



# THE CROWN & SWORD

*The Newsletter of the*  
**SUPREME COUNCIL**  
**ORDER of the AMARANTH, Inc.**



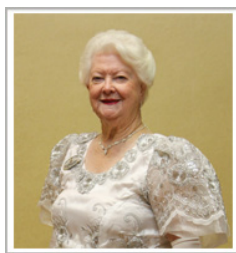
**Honored Lady Stella Joyner, Supreme Royal Matron**  
**Sir Knight Allan Potts, Supreme Royal Patron**  
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## **SUPREME ROYAL MATRON**

### **H.L. Stella Joyner**

Congratulations to H. L. Mary Wyatt and S. K. George Kuhns on a most successful Supreme Council. I can say they could have done nothing to make it better. Well done my good and faithful friends.

The installation of Supreme of Officers, the new officers luncheon and the reception were all better than I had envisioned. Thanks to all who had a part in making my dreams come true. Now it's time to put into action the work to make our 2022-2023 year a possibility of reaching our goals.

Not much has happened to report on since Supreme Council closed. Just remember our MAP, Membership, Attendance, and Proficiency.

It has been reported that there are members developed COVID in our recent Supreme Assembly. Please know that I am concerned for each of you and wish for your speedy recovery. Let us keep a close watch on yourself and if you have been exposed, please stay home. Remember to wear your mask, sanitize and social distance. We must try to protect each other. I know I am asking you to attend Amaranth meetings as often as you can but, it is more important to stay safe and stay well. I hope to see many of you on the Amaranth trail protecting yourself and others in our beautiful Order.



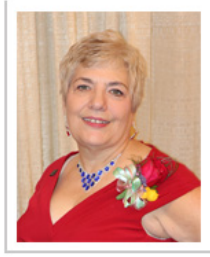
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## **SUPREME ROYAL PATRON**

### **S.K. Allan Potts**

Congratulations to H.L. Mary Wyatt, Jr. PSRM, and S.K. George Kuhns, Jr. PSRP, on an outstanding Supreme Council Assembly. To all those who worked so hard to make the "Dreams Come True" Session a success, you have exceeded all of our wildest dreams and left us with many fond memories for years to come. As we build on the great success of the 2021-2022 year, let us look forward to a bright future and work to grow our beautiful order by welcoming new friends as members, working to improve attendance by becoming more active in our communities, and increasing member participation in our meetings. Let us remember that this is a team effort, and that when all unite together as a family, supporting a common cause of finding a cure for diabetes, great things are possible, and we can make history.

I look forward to meeting each and every member as I join H.L. Stella, SRM in our travels this year.



## **SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON H.L. Susan Patchin**

Hello All! This is quite an article to write. My brain is still trying to wrap around the idea of being the Supreme Associate Matron for this wonderful organization. It is because of two things I have reached this level. The first is by the grace of God to allow me to have the support of you, the members who have been there to support my journey and continue to do it. It has always been my belief that the most important is each and every Honored Lady and Sir Knight in the Order. It is because of you that we are all here in our offices for the Supreme Council. Speaking of the Supreme Council, the Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma was loads of fun and the meetings went very well. H.L. Mary and S.K. George did a beautiful job presiding, congratulations to you both and a well deserved rest is in order. My congratulations go out to the newly elected Supreme officers: S.K. Mel Fossell, Supreme Associate Patron; H.L. Theresa Nichols, Supreme Associate Conductress; S.K. George Ullrich, Supreme Trustee; S.K. Rob Hagen, Supreme Chief Commissioner of Appeal and H.L. Claudia Wilms, Commissioner of Appeal (4 years).

As S.K. Mel and I get ready for our next step on this journey we will be out and about on the Amaranth trail visiting many of the Grand Courts and also the Subordinate Courts. Please make time to say hello and chat with us. We want to know you better.

To all I pray for good health, much happiness and safe travels on the Amaranth trail. Hugs for now.



