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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Dorothy Kippie

Hello Spring! It is great to feel the warmer temperatures and see the beautiful spring flowers in bloom. This is a time of New Beginnings.

A year ago we embarked on a journey none of us chose. We've mourned for those we've lost; and lives forever changed. We've missed visiting with our families and friends, holidays, and special events. We've adapted, grown and we're hopeful for the time we can be together once more. Many of our Subordinate Courts have not met in over a year, and all of our Grand Courts have had to suspend their sessions this past year. Our membership is aching to be together again. Well, there is good news on the horizon. Many of the state, counties, and cities along with Grand Masters are gently lifting restrictions, which will or have allowed all of us to be together again.

I am happy to say that we will be attending Grand Court Sessions starting in March through June. Unfortunately, many of the Sessions are going to be different, not just because we still need to wear masks and social distance, but for some jurisdictions, there are attendance restrictions, or they are not able to meet in the planned hotel and the sessions are being held in a Masonic Lodge, dates have been shortened. Some jurisdictions have travel restrictions in place which may limit who can be in attendance. I am so proud of the members and the Grand Royal Matrons and Grand Royal Patrons for making every effort to hold their sessions to move their jurisdictions forward. Two years in office is a long time and I am so proud of the High Flyers for holding their jurisdictions together. You have truly Aimed Higher to be the best!

The following Grand Courts will be holding their sessions. Where it is designated "restricted", it is for jurisdictional membership only. We hope to see as many as possible attending and supporting these Grand Courts:

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| Georgia | March 19-20 | Restricted and Supreme Representative – SAM |
| Missouri | April 8-10 | Open, SRM |
| Kentucky | April 10-11 | Restricted and Supreme Representative – SC |
| Pennsylvania | Postponed to September, 2021 | |
| Massachusetts | April 23-24 | Restricted and Supreme Representative; travel restrictions, SRM |
| Arkansas | April 23-24 | Restricted and Supreme Representative, SC |
| Tennessee | April 29-May 1 | Restricted and Supreme Representative, SRM |
| Philippines | May 2-4 | Open |
| New Jersey | TBD | Postponed |
| Arizona | May 6-8 | Open, SRM |
| Washington | May 9-11 | Restricted and Supreme Representative, SRM |
| Oklahoma | May 13-15 | Open, SRM |
| New York | May 13-15 | Open, SC |
| Ohio | May 20-22 | Open, SC |
| Florida | May 20-22 | Open, SRM |
| Connecticut | May 21-22 | Restricted and Supreme Representative, travel restriction, SAC |
| Ontario, Canada | May, 2022 | Suspended |

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| Queensland | May 28-29 | Suspended |
| Indiana | June 3-5 | Open, SRM |
| Supreme Assembly | July 4-8 | Open |

This brings us to our Supreme Assembly. It is now time to make your plans for Supreme Council Assembly, July 4-8, 2021 at the Red Lion on the River in Portland Oregon. Come early on Friday July 2, 2021 for a Dinner Cruise on the Columbia River. Due to events of the pandemic most of our planned tours are no longer available due to loss of business. We are continuing to see what we have available.

I hope everyone is planning to attend. Room Reservations are filling quickly, and hotel reservations have been **extended** from May 15th to **June 9th**. Don't wait to make them. Many people are looking for a get-away after dealing with the pandemic. This is a tourist area. In addition, meal reservations must be received by the Meal Coordinators and Supreme Meal Chairman, Ramona McNeil before June 15th. There will be no reservations taken at Supreme unless there are cancellations.

I know many of our members are planning to get the COVID Vaccine, and I encourage everyone to get it when you are eligible. But meanwhile, we are working with the hotel to ensure your safety. There will be guidelines that must be followed from the Governor of Oregon, Multnomah County, and the city of Portland. The hotel has strict guidelines they must follow to maintain your safety to include, sterilization of the session room and all public areas to include rest rooms throughout each day. We will be furnishing sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer and face masks. In addition, we will be social distancing and wearing masks within the hotel, and session room. Our goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves and each other while being safe and staying healthy.

Many have addressed concerns with the demonstrations and riots that have occurred in Portland. The location of these events have been in downtown Portland, a considerable distance from the hotel. The hotel is located on an Island North of the city of Portland. You are in a safe location.

I hope to see many of you at Supreme Assembly and hope you enjoy the Pacific Northwest. The session is not what we planned for, but we are going to make the best of the time we are together. You can find all the information for Supreme Assembly on the Supreme Council Website.

Start planning now for the 123rd “Around the World with Amaranth” Supreme Assembly. I am looking forward to seeing and greeting each of you.

Until then, please.....Stay Safe and Stay Healthy – I will see You on the Amaranth Trail!



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON

S.K. Gerry Milton

Happy Spring. So far this year, Oklahoma has experienced extreme cold, excessive snow (Oklahoma standard), and the warming of spring. Now as a result of Daylight Savings Time, we have longer days.

This pandemic is continuing, but it appears to be leveling in some areas. I believe a lot of this is attributed to more and more people receiving their vaccines. My wife and I finally were able to get both of our vaccines. As a result, I feel a bit more confident to travel. I still wear my mask when required and keep social distancing when necessary.

