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**Honored Lady Mary Wyatt, Supreme Royal Matron
Sir Knight George Kuhns, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Mary Wyatt

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed time with family and friends.

The fall started with a retreat in New York. It was good to go thru several events and get closer to the members attending. It was once again great to be with friends at New Mexico and Alabama Grand Courts. I was even able to win a race at one and have a wand pick me at another. They were very eventful sessions.

In December four SCJs were visited: Madison Court-Michigan, Baytown Court-Texas, Bluebonnet Court-Texas, and Yellow Rose Court-Texas. All the Courts were very cordial. It was exciting to return to Bluebonnet in January when they initiated five new members.

Pennsylvania Grand Lodge honored Amaranth with an invitation to their session and being introduced from the East. It was a very nice weekend. From there Pennsylvania Grand Court had a New Year's event at the Elizabethtown campus. A great weekend was had by all.

This year as we are making Dreams Come True. Walt Disney said you can design and create and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it takes people to make the dream a reality. It is up to all of us to make this Order grow and prosper. It is time to get back together and remember why we love this Order. As we continue down our new paths this year, remain safe and be careful.

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



New Mexico Grand Court



Christine Cross, Patricia White, Patti Nielsen, Brandi Long, Mary Wyatt, George Kuhns, Norm Perkins, Johnnie Smith

Alabama Grand Court



John Mickle, Peggy Cox, George Kuhns, Mary Wyatt, Maryalta Cooper, Sandy Grogan-Sills, John Stinchcomb, Mel Fossell

Baytown Court



Mary Wyatt, Martin Reyes, Delilah Reyes, George Kuhns

Bluebonnet Court



Delilah Reyes, Mary Wyatt, Martha Pengelley, Floyd Hall, George Kuhns, Martin Reyes



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON S.K. George Kuhns

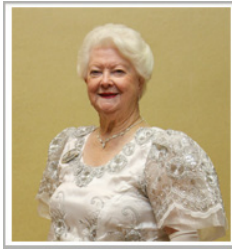
Greetings from the Supreme East. I hope everyone had a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year despite any restrictions that have been imposed on your gatherings. We need to always remember the reason for the season and thank God for the many blessing that we have received.

Since my last news article, I have attended the Grand Courts of New Mexico and Alabama. In December we visited Madison Court in Michigan and Baytown, Blue Bonnet and Yellow Rose Courts in Texas. I also attended Pennsylvania Grand Court's "A Gathering of Friends for PA-VA-NJ Friendship Night" in Langhorne, PA, New York Grand Court's Retreat Weekend in Vestal, NY and Pennsylvania Grand Court's New Year Celebration Weekend in Elizabethtown, PA. On December 27th H.L. Mary and I were also privileged to attend the installation of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Jeffery Wonderling, where we were formal introduced. Brother Jeff Wonderling is also a Sir Knight and a Past Royal Patron of Jeanette Court #25, my home Court.

It is great to be back on the road. We are currently taking a break in January but the itinerary will get very busy starting the second week in February. However, we are still missing our international friends and we pray that they will soon be able to rejoin us in our Amaranth journey.

The first Grand Court for 2022 is Virginia and I hope to see many of you there. In addition to the Grand Court of Virginia I also plan to attend the Grand Courts of California, South Carolina, Oregon, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Florida, and Indiana.

Stay safe and I hope to see you along the Amaranth Trail. Until then, may God bless each one of you and watch over you until we meet again.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON

H.L. Stella Joyner

Farewell 2021. Hello 2022. We have blamed COVID for two years for the disruption of our lives and the scheduling for meetings in our beautiful Order of the Amaranth. We are not alone. All fraternities related to the Masons are in the same situation. Yes, the country has a pandemic, but the pandemic doesn't have me. I may or anyone may get this awful virus, but I refuse to let fear control my happiness. I will be careful of the conditions around me. I will observe the guidelines of the CDC and follow the rules of the government when at home and when in another jurisdiction. I will live my life each day to its fullest as long as I am permitted to do so. I will because my God had my life's story written before I was born.

The year 2021 was a challenge for all of us. Vast numbers of loved ones were taken from us. We grieve our losses and have sympathy for your losses. On December 5th, I received a phone call from Sir Knight Joe Talvy's son, Sam, saying that Sir Knight Joe had lost his battle with COVID. Complete confusion took over my mind, and I decided not to make any decisions until I had time to think clearly about what I needed to do next. Actually, it didn't take long for my prayers to be answered. I knew there had to be another person chosen for Supreme Royal Patron and I knew Sir Knight Joe's advice would be to move forward with what is good for the Order of the Amaranth. The person I choose would have to be kind, dedicated to the work we do, knowledgeable in the ritualistic work and enthusiastic in promoting all that is good about the Amaranth. I became excited when my thoughts became clear. I know a person like this. I know a person that has all these qualities, and he has a beautiful wife that shares these qualities with him and is supportive in the labors he chooses to take on. His name is Allan Potts from Tennessee and his wife is Beverly "Bev" Potts. They have a true love for the Order of the Amaranth, and it shows in their work ethic for fund raising efforts as well as committee participation and striving for proficiency. Sir Knight Allan and Honored Lady Beverly have made plans to be in the Grand Courts of California, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Arizona, Florida, and Indiana. The Keystones look forward to welcoming you.

