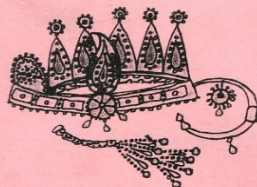


Queen Barbara Strickler 2003 Chapter Queen



Fresno Smooth Dancers

Presents "Victorian Lace"

The Coronation Ball

honoring Queen-Elect

Barbara Strickler

November 2, 2002

TIME: 6:30 - 11:30 P.M.

Fresno County Champagne Ballroom

2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, California

Dress Formal

Entertainment by

Igor & Nadia Tilinin

of the Golden Gate Chapter

Dance Contests (NSD members only)

Beginners' Waltz Cha Cha - Swing

Waltz - Tango

Queen's Farewell Breakfast - Downtown Club

Sunday Nov. 3, 2002 9:00 a.m.

Name: _____ Dinner # _____ @ \$35. (Fresno Mbr. \$30.)
Address: _____ Breakfast # _____ @ \$17.
City, State, Zip _____ Total enclosed _____ \$

Please respond by October 28, 2002

Send reservation with check payable to Fresno Smooth Dancers to Kathy Sachse, 6440 N. Remington Ave.,
Fresno, Ca. 93704 or call Kathy at (559)435-5657 for further information.



**Barbara Strickler
QUEEN ELECT**

The Fresno Chapter has elected their Queen for the year 2003. She is Barbara Strickler and we would like to tell you something about her.

Barbara was born in the town of Menomonie, Wis. It is very close to the border of Minnesota. At the age of five, Barbara moved to Los Angeles with her family. She attended school there where she enjoyed swing dancing to Glen Miller's "In the Mood", horseback riding and learning to sew. Barbara also enjoyed going to the beach with friends and family.

When Barbara was sixteen her family moved to Turlock, CA. At that time, the population of Turlock was 7,000. After graduating from Turlock High School, Barbara attended two years of college in Menomonie, Wis. She returned to Turlock, married and raised a family of three great boys, Alan, Craig and Mike. She graduated from CSU Stanislaus and immediately began teaching third grade at Chatom Elementary School. She is still working there part time as a Reading Specialist.

She married Bob on his birthday, October 5, 1991. They have enjoyed dancing together ever since. Barbara made Bob promise he would learn to dance. He kept his promise well. Bob had two boys, so they now have 5 boys and 9 grandchildren. They also belong to the Carousel Dance Club in Modesto, but their true love is with Fresno NSD and all the other great chapters throughout the state.



FAREWELL MESSAGE

Queen Barbara Strickler
It's hard to believe my reign has come to an end. It has been an honor for me to represent our Fresno Chapter as reigning queen for 2003. I wish to thank all the members for granting me this privilege.

A heartfelt thank you to all NSD Chapters for making Bob and me feel so welcome as we attend each coronation. Every coronation holds special memories for us, and the pictures we have will be another reminder of this fun filled year.

We are grateful for the new friends we have made during our yearlong journey. How wonderful it has been having my loving husband, Bob, with me. I thank him for being my escort and presenting me so nicely at each coronation.

Best wishes to our new queen Mira Wenzel. May your reign be a royal experience filled with memories that will last forever. Remember always, Dear Queen Mira, "It's Good to be Queen".



FRESNO

Loretta St.

CORONATION

The coronation of Queen Barbara Strickler was an evening to remember. The decorations and queens bouquets had a Victorian flare thanks to Kathy Sachse. The queens were presented graciously by Nancy Pallazo. Kathy Constantino was the Flower Bearer and Bethanni Tate carried the crown for her grandmother. Queen Barbara and her wonderful husband Bob presented an exciting waltz.

Norma Schmidt sang Gershwin's, I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise, accompanied by Rick Wenzel on the piano. Nadia and Igor Tiilin from the Golden Gate Chapter thrilled us all with a lovely waltz, lively quickstep and a beautiful rumba. What a lovely young couple they are.

