

Crown & Sword Article, August 2021
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors
H.L. Charlene Tucker, President

We have just finished our 123rd Annual Supreme Council Assembly “Around the World with Amaranth” in Portland, Oregon. The term that was mentioned repeatedly was “CELEBRATE”. Celebrate coming together as a Masonic family. Celebrate that needed hug and special smile that so many of us have missed. Celebrate the accomplishments that have been reached over the past two years.

I am happy to report that even though many Grand Courts were shut down, many looked “outside the box” and created fun activities that kept their members active and in touch. Weekly zoom gatherings, virtual swimming pool parties, tea parties, lemonade stands, band concerts, mask making projects, and communities projects to support the youth, are just a few of the ways members raised money to support their Grand Courts and diabetes research.

In 2020 the top Grand Courts were: Georgia \$38,026.86, Pennsylvania \$37,377.91, Oregon \$21,525.64, Virginia \$17,534.45, and California \$16,679.00. The following Grand Courts met milestones: California \$500,000.00 with 507,038.00, and Illinois \$250,000.00 with \$250,502.53.

In 2021 the top Grand Courts were: Georgia \$35,437.54, Arizona \$21,457.75, California \$20,700.00, Minnesota \$20,171.26, and Indiana \$13,286.43. The Grand Court of Oklahoma reached the \$250,000.00 milestone with \$250,980.87.

The Board of Directors held its annual meeting in 2020 via zoom and it was decided to donate \$312,234.24 to the American Diabetes Research Foundation (ADRF). At our annual session in 2021 the total donation to the ADRF was \$205,773.09 bringing our two-year total dollar donation to \$518,007.33. WOW! Congratulations Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we have exceeded the \$17,000,000.00. To be exact total dollars given is \$17,072,884.69.

At our organizational meeting on July 7th, we welcomed Hillary Johnson, Tiffany St. Johns, Anne Beaton, Joe Talvy, Elizabeth “Bizzy” Herbolsheimer to the Board of Directors. The following members were elected to the indicated positions.

Charlene Tucker, President
Janet St. Jacque, Vice President
Cathy Edson, Secretary
Tiffany St Johns, Assistant Secretary
Lorie Johnson, Treasurer

As we begin this new year my wish is that you all stay safe, enjoy the time spent together, and if I or any member of the board can assist you, please let us know.