More of our Grand Courts had to postpone their sessions until 2022. I am excited that with the numbers decreasing and vaccines increasing, along with CDC and Grand Lodge easing some restrictions, that some jurisdictions are being able to hold their Grand Court sessions. I realize that there are several that are still limited to the number of people allowed to assemble and as a result are having their sessions with a Supreme representative and their members only. At least they are able to have their session.

I am excited to be able to travel to my first Grand Court session in more than a year. How I have missed real hugs. I appreciate all who have allowed me to try to get my daily dose of hugs.

I look forward to visiting with more of our Amaranth members as we get closer to attending Supreme Council. Please continue to pay attention to CDC guidelines and your Grand Lodge directives. Things ARE getting better.

As I close, remember: You can't lose a hug. The more you give, the more you receive.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON

H.L. Mary Wyatt

This Spring we started back up where we left off last year. I represented at Georgia's "Bridges of Life" session. Thank you, Georgia, for getting the ball rolling. It was wonderful being with you. Then off to Missouri's "Crown of Harmony" session. Even though not everyone can win at the races, everyone can have fun. Beautiful hats were also on display at this race. Congratulations to the winners of the race and the hat contests. It was my privilege to serve as Coronating Matron at both Georgia and Missouri. Thank you, ladies for that honor. It will always be special to me.

As the remainder of the Spring Grand Courts happen, the rest of the Serenity Doves will assume the throne. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the Amaranth Trail, if not before, possibly at Supreme in Portland. Good health and safe travels to all.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Serenity Dove



Georgia Grand Court



Beverly Klenke, Robert Kennedy

Missouri Grand Court



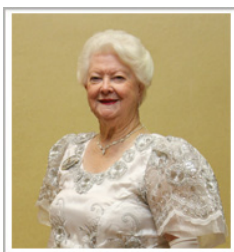
Bette Miller, Christine Cross, Susan McKinney, Sandi Grogan-Sils, Sarah Sels, Mel Fossell, Karen Budak, Mary Wyatt, George Kuhns



SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON **S.K. George Kuhns**

Spring is here and I am feeling so refreshed. Not only has the snow melted and the flowers of spring risen from the ground, Amaranth is starting again from a long dark year with little activity. When I wrote my last article, I was full of hope that we would soon have a vaccine for Covid-19 and we might get back to some sense of normality. Since that time a lot has changed in America, and we are working our way toward reopening this great country. I am now fully vaccinated and ready to get back on the Amaranth trail.

As I am writing this article for the Crown and Sword, I am packing my bags to go to Missouri Grand Court. I also have plans to attend the Grand Courts of Massachusetts, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Indiana. Supreme Council is also right around the corner. I hope to see everyone at Supreme Council and also at the reception for H.L. Mary Wyatt and myself on July 8, 2021 in Portland Oregon. Until then, may God Bless each of you and watch over you until we meet again.



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Stella Joyner

Hello all! I hope you had a great Easter and the spring of 2021 finds you well and happy. Our part of the country is beginning to open up but please stay safe remember to wear mask and social distance. We don't know when we will be able to return to what we once knew as normal. Therefore, be very careful until that day comes for us all.

We in Georgia held our Grand Court Session in March by wearing mask and staying six feet apart when possible. It was closed to only Georgia members and the Supreme Representative, Honored Lady Mary Watt, but we were happy to be able take care of the business of our Grand Court. We were happier to be together once again even in such a restricted way.

Other jurisdictions are beginning to have their Grand Court Sessions and many of them are closed to members only. I am on my way to Kentucky Grand Court and look forward to seeing many friends and maybe make a few new ones.

We need to keep in our prayers the members effected by COVID-19 and that by Supreme Council in July, conditions will be better. We have members still afraid to travel or to be in crowds. It is important that we participate in the things we can to make this Assembly successful. It will be a jubilee when we are together again.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS H.L. Susan Patchin

Here we are entering spring & summer of 2021. It seems that installation at the last Supreme Council Assembly was a lifetime ago. At that time looking forward to a year as Supreme Associate Conductress was like a whirlwind but as we have seen the year turned into almost two years. Who ever thought that we would have to face all that we have dealt with due to the Covid pandemic. But, I know that all time is in the hands of my savior and as we all know that everything in life is, "in His time." So to all our wonderful members now that we have been able to peek out of our homes & make a few steps on the pathway back to our community of Amaranth and our Masonic family. Because of our being closed up we have not been able to do as much to support our ADF so I urge each of you to think out of the box, try the thing that we have never done before to draw interest to our cause. The time will come for all of us to step up and speak out on all the things we do for diabetes. Please remember that diabetes is a predisposition to so many other diseases and we can help so many. I will be looking forward to being able to see all of you again soon. Make sure that we get to say hello when the time comes. Hugs to all as always.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION Susan Dishart Planned Giving Officer

Research in 2020, an overview from the American Diabetes Association

Since the 1950s, the American Diabetes Association has been committed to providing critical funding to support innovative scientific discovery that translates to better treatment, healthier lives, and eventual cures. Despite the extraordinary challenges our nation and world faced this past year, the ADA has continued our commitment to our mission. **We are so thankful to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation for supporting projects and researchers through the years to fight diabetes. 100% of ALL the donations from the Amaranth Diabetes Foundations go directly to support research.**

In early 2020, the ADA responded quickly to the COVID-19 pandemic by pivoting to a targeted research strategy that allowed us to fund critical new grants, including the rapidly deployed funding of 10 research projects focused on the impact of diabetes on COVID-19, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on diabetes and its complications. The scientists awarded funding will allow us to better understand the biological mechanism underlying this risk, why some people are developing diabetes from COVID infection, and what we can do about it.

