

COCO LACHINE – Candidate for Queen Mother II of the Americas

My name is Coco LaChine, and for more than forty years I have had the privilege of serving the International Court System and the International Court Council. Throughout that time, I have watched our organization grow, overcome challenges, celebrate milestones, and create lasting change. That lifetime of service has taught me one important lesson: our greatest strength has always been the volunteers who keeps our Courts thriving.

I am one of the original Council Members serving under Empress Jose, our beloved founder. She created the ICS with a purpose to uplift our community during a time in our history when it was illegal for us to exist. Empress ted northe, founder of the Canadian Court System spent her lifetime fighting for our rights with the simple message of encouraging us to get along as “human beings”. Over the years as our Rainbow family have grown, I feel we have lost some of our sparkle and are no longer as inviting as we were, or as we can be.

If I am entrusted with the opportunity to serve, my goal is simple—to strengthen the relationship between the Council and every Court, rebuild trust where it's needed, and ensure the Council is seen as a resource that supports, encourages, and helps our member Courts succeed.

I believe that begins by reinforcing a simple principle: every member matters. I would like to modernize our organizational structure so that we move beyond titles that may unintentionally create division and instead emphasize that we are all members working toward the same mission.

The Council has always operated through teamwork, supported by specialized working groups. I would build on that teamwork, to include voices and input with representatives from each Court via quarterly Virtual Calls, bringing together members with passion and expertise to help develop ideas and resources; whether building on membership, fundraising ideas, leadership development, transgender and non-binary empowerment, youth engagement, senior outreach or other issues unique to their community. Together we can find the answers.

I don't pretend to have every answer. No one does. But I do know that the best solutions come when we listen, collaborate, and respect the unique identity of every Court while remembering that we are part of something larger than ourselves.

My vision is NOT to lead from above—it is to lead alongside you. My goal is simple—to strengthen the relationship between the Council and every Court. Let's do this together by following Empress Jose's and Empress ted's message of community service, while uplifting each other and treating each other with respect.

"If we haven't spoken recently, I'd love to hear from you. Tell me what's working in your Court, what's challenging you, and how the Council can better serve you,"

I would be honored to earn your trust, your support, and your vote. Thank you.