The beginning of 2022 came in with snowstorms, cold temperatures and a trip to Tucson, Arizona to bid a final farewell to my Supreme Associate Patron, Sir Knight Joe Talvy. I attended his funeral on January 4th and was allowed to speak of the time I had known them. I met Honored Lady Pina Talvy when Honored Lady Monya Boggs was elected Supreme Associate Conductress. Honored Lady Monya's club, "The Lamplighters" was formed at Supreme Assembly and from there, everywhere I traveled the Talvys were there. Honored Lady Pina advanced to Grand Royal Matron of New Mexico and I became Grand Royal Matron of Georgia. Many times through the year we have been together and upon being asked to take this journey with me, Sir Knight Joe accepted. He was elected and installed at Supreme Council in Portland, Oregon in July. It was a pleasure to meet his family of four sons and their families. Each of the four sons talked about growing up and it was easy to see this is a family that sticks together. The brothers told stories about sometimes they could be a little naughty and Dad would always find out. Sir Knight Joe leaves us with fond memories that will live on forever.

Many thanks to Honored Lady Mary Wyatt for appointing Sir Knight JD Hammett to serve as Supreme Associate Patron. Thank you, Sir Knight JD, for accepting. I appreciate your kind offer to help me and I am sure I will need it.

Sir Knight Allan, Honored Lady Beverly and I spend hour after hour on the phone. We are working diligently to get everything put together for Supreme Council. Much is still left to do but we will be ready. I anticipate each new day and look for the hope and joy it brings to my life. Happy New Year to all.



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS H.L. Susan Patchin

Hello to All, Happy New Year as we step into 2022. Life is attempting to get back to some form of normal. It was a fun filled November as two of my travel pals went with me to the Grand Court of Alabama. We had a wonderful group of Supreme officers there. The State Park where they held the session was absolutely gorgeous. To wake up overlooking a very big lake was great. The end of the month took me to the Madison Court in Grand Rapids, MI. They may be small, but they have enthusiasm and a desire to make a go of it. It is good to have that type of attitude because it goes a long way on the road to success.

December looked like the start of the holidays at home would be very nice and then we received the news of the passing of S.K. Joe Talvy, SAP. It was a heartbreaking message, as S.K. Joe had always been a bright & shining face to see in any court room. He will be Sweet in my memory until that day when we meet again in the celestial court. The rest of December went well, and we were able to spend time with family for the holiday. I had time in the kitchen with my granddaughter baking Christmas treats, teaching the next generation is such a blessing. The end of December was more happiness and great honor in many ways. Pappy and I, as the RM and RP, attended the Installation of the Grand Master for PA to represent Jeannette Court #25, the new Grand Master's home Court. It was wonderful to be present along with H.L. Mary Wyatt, SRM and S.K. George Kuhns, SRP along with the Grand officers of the Grand Court of PA. S.K. Jeffery Wonderling is a PRM of our Court. To end the year the Grand Court of PA held a retreat weekend for New Year's Eve. We had around 75 members attend with loads of fun all planned by H.L. Emily Moyer, S Treasurer. H.L. Mary Wyatt, SRM joined the fun along with S.K. George, SRP, others included H.L. SaraAnn Seibert, PSRM, H.L. Barbara Ullrich, PSRM, H.L. Barbara Lott, PSRM and H.L. Dianne Dean, PSRM. PSRP George "Stoney" Pavlik and S.K. Bill Lott, S. Treasurer, Emeritis. Out of jurisdiction family included a group from Virginia. Great fun was had by all. So now onto 2022 and the work of Amaranth moves on to new adventures. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the Amaranth Trail. May you all stay warm, safe and healthy. Hugs as always.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS H.L. Elizabeth “Bizzy” Herbolsheimer

Welcome 2022!

It’s hard to believe that we have started a new calendar year and shortly we will again be on the Amaranth trail! I’m excited to see everyone at the spring Grand Courts and activities and look forward to being with our Amaranth family across the world.

Spring reminds me of new beginnings; Learning new things and embarking on new adventures. We are continuing to work on the new Court in Montana. There are enough candidates to constitute a new court, and they are working on finding a building in Billings, Montana. They are working on a meeting day and name for their court. They will be Court number 3 as there have been 2 Courts in Montana previously. I am hopeful that we’ll be able to get this Court started before Supreme Council. These potential new members have great energy and are really excited to bring Amaranth back to Montana.

I had a great time visiting Amaranth Courts in the fall. I was honored to participate in many Grand Court Installations or Coronations. It was wonderful to be with many of the Heralds as we watched those Honored Lady Grand Associate Conductresses of the fall Grand Courts advance to Grand Conductress. I had a wonderful time with family during the holidays. Many games of Clue were played with my nieces, and for those of you who are fans of “Clue the Movie”, there was indeed a time when it was Mr. Green, in the Hall with the Revolver.

I look forward to travelling in the upcoming months and having my reception in Massachusetts on April 20, 2022 just before the Grand Court starts in Salem.

Safe travels and stay healthy!



In New Mexico with HL Pam, GAC of CO. Missing HL Karen from AZ.



At the Grand Court of Alabama with HL Mercedes GC of AL, HL Janet GAC of GA, and HL Lara GAC of FL.



It was awesome to be with my sisters in North Carolina as Meredith was installed as Grand Royal Matron.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Susan Dishart
Planned Giving Officer

We are so thankful for you! Stay healthy and share the message to help others.