This pragmatic pivot taught us to look for opportunities to mobilize quickly to current crisis' with strong leadership, keen dedication, and an unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility with our diverse group of funders. ADA remains dedicated to supporting all of the key aspects of supporting research that

have been part of our commitment for decades: support for early career investigators, to foster the next generation of leaders; support for investigator-initiated research through a core basic and clinical science research program, to generate the discoveries that will bring us effective new treatments and paths to a cure; and support for targeted research to accelerate those discoveries as unique opportunities arise.

While there are several lessons learned in 2020, the need for the ADA and our commitment towards research has never been stronger or clearer. Our programs, volunteers, and the support from all of you enable us to push forward along new frontiers in diabetes to prevent, cure, and improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin, we can look back on a century of tremendous discovery that has transformed the lives of people with diabetes. Our job is not done, however, until we can eliminate the complications of diabetes and until we can prevent and cure diabetes.

We know the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation shares our commitment to improving the lives of people with diabetes through a dedication to research. With your continued assistance and annual fundraising efforts, we can continue funding critical diabetes research and together we can conquer diabetes!

More information about the work in 2020 can be found in our newly published Research Report. If you would like to be emailed a copy, please let us know at giving@diabetes.org.

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. CHARLENE TUCKER, President

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights. I hope that each of you are doing well and are safe.

I want to thank each of you for everything that you have done this past year in supporting diabetes research. Plans are coming together to hold Supreme Council in July where those who are able to attend will gather and we will all celebrate what has been accomplished over the past two years. While this past year was not what any of us had planned, I know that I am grateful for each member and their continued support of our wonderful Order.

Every dollar that we raise 100% of this money goes directly to Diabetes Research and supports the grants that we have chosen. A recent article in the Crown & Sword from the ADA mentioned that 75% of the money given went to Diabetes Research. This article was referencing their general fund donations and was not a reflection on the partnership that we have with the ADA. I have heard from some members with concerns, and I hope that this will help with the confusion that this article may have created. We are committed and blessed to continue to support our researchers in finding a cure.

I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months and pray that are healthy and safe.

Supporting Amaranth Diabetes Foundation (ADF) While Shopping on Amazon!

Shopping online has become the method of choice this past year rather than getting in your car and heading for your favorite mall. The Amazon website is one of the most popular "Go to Places" to search for that special item you are looking for. Did you know that you can also shop on AmazonSmile with no extra cost to you and support the ADF while shopping?

The ADF registered with AmazonSmile in October of 2013 and since that time we have received donations quarterly. Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile selected in the Amazon Shopping app, everyday purchases have generated over **\$266 million** in donations to charities worldwide so far.

To date we have received **\$5,780.52**. Our most recent quarterly donation was **\$604.48** which we received in February. I want to encourage you to sign up today and support the ADF. Which in turn supports the researchers that we are funding as we continue our forty-two-year partnership with the American Diabetes Association.

Instructions on how to sign up.



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GRAND COURT OF ALASKA

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM

Reporter

Alaska Court 1 has been able to meet since February when the city raised the number that could attend a group meeting. We have been asked if we would take tickets at the State Fair in August-September. The Fair will have a different schedule instead of eleven days straight, so it will be interesting.

Grand Court may still occur at the Lakefront Hotel in September, but it is quite possible we will have to go to members only and meet at the Masonic Center. The new Anchorage Mayor to be elected in April, but not in office until July, may open everything up-no spacing, no limit on numbers that can be seated and served, etc. We should soon be learning from the hotel how they see the situation. Alaska Grand Court depends heavily on members from other jurisdictions to help with hotel costs. Nearly all from other Jurisdictions will be flying to Anchorage and there are some who may still not feel safe.

On a happy note, all our **active** members that wanted to have received the vaccine and several weeks ago Alaska opened it up to all people sixteen and over if you live in or work in Alaska. We may be the 49th State but we, I think, are the first to open the opportunity to all sixteen and over.

GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA

H.L. Dorcas Aunger, PRM

Reporter

Good morning Sun, I'm glad you're out.
That's one less thing to fret about.
It's time to write my quarterly story
Of California Amaranth glory.

The calendar pages just keep turning,
But most are blank — for events I'm yearning.
I can think of just one sole event:

It's been a whole year since last we met.

A virtual world is our meeting room,
To keep in touch at place called Zoom.
We can see each other in this place
But it's not the same as face to face.

When will we revert to our former style;
Greeting each friend with hug and smile,
To march to the music and sing our odes,
Before returning to our abodes.

