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Sir Knight Gerry Milton, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Dorothy Kippie

Happy New Year to all our Amaranth Family. I hope everyone was able to spend some very special quality time with family and friends during the holidays.

As we enter a new year and a new decade, we put behind us, but cannot forget the wonderful time we have spent visiting our members both here and abroad. We have completed our fall visits to the Grand Courts of Wisconsin, Illinois and New Mexico, Minnesota, Alabama and our SCJ, Silver State in Las Vegas. We also attended a very productive meeting with the ADA in Washington DC. Then we headed home and prepared for our journey to the UK and the Official Visit to St. Mark's Court in Scotland. Thank you to those who traveled with us and toured with us in Ireland, Wales, England, and Scotland. A special thank you to Julie Earl who met us in London and traveled with us to Scotland. We had a great time with all the members. It is a trip I will not forget. Thank you, St. Mark's Court.

As I write this article, I am preparing my trip to the Texas Swing and then off to the Philippines for our last overseas travel. I have had the pleasure of corresponding with many of the members in the Philippines and they are very excited that I am coming. They have prepared a wonderful itinerary of events for us to take part. They have community events throughout the week and who knows what we will be involved in. We are looking forward to our visit with the members of our largest Grand Court in Amaranth.

We are planning for a very busy schedule over the next 4 months. Check the schedule to see where we are heading next. I would like to draw your attention to April 7th where we will be laying a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I hope you will join us in this wonderful honor. The ceremony will start at 9am. We hope to see as many members as possible on the Amaranth Trail and visiting the upcoming Grand Courts and SCJs.

We continue to honor our members with the "Exceptional Member Award". These members have exemplified the true meaning of being an Amaranth Member. It is an exciting time for me to present this award, and honor the work of our members. The following are the members who were selected from each of our visitations: Wisconsin, Illinois, New Mexico, St Mark's Court Scotland, Silver State, Minnesota and Alabama.

S.K. Robert Miksch, WI



S.K. Larry Knowles, IL



H.L. Cecile Walzer, NM



H.L. Lynette Bearer, NV



H.L. Heather Macrae, Scotland



S.K. Larry Page, MN



H.L. Virginia Smith, AL



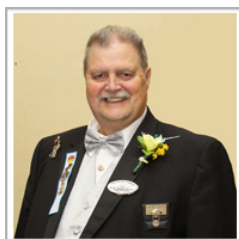
We appreciate each of these members for *aiming higher* to be the best they can be. Each of these members exemplify the teachings of our order, that of Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity, and being caring and compassionate. Congratulations to all.

I wish to extend a special thank you to all our Voyagers, Supreme Floor Officers for traveling to the many Official Visits and supporting the Grand Courts and SCJs. It is a thrill to see such commitment.

Our goal for 2019-20 for Diabetes is \$500,000. It sounds like a lot and it is, but it is attainable. I want to thank all the jurisdictions for their hard work. Just know you are helping to make a difference in so many lives. Thank you so much for all you have been doing to make a difference in so many lives. Don't forget the way we reach our goal is to reach out to non-members and the community. Our members are very generous, but Diabetes effects everyone, members and non-members, and the results of our Diabetes research benefits members and non-members. So let's continue to get everyone involved in our fundraising efforts.

I continue to ask each of our members to "*Aim Higher*" to be the best you can be. I am asking everyone to promote civility; to be more tolerant, understanding, forgiving; to be a good listener, to care and to share, and to be kind. Please think twice and be careful with our words, whether we are in conversation, tweeting, texting or face booking. Remember words can be hurtful and once said can never be retracted. Let us all think twice and *Aim Higher be kind in word and action*.

I would like to ask everyone to keep our members and the residence of Australia in your prayers as they deal with the effects of the tremendous fires raging across New South Wales, Victoria and up the west coast. The losses have been tremendous. If there is anything we can do to help the families through donations of clothing blankets, money, lets reach out to them to help make a difference for they need our help.



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON
S.K. Gerry Milton

Happy New Year! I hope that this year will be better than the last. H.L. Jeanne and I did have some obstacles to overcome during the past year beginning with totaling our vehicle while traveling between Grand Court sessions and ending with my having to cancel some visits due to health reasons.

As I was writing the article for the October issue of the Crown and Sword, we were at Wisconsin Grand Court. Unfortunately, I had to leave that session early due to extreme pain and a threat from my wife. After returning home, I went to the doctor, had some tests run, and had a new diagnosis. I am now on new medication while the doctor is working on regulating my dosage.

Therefore, I was extremely unhappy with having to cancel my visits to the Grand Courts of Illinois and New Mexico, as well as the Official Visits to Silver State Court in Nevada and St Marks Court in Scotland. I also had to cancel the visit to members of the American Diabetes Association in Arlington, VA. I was able to attend the Grand Court of Minnesota.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, here in North America and abroad, for all the prayers, thoughts and cards while I was adjusting to this new diagnosis. We are a large family and I felt a huge part of this.

It is now in the New Year and I am able to attend the “Texas Swing,” attending the Official Visits of Baytown, Bluebonnet, and Yellow Rose Courts under Supreme Council Jurisdiction. I will, however, have to miss the Special Session of the Grand Court of the Philippines.