## **SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON S.K. Mel Fossell**

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## SUPREME CONDUCTRESS H.L. Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer

Happy Summer everyone!

Thank you all for your continued support as I move to the next step on my journey to the Supreme Throne. Being your Supreme Conductress is amazing and I am so excited for this upcoming year.

Congratulations to Honored Lady Mary Wyatt and Sir Knight George Kuhns on a great year and Supreme Council Assembly. You have worked hard and accomplished much for our Order. Good luck to Honored Lady Stella and Sir Knight Allan as they start their journey as Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron. I wish you good health, safe travels, and hope you have an amazing time.

It was great to be with the Heralds at Supreme. Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift! The group is a lovely bunch of ladies, and I look forward to adding the Guardians to our ranks this year. We continue to celebrate our Order and look forward to what our future brings.

In September at the reception in Massachusetts, I am excited to announce the Sir Knight that I have chosen to accompany us on this journey. For the reception, the cut off for the hotel is August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> for the dinner reservations. I hope to see many there. We will definitely be celebrating!

As the summer turns into fall and the holidays approach, I often think about how lucky I am to be a part of this amazing organization and the people who belong to it. How people from across the country have not only become friends, but family. And, together our family can come together and bring success to our order. Remember, we must have a plan for where we want our Courts and Grand Courts to go in the next few years. We must plan our work, and work our plan. We must come together and be active participants in the future of our Order. When we do that, our Order will thrive.

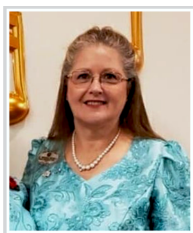
I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the Amaranth trail.

Thank you Heralds for you awesome gift!



The Heralds after the Supreme Installation (with a future Guardian hopping in).





## **SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS**

### **H.L. Theresa Nichols**

I wish to thank everyone for your love and support in electing me to the position of Supreme Associate Conductress.

I am most humble. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on our Amaranth trail. Please come up to me and talk to me wherever you see me, I might not have seen you if I was talking to someone or doing something.

I pray that those who have Covid get well soon.

Congratulations to all the newly elective officers. Also, to Mary and George on the completion of their year.

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## **AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION**

### **Susan Dishart**

### **Planned Giving Officer**

DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE BECAUSE OF YOU!

It was wonderful to travel to Tulsa, OK It is so wonderful to be here and see the smiles on so many people gathered. Thank you for all you do each day for people living with diabetes. There are so many stories that have been shared of how many of you are living with the disease, know friends and family suffering from the complications, and unfortunately, we have all witnessed the loss of loved ones from diabetes. Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Your work on behalf of the millions living with diabetes is making their dreams of a better life come true.

The American Diabetes Association just wrapped up their 82nd Scientific Sessions, showing the world the commitment to research and finding a cure for diabetes.

I came to the ADA after working and volunteering with people with no or low vision for almost 20 years.

Diabetes is the leading cause of vision loss in people 18–64 years old. New research is showing that an annual routine eye exam could prevent 95% of vision loss caused by diabetes.

The CEO of the ADA sent a note to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, thanking for the incredible gift of \$481,800.15 towards new grants supporting diabetes research:

*On behalf of everyone at the American Diabetes Association, please accept my sincere gratitude for your continued support of our diabetes research program. For more than 40 years, the Order of the Amaranth and the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation has supported life changing research grants. We thank you.*

*You and your members are champions in our fight to find a cure for diabetes and helping people living with diabetes thrive. We are thrilled to have you join our vision with your support of our Pathway program this year. Your partnership enables us to find a new generation of brilliant scientists at the peak of their creativity, then provide them with the freedom, autonomy, and financial and professional resources to set them on the road to breakthrough discoveries.*

*We thank you for your tireless effort to inspire change in the lives of people living with diabetes. We are confident that together we will get closer to a cure.*

*With gratitude,  
Charles “Chuck” Henderson  
CEO, American Diabetes Association*

Thank you for your continued support of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and their support of diabetes research. Although we are all still working for a cure, because of your work and dreams, less people are losing limbs, eyesight, and kidney function. Your work is making a difference and is SO appreciated. Lives have improved for people with diabetes because we have ensured that 100% of the gifts we have tirelessly raised go directly to designated research grants. We are all connected for life in the fight against diabetes! Thank you!