We hear other states are now "unlocked".
But such plans here are only talked.
There are hints in the air that "it won't be long".
And we firmly pray they aren't wrong.

So, until that day when our masks come off,
And we don't have to wonder when we hear a cough,
And we're finally back to our former routine
We'll envy the rest who are back on the scene.

GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA

H.L. Cathy Edson, DSRM

Reporter

The majority of the Subordinate Courts of the Grand Court of Florida have been able to hold meetings using COVID-19 guidelines since October 2020. It has been quite different, but we are so happy to at least be able to get together.

The Grand Conductresses of Florida, H.L. Roslyn Heath and H.L. Cecelia Hemphill have utilized dates and facilities that had been reserved for banquets for fundraisers for our Grand Court Maintenance. This has been greatly appreciated as our Grand Court still has to function during this difficult time. In October, they held a "Halloween Bash". Everyone enjoyed a great meal, a fun time, and a chance to stay at Daytona Beach. What more could you ask for? They also held a Winter Wonderland event in St. Petersburg. A wonderful buffet meal was served, and an ugly sweater contest was held. And.....the winner was.... H.L. Kathy

Seichko!!! What a fun time and everyone enjoyed seeing many they had not seen in over a year!

Heritage Court No. 57, home Court of H.L. Sylvia Saunders, PSRM, honored her on her 80th Birthday. She is such a Sweetheart.

We are saddened by the loss of many of our Past Grand Royal Matrons and Patrons in the last year and a half. We have lost H.L. Amy Respass, H.L. Peggy Gainey, H.L. Janus Chambers, S.K. Wm. Robert Jackson, S.K. Dale Vied, S.K. Robert Trump, S.K. Edward Behringer, S.K. Woody Harrell, and H.L. Peggy Ball, PSRM. These members, their knowledge and their dedication to our Order will be greatly missed. May they always remain “Sweet in our Memory”.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Grand Court Session from May 20-22, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Westshore Airport in Tampa, Fl. And we hope to see some of you there!



S. K. Ronald “Grumpy” St. Jacques, DSRP and H.L. Janet St. Jacques, Grand Secretary are Shipwrecked at the “Halloween Bash”.



H.L. Lara Stucki, Grand Lecturer and S.K. Randy Stucki, Grand Royal Patron looking “spooky” at the Halloween Bash.



H.L. Sylvia Saunders, PSRM, celebrates her “80th” Birthday with the members of Heritage Court No. 57



H.L. Carol Stinchcomb, DGRM, S.K. Randy Stucki, GRP, H.L. Kathy Seichko, DSRM, H.L. Roslyn Heath, Grand Conductress, and H.L. Betty Cox, DSRM at the Ugly Sweater Contest



H.L. Valerie Tooma, GRM, S.K. John Gray, DSRP, S.K. Barry Rosenthal, PP, H.L. Lara Stucki, Grand Lecturer, H.L. Gerri Rosenthal, PM and S.K. Randy Stucki, GRP enjoying the fun at the Winter Wonderland Fundraiser

GRAND COURT OF GEORGIA H.L. Beverly Klenke, GRM

The 71st "Bridges of Life" Grand Court Session of Georgia was held March 19-20, 2021 at Martinez Lodge in Augusta, GA. Though it was for GA members only, it was a successful and fun-filled "family reunion" for all that were in attendance. Congratulations to H.L. Carol Bratcher and S.K. Larry Davis on two years as Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. Your success can be measured in many ways, but none larger than the over \$35,000.00 you raised during a pandemic year for Diabetes Research.

As we begin our "Love, Loyalty, and Friendship" Grand Court year, S.K. Robert Kennedy, GRP and I are looking forward to the many shenanigans we can get into as we serve this beautiful Order. The members of GA will again work hard to raise the needed funds to find that miracle cure for that dreaded disease called Diabetes. We look forward, with much anticipation, to the great times the members and visitors of GA Grand Court will experience at each of our events. Won't you join us on this adventure of a lifetime?



HL Beverly Klenke, GRM and SK Robert Kennedy, GRP

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

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

We held the Official Visits in April for our Courts. It was great to meet with our members again after a long year of not seeing anyone. Unicorns have been sighted in Illinois! Because Illinois is still in Phase 4 (limited capacity) we have not made a decision about Grand Court as of April. Hopefully by the next Crown & Sword, we will know what the status of reopening is for the state and will be able to talk about Grand Court. H.L. Barbara Lemler, GAM and S.K. Dwayne Lemler, GAP, will be starting their Advance Nights in June. We look forward to continuing to meet the members in our travels!

H.L. Renee Dempster still has a few of our Grand Court t-shirts if you are interested.

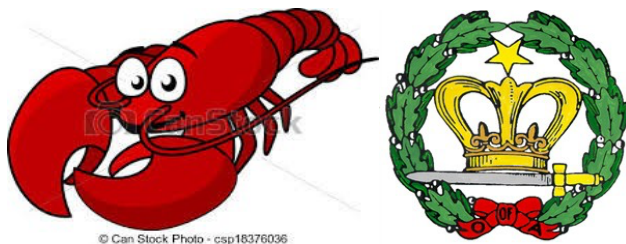


**GRAND COURT OF
MASSACHUSETTS
H.L. Donna Cormier, PGRM
Reporter**

Massachusetts Amaranth has missed talking with you BUT with a new year coming upon us we are going to keep in touch.