Next month, though, I plan to begin my weekly travels to the jurisdictions of West Virginia, Virginia, California and Colorado. Beginning in March will be the Official March Madness in the Pacific Northwest attending the Grand Courts of British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington. (Honored Ladies and Sir Knights note that there may be times that I may have to miss a session or two during these Grand Court sessions. I hope you will understand.) After these sessions I will be able to come home for a few days’ rest while thinking about the trips in April.

During these travels, I try to reach out to visit some new members of the Order. Remember, now is the time to put aside our differences, be friendly in order for this organization to grow, and have fun along the way.

Remember, a hug is the perfect gift; no one minds if you exchange it.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON
H.L. Mary Wyatt

2019 is behind us and 2020 is looking like a great year. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the new year.

In the fall I continued traveling and visited the Grand Courts of Illinois, New Mexico, Alabama and the following SCJ courts: Silver State-NV, Baytown-TX, Bluebonnet-TX, and Baytown-TX. It was great seeing many Serenity Doves at these visits.

I was privileged to be able to be Coronating Matron in Illinois and Alabama; and Coronating Marshal in New Mexico. Thank you, ladies for that honor. It will always be special to me.

There should always be time for fun. In November I was able to go to Disney World with my family. I always enjoy being with the mouse.

I am looking forward to another year of service and hope to see you on the Amaranth Trail.

Now, think of the happiest things, it's the same as having wings.



Illinois Grand Court



Del Militaire, Victoria Ault, George Kuhns, Mary Wyatt, Mel Fossell, Bart Long, Sarah Sels, Susan McKinney, Betty Miller, Sandy Sills, Karen Budak

New Mexico Grand Court



David Elliott, Linda Elliott, Victoria Ault, Shari Gillies, Patricia White, Christine Cross, Johnnie Smith, Del Militaire, Mary Wyatt

Alabama Grand Court



Johnny Mickle, Peggy Cox, Mary Wyatt, George Kuhns, Jay Bratcher

Bluebonnet – TX OV



Martha Pengelley, Martin Reyes, Floyd Hall, Delilah Reyes, George Kuhns, Mary Wyatt, Stephanie White, Connie Smith, Wesley Sharp



SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON S.K. George Kuhns

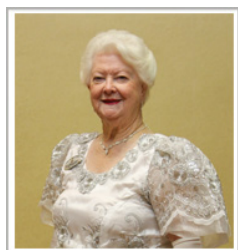
As I welcome in the winter season, I look back wondering where time has gone. I hope everyone has a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with Love and Happiness. I am looking forward to the rest of my year as Supreme Associate Patron and hope to see many of you as I travel the country.

I have done a lot of traveling in the last three months and meet a lot of people while representing my position in Supreme Council. I have visited the Grand Courts of Iowa, North Carolina, Illinois and Alabama. In North Carolina I was able to announce our Supreme Lecturer for 2020-2021, H.L. Bonnie Meeks. I was also privileged to escort H.L. Dorothy Kippie in Illinois and H.L. Mary Wyatt in Alabama. In November I was able to attend an event in Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania Serenity Doves, H.L. Lois Zerby and S.K. Karl Forsberg. God has blessed me with safe travel and many good memory's that will last a lifetime.

The next three months will be as busy as the last. As I write this article, I am preparing to travel to the SCJ Courts of Blue Bonnet and Yellow Rose in Texas. I also plan to attend the Grand Courts of Virginia, Colorado, Washington, Kentucky and Tennessee. I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to getting back on the Amaranth trail.



HL Bonnie Meeks
Supreme Lecturer 2020-2021



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Stella Joyner

Happy New Year everyone. I hope all of you had a year (2019) as full of blessings and happiness. With all the troubles that consume our world today, God has smiled on me, providing good friends and more than my fair share of good fortune.

This is a year (2020) for new beginnings. My resolutions for this new year are to be kinder and to bring happiness to more people that need a hug or a friendly touch from one who cares. I also want to learn more about our ritual and Supreme Constitution.

This week we are in the middle of the Texas Swing, having the Official Visits of Honored Lady Dorothy. On Tuesday night, before the beginning of Amaranth festivities, I had the privilege of speaking to the members of Northwest Lodge. The Eastern Star members were invited and was well attended.

As I have traveled this year, I have learned that members are very interested in our ritual and many have trouble properly understanding how to navigate the movement on the floor for our meetings. After being shown, they

see the beauty as it is described in the fine print. Often these members, for one reason or another may be shy about asking for help. I believe that it is our responsibility to let them know that we are willing to help when asked. Be approachable, let them know we are anxious to serve. Let them know we were elected to serve and not to be served. None of us know everything and if they have a question for which have no answer, we will get help, and let them know the answer.

Two of my favorite things are to travel and to talk about Amaranth. All of us are afforded this opportunity almost daily. This is encouragement to new members and helps them to understand that they are needed, to help us in our search for the cure for diabetes. We speak of the more than sixteen million dollars that the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation has donated to the American Diabetes Association. I am excited by the quality of life we are providing for people who once had no hope. Now they can live active, useful lives. A life of services to God and country.