Your work is so important for people living with diabetes. So, don't forget to take care of yourselves. The American Diabetes Association® (ADA) website is filled with information on healthy living: nutrition and exercise, not just for people living with diabetes. In fact, in 2008 the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation funded the researcher, Dr. Eugene Barrett discovered that moderate exercise could improve the ability of insulin to regulate blood flow and glucose uptake in muscle, process which are impaired in prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. Exercise is now considered a staple to good management of type 2 diabetes and preventing progression of prediabetes.

Nutrition and healthy eating are also critical to everyone's well-being. The ADA wants to help you find good foods to eat that are easy to prepare and delicious. I thought I would share one of my favorite recipes from our Diabetes Food Hub: diabetesfoodhub.org. (see below)

February is Heart Month, and that's important for everyone: especially anyone living with diabetes or prediabetes. People with diabetes are twice as likely to have heart disease or a stroke. But there's a lot you can do to lower your risk and stay heart-healthy, such as tracking your numbers and knowing the warning signs.

Have a happy and healthy new year! Thank you for all you do to make a difference for people living and looking to thrive with diabetes.

Until there is a cure,
Sue Dishart, Planned Giving Officer and Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Liaison

Butternut Squash and Kale Soup

Ingredients

- 1 large, sweet onion (cut into wedges)
- 4 Cups cubed butternut squash (about 3/4-inch cubes)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- fresh ground black pepper to taste
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 (14.5 oz) can low sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 cups chopped kale

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
2. Line a large baking pan with aluminum foil and spread onion and squash over foil in a single layer. Drizzle vegetables with olive oil and toss lightly to coat, then season with pepper and thyme. Place in oven and bake for 30-35 minutes, or until vegetables are cooked through and starting to brown. Note: take vegetables out at least one during cooking to stir. Combine roasted vegetables, chicken broth and water in a large saucepan and use an immersion blender to blend ingredients together until smooth.
3. Heat blended soup over medium heat until heated through, then stir in kale and cook until wilted, about 3 minutes. Enjoy!

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. CHARLENE TUCKER, President

Happy New Year and best wishes for a safe and healthy 2022.

Recognition of our members has always been at top priority as I have been President of the Foundation. Please remember the following opportunities.

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”. Send an email to H.L. Hillary Johnson auroraboreais98@aol.com with information as to why you feel this member is an “Unsung Hero”. A special certificate will be created and presented to this member at your Grand Court Session

March 30, 2022 is the deadline for Individual Service Award nominations. 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.

Safe Travels and Best Wishes Always.

GRAND COURT OF ALABAMA
H.L. Betty Cox, PSRM
Reporter

Greetings from the Grand Court of Alabama. We have been missing from the Publication for a while now but just wanted everyone to know we are Alive and Well. Made it thru all the problems of no meetings, no Grand Courts and no Supreme Council.

Our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Dee Bennett and Grand Royal Patron S.K. Donald Bedsole are now geared up and ready to start things moving around here once again. We have a State School of Instruction coming up on January 22nd in Montgomery at Montgomery Court #17. We are looking forward to a good meal, good words of Wisdom from our Grand Lecturer, H.L. Jan Blankenship and a lot of fellowship that we have missed. Another State School is being planned for July 30th.

Just want to warn some of the Grand Courts that we have a very dedicated Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron who like nothing better than traveling and being with all of our Members of the Order, so don't be surprised if they suddenly show up at your Grand Court (and this reporter just might be tagging along with them). Know we will be seeing our Honored Ladies and Sir Knights in California in February and who knows just where they will pop up from there.

Just in case any of you might be traveling South to get out of the weather those of you who are in the "Frozen North" we would love to have you attend our Court meetings. Alabama Court #1 meets at 6419 Palmerdale Rd., Clay, AL on the Third Thursday at 1:30 p.m., Mobile Court #7 meets at 5040 McDonald Road, Theodore, Al on the Third Monday at 7 p.m., Shoals Court #16 meets at 9010 Main Street, Leighton, AL on the Third Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and Montgomery Court #17 meets at 2315 Cong.W.L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, AL on the Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

This is short and sweet but hopefully there will be some activities to report the next time. Until then

just remember Grand Court of "Sweet Home" Alabama is back on the reporting in Crown and Sword and looking forward to all the other items we see in it.

GRAND COURT OF ALASKA
H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM
Reporter

Alaska Court No. 1 held its Installation January 8, 2022. H.L. Sandra Thompson Wallace and S.K. Johnnie Wallace were installed as Royal Matron and Royal Patron. This is H.L. Sandy's first time as Royal Matron. She has been very active with the International Order of Rainbow for Girls for many years and Worthy Matron in Eastern Star several times.

H.L. Brenda Crothers, the retiring Royal Matron was heartily thanked for her guidance the last two years. H.L. Brenda is Grand Court Secretary.

Several members of Polaris Court No. 2 came down from Fairbanks to assist in the Installation. Fairbanks has had extremely cold temperatures, strong winds, and heavy snows so was not able to have their election of officers on December 17. Weather has continued to cause difficulty to having a meeting. If Court 1's installation had been a week earlier no one from Fairbanks could have made the drive down safely.