## **AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **H.L. JANET ST. JACQUES, ADF President**

It was great being able to come together for the 124<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Assembly, “Dreams Come True” Session, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It was very exciting for the ADF board and all our members when H.L. Charlene Tucker announced the donation to American Diabetes Association in the amount of \$481,800.15. Our donation this year represents the dedication and hard work of each of the members of the Order of the Amaranth.

The ADF is currently funding two scientists: Judith Agudo, PhD, harnessing immune privilege mechanisms from stem cells to protect beta-cells from immune attack and Jun Zou, PhD, Protection against dysglycemia via fiber-mediated nourishment of gut microbiota. In addition, Dr. Laura Alonso has asked for an extension to finish her research on Regenerating beta cells to treat and prevent diabetes with no funds being given.

Many of the Subordinate and Grand Courts were still unable to meet but by their dedication of thinking outside the box made the successful fund raising for the support for Diabetes Research.

The top Grand Courts in 2022 were: Pennsylvania \$75,997.01, Georgia \$48,907.57, Oregon \$24,296.19, Arizona \$22,994.03 and California \$17,505.00. Although we did not have any Milestones reached this year, many Grand Courts are so close to their next Milestone.

At the Organizational meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Supreme Council we welcomed S.K. Doug Reece, S.K. Alan Potts, S.K. Mel Fossell and H.L. Theresa Nichols to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. The board is very sorry to see H.L. Cathy Edson term of office come to an end. H.L. Cathy has been the ADF Secretary and did an outstanding job. Thank you, H.L. Cathy.

The following members were elected to the indicated positions.

Janet St Jacques – President  
Charlene Tucker-Vice President  
Doug Reece – Secretary  
Tiffany St John -Assistant Secretary  
Hillary Johnson – Treasurer

As we begin a new year, may we stay healthy and safe in all our travels. If I or any ADF board member can help assist you, please let us know.



## Jr. PAST SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Mary Wyatt

During this last quarter I was able to attend Massachusetts Grand Court, Pennsylvania Grand Court, New Jersey Grand Court, Oklahoma Grand Court, Ohio Grand Court, Queensland Grand Court, Indiana Grand Court and British Columbia Grand Court. I also represented Amaranth at Supreme Shrine of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Tennessee.

I would like to thank the membership for the love, kindness and support they have shown to me on this five-year magical journey. Thank you to everyone who attended Supreme in Tulsa, you made the event special. This journey has made my dream come true. Thank you so much. To my doves, our journey together has been special, and you all have a special place in my heart. Once again, thank you to everyone. Safe travels, good health and I hope to see you on the Amaranth Trail.

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

Massachusetts Grand Court



Barbara Conkling, Mary Wyatt, Tina Qualey, George Kuhns, Judy Brod

Pennsylvania Grand Court



Patti Nielsen, Sherry Whidden, Dana Greenwood, Mary Wyatt, Miranda Peruso, Seth Anthony, George Kuhns, Fred Greenwood, Richard Whidden



Oklahoma Grand Court



Susan McKinney, Karen Budak, Miranda Peruso, Stephanie White, Ridge Smith, Mary Wyatt, George Kuhns, Patti Nielsen, Mel Fossell