Thinking about that gives us another reason for more dedication to our Order and the good work we are doing.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Susan Patchin

The trail has led to New Mexico and on to Minnesota. Had fun in New Mexico, H.L. Mary Beth Yeager & S.K. J.D. Hammett as GRM & GRP led us on a musical excursion. Such great fun seeing what new musical instrument S.K. Richard Marsh, Grand Marshal presented to the GRM as her gavel each time. H.L. Theresa Nichols, SCA traveled along, we added a few days to sightsee. Wednesday, we with H.L. Stella Joyner and H.L. Lottie Holloway hopped in a car and off to Santa Fe. A lovely town with loads of great shopping; unfortunately, for us Mother Nature dampened our trip with rain. New Mexicans were thrilled because it ended a dry spell. Thursday daytime we check out Oldtown, Albuquerque. Sunday, off again with H.L. Charlene Tucker and H.L. Judy Barnes in tow. More shopping and a lovely lunch ended with goodbyes at the airport. Monday was Veterans' Day we attended services to honor all veterans at an American Legion Post. The hospitality was terrific, and we also schooled them on the ADF. Then home. Next day it was off to Minnesota. My first time to represent the SRM. I was pleased to have wise council in the form of H.L.s Sandi Smallwood, Barbara Lee Overton, Jeanne Milton & Judy Mosier, PSRMs just over my shoulder, if needed. Thank you, ladies, you were a comfort. I was honored to have S.K. Gerry Milton, SRP as my escort. Thank you, Gerry, a special friend with precious memories for me. Then, it was time for Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years with family. So, as the calendar starts again, looking forward to more blest times with all of you. Until next time. Hugs as always.



AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Karel A. Erion, PhD
Director, Research Stewardship & Communications

Research Leads to Advances that Impact Patients

In 1941, the first President of the American Diabetes Association, Dr. Cecil Striker, outlined the purpose of our organization. Dr. Striker said, “The patient suffering from the syndrome of diabetes mellitus is the reason for the existence of the Association.” Today, our focus remains the same, on people living with diabetes.

Research is an important component for how the Association enables large scale changes that improve outcomes for people living with diabetes. To this end, the more than 40-year partnership between the Order of the Amaranth and the American Diabetes Association through our Research Foundation has enabled research advances and helped accelerate the careers of some of today’s leaders in diabetes research. The result is progress towards better strategies for prevention, treatment, and ultimately a cure for diabetes.

Last year, we saw several major advances take place that will have an immediate impact for people living with diabetes. This includes a new way to treat diabetic kidney disease with an existing medication, a novel formulation to reduce the need for injections in type 2 diabetes, and a trial demonstrating the ability to significantly delay the onset of type 1 diabetes in high-risk individuals. By supporting foundational projects and the scientists that conduct them, our philanthropic supporters, including the Order of the Amaranth, help to make these major advances possible.

Today, scientists have unprecedented tools and technologies at their disposal. However, diabetes research is also critically underfunded, meaning progress could be greatly accelerated if funding matched the scope of the epidemic. That’s why the fundraising efforts each year through the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation is critical.

Together, we can accomplish the American Diabetes Association mission: *to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes*. We thank you for your continued support of diabetes research and look forward to an exciting year filled with new discoveries.

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
H.L. CHARLENE TUCKER, President

Happy New Year and best wishes for a wonderful 2020. As part of your New Year’s resolutions, I would encourage each of you to make a commitment to get the word out to your communities about what we do as members of the Order of the Amaranth, and what the money we raise is used for. After all, if people know what we do, there is no telling what they might do to help us in this battle to find a cure for diabetes.

Many Grand Courts will be holding their sessions in the upcoming months, and we would like to recognize those members that you feel have gone above and beyond in raising funds for diabetes research. So please remember to recognize those members in your Grand Courts or Subordinate Courts under Supreme jurisdiction who you feel are an “Unsung Hero”.

March 30, 2020 is the deadline for Individual Service Award. The submission form is on the Supreme Website under the forms tab. Please consider making a nomination of one of your members so that we can honor and recognize them at our Supreme Council Session in July.

If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me by email: charlenekaytucker@gmail.com or telephone 360-241-1988.

Thank you for all that you do. Together we are making a difference.

Safe Travels and Best Wishes Always.



GRAND COURT OF ALABAMA

H.L. Kimberly Lane, RM

Montgomery Court #17

Montgomery Court #17, Montgomery, AL, is beginning 2020 with a bang beginning by initiating 3 new members with a prospective 3 more in the following few months. This will put us at over 40 strong. We are setting a membership goal for 12 new members. Six more to go! We are also setting a fundraising goal of \$5,000 for 2020 and hope to exceed that amount. We are in the beginning phase of planning what my husband's grandmother would call a "blowout" for August 2020. More information will be in the next publication with ongoing fundraisers throughout the year. My husband, S.K. Wes Lane, RP and I host the annual Knights Templar Charity Ball benefitting the Knights Templar Pediatric Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage in July. We are excited about planning a similar event to benefit Amaranth Diabetes Research! We are looking forward to a bright 2020. Please look back to next Crown & Sword for all the details. It would be our honor to have as much Amaranth family present as possible! We will also post on the Facebook page Alabama Grand Court, Order of Amaranth as dates and venues are set. Please keep us in mind and save some August time. You won't want to miss it, I promise!