Our GRM TashaLea Williams-Sleight and GRP Mark Stought are ready to step down and let another take the reins.

Our journey started out wonderful as I am sure yours did as well. We traveled throughout the Commonwealth and got to go to Supreme with "Triple A" our mascot who has assisted us with Accountability and Action to the Order of the Amaranth.



All of our officers were required to hang in there and take their jurisdictions through very trying times. Far and wide in our world we have experienced something way beyond our imaginations. With Governmental intervention and a compassionate Supreme Family we have managed a new "normal" lifestyle.

With masks and social distancing and ALL BY OURSELVES we will be turning the gavel over to H.L. Christina Qualey and her S.K., taking the helm for 2021-2022.

With newly elected and appointed officers, Massachusetts is excited to continue a journey into the future. Let me introduce you to some of those taking important positions in Massachusetts. At this time our hopefuls are :

GAM H.L. Joy Kenen, GC H.L. Candace Bowe.

H.L. Christina's Diabetes Co-Coordination are H.L. Michelle Tasney PRM and H.L. Deborah Warner PRM; her Grand Lecturer will be H.L. Cheryl Owoc PGRM and she has chosen H.L. Donna Cormier for the Massachusetts Representative to the Crown and Sword and her Session Coordinators will be Michelle Tasney PRM who will be planning and assisting with a trip to Salem Massachusetts. So mark your Calendars and plan a visit to our "Witch" City where she will be holding her session in April 2022 and wear one of her colors: Purple grape, raspberry pink or peacock green We will be traveling through the state with the "Dreamers"

Concentrating on *Discovering* through *Exploration* and our *dreams*. H.L. Christina hopes to encourage new membership with a quote from C.S.Lewis for her motto: "*You never know what you can do until you try*" and hang onto what we have with a verse from *II Corinthians 5:7* "*For we walk by faith, not by sight*". We hope to adorn her session with the emblem of *The Tree of life* with her *butterfly* fluttering by as a *bunny* hops along while his *lobster* makes their way through a garden of *white roses* and *purple irises*

So if we are still in quarantine PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take care of yourself, eat properly, stay clean and get plenty of rest. We shall overcome !!! God Bless You!!! In Amaranth Love and Service

**GRAND COURT OF MISSOURI
H.L. Judy Woods, DSRM
Reporter**

Missouri Grand Court has come and gone. It was a bitter-sweet reunion with the loss of twenty-one members including Grand Royal Matron Lynn Henning and Past Supreme Royal Patron Marvin Frost was heavy to bear. Now, as we start a new year, we are stronger for our adversities and blessed in so many ways.

Our Grand Court was held this year and we were delighted to have members join us from Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio,

Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

Informal opening was revised to a casual get-together that gave us an opportunity for renewal. Fellowship and fun continued at the Friday night banquet as we spent a Night at the Races. Winning jockey Jack Budak with the support of his gambler Debi Olson learned the lesson: "If you row the dice, you pay the price." A horse race, hat contest, silent auction and trivia completed the evening.

Jan Johnson DSRM awarded the Membership Trophy to Sunshine Court. Gayle Behr DSRM presented the Diabetes Research Fundraising Trophy to North Gate Court. Irene Alexander DSRM passed the Traveling Trophy to the Iowa delegation with a commitment to see them in October!

SRM Dorothy Kippie and SRP Gerry Milton presented Supreme Council Exceptional Member Award to Dena Walker for continued dedication to helping others. Susan McKinney Supreme Diabetes Coordinator presented the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Award to Louise Akers who was instrumental in establishing a new court and outstanding fundraising over the years.

SAM Mary Wyatt and SAP George Kuhns announced appointment of Dixie Fossell to serve as Supreme Page. GRM Karen Budak and SK Charles Alexander went above and beyond to see our members were safe and comfortable. Their session went extremely well and will be encouraging to those who follow.



Serenity Doves

l-r: Sarah Sels GAM-IA, Karen Budak GRM-MO, Betty Miller GRM-WI, Leslie Routt GRM-CA, Susan McKinney SDC & GAM-IL, Sandie Rinehart GRM-IA, Mel Fossell SCCOA & GRP-MO.
seated: George Kuhns SAP, Mary Wyatt SAM



Horse race jockeys

l-r: Jack Budak PRP, Doug Reece DSRP, George Kuhns SAP and George Ullrich SL



Exceptional Member Award

l-r: Dorothy Kippie SRM, Dena Walker PRM, Gerry Milton SRP



l-r Exceptional Member Awardee Dena Walker PRM and ADF Fundraising Awardee Louise Akers PRM



Winner of Most Unique Hat, Julie Eador Banquet Emcee



H.L. Louise Akers and H.L. Susan McKinney

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

HELLO FROM OHIO

The members of Ohio hope all our Honored Ladies and Sir Knights had a wonderful Easter Season.

Ohio Amaranth is slowly opening up our Courts and is working on their Installations. Although Installations will not be the same, we are still excited to be able to hold them.