GRAND COURT OF ARIZONA
H.L. Dotty Lou Cox, DSRM
Reporter

Arizona's Grand Court wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year as we make plans for the next three months and prepare for our Grand Court Session which will be held at the Sheraton Phoenix Crescent Hotel from May 12 – 14, 2022. Information and registration will be sent out in the

near future about the “This Is OUR Happy Place Session”.

Our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Maryalta Cooper, and Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Gerry Massey, will be finishing their Official Visits during the months of January and February, with their final Official Visit being to Kinishba Court, the Grand Royal Matron’s home Court on March 2, 2022.

Arizona’s Amaranth Diabetes Research Committee is finalizing their plans for this year’s fundraising projects. This committee, which has been spearheaded this year by H.L. Jeannie Willits, DSRM, H.L. Karen House, DSRM, S.K. Henry Spomer, PGRP, and H.L. Joanie Spomer, PGRM, held several projects throughout the year, including the Christmas in July luncheon and craft show and the selling of gently used formals. Plans for the coming months, include the showing and selling of these formals at Baa Hanii’s Friendship Night on February 11, followed by a luncheon, Fashion Show and Sale on February 12th. The final, big fundraising event is a Dinner Theater on March 20th. Nationally known entertainers from Nashville, David Salyer and Daphne Anderson will present a western musical show for the enjoyment of all attendees. Details for this event will be forth coming at a later date by the Arizona Amaranth email coordinator.

GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA **H.L. Dorcas Aunger, PRM** **Reporter**

The holiday activities are over, but California Amaranth Courts are still busy. All have face-to-face meetings by now. And most have fundraisers happening that they couldn’t do until all their members could be together.

There was one very special event which I forgot to include in my last article. Loyalty Court had the rare opportunity to present congratulations to one of their members, H.L. Frances Fostine, PGRM,

and recognition of her 75-years of membership in the Order of the Amaranth.

The current Amaranth year is quickly coming to a close. Our Grand Royal Matron has two more Official Visits to make and there will be one more Advance Night. Grand Court has one more social activity: a visit to the Railroad Museum in Sacramento followed by an excursion train ride along the Sacramento River. Finally the Revealing of the 2022 Grand Officers is planned to be held at the San Jose Masonic Center on Jan. 28.

Grand Court will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, CA. It will begin with rehearsals on Feb. 16, and the session will be held on Feb. 17 through Feb. 19.

All of the coming events will depend on Covid-19. The winter surge is upon us. In the last week many things have changed. The Governor has activated the National Guard to assist the testing centers. Indoor mask wearing has been extended in every situation, not just large crowds. Cloth masks cannot be used. We must use surgical masks or N-95 masks. Everyone is being urged to stay home if possible. The average number of new Covid cases per day for the past week has been 108,404. So now we are waiting to hear what will happen next. Our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Christine Cross, sent out an edict on Jan. 6. It reinstated her edict of early 2020 with some changes and added a few more elements. All these practices are to be in effect until Feb. 3. As this is being written all is in a state of flux. We’ll just have to wait to see what happens next.

GRAND COURT OF COLORADO **H.L. Mary Keithline, DSRM** **Reporter**

The Grand Royal Matron H.L. Brandi Long and Grand Royal Patron S.K. Jim Miles Have been on their journey down the yellow brick road now for almost 2 years and they are very much looking forward to getting to the Emerald City in February

at Colorado Grand Court Session February 17-18-19, 2022, at The Double Tree Tech Center in Denver, Colorado

The last 4 official visits of the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron were well attended.

The Homecoming of the Grand Royal Patron at Liberty Court No. 1 was on Thursday December 9, 2021, and the meeting was beautiful, and the dinner was so delicious.

The Homecoming of the Grand Royal Matron at Laurel Court No. 16 was on Saturday December 11, 2021.

The dining hall at Laurel Court was transformed into "The Merry ol' Land of Oz" and the pictures of the lodge master and associates were transformed into the Lolly pop guild.

H.L. Brandi Long Grand Royal Matron received her 25-year member pin at the official visit.

As we wind down the last part of the yellow brick road and start our new Journey to Springtime in the Rockies, the Grand Court of Colorado looks forward to new adventures with H.L. Lula Ellsworth GAM and S.K. Clinton Keithline GAP and their Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons "The Pearls"



H.L. Brandi Long GRM, H.L. Mary Wilkes RM of Laurel Court No. 16



Top Left: H.L. Brandi Long GRM, H.L. Lorita Seidler RM Faith Court No 18, S.K. Jason Deselms RP Faith Court No 18, S.K. Jim Miles GRP

Top Right: H.L. Brandi Long GRM, H.L. Lynn Brown-Jones RM Violet Court No 22, S.K. Dale Young RP Violet Court No 22, S.K. Jim Miles GRP

Bottom Left: H.L. Brandi Long GRM, H.L. Nancy Konig RM Liberty Court No. 1, S.K. Clinton Keithline RP Liberty Court No. 1, S.K. Jim Miles GRP

Bottom Right: H.L. Brandi Long GRM, H.L. Mary Wilkes RM Laurel Court No. 16, S.K. Lyle Wilkes RP Laurel Court No. 16, S.K. Jim Miles GRP



Picture from Pikes Peak Court Step Up Night Saturday January 8, 2022

H.L. Lula Ellsworth GAM, H.L. Kristine Tucker AM Pikes Peak Court No 20, S.K. Mark Tucker AP Pikes Peak Court No. 20, S.K. Clinton Keithline GAP

GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA
H.L. Cathy Edson, DSRM
Reporter

The Grand Court of Florida is saddened to report the death of our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Hillary Cohan on December 28, 2021. H.L. Hillary was killed in a motorcycle accident. H.L. Hillary loved to ride her motorcycle and was riding with a friend at the time of the accident. H.L. Hillary and her bubbly energy and fun-loving personality will be greatly missed by the members of the Amaranth. H.L. Hillary's grandson, Jordan was a Type 1 Diabetic, and she has worked very hard to support and promote our philanthropy. H.L. Roslyn Heath has assumed the position of Grand Royal Matron and is continuing to follow the wishes of H.L. Hillary for the Grand Court Session to be held on May 19-22 in Daytona Beach, FL.