For March, I am attaching a flyer for Cars for a Cure! This event is March 28th in Fultondale, Alabama with all proceeds benefitting Amaranth Diabetes Research! View the flyer for an event you don't want to miss with prizes, Silent Auction, Child ID by Alabama Grand Lodge and more! Contact information is on the flyer! Let's not only create our own light this year, let's make all Courts brighter with our support! Happy New Year!



2nd Annual

Cars for a Cure



All Proceeds Go To Support Amaranth Diabetes Research

Saturday, March 28, 2020 9 AM until 2 PM Registration \$15 Before the show \$20 The day of the show	Wintzell's Parking Lot 3339 Lowery Parkway Fultondale, AL 35068 Walker Chapel Road Exit 267 off I-65
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All Vehicles Welcome

Bring Your Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Bikes
Anything With Wheels!

Goody Bags, Door Prizes, Trophies (Popular Vote)
50/50 Drawing, Silent Auction, Child ID by
Alabama Grand Lodge, Vendors And More!!

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GRAND COURT OF ALASKA

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM

Reporter

Elections and Installations are over in Amaranth in Alaska. Alaska Court No. 1 installed H.L. Brenda Crothers, PGRM and S.K. Jerry Pinion, PSRP, as Royal Matron and Royal Patron on December 15th. H.L. Leann Folsom and H.L. Karen and S.K. Jim LeFlore came down from Fairbanks to assist.

January 17, 2020 saw H.L. Matty Hadden installed in Polaris Court No. 2 as Royal Matron and S.K. Jim LeFlore, Royal Patron. Several members of Court No. 1 drove or flew to Fairbanks to help. Our Grand Associate Conductress, Carol Addison Lippert flew from Oregon to be part of the Ceremony. H.L. Matty lives in Valdez and must

make a seven-hour drive to Fairbanks for meetings. That's devotion!

All were saddened by the sudden passing of H.L. Virginia Pinion, DSRM in November. A Celebration of Life was well attended. H.L. Ginger was active in many Appendant Masonic organizations. She is sweet in all our memories. Official visits of the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron will be April 14th for Alaska Court No. 1 and April 17th for Polaris Court No. 2. GRM Victoria, GRP Del and several Grand Officers will be representing Amaranth at Grand Lodge of Alaska in February.

Polaris Court 2 made and sold chocolates at several Christmas bazaars in Fairbanks. Chocolates are one of their main fund raisers. Alaska Court 1 continues to cater York Rite dinners every month and hopes to return to making chocolates later this year.

S.K. Del Militare, GRP and H.L. Rene' Kennicott took framed certificates of recognition and appreciation to ten businesses that have been saving aluminum cans for Alaska Court 1. Some of the businesses have even suggested to their patrons to bring in aluminum cans to add to the recycling. A local vendor donated recycling bins to Court 1 to be used for collecting aluminum cans. They were first used at the gaming event in November. The check presented yearly at Alaska Grand Court Session to the Supreme Royal Matron, or her Representative, contains all the money collected from the aluminum can recycling.

Alaska Grand Court will be September 10-12, 2020 in Anchorage at the Lakefront Hotel. The annual picnic will be September 9. Members coming a few days early can attend the last few days of the State Fair in Palmer. It finishes on Labor Day. There is a train from Anchorage to the Green Gate of the Fair on weekends. Cruise lines still have sailings. They could also attend Alaska Court No. 1's meeting the night of September 8.



Two owners of the **Broken Tooth Brewery** receiving their thank you certificate for collecting aluminum cans for Alaska Court 1

GRAND COURT OF ARIZONA

H.L. Shirley Davis

Reporter

Baa Hanii Court No 9 in Mesa, Arizona lost a treasured Past Royal Patron and Past Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Ronald A. Spencer on September 12, 2019. S.K. Ron served as Royal Patron at Baa Hanii Court in 2007 and again in 2015 with his wife, H.L. Faye Spencer; he also served as Royal Patron in Christina Court, Toledo, OH, several times. He served as Grand Royal Patron in Arizona in 2013. S.K. Ron had been with various Masonic organizations in Ohio and was an active participant in Arizona. The Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation was very much a part of the lives of the Spencer families in Ohio and Arizona. At the time of his death, the family requested that donations be made to the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation in lieu of flowers. The total amount of money donated to our fund from Ohio and Arizona in memory of Ron was \$1400. What a tribute to a man and his family for their dedication to our philanthropic fund. "Sweet in our memory".

Faye and her family would like to THANK everyone for the wonderful donations and Thoughtfulness.

GRAND COURT OF COLORADO

H.L. Pat Hayter, DSRM

Reporter

The 2019-2020 year is coming to close. Our GRM H.L. Cindi Sebastian and GRP S.K. Jim Handy have done a great job representing Amaranth this year. The "How do you do?" get together held in October was a success. We had members from Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, White Shrine, Job's Daughters and parents attending. The food was great and the music uplifting. We had one petition given out and several others interested in our works.

Our GRM challenged each Court to bring in 5 new members this year. One Court did just that, congratulations to our youngest Court Violette in Pueblo. Pikes Peak Court in Colorado Springs brought in 3 new members this year. Congratulations to both Courts for taking the challenge seriously. All together we have 11 new members with one more to be initiated in January.

We will be busy at Grand Court with the sale of gently used formal's, gloves, trains, and men's vest with ties. This sale is being done by the Conductress's as part of their Grand Court Fund raiser.