Some Courts were having Zoom meetings as the best way to keep in touch with their members at this time. Hopefully this may come to an end.

Our Ohio Grand Court Session will be held starting Friday and Saturday May 20-21, 2021. It will be held at the Leisure Masonic Park in Zanesville, Ohio. Our Grand Royal Matron H.L. Michelle Rognon and our Grand Royal Patron S.K. Alan French and their convention committee are working hard to make our Grand Court Session safe and to make our members attending feel comfortable being there. The information about our Grand Court Session has been sent out.

The members of Ohio hope it won't be very long before we can meet and visit all of our H.L. and S.K. as we have missed seeing everyone.

If you must travel be safe, until we are able to meet in person always remember we are here for one another.

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights please stay well, stay safe, stay positive and always **"Believe in Amaranth."**

GRAND COURT OF WASHINGTON S.K. Rick Mosier Reporter

Greetings from wonderful Washington. At the time of writing, we're currently gearing up for our Grand Court, May 9-11. Our Grand officers are excited to move up and lead us into the future.

We are excited to once again host Supreme Assembly and hope to see many of you in July. Please be sure to get vaccinated if you are eligible, bring your mask, and continue practicing social distancing where possible.

Our Diabetes and Scholarship Committees have been working diligently and we thank them for their efforts in these difficult times.

We would like to thank GRM Donna and GRP Bill and their officers for their leadership through the pandemic and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

CROWN AND SWORD EDITOR

H.L. Kim May, DSRM

Now that things are gradually opening, and people are getting their vaccinations, I hear a lot of people referring to things getting back to "normal". Realistically, I don't think things can be like they were pre-pandemic, nor do I think they should be. These last fourteen months should've made us slow down and rethink our perspectives. Can you honestly say that you don't value things differently now than you did a year and a half ago? Do you value the people in your life more? Do you value the time you spend with them more? As I have said in my articles over the last year, this pandemic has been a learning experience. I firmly believe that we have all changed from this experience. I have seen people become more sympathetic and loving. I have seen humanity at its best. I have also seen people who have so much resistance to change that they have become cold and bitter.

As we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel, only you can decide what you will learn from this experience, and who you become. Will you have learned to adapt and become a better and more successful person? Or will you try to force things back into a shape that we will never return to, and in that process become resentful of the new way? Have you learned to value people instead of valuing what they can do for you? Have you learned to value your time and who you spend it with? Have you realized that we can all have a bigger purpose, a more loving heart, and a kinder soul?

All of these things, both the good and the bad, can be translated to not only your life, but your family, your work, and Amaranth. Only you can decide if this is your catalyst to making an impact for the greater good. As we continue to navigate all the changes that are happening, take a deep breath, look inside yourself to find the peace and kindness that exists within, and use that to show acceptance and love.

My wish for each of you is that you are safe and healthy. Don't forget to reach out to others during this time. Please remember to 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.

BE A VOICE NOT AN ECHO!

SUPREME DIABETES COORDINATOR

H.L. Susan McKinney, DSRM

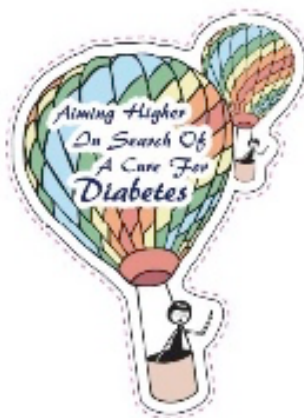
Hi Everyone,

It's getting close to the end of HL Dorothy's year. It is not too late to purchase your t-shirt, static cling, car magnet or refrigerator magnet. The last day I can take money for items is 7th. I will bring the items for sale to the following grand courts: Tennessee, Oklahoma and Indiana. Please print out the order form and mail it to me, so I can get you the items you order. I will be bringing the remaining product to Supreme, so you could pay ahead of time and pick up your items from me at Supreme. If you purchased the original car magnet (which wasn't a car magnet), email me at smckin@gmail.com or call me at 217-778-3016 and I'll send you a replacement. You can go <http://amaranth.org/supreme-diabetes-coordinator/> to download the order form. This has been a great year but we can still go higher!

Together We Can Aim Higher at Finding a Cure!

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

Support Diabetes Research!



Supreme Diabetes T-Shirt, Car Magnet, Window Cling Order Form

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

All sizes are adult (Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL). The tshirt is tagless and \$15/tshirt.

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

Window Cling/Car Magnet Set \$7

Shipping Cost Approximate: 1 Tshirt \$7.90; 2-10 Tshirts \$14.35; 11-20 Tshirts \$19.95

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

Make checks payable to: HL Susan McKinney

Mail form and payment to: Susan McKinney, PO Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61873

| Item | Size | Size | Quantity | Price | Total |
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| T-shirt | | | | \$15.00 | |
| T-shirt | | | | \$15.00 | |
| Window Cling | | | | \$5.00 | |
| Car Magnet | | | | \$5.00 | |
| Cling/Magnet Set | | | | \$7.00 | |
| Shipping | (Overpayment will be refunded) | | | | |
| | | | | Total | |

Date Paid _____ Amount Paid _____

Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check Number _____

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Project Joe's Blankets

There are Masons who know about Amaranth and some of you have never come in to contact with the charitable work that our members do for the Community.