Crown Court, Harmony Court, and Century Court have been able to hold initiations of new members in the past few months. We are happy to see the Courts still able to hold meetings and to begin to see some growth in our Courts.

On a lighter note, we would also like to congratulate H.L. Valerie Crowe, a member of Harmony Court No. 25 in New Port Richey, FL. H.L. Valerie is an award winning author and recently participated in a book signing at the Palm Harbor Library.

H.L. Valerie Crowe, at a book signing At Palm Harbor Library.



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

The Grand Court of Illinois is getting excited. We have all had our installations in November and December. Official Visits start in April. Advance Nights will begin in June.

Illinois is very excited for H.L. Renee Dempster. This reporter forgot to put this in the last article: H.L. Renee was named by S.K. Joe Talvy as Supreme Diabetes Coordinator for H.L. Stella Joyner and S.K. Joe's year. We know that H.L. Renee will do a great job!

We hope that everyone had a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! May all that read this be blessed with good health!

GRAND COURT OF IOWA
H.L. Cathy Francis, GRM

IS THIS HEAVEN? NO! IT'S IOWA!

Greetings from H.L. Cathy and S.K. Tom Francis, GRM and GRP of Iowa. Tom and I were fortunate to share the Holidays with most our family this year, the first time since 2019. While not all of our family members could be with us, we sent out Christmas cards and called or texted to keep in touch. We still have a few gifts to deliver when the temperature warms up a bit. It is 7 degrees above zero as I write this note, but the warmth of your friendship warms our hearts. Willow, our Scottie puppy is adjusting well to Francis life. Even Eli, the 15-year-old Westie has adjusted to her.

We hope that all is well with you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members who are ill or are grieving. After much thought and discussion, Tom and I have decided to postpone the Birthday Party that was scheduled for February 13, 2022 until July 2022 due to the rise in Covid 19 Omicron cases. While we are disappointed that we have to wait a while, we are certain this is the

correct decision for our Order for the safety and the well-being of our members. The sunshine seems to be hidden in the overcast at this moment in our lives, but we are looking forward to warmer days and the fellowship it will bring.

As a fundraiser, we have decided to make and sell Bowl Cozies for \$5.00 each. If you would like to order, please contact me by email or phone. Proceeds go to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Be the sunshine. Let Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity shine in your words, thoughts, choices and actions. In Amaranth Love, H.L. Cathy and S.K. Tom.



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

WOW it is January 10th already and I have not begun to relate what is going on in Massachusetts. And with no internet in my home!

Our GRM is trying very hard to finish her "Official Visitations" getting all of our Courts in order after a pandemic hiatus. It has not been an easy task what with new strains coming through. And as careful as we are ---- it is still out there and not going away fast.

Our GRM was forced to quarantine and as I speak to you I too have been tested positive. BUT aren't we lucky that we have a supreme being that has a plan and will take care of us in spite of ourselves

As Grand Fraternal Correspondence of Massachusetts I have been made aware that many of our fraternal family have gone to heaven, to that home not made with stones. S.K. Joe Talvy SAP and the GRM of Florida have joined many others with the Supreme Being in Heaven! May their families be granted a peace in their hearts and find comfort with us, their friends.

Ok so how are you doing with this virus? How has this new strain affected you and your Courts? We are struggling to open completely taking extra precautions based on the state's statistics. And what are your thoughts with the governmental decrees. I don't know about you but I am grateful for a Supreme Being that is ALWAYS there for me!

Some news: Our GRM with one of our members (her Grand Wisdom Monica Gonzalez) went to the Cape to Bourne National Cemetery for the "Wreaths Across America" ceremonies and assisted in laying wreaths on the graves of our veterans in Massachusetts

We finally got SNOW and our Courts are readying for their annual year-end meetings...closing one year and opening another....and our GRM and GRP are doing the same, completing their chores and beginning preparations for our April Grand Court Session.

Won't you plan on coming. We are holding it in Salem, Massachusetts (lots of witch city happenings and museums) April 21st through April 24st with lots of time for exploring our witches. Watch our website for complete details and plan on coming up. We would love to host you and yours and get to know you better through the love of Amaranth.

Thank you for listening. Thank you for taking the time to make a submission yourself. I truly enjoy reading what is happening in your states. How your members are dealing with things; what you do for

excitement; and how you are raising your funds. Sharing is what the Crown and Sword is all about and I look forward to your thoughts!