We will be having an auction, 50/50 drawing and giving tree drawing. Also, the Philanthropic committee will be selling chances on a beautiful Hot Air Balloon wall clock and a crystal etched lighthouse. All proceeds will be donated to Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. We hope you will join us in the fun at our Friday night banquet.

Congratulations to all the new Grand Court Officers for 2020-2021. March will find us installing next year's officers in our courts. We look forward to next year's activities and our 4th annual walk for Diabetes which will be held August 15, 2020.

Please join us for our 74th annual Session of Colorado Grand Court "Why fit in ??" "You were born to STAND OUT" at the Double Tree by

Hilton 3203 Quebec Denver, CO 80207. Phone 303-321-3333.

"When THINGS start Happening... DON'T WORRY – DON'T Stew JUST come RIGHT along AND YOU'LL Start happening too!"

GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA

H.L. Cathy Edson, DSRM

Reporter

The Grand Court of Florida has been very busy in the last few months. H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM and S.K. Randy Stucki, GRP have been traveling throughout the state conducting the Official Visits to the Courts. As of this writing they have visited 9 out of the 15 Courts. The Courts have also been busy holding many different activities and fund raisers.

In October, at the Official Visit of the GRM, Heritage Court #57 collected stuffed animals for the Orange County Sheriff's Department to be distributed to young children in need of a little comfort and cheer. Sergeant Menachem M. Green received the stuffed animals for the Sheriff's Department and honored the Court with a certificate of appreciation. Harmony Court #25 hosted a Master Mason night at a meeting in October. In the state of Florida, we can obligate Master Masons and they are then able to attend our meetings. They set a record and were able to obligate 10 Master Masons that night! It was such a wonderful opportunity to share with the Master Masons of the Lodge where we meet about our Order and what we strive to accomplish as members. Harmony Court #25 also hosted a Pampered Chef Bingo Party, chaired by H.L. Cheryl Fausak, Grand Marshal to benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Everyone had a great time playing bingo as well as winning baskets that were donated by the members. They were able to raise just over \$400 for Diabetes Research.

The honor banquet for our Grand Associate Matron, H.L. Hillary Cohan and Grand Associate

Patron, S.K. John Stinchcomb was held in October at the Hilton Altamonte Springs. It had a Tropical theme and the food and fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

In November, Century Court #58, home Court of our GRM, hosted a Mystery Dinner fundraiser under the direction of S.K. Patrick Wilberding, DSRP, Chief Cook and Chairman of the Masonic Youth Scholarship Committee. It was a fun time trying to figure out what we were going to get when we placed our orders and \$461 was raised for youth scholarships. We were honored to have in attendance four generations of the Johnston-Hicks family who are members of Century Court.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the Grand Royal Matron's Officials Visits to the Courts as well as our upcoming 73rd Grand Court "Bridges for Peace" Session to be held at the Tampa Westshore Holiday Inn on May 21-23, 2020.

Heritage Court #57 Official Visit



H.L. Gerri Rosenthal, RM and S.K. Barry Rosenthal, RM along with H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM and S.K. Randy Stucki, GRP receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Sergeant Menachem Green of Orange County Sheriff's Office



Sergeant Menachem M. Green, Orange County Sheriff's Office with all the stuffed animals donated by the members and visitors

Master Mason Night Harmony Court #25



Pictured are H.L. Sheila Bailey, RM, S.K. Kenneth Traverson, RP, S.K. Stephen Edson, PRP, W Shawn Abel, Master, Senaca Beal; Jacob Carter, Glenn Valcarcil, Craig Franklin, Paul Thatcher, Phillip Sanders, Bruce A. Reintsender, Sr., Larry Spektor, Renaldo Gonzalez and Barry Dupree

Pampered Chef Bingo Fundraiser



H.L. Cathy Edson, H.L. Judy Barnes, H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM, H.L. Cheryl Fausak, Penny Marshal, Pampered Chef

Grand Associate Matron and Patron Honor Banquet



H.L. Sylvia Saunders, PSRM, H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM, H.L. Hillary Cohan, GAM, S.K. John Stinchcomb, GAP, S.K. Randy Stucki, GRP and S.K. Ronald "Grumpy" St. Jacques, PSRP,

Mystery Dinner Fundraiser benefiting Masonic Youth Scholarships



H.L. Patrice Barker, RM, Century Court #58, H.L. Pharon Campbell, H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM, S.K. Patrick Wilberding, DSRP and "Chief Chef", H.L. Judy Barnes, DGRM, S.K. Stephen Edson, PRP, and H.L. Cathy Edson, DSRM
These were the hard-working cooks and servers! Great group!



H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM pictured with four generations of the Johnson-Hicks family H.L. Jennifer Hicks, H.L. Mary Hicks, PM, Grand Faith, H.L. Diane Johnston and sweet little Gerald Hicks. Mary, Jennifer and Diane are all members of Century Court.

GRAND COURT OF GEORGIA H.L. Delaine Hughes, DSRM Reporter

Between December 2019 and January 2020, Georgia's thirteen subordinates Courts have changed leadership by completing our Installations of Officers. We appreciate the leadership of our 2019 Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons on their year of service to our Order and to the Grand Court of Georgia. Your accomplishments and job well done is recorded in our minute books and we look forward to your mentorship and wisdom as we start this new decade. Congratulations to our 2020 Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons as we now look up to

you for direction as you plant seeds of inspiration and weed out all the limitations for our upcoming year. This can be the year we find a cure for diabetes!

