans



Empress of Sacramento DoMe Moore



Empress XXX and XXXVII of SDC Felicia Jewel Halston



Empress V, X, XV and XXXVII of SDC Jack-E

an ear and give advise.

In late September of 1993, SierraVoice, now TheRenoGayPage, was founded. The prototype was shown to Larry. He liked what he saw, but said you know... That conversation spurred the newspaper on and now 29 years later it is still around.

Larry worked for many years in the hospitality industry in Reno. Most recently he worked in the Washoe County Schools Nutrition program.

Larry is survived by his life partner of nearly 45 years, Jack Edwards. They met in Fresno when Jack made a trip with then Empress Rusty to Fresno's Coronation.

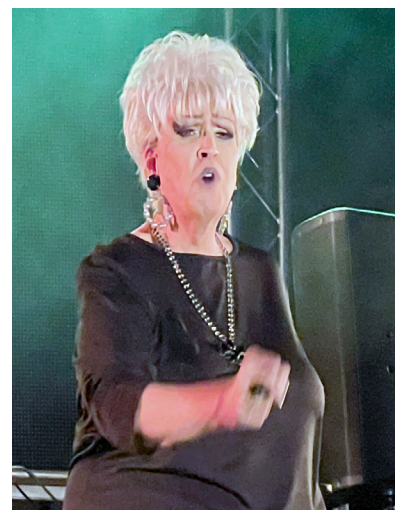
Jack was part of the cast of Frisco Follies, Grand Illusion which played at Harrah's and traveled around the county.

Larry is also survived by his two children and many grandchildren and a brother. All were present at the tribute show.

Beside his biological family, Larry and Jack had their Imperial family. Joan-E and Micheal Murell from Canada, Dennis Sutton, Dixon, Shannon, Buster. and Stephanie Foxx.

There were also many local community members Larry and Jack would socialize with. The annual Christmas Party was the prized invite to get even though it was in what was loving called "Utah".

The tribute was organized by Chelsea Novak, Crystal Towers-Jar, Glammer and Bubbles.



Empress of the Rocky Mountain Empire Brandi Roberts

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