GRAND COURT OF NEW MEXICO H.L. Laura Cliff Reporter

Grand Court of New Mexico honors our Sir Knights

For those of you who have honored us by visiting the Grand Court of NM, you know that we are small, but mighty! We are proud of what we do as a Grand Court but also the involvement with the Blue Lodge and other appendant bodies of our Masonic family.

At our Grand Court in November 2021, we were very proud of H.L. Johnnye Hammett, as she was presented her 50-year membership pin by her son S.K. J.D. Hammett, PSRP. S.K. J.D. received his 50-year membership pin just before the pandemic closed everything down. At Grand Court, and much to his surprise, S.K. J.D. Hammett was presented with his 50-year membership pin from the Order of Eastern Star. The Worthy Matron of S.K. J.D.'s Star chapter asked H.L. Laura A Cliff, PGRM, to make the presentation thus making it a family affair. Congratulations to the Hammett family for their service to both the Amaranth and Eastern Star.



Our GRP, S.K. Anthony Pugliese, Sierra Blanc #5, was installed as Jr. Warden of Tularosa Lodge and is the Worthy Patron of Alamo Chapter, OES.



Our GAP, S.K. Leon Alderette, La Mesa #3, is Associate Patron, the Illustrious Master of York Rite Council and Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.



S.K. Davin Teague, a new member to Amaranth and Treasurer of La Mesa #3, was installed as Jr. Warden of Sandoval Lodge.



S.K. Adam Hathaway, La Mesa #3, was installed as Assistant Ribban of Ballut Abyad Shrine.



The membership of the Grand Court is very proud of these Sir Knights, and because of them, we are well represented in these other Orders. They are very interested and busy talking about their experiences, the beauty of the Order of the Amaranth ritual, the works we do for Diabetes Research and are working to increase our membership.

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

OHIO SENDS HELLO

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is behind us, we hope many of our Honored Ladies and Sir Knights were able to spend some time with family and friends.

As a New Year dawns, we are still in the midst of a pandemic, so please be careful and be safe.

Here in Ohio many of our Courts are dark during January and February so their members do not have to adventure out in the cold and snow. Even though the Courts are not meeting, they are still busy getting ready for Installations. Even our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron are also busy putting things together for their Ohio Grand Court Session which will be in May.

They are hoping things will be better this year so that many of our friends from out of state will be able to be with us this year. Keep watching your email or the Crown and Sword for updates.

Until we are able to meet again, stay safe and if you must travel, be very careful.
Hugs to all

GRAND COURT OF OKLAHOMA
H.L. Stacey Harris, GAM
Reporter

I am happy to report that the Oklahoma Grand Officers have hit the road and traveled around the state this fall session. With H.L. Stephanie White and S.K. Ridge Smith at the lead we have wrapped up our official visit session! Congratulations to H.L. Stephanie, S.K. Ridge and all of the Courts in Oklahoma on work well done.

We look forward to this spring as we start installations and preparing for the Puttin' on the Ritz 75th Grand Court session May 12-14. H.L. Stephanie has lots of plans in store so find your flapper dresses and make sure you know the "word" to get into this speakeasy.

I hope you are all keeping warm and healthy and we look forward to seeing you on the road this year!

GRAND COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
H.L. Michelle Finsdore
Reporter

Greetings from the Keystone State! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you stayed well. We hope many of you were able to gather with friends and family safely.

We have had many events going on since the last article. Many Courts have had their district meetings with great success and our grand line officers are getting in their homecomings! Since the last article, H.L. Lois Zerby, GAM, H.L. Robin Fridy, Grand Conductress, and S.K. Karl Forsberg, GAP, have all been blessed to have wonderful turnouts to celebrate them. Coming up in February, we will have H.L. Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GAC homecoming and in April will be H.L. Miranda Peruso, GRM.



Brother and SK Jeff Wonderling, RWGM



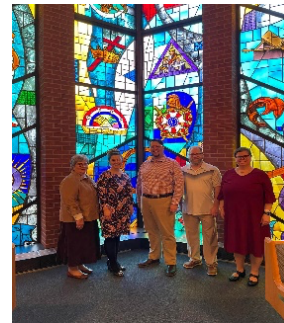
From left to right:

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 Front row: HL Lois Zerby, GAM, HL Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GAC, HL Miranda Peruso, GRM, SK Seth Anthony, GRP, HL Mary Wyatt, SRM

Pennsylvania congratulates Brother and S.K. Jeffrey M. Wonderling, installed as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania for 2022 - 23 on December 27th. We were so happy that many of our members were able to make it to the occasion.

On New Year's weekend, over 70 Amaranth members including H.L. Mary Wyatt, SRM, S.K. George, Kuhns SRP and members from Virginia and New York, joined us for a weekend of frivolity at the Masonic Patton Campus in Elizabethtown, as we rang in the new year together. So much fun as we participated in games, a HUGE New Year's Eve dance party in which many of us made it to midnight, relaxing manicures and makeovers, a float building competition and parade etc. The Grand Line version of Project Runway was to die for!! It was an unconventional challenge that Tim Gunn would be proud of. The fashion show can be

seen on our Facebook page! It was so much fun to be able to visit with many members and just have so much fun! H.L. Emily Moyer, Supreme Treasurer her committee and others who pitched in did a superb job.



Our Grand Line at the Chapel on the Masonic Patton Campus, Elizabethtown.
 HL Robin Fridy, GAC, HL Miranda Peruso, GRM, SK Seth Anthony, GRP, SK Karl Forsberg, GAP and HL Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GAC

That's all for now. Hope everyone stays safe and well.