As we reflect on Georgia's year thus far, we have crossed many bridges physically, spiritually, and emotionally under the guidance of H.L. Carol Bratcher, Grand Royal Matron, and S.K. Larry Davis, Grand Royal Patron. We are so proud of them and we hope everyone will consider joining us under their leadership at our "Bridges of Life" Session on March 19 - 21, 2020 at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast Hotel, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092. More information can be found on our website: gaamaranth.org/2020 Session. We wish for them a most harmonious and fruitful session.



H.L. Carol Bratcher, Grand Royal Matron, and S.K. Larry Davis, Grand Royal Patron, of Georgia

Thank you to everyone who chose to be part of Georgia's year and we look forward to seeing you at our Grand Court Session

GRAND COURT OF ILLINOIS H.L. Susan McKinney, DSRM Reporter

Illinois Grand Court was October 18th and 19th. H.L. Renee Dempster, GRM and S.K. Marvin Graven, GRP, presided with dignity and expediency. The Friday night western banquet was a fun time with people learning line dancing and donating money for diabetes with our Gift Card Grab Bag. H.L. Renee presented H.L. Dorothy Kippie, SRM, a check for \$7000 on Saturday

night. We were quite happy with the representation from 15 jurisdictions at our Grand Court. On Saturday night, H.L. Susan McKinney and S.K. Bart Long were installed as Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron, along with their corps of officers. We finished out the weekend with a church service on Sunday and an officers' brunch reception. Installations were in November and all four Courts are being led by their newly installed Royal Matrons. H.L. Susan, Grand Royal Matron, had a total knee replacement on November 14th so she was not able to attend the installations.

Illinois was saddened with the loss of two Past Grand Royal Patrons, S.K. Ray Landers on December 8, 2019 and S.K. Robert Colter on December 17, 2019. S.K. Robert was 102 years old. They will always remain "Sweet in Our Memory".

As we move into the new year, our Official Visits start soon:

Champaign-Urbana Court #17 (Champaign), Friday March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Friendship Court #15 (Oak Lawn), Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Springfield Court #8 (Springfield), Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Faith Court #28 (Centralia), Saturday, May 2nd, 1 p.m.

GRAND COURT OF MINNESOTA

H.L. Sarah Mobroten, GRM

Greetings from the Land of Sky-Blue Waters and Sky-Blue hands, noses and toe-ses!

My name is H.L. Sarah Mobroten and I'm the newly installed Grand Royal Matron for the Grand Court of Minnesota. I'm very excited to be able to write this article and share some of our news!

My year as Grand Royal Matron started out at our Grand Court which was held in November at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington, MN. We had an amazing Grand Court session, thanks to H.L.

Marcy Munson and S.K. Chuck Munson. Their service to the Grand Court of MN is truly inspiring. For those of you who attended and assisted our Grand Court, you are truly the "stars" of Amaranth!

I'm excited for one of our biggest events coming up in June! A group of us will be volunteering at the American Diabetes Foundations Tour deCure event, that will be held this June, 2020. What is the Tour deCure? It is a fundraiser campaign of the American Diabetes Association with bicycling, running and walking pledge options that is held the first weekend in June every year. Those participating collect pledges of how far they will ride bicycle, run or walk. In addition to this fundraising, they ask for volunteers to help make the event happen. Members of MN's Grand Court will be assisting the Tour deCure by volunteering at one of the many area's needed. (At the time of this writing, applications for volunteering aren't open, so I can't report on exactly what we will be volunteering to do!) In previous years, Amaranth members have volunteered to hand out t-shirts and process the participants who are checking in to bike, run or walk. I know many of our MN members are looking forward to working with the ADA at this event and I can't wait to share how it went in the July issue of the Crown and Sword!

S.K. Anthony Hedlund, Grand Royal Patron and I wish you a wonderful rest of your winter and that you don't get too much snow...or any at all...and hope to see you on the Amaranth trail!

GRAND COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

**H.L. Carolyn Harrell
Reporter**

The Grand Court of North Carolina extends to all a Happy and Successful New Year ahead. This is the beginnings of the 55th year for our Grand Court. Once again the leadership has changed and we are all quickly seeking ways for our goals to be filled.

One goal is to increase membership. Our subordinate Courts are slowly initiating new members while we are losing older members to health issues, death and sometimes withdrawal. It is with delight to state that the new rules which enable us to accept non-Masonic affiliated members are working. Also the interest of the youth organizations seems to be increasing. We realize young members are the future for our survival. I am happy to say that our Grand Lecturer, Assistant Grand Lecturers, Past Grands and other members have bonded together to travel to Courts and assist in performing the Initiatory work.

We are seeing our newest members traveling to other Courts and volunteering to perform where needed. They may not be ready for such stations but they are accepting the challenge and eager to learn. Let us welcome such actions since this is a great way for new members to gain knowledge, grow in understanding our beautiful work, and fellowship with members across the way.

