

# Queen Lorraine Tilton 2007 Chapter Queen

Fresno Smooth Dancers Cordially Invite You To ...

## A Mid-Summer Night's Dream

**A Coronation Ball**  
Honoring Queen-Elect Lorraine Tilton  
Saturday June 2, 2007

Radisson Hotel Ballroom, Salons C & D  
2233 Ventura St., Fresno, Ca

**Hospitality**  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Tioga Room, Radisson Hotel

**Formal Ball**  
6:00 pm Champagne Reception  
6:30 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm Coronation  
General Dancing  
11:00 pm Farewell

**Queens Farewell Brunch**  
Honoring Queen Norma Schmidt  
9:30 am, Sunday June 3, 2007  
Sequoia Room, Radisson Hotel

**NSD Room Price: \$99 + tax**  
Reserve by May 11, 2007  
Make Reservation with hotel at:  
800-333-3333 or 559-268-1000

**Professional Entertainment by:**  
Kris Suakjian and Aliscia Richardson  
Aliscia is a US Rising Star Champion  
and together they have won Rising Star Championships

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**Coronation & Brunch Reservation - Please respond by May 29, 2007 - Make Checks payable to "Fresno Smooth Dancers"**

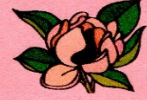
Mail to: Dolores Reed Phone: 559-271-9360  
5265 W. Minarets Ave.  
Fresno, Ca. 93722

Menu Selection:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken with Lemon Herb Cream Sauce  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon with Cucumber Dill Vinaigrette

Reservations:

Name(s) _____	# _____ Fresno Members	@\$32.00 each= \$ _____
Address _____	# _____ Guests	@\$37.00 each= \$ _____
City, State _____	# _____ Sunday Brunch	@\$26.00 each= \$ _____
Phone: _____	Total Due:	\$ _____



### *A Midsummer Nights Dream*

*The Radisson Hotel Ballroom in Fresno became a forest of vines and magnolias, as a "Midsummer Nights Dream" came to life to honor Queen Lorraine Tilton. The Tables grew tall magnolias surrounded by candlelight. A lighted arch with tulle and vines and magnolias graced the coronation setting.*

*The evening began with a champagne reception, followed by dinner. Carla Hartunian introduced the Queens and escorts, and the queens court, Lorraine's grandchildren Isabelle and Jacob Plumb. Isabelle carried a bouquet of roses, and Jacob carried the tiara. The queens wore floral wrist corsages, created by Kathy Sachse.*

*Lorraine and her escort, Richard Kachadoorian performed a Viennese Waltz to "The Blue Danube". After the Queens waltz, the honor dance was performed by our professional entertainers Kris Suakjian and Alicia Richardson, who danced a jive. Later we danced to music played by our music man, George Schmidt*

*Later in the evening Kris and Alicia performed a Rhumba/Bolero and a Viennese Waltz. Our member George Suakjian, who is Kris' father, sang several songs that we danced to, including "Delilah", a Viennese Waltz.*

*Saturday afternoon a hospitality was lavishly provided by Norma Schmidt. Sunday morning we had a brunch in the Sequoia Room to honor Queen Norma Schmidt, who has been serving as Chapter Queen as we have transitioned from our November Coronations to June.*





## FAREWELL MESSAGE

I don't think I ever understood what being a Queen was until I became one. Every step of the way has brought new friendships, from the efforts to produce my own coronation, to the queens who attended that event, and the new queens I have met along the way, and the many who attended the Coronations during the year.

I owe a special thanks to Norma Schmidt, who worked tirelessly to produce my coronation, and then as State Queen accompanied me to the first out of town events. And to Richard Kachadoorian, who led me in a beautiful Viennese Waltz, which was the dance I have always aspired to, and then accompanied me to most of the Coronations.

I have learned to appreciate that National Smooth Dancers is a statewide group, that is held together by its Queens and State Conventions. I now know people from all over the state. I am so glad that I have been Queen, and I hope that our new queen, Ann Phillips will love it as much as I have.



I was born in Alexandria, Virginia and grew up in Springfield, Virginia, near Washington D.C. In the 70's I traveled to northern California in search of alternative lifestyles, and then to Central California for a better place to raise children.

My first jobs were in bookkeeping, but when I was able to go back to school I studied architectural drafting, and then pursued a career designing fire sprinkler systems. One of my last projects was the new Fresno City Hall, where I later found a job as an Engineering Technician. I continue to work there I maintaining digital maps of the City's sewer and water systems.

Now my mother, my two children and four grandchildren all live in the Fresno area. My son Alec Plumb is a lawyer. He and his wife Amanda have three children, Isabelle, Jacob, and Alexis. My daughter, Sarah Samuelian teaches Fifth grade in Clovis. She and her husband Bryce have a baby daughter, Madison.

I have always loved dancing, but had few opportunities and little training until, finding myself suddenly single in 2000, I began taking dance lessons and attending local dance events. I met Richard Kachadoorian later that year. He had been dancing for several years and taught me what he knew, and introduced me to the local dance studios.