A little bit about Amaranth.

The Order of the Amaranth is a co-educational, fraternal organization for Masons and female relatives. It promotes and encourages the practice and principles of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity in everyday life, through traditional rites handed down through the generations. We share time and friendships through some traditions as well as today's modern functions, adventures in travel and participation in community events throughout Washington, the United States and many countries around the world.

Our "Courts" work together to raise funds for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation to support research in finding better management of Diabetes, improved treatments and to find a cure.

We also provide scholarships to our Masonic children.

Occasionally, we also have had other projects that we bring awareness to like Autism Speaks and The Red Shoe Fund.

Charity is one of our core principals. Charity can come in different ways but it always lets the person receiving the charity know that someone out there thinks about them. Charity is not always giving money to help fund Diabetes Research projects. It can come in many forms. During these current times, we forget that not everyone has a support system or even a family to help them. One small act of kindness makes a difference.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been unable to meet or have the same fund-raising events.

One of our special members, Chris Werre, decided to create a new Charitable fundraiser in memory of her husband Joe Werre. Joe passed away in 2020 during this pandemic. Her husband was a member of Bremerton Court, Bremerton, Washington and they had been married for 40 years. Chris originally made blankets for people that she knew or sold them at craft fairs.

At the beginning of December, she decided to create a new tradition and a way to keep her memories of Joe alive. Due to him passing away, she was no longer going to the Dialysis clinic with her husband. However, when she was going, she noticed there were a number of individuals who were there with no one.

With many encouraging supporters, Chris has created "Project Joe's Blankets". The object was to provide blankets to patients while sitting in the dialysis chair. These blankets are a way to show someone who is alone in the world, that someone is thinking about them and that they matter. The blankets provide comfort to the person curled up in the blanket. One small act of kindness has turned into a much larger act.

Chris Werre is a member of the Order of the Amaranth. She has donated 133 blankets as of April 6, 2021, with many helping hands of her supporters. I am honored and humbled by the sheer act of grace and kindness that she has started. Many of us have donated blankets to her cause. She credits being part of the order of the Amaranth for her generous work.

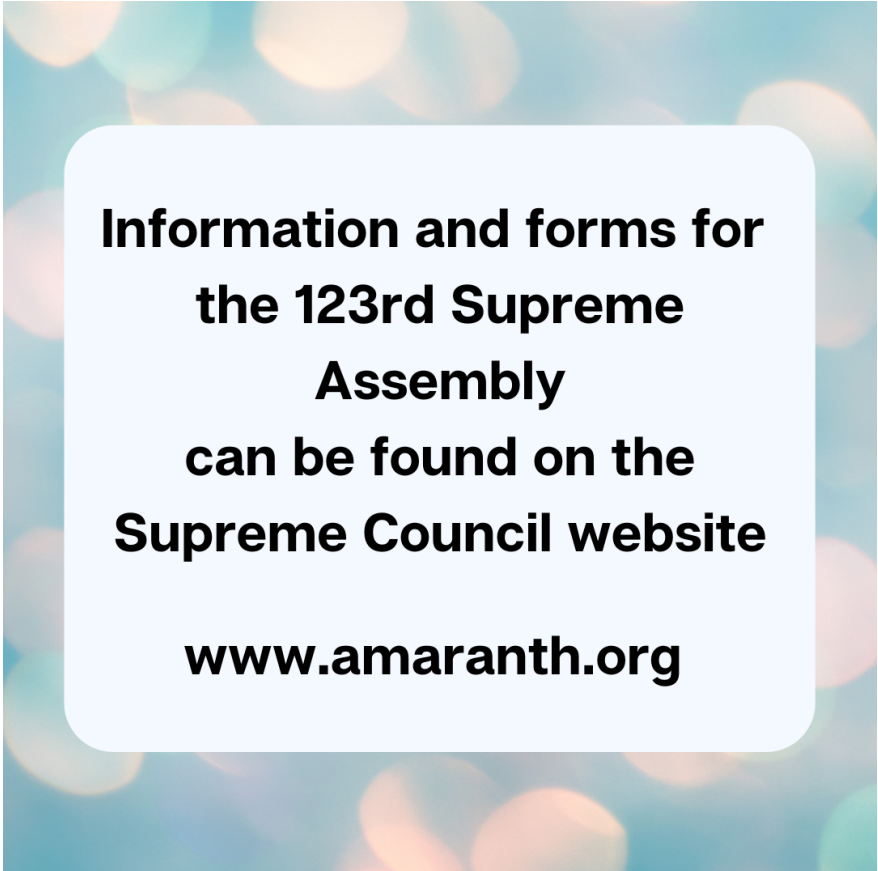
It is the other way around. The Order of the Amaranth is a much better organization because of Chris. Anyone who comes into contact with her learns what a wonderful and generous person she really is. I am very fortunate to know Chris and am very proud to call her my friend.