Another goal is we hope to make the general public aware of the Order and of our philanthropic work. This is being done by fund raising events that reach out beyond our members, such as: a Musical "Rockin' for Research" organized by S.K. Max Dearing, PGRP; a Motorcycle Rally event headed up by our GRP, S.K. Jimmy Powell and a Putt-Putt Golf project, chaired by H.L. Heidi Chriscoe, GC. Also each subordinate Court is to have a special project for Diabetes Research.

Through our Grand Court newsletter, The Amaranthine Light, efforts are being made to share ideas and also to learn more about Diabetes and how it affects one. We aim to stay informed about this disease and keep working for the cure.

GRAND COURT OF OHIO H.L. Kathy Hubert, DSRM Reporter

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OHIO

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. May the New Year 2020 be brighter one for everyone?

On December 7, 2019 we had our statewide Christmas Party and basket auction in Zanesville, OH. In the evening we had the last Official Visit at Zane Court #36 home Court of our GRM H.L. Michelle Rognon and our GRP S.K. Alan French. It was a day of fun, food and fellowship for all.

H.L. Lynda Dobbins PSRM and S.K. Larry Dobbins DSRP sold evergreens all over Ohio and realized a profit of \$437.00 to go to the American Diabetes Research Fund.

As we started for home, many of us realized that we would not see each other for a while as many of our Courts are dark during January and February.

Although some of our Courts are dark, they are making plans for their upcoming Installations. In March we will make sure our cowboy boots are cleaned and polished and ready to go down the Amaranth trail to all of our Installations.

This down time gives our GRM, GRP and their committees a chance to put the finishing touches on their plans for our Grand Court Session which will be held on May 22 thru 24, 2020 at the Crown Plaza North Hotel in Worthington, OH. Our GRM and GRP are looking forward to welcoming our visiting Honored Ladies and Sir Knights to Ohio's Grand Court Session.

The information about our Grand Court Session will be coming out very soon.

When you are traveling please stay safe and always remember to **"Believe in Amaranth."**

GRAND COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

H.L. Michelle Finisdore

Reporter

Here we are in January, the holiday season has come and gone. The weather at some points haven't felt like winter, but who knows, we might eventually feel winter arrive. Pennsylvania is now a few months away from its Grand Court Session for H.L. Cheryl, GRM and S.K. Karl, GRP! We hope to see as many of our Amaranth members there as possible.

Several of our Courts have had initiations as we strive reach our goal of 100 new members. We have new members so far in Jeanette No. 25 (3), Juniata Valley No.121 (2), Victory No.149 (4), Lansdale No.65 (2), Sarah E. Collins No. 86 (6), Rose Croix No. 147 (1), Dr. J.M. Hyson No. 106 (5), Farrell Court No. 120 (2) and Dorothy Lim No. 110 (1). Congratulations to PA's 24 new members!!

There will be lots more to include in the next issue after our sessions in April. I would like to leave you all with a little something to think about.

The Meaning of The Candy Cane

The candy cane is a hard, sweet confection, flavored with peppermint. It is popular in the United States during the Christmas Season. Though the candy cane has been appropriated by secular culture, its origin is full of religious symbolism.

The candy cane's shape represents a shepherd's staff. Alternately, it may resemble the staff of Bishop Nicholas of Myra, the true origin of the secular Santa Claus Legend. When turned upside-down, the candy cane forms a "J" for "Jesus".

The stripes on the candy cane may represent the Trinity and may also represent Jesus' bleeding wounds on a background which is white symbolizing purity.

May the "Spirit of Christmas" always be with you.

GRAND COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

H.L. Sue Cornell, GC

Reporter

Grand Court of South Carolina wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

South Carolina Grand Court is actively getting the word out about the Order of the Amaranth and the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation! We recently attended a Biker's Bash near Summerville, SC. Our main goal was to get our

*One was too big, one too small –
this one is just right!*



HL Jean McCall, GAM



SK John "Jack Johnson, GRP
HL Ola Mae Wilcox, GRM
HL Kris Johnson, Grand Page

name out into the community. Many people stopped by our table to find out who we are and what we do. Most were familiar with the Masons, Shriners, and Eastern Star, but not with the Order of the

Amaranth. We received donations for Ways & Means and for ADF. Grand Court Ways & Means were displayed, and several visitors purchased tickets for our raffles. We also had our t-shirts on sale and one or two were sold. We handed out materials about our order and information on Amaranth Diabetes Research. Those stopping by were most interested in our philanthropy.

Our Grand Royal Matron and our Grand Associate Matron received several names of those to contact for a Poker Run next year! We are off to a great start getting the Order of the Amaranth out in the public! We have more community-oriented activities and events planned for 2020. We are looking forward to meeting those in our community and spreading the word about Amaranth and our foundation.

We have several Courts in SC that are excelling in obtaining and retaining new members! Their growth is exciting, their enthusiasm is contagious, and their dedication to our order is obvious. We are hoping this contagious attitude will travel around the state to all of our Courts!

South Carolina is looking forward to our Grand Court Session, *Believe and Dream*, to be held February 27-29, 2020, at the Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC. Our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron have planned an exciting session for us. We hope that many from other jurisdictions will be able to join us.

GRAND COURT OF WASHINGTON

S.K. Rick Mosier, PRP Reporter

Greetings from Wonderful Washington State! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying 2020 to the fullest.