Along the way we discovered Fresno Smooth Dancers, and found the social group we felt we fit in with. We have been Ballroom dancing ever since. We especially love Lindy Hop, the original form of swing dancing, and Viennese Waltz. I am serving my fourth term as Treasurer of Fresno Smooth Dancers, and have been the Webmaster since September 2004.

I am honored to represent our club, and look forward spending time with other chapters





*Queen Norma crowns  
Queen Lorraine*



*Richard and Lorraine under the Coronation Arch*



*Queens and escorts at the Atrium Waterfall*



*Kris Suakjian and  
Alicia Richardson  
Perform the  
Queen's honor dance*



*The Viennese Waltz begins*



*Flower Girl Isabelle Plumb*



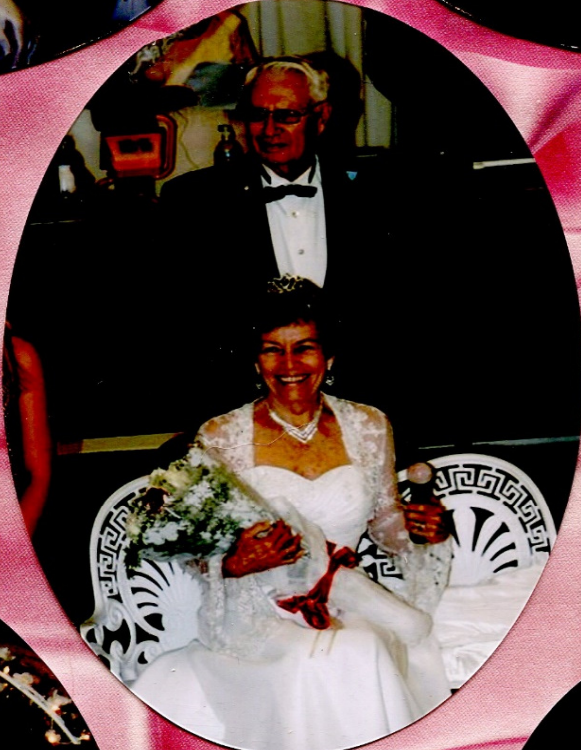
*Royal Court with Jacob and Isabelle Plumb*



*Queen Donna Thornton  
Palomar*



*Queen Joan Robinson  
San Fernando Valley*



*State Queen Dee Peterson  
Visalia*



*Queen Renee Haight  
Los Angeles*



*Queen Anastasia Colfer  
San Diego*



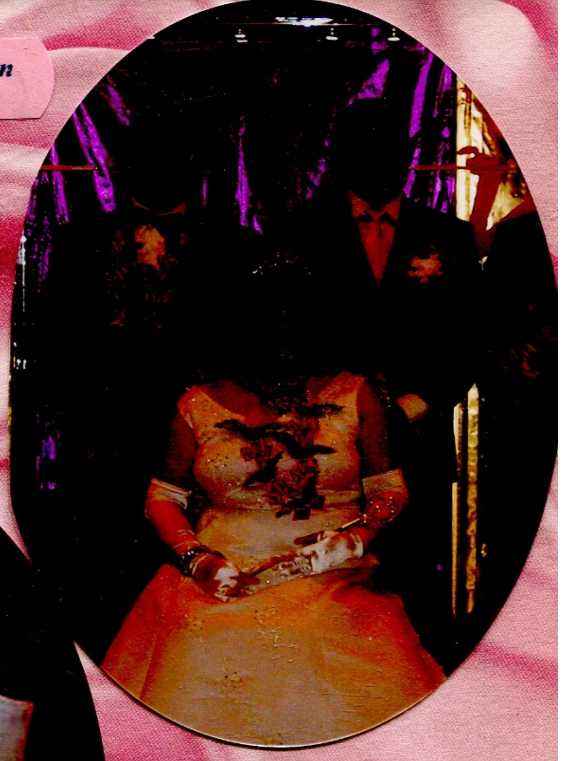
*2008 State Convention in Visalia*



*Richard and Lorraine in San Diego*



*Queen Rosa Lin  
Golden Gate*



*Queen Marietta Tan  
Bakersfield*



*Queen Yvette Haworth  
Visalia*

*All my Queens  
In Visalia*



# **It is Good to be Queen**

## ***The Queen Ship***

*The voyage began with a "Midsummer Nights Dream", then we  
Sailed off to Palomar with Donna to "Come Away with Me"*

*In Visalia NSDyland gave us Dee and the "Cinderella Ball" by chance  
San Fernando Valley brought us Joan to "Romance the Dance:"*

*Los Angeles and Renee lit up with the "Starlight Ball", it seems  
We flew to San Diego for Anastasia to "Dance your Dream"*

*In Bakersfield, Marietta did "Sway Caribbean" with "Hot Miami Nights"  
Then to Golden Gate and Rosa played the "Pink Panther", a delight*

*In Visalia with Yvette to "A Night at the Opera" we swayed  
And returned to Fresno for Ann and a "Moonlight Serenade"*

*And now Ann begins the voyage again,  
Same places, new friends*

*Queen Lorraine Tilton  
June 2, 2007 to June 23, 2008*

Queen's  
Farewell Brunch  
Honoring

Norma Schmidt

Sunday, 9:30 am  
June 3, 2007  
Radisson Hotel  
Sequoia Room  
2233 Ventura St  
Fresno, Ca.