If you would like to donate fabric or donate a blanket to her cause, it only takes a total of four yards of flannel. One, two yard piece for the front and one, two yard piece for the back. Even if you don't sew, you can certainly donate to the project. If you would like to get in touch with her, we will help you do so.

Chris Werre is a leader and proves that charity and kindness are core principals of the Order of the Amaranth and she exudes the calling to help others.

Thank you, Chris, for your kindness and thoughts of how you can help others realize that everyone matters, even if you don't know the person at all.

For contact information, you may contact H.L. Heather Hughes, Grand Associate Matron of Washington, Order of the Amaranth. My email address is hawilson13@hotmail.com or my phone number is (206)713-2648.



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the 123rd Supreme
Assembly
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Supreme Council website
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17 July 2021
Reception of the
Supreme Associate Matron
&
Supreme Associate Patron

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Mingle, meet people and go in small groups
to tour the "Home Lodge" of John Wayne (no cost)

Friday, July 16, 2021

Registration. Get settled and have fun exploring Tucson, mingling, meeting
people and *(in case you missed it on Thursday)* go in small groups to tour
John Wayne's "Home Lodge".

Saturday AM, July 17, 2021

Tour to Tombstone, shopping, lunch, and sightseeing around the town of
Tombstone. Transportation for \$30. roundtrip.

Leave Tucson 9 am--Return back to Hotel at 4:30 pm

(Reservations due to Mariel Fairchild-520-290-0721,
7570 E. Speedway, Space 472, Tucson, AZ 85710-8845)

DoubleTree by Hilton
445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ
Reservations for Rooms:
\$99 plus tax/night--Call 1-800-222-8733
(Refer to Order of the Amaranth)

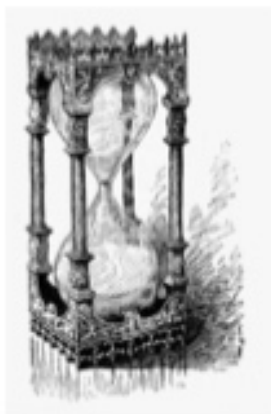
Saturday Evening, July 17

Dinner and Entertainment
Cost \$38.

at DoubleTree by Hilton
Reservations to Garnet Schilt
520-471-3192

4550 N. Flowing Wells Rd. #18,
Tucson, AZ 85705-2859

No Formals or Tuxedos Dress for weekend--Women in dresses/skirts & Men in slacks and jacket.



Please Join with us at
Time to Find A Travel Companion
To honor
Susan Patchin, Supreme Conductress

Saturday, August 14, 2021 - Dinner at 6:30 PM - Remittance \$45.00/pp

Buffalo Hilton Garden Inn 4201 Genesee St. , NY 14225

Overnight accommodations \$106.00/night + tax

Make room reservations directly with hotel at: 716-932-2727, mention: *Amaranth*

Checks payable to: Charles F. Patchin

921 Fairmont St. Latrobe, PA 15650 Phone: 724-261-9783

All reservations due by **July 23, 2021**

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

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Name _____ Title _____

| | No . Of tickets | Remittance Enclosed |
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| Saturday Reception for SAC \$45.00/pp: | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total Enclosed: | | \$ _____ |

This is the current schedule as of February 1st. Some of the dates listed may have changed by the time you read this. Please check the Supreme Council webpage, Supreme Council Facebook page, or the Grand Court directly for current information.

Please note that all dates with an * were originally on a different date and have been moved

| Supreme Itinerary | | | |
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| April 2021 | | | |
| Suspended | SRM | Michigan Court | Alma, MI |
| April 3 | SRM | Wichita Court | Wichita, KS |
| April 8-10 | SRM | Missouri Grand Court | Springfield, MO |
| *April 10-11 | SC | Kentucky Grand Court | *members only |
| Postponed Sept 2021 | | Pennsylvania Grand Court | Harrisburg, PA |
| April 23-24 | SRM | Massachusetts Grand Court | *members only |
| April 23-24 | SC | Arkansas Grand Court | *members only |
| April 29-May 1 | SRM | Tennessee Grand Court | Gatlinburg, TN |
| May 2021 | | | |
| May 2-3 | | Philippines Grand Court | Manila Philippines |
| Postponed | | New Jersey Grand Court | Mt. Laurel, NJ |
| *May 6-8 | SRM | Arizona Grand Court | Phoenix, AZ |
| *May 9-11 | SRM | Washington Grand Court | Olympia, WA |
| May 13-15 | SC | New York Grand Court | Syracuse, NY |
| May 13-15 | SRM | Oklahoma Grand Court | Oklahoma City, OK |
| May 20-22 | SRM | Florida Grand Court | Tampa, FL |
| May 20-22 | SC | Ohio Grand Court | Zanesville, OH |
| *May 21-22 | SAC | Connecticut Grand Court | *members only |
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| Suspended until 2022 | | Ontario Grand Court | Burlington, ONT |
| | | | |
| Suspended | | Queensland Grand Court | Queensland Australia |
| June 2021 | | | |
| June 3-5 | SRM | Indiana Grand Court | Nashville, IN |
| July 2021 | | | |
| July 4-9 | 123rd Supreme Council Assembly | | Portland OR |

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