GRAND COURT OF TENNESSEE

S.K. Lou Scherf, GAP Reporter

The list of 2022 Subordinate Court officers contains a sprinkling of new Honored Ladies and Sir Knights as elected and installed. The strength of all organizations is improved by adding members to the list of experienced officers who served in the role of leadership.

Weather postponed the "Cruise for the Cure" car show in Oak Ridge, but enthusiasm, persistence, and dedication prevailed. A high level of energy and know-how by H.L. Amy Jones, PGRM, assisted by several dedicated members, resulted in a very successful show and a feeling of "well-done".

The joy that is experienced by celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Redeemer of the world, is experienced every day of this new year. The conception is miraculous, the birth was predicted centuries before the event, the message and His life are recorded in

history, and the proof that Jesus is the Son of God is revealed by His resurrection. Without His escape from the grave there would be no reason to celebrate His birth.

We have passed the winter solstice, the day with the shortest daylight in the northern hemisphere, and now we are experiencing increased light each day. Let us focus on opportunities as they appear and join in extending the usefulness of The Order of Amaranth. In unity there is strength.

GRAND COURT OF WISCONSIN
H.L. Cheri Brus, GC
Reporter

Greetings from Wisconsin. My name is Cheri Brus and I am a repeat Grand Conductress for Wisconsin Court. Our Court meets the second full weekend in October in Wisconsin Dells. If you've never been, see if you can make it. Usually, the colors are just beautiful as they are peaking for the end of the year. Also, we don't have snow at that time or if we do it is not a lot.

In February our Grand Royal Patron is planning a mini golf outing. It will be in Madison. Yes, we have snow at that time but don't worry as it is indoor mini golf

We are dark in January and February but when we start up in March, we are having our Grand Lecturer Visits. All four Courts are usually done in the one month and our Grand Lecturer goes away with a contented belly.

I hope everyone has a good New Year and all goes well.

CROWN AND SWORD EDITOR
H.L. Kim May, DSRM

A co-worker and I were talking the other day about having a title versus being good at a job. Both are important. You need people who are in leadership roles to keep organizations in order. You also need people who are good at a job. You can have people who are very good at a job, but never receive a title. That does not make those people any less good at their job or any less valuable. Many times the ones who are good at the job and never have a title are the most important ones to keep places running. They are your foundation. The ones with titles come and go. Some with titles are good at their job and some are not. The foundation is always there, always making sure business gets done, people get taken care of, the wheels keep turning. They are also the ones who are usually looked over, because they are quietly in the background working and doing their job, instead of in the forefront being the loudest voice in the room. Remember to stop and pay attention to the ones who are good at a job. Give appreciation to the foundation that keeps things running. Show them that they are valued for their contributions. Without a solid foundation the whole thing will collapse.

To all those who are the foundation, please know that you are seen, you are valued, and you are appreciated.

BE A VOICE NOT AN ECHO!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Majority Masonic Youth Leaders Advance in PA Amaranth

While the Pandemic may have slowed down Freemasonry, it certainly couldn't stop it. The same can be said for the appendant organizations that depend on the Fraternity. Having gone nearly three years without a meeting, the Grand Court of Pennsylvania, Order of the Amaranth, was able to convene in September 2021 to transact business and install new leadership. The result of this meeting was the election of Honored Lady Miranda Peruso to the office of Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Seth Anthony becoming Grand Royal Patron.

For those who may not be familiar, the Order of the Amaranth endeavors to develop the moral character of its members through a belief in a Supreme Being and the teachings of the lessons of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity. Each member is taught to care for the welfare of her and his fellow members. To date, Amaranth has raised more than \$17 million for the American Diabetes Association and remains one its most ardent supporters.

But, what does this mean for Masonic Youth in Pennsylvania?

In an unusual confluence of events, it was discovered that this is the first time that majority members of the Masonic Youth Groups have held both positions within the Grand Court of Pennsylvania. Having just celebrated the 100th Grand Court Session, Miranda and Seth assumed positions of leadership to guide the 16 Courts of the Order of the Amaranth in Pennsylvania into their second century of service.

Miranda got her start in Rainbow when she was eleven and was appointed as Grand Service during PA Rainbow's 50th Anniversary year in 1991-1992. Miranda served as Grand Representative to New York, Grand Lecturer, Personal Page to the Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Drill Leader, and was elected as Grand Worthy Advisor (GWA) in 1996. She was a Junior Grand Executive following her year as GWA and before she received her majority.

Seth is a well-known member of DeMolay. He joined Erie Chapter at the age of 18 and quickly rose through the ranks to become Master Councilor. Within a year, he ran for state level office, serving Pennsylvania DeMolay as both State Junior Councilor and State Senior Councilor before his majority. Following his time as a youth, Seth continued his involvement with Pennsylvania DeMolay by serving as the Director of Convention for 9 years. Seth was made an Active Member of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International in 2019, where he works to ensure the voices of the young men are heard in policy decisions.

Says Miranda, “Some of my fondest fraternal memories came during my time as a Rainbow girl. I have stayed in touch with friends I made from across the state and wanted to continue to build on my fraternal ties by joining the Order of the Amaranth and the Order of the Eastern Star. Part of that was my family legacy, but more of it was because I wanted more of what I had been privileged to enjoy as a member of Rainbow.”