An  
Affair to Remember

Saturday  
August 4, 2007

Dance to the Music of the  
Magnie/Buyuklian Big Band

Radisson Hotel  
Ballroom  
2233 Ventura St  
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Fresno Smooth Dancers  
Crown Circle

1986	Kathryn Qualls
1987	Lucille LoFreso
1988	Doris Bowling
1989	Nancy Palazzo
1990	Mary Hirata
1991	Sue Dowell
1992	Phyllis Sasaki
1993	Kathleen Sachse (State)
1994	Patricia Work
1995	Shirley McCloskey
1996	Norma Schmidt
1997	Helen Kimura
1998	Sharlene Mills
1999	Oleta Rush
2000	Sue Dowell (State)
2001	Kathy Constantino
2002	Karen Jensen
2003	Barbara Strickler
2004	Myra Wenzel
2005	Carla Hartunian
2006	Tahani Elhag
2006	Norma Schmidt (State)



Fresno NSD Welcomes  
Kris Suakjian and Alicia Richardson

Kris and Alicia are dance professionals  
located in Irvine, California.  
Alicia is a former United States Rising Star Champion,  
and the current female Top Teacher in the U.S..  
Kris is the current Pro/Am United States Cabaret Champion,  
and the Pro/Am World Theatre Arts Champion,  
and is also a top teacher in the United States.  
Together they have won many Rising Star Titles in the U.S.  
and they aspire to win the U.S. Rising Star Title  
in Florida this year in September.

**Program**

**Master of Ceremonies**  
*Steve Moore*

**Introduction of Queens**  
*Carla Hartunian*

**6:00 p.m. - Champagne Reception**

**6:30 p.m. - Dinner**

**7:30 p.m. - Begin General Dancing**

**8:00 p.m. Coronation Ceremonies**  
**Procession of Reigning Queens**

**Queen's Dance**  
*Lorraine Tilton and Richard Kachadoorian*

**Queen's Honor Dance**  
*Kris Suakjian and Alicia Richardson*

**Entertainment**  
**Vocals by George Suakjian**  
*Kris Suakjian and Alicia Richardson*

**Door Prizes**  
**11:00 p.m. - Farewell**

**PROCESSION OF QUEENS**

**Crowning Queen/State Queen** *Norma Schmidt*

**Los Angeles Chapter Queen** *Susan Johnson*

**San Diego Chapter Queen** *Iris Steele*

**Golden Gate Chapter Queen** *Gabrielle Von Stephens*

**Palomar Chapter Queen** *Joyce Radesky*

**San Fernando Chapter Queen** *Angela Yee Camilton*

**Bakersfield Chapter Queen** *Frances Hein*

**Visalia Chapter Queen** *Dee Peterson*

**ROYAL COURT**

**Queen-Elect** *Lorraine Tilton*

**Queen-Elect's Escort** *Richard Kachadoorian*

**Crown Bearer** *Jacob Plumb*

**Flower Bearer** *Isabelle Plumb*

**Appreciation**

**Social Chairperson** *Tahani Elhag*  
**Coronation Chairperson** *Sharon Crisp*  
**Master of Ceremonies** *Steve Moore*  
**Introduction of Queens** *Carla Hartunian*  
**Invocation** *Tony Palazzo*  
**Decorations** *Kathy Sachse*  
**Queens Dressers** *Sarah Samuelian*  
**Hostesses of Queens** *Sharon Crisp*  
*Nancy Palazzo*  
**Guest Book** *Wilma Anderson*  
**Invitations and Program** *Lorraine Tilton*  
*Karen Jensen*  
**Reservations** *Dolores Reed*  
*Sue Dowell*  
*Ann Phillips*  
**Champagne Butlers** *Jeff Danner*  
*Bill Hirata*  
*Mary Hirata*  
*Frank Kimura*  
*Helen Kimura*

**Appreciation**

**Queen's Dance Instructor** *Alex Periera*  
**Queen's Dance Choreography** *Richard Kachadoorian*  
**Queen's Procession Music** *Steve Moore*  
**Music** *George Schmidt*  
**Vocals** *George Suakjian*  
**Photography** *Amanda Plumb*  
**Videography** *Sarah Samuelian*  
**Escorts** *Rick Constantino*  
*Jeff Crane*  
*Bob Dowell*  
*Joe LoFreso*  
**Hospitality** *George Suakjian*  
**Door Prizes** *Norma Schmidt*  
*Tahani Elhag*  
*Lorraine Tilton*  
*Sharon Crisp*  
*Carla Hartunian*  
*Helen Kimura*