We are all looking forward to June and Supreme, where our very own H.L. Dorothy Kippie, SRM, will preside in Portland, Oregon. It has been an amazing year and we are all so proud of her and S.K. Gerry Milton, SRP.

We are gearing up for our Grand Court, coming up on March 19-21, 2020. It will be our 109th Annual Session, the "Amaranth Safari Session", held at the Fairbridge Hotel & Conference Center in Yakima, WA. GRM Donna Kay Hoffman's emblem is Tigers, GRP Bill Lowery's is Elephants. We hope you will be able to come and enjoy a wild time in Washington.

We have had some very interesting fundraisers over the past few months. A glass-blowing class where you can make your very own glass ornament or bowl to take home with you, as well as a Diabetes "Sock Hop" Benefit dinner and live auction from November. Below you can see several of our Grand Line having fun at the Sock Hop.

We'll be seeing you down the Amaranth road!



From left to right, H.L. Kathy Thisted, Grand Secretary, H.L. Donna K. Hoffman, GRM, S.K. Gary Lewis, GAP, S.K. Bill Lowery, GRP, H.L. Heather Hughes, GAM, and H.L. Joy Peters, GAC.

CROWN AND SWORD EDITOR

H.L. Kim May, DSRM

Being around the Masonic community, you will quickly learn of the 2B1Ask1. Masons are to ask to become a Mason. I think by default that method trickles down to all the Appendant Bodies. My question is...how does anyone ask to join if they don't know anything about it? If you don't know it's out there or what it's about, how do you know if you want to be a part of that community?

Most of us are involved in more than one Appendant Body. Do you talk about Amaranth in your other organizations? Many times when the other bodies come to speak at a Grand Court, I hear...I didn't know anything about Amaranth until now. I find this very sad on many levels. Are you proud to be an Amaranth member? Are you proud of the millions of dollars that Amaranth has donated to Diabetes Research? Do you believe that we are doing a great deal of good and are capable of doing more good in the world? Do you have friends in other organizations that you enjoy spending time with? The big question is...are you telling others about Amaranth? Are you showing people in the other Orders what Amaranth is about?

Telling and showing others of Amaranth does work. A few years ago my jurisdiction had a Court that was about to fold. They just didn't have enough members to keep it going. They were all

dual members, and it just became too much. During the same time in a different area of the state, there was a Rainbow Assembly and their parents, who were looking for the "next" thing in their lives. During their Rainbow career they saw Amaranth members show up for them. They heard of all the good that Amaranth was doing. They wanted to be a part of the goodness of Amaranth. Within four months, we had initiated twenty (yes 20!) new members and moved the flailing Court to a different part of the state. This Court is continuing to thrive. This January they installed almost every station and plan to have an initiation soon. All of this is because Amaranth members talked about Amaranth and showed others about Amaranth. If no one talked about Amaranth

with other bodies, then this would've never happened.

As we embark on a new year, I encourage everyone to set as one of their goals to tell more people about Amaranth. To grow and prosper, in both members and fundraising, we must talk more about our Order.

Please send any newsworthy items, ideas, suggestions, Fundraising or Member Spotlights to me at crownandsword@amaranth.org. This publication can only be informative and successful with your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

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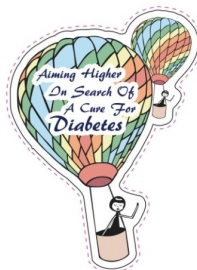
SUPREME DIABETES COORDINATOR H.L. Susan McKinney, DSRM

Hello Everyone!

We still have t-shirts, car magnets, refrigerator magnets and static window clings to sell! These items are marketable to anyone interested in helping find a cure for diabetes. If you are interested in purchasing some items to sell, you can fill out a form and return it to me. If you purchased the original magnets that turned out to not be car magnets, please contact me and I'll send you replacements.

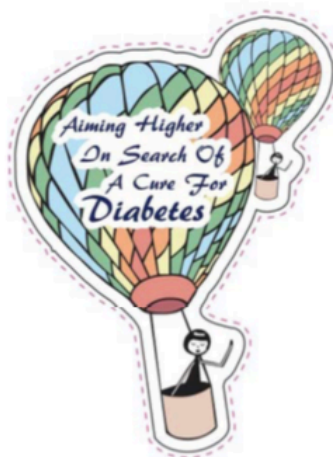
T-shirt sizes are Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL; that's right we now have 5XLs!!!! It's not too late to get your t-shirt, magnet or cling! I will be visiting the Grand Courts of California, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma and Indiana. If you will be at one of those Grand Courts, you can contact me to make sure I bring what you need and pick it up from me without having to pay shipping! I would like to thank SK Gerry and HL Jeanne Milton for taking items with them wherever they travel.

REMEMBER: Together We Can Aim Higher at Finding a Cure!



Let's Set Our Sights Higher and Aim for a Cure!

Support Diabetes Research!



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Window Cling \$5/Cling Car Magnet \$5/Magnet

Window Cling/Car Magnet Set \$7

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Shipping Cost Approximate: 1-20 Window Cling/Car Magnet \$7.35

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February 27-29	SAM	South Carolina Grand Court	Myrtle Beach, SC
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April 23-25	SC	Arkansas Grand Court	Fayetteville, AR
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