We thank everyone who participated in the dance contests. They were a great success. Congratulations to the winners. Beginners' Waltz—1st. Randy Fung/Amy Knepper, 2nd. Jun Cleoff/Shirley McCloskey, 3rd. Tom and Margaret Moholt. Cha Cha-Swing—1st. Randy Fung/Amy Knepper, 2nd. Gaylord and Lorraine Rohloff, 3rd. Steve Rogers/Sandy O'Hare.

It is always nice to have so many guests from our fellow chapters—Golden Gate, Visalia, Bakersfield, San Fernando, San Diego and all the chapter queens, state queen and escorts. Thanks to all of you, it was a great success.

The farewell breakfast for Queen Karen was held at the Downtown Club. Queen Karen read her poem "All Good Things". She presented Queen Barbara with a beautiful Queen Pin. We thank Queen Karen for the wonderful way she represented the Fresno Chapter during her reign as queen.

1. Barbara and Bob have elected to do their special dance prior to the crowning ceremony.
2. Crowning by Queen Karen
3. In honor of new Queen Barbara, Norma Schmidt will sing and Rick Wentzel will accompany on the piano.
4. Now is the time for Photos.
5. We will now have the reigning Queens take the floor for their special dance together.

Will all past Fresno Queens join in the dance.

Will all past Queens from all chapters please join in the dance.

6. Kevin will introduce the Honor dance participants.
Barbara will present gifts to dancers.
7. Queen Karen Jenson and Husband Bob will lead the recession of Queens after recognizing Queen Barbara.
 - Central Coast – Bobbye Kincaid
 - Visalia Ann Lesniewsky
 - Bakersfield – Ester Kolb
 - San Fernando Valley – Queen Marge Noneman
 - Palomar – Marsha Hanson
 - Golden Gate – Irene Christy
 - San Diego - Iris Steel
 - Los Angeles – Loraine Rohloff
 - State Queen from San Diego – Wanda Lee Diamond

"It is good to be Queen"



Memories That Will Last forever

The announcement was made on Third Sunday.
It didn't register with me until Monday.
Panic set in. How do I prepare?
What will I wear?
The decision of my gown,
and the selection of my crown.
Preparing for the Queen's dance,
I said to Bob, "We better not lose our romance,
while we're practicing for the Queen's Dance."

My Coronation, I will always remember,
because it happened in November.
Everything was planned in advanced.
But for a while I was in a trance.
It was an evening of fun.
Enjoyed by everyone.

Off to L.A. for Queen-elect Joy's Winter Wonderland,
Where we danced the evening away to a great band.
Gaylord & Lorraine sure did themselves proud.
They looked like they were dancing on a cloud.

Off to San Diego we went at last.
Picked up Kathy Sachse and had a blast.
Phillip and Olga gave us a treat.
It's for sure their Latin is hard to beat.

State Board was so much fun.
Enjoyed by everyone.
Queen Barbara Higgins & Dan took the lead.
Their waltz was a dream.
They made a good team.

On the road again in the rain,
Oh my what a pain.
Golden Gate here we come.
Queen Rita made it fun for everyone.

The Central Coast Coronation Ball had many sights,
And took us to great heights.
Peter & Marsha, Rick & Kathy and Gaylord & Lorraine
Delighted us with their variety of talents.

Palomar Coronation took us on a trip to Spain.
Flamenco dancers entertained us with their fast feet.
It was hard keeping my seat for this great treat.

Golden Gate also gave us a treat,
With a Convention that will be hard to beat.
This was my first Crown Circle Brunch.
We were treated royally, and I ate a bunch.

San Fernando Valley crowned five lovely Queens.
Each queen had two dreams.
They were to visit two NSD Chapters during the year.
Fresno was fortunate Queen Martha chose us, and I gave a cheer.

So Queen Mira, I say to you now,
"It's Good to Be Queen."
Your year will fly by, but the memories will last forever.
Enjoy your year as Queen, as I have.

It's good to be Queen: Barbara Strickler
November 1, 2003