“The skills and abilities that I developed as a leader in our Masonic Youth Groups are what prepared me to lead our Grand Court” notes Seth. “Term planning, budgeting, and ritualistic excellence were all tenets that I was taught in DeMolay. In Amaranth, I am continuing to build on those experiences in the hope that I can leave the Grand Court in an even better place than I found it. “

In ways such as this, our Masonic Youth Groups continue to have an impact on Freemasonry. The Youth Leaders of today are the Masonic Leaders of tomorrow. This is why we encourage all Masonic organizations to get involved in supporting our Masonic Youth, including inviting them to become members when they reach the appropriate age. In this way, the benefits are truly felt for generations to come.

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Supreme Assembly will be here before we know it. There are some roles within Supreme Council that anyone in the Order can apply for. There is an application process and the committees, along with the Supreme Trustees, choose the members to assume the roles for the year. If anyone is interested in applying for the roles listed below please reach out to the appropriate committee chairman. More information on the roles can be found in the Supreme Constitution.

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Supreme Itinerary			
February 2022			
February 10-12	Virginia Grand Court	Virginia Beach, VA	SRM
February 17-19	California Grand Court	Visalia, CA	SAM
February 17-19	Colorado Grand Court	Denver, CO	SRM
February 19-23	North American Conference of Grand Masters	Milwaukee, WI	
February 24-26	South Carolina Grand Court	Myrtle Beach, SC	SRM
March 2022			
March 10-12	Oregon Grand Court	Clackamas, OR	SRM
March 17-19	Georgia Grand Court	Atlanta, GA	SRM
March 17-19	Washington Grand Court	Olympia, WA	SC
March 31 – April 2	Connecticut Grand Court	East Hartford, CT	SRM
March 31 – April 2	Tennessee Grand Court	Gatlinburg, TN	SAM
April 2022			
April 7-9	Missouri Grand Court	Springfield, MO	SAM
April 8-9	Kentucky Grand Court	Louisville, KY	SRM
April 21-23	Massachusetts Grand Court	Salem, MA	SRM
April 21-23	Arkansas Grand Court	Russellville, AR	SC
April 24-26	Pennsylvania Grand Court	Lancaster, PA	SRM
May 2022			
May 1-5	WSOJ Supreme Shrine	Kingsport, TN	SRM
May 5-7	New Jersey Grand Court	Atlantic City, NJ	SRM
May 12-14	Oklahoma Grand Court	Oklahoma City, OK	SRM
May 12-14	Arizona Grand Court	Phoenix, AZ	SAM
May 11-14	New York Grand Court	East Syracuse, NY	SAC
May 14	Ontario Grand Court	Brampton, Ontario	SC
May 18-21	Ohio Grand Court	Zanesville, OH	SRM
May 19-21	Florida Grand Court	Daytona Beach, FL	SAM
May 22-24	Grand Court of Queensland	Brisbane, Queensland	SRM
June 2022			
June 2-4	Indiana Grand Court	Tulsa, OK	SRM
June 18	Grand Court of British Columbia	British Columbia	SRM
July 2022			
July 11-14	124 th Supreme Assembly		Tulsa, OK

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Robert Stockton

ACROSS

1. Operator of a "2001" space plane
6. Feature of sportscasts and TiVos
11. Short sleepwear?
14. NAACP locale
15. Historically popular food fowl
16. The safe side
17. Flavorful name for an East coast city
19. Dedicated work
20. 1962 "Space Age" hit for The Tornados
21. Kind of neat?
23. Discovered, in Derbyshire
26. Classical tune featured in "Ordinary People"
33. "Fooled ya!"
34. Mad Cow Disease, initially
35. Ending with centi- or milli-
36. She was seduced by Zeus
37. Changes shade after seeing one?
39. Believe, old style
40. Let go
41. GP's grp.
42. Variety show
43. Four before "Hi-ho, the derry-o"
47. Without leadership
48. Tired-out trotter
51. Son of Cedric, per Scott
56. Critter compound
57. The part you point, and a hint to 17, 26, and 43 across
60. Messenger maker
61. Former White House Bush
62. Not so hot
63. Had, at the table
64. Oglers

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65. Emulates Ella

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1. Short shot in the U.S. Open
2. 1968 winner of the US Open
3. Coward on stage
4. B1 landing spots
5. Restaurant VIP
6. Egyptian beetle or brooch
7. Luxury spot?
8. The other side: abbr.
9. Blackstrap, e.g.
10. "Be right there!"
11. Two fourths of an antacid sound
12. Force user
13. Spotted
18. Manx man, e.g.
22. Adjusted
24. He played opposite Schwimmer and Perry
25. Dutch diva Delange
26. Rice dish
27. Billy Joel's singing daughter
28. It may be hard or mulled
29. Chief
30. Chutzpah
31. Two-time batting champ Lefty
32. Stairway support
37. Country called "The Heart of America"
38. Arab chief
42. Moulds a statue anew
44. Make possible
45. ___ a rail
46. Where you might find your honey
48. Emerald City princess
49. Word with art or heart
50. Accomplished
52. 11 in. of wire, as distributed by Grace Hopper
53. Trademarked filter technology
54. "I've already started that task!"
55. TV personalities Byrnes and Hall
58. Litigate
59. Factory second label: abbr.

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