New Jersey Grand Court



George Kuhns, Dana Greenwood, Fred Greenwood, Mary Wyatt



### Ohio Grand Court



Mary Wyatt, Lynda Dobbins, Larry Dobbins, Michael Stoner

### Queensland Grand Court



Mary Wyatt, Jennifer Nielsen

### British Columbia Grand Court



Mary Wyatt, Bill Duncan, Shari Gillies

### Indiana Grand Court



Mel Fossell, Karen Budak, Michael Stoner, Sandy Grogan Sills, Mary Wyatt, George Kuhns, Barbara Conkling, Susan McKinney

**GRAND COURT OF ALABAMA**  
**H.L. Betty Cox, DSRM**  
**Reporter**

Hello again from the 4 Courts in Alabama. I do have a couple of things I would like for all to be aware of if visiting anywhere in Alabama. First Shoals Court #16 has recently moved from Leighton, AL to Rogersville Lodge #147, 40 Spring Street, Rogersville, AL 35652. This is on Hwy 72 off of I-65 and even closer if you plan on being in the Huntsville area or are planning on a trip to Joe Wheeler State Park. They will be meeting at 10 a.m. on July 16<sup>th</sup> and their August meeting will be at the same time on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The next change we have is for Mobile Court #7. They will be holding their last meeting at George U. Potter Lodge #912, 4959 McDonald Rd, Theodore, AL on July 18<sup>th</sup> and will be moving to Grand Bay Lodge #767 at 9905 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd. S., Grand Bay, AL 36541. This will be a Special Meeting held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, eating at 11 a.m. and Meeting at 12:30 with an Official Visit by our Grand Royal Matron H. L. Dee Bennett accompanied by S. K. Donald Bedsole, Grand Royal Patron where they will be honoring their Grand Officers and Special Members. We would love to have anyone visiting in the area to help celebrate our First Meeting in our New Home. After that Special Meeting all other Meetings will be on our Regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. Mobile Court #7 also just had our Annual "Draw Down" Fund Raiser for Diabetes on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of H. L. Betty Cox where we raised \$500.00 for Diabetes, and we thank all who joined us Virtually for this fun Event.

I did not receive any input from our other 2 Court Reporters but I am sure they are both doing or will be doing things that can be reported in the next Issue. C U Then.

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

Both Courts in Alaska are dark until September. Grand Court will be August 18-20, 2022 in Fairbanks. The traditional picnic will be Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> at Leann Folsom's home.

Alaska Court 1 will be collecting tickets at the Red Gate at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer. The Court continues to recycle aluminum cans and hopes to have a "healthy" amount of dollars to present for Diabetes Research at Grand Court in August.

Several Alaska Grand Court officers attended Supreme Assembly in Tulsa and saw our long time member H.L. Doris Miller installed as Supreme Faith. H.L. Doris has been a member of Amaranth over forty years, serving twice as GRM in Alaska and once in New Mexico. She now resides in Arizona but faithfully attends Alaska Grand Court every year filling an office.

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

Summer has been a busy season for the Order of the Amaranth in California. Now that we are back to face-to-face meetings, a lot of activities have been re-activated. Our monthly AIM meetings are back in session. AIM means "Amaranth Involves Members". These grew out of the earlier Association meetings, aimed at the Line Officers, and now welcome any member who wishes to attend and find out what's being planned and what's happening throughout the state. There are two AIM meetings per month; one in northern California and one in Southern California. The state is too long to expect members to travel its whole length for a meeting. From our northernmost Court, Eureka in Arcata, to our southernmost court, Anchor in Escondido, is 774 miles and according to Google is a 14-hour drive. As a result, we duplicate events.



California travels, and recently we have had groups of members attending Grand Court sessions across the U.S. As this article goes to press, our courts have delegations on the road, headed for Oklahoma and Supreme Council. We look forward to their reports on the many Amaranth Facebook pages, as the Assembly continues.

Many of our Courts have vacation in July or August. That means there will be no stated meeting. That doesn't mean there is no Amaranth activity. There will be beach parties, pool parties, a bus trip to the Hollywood Bowl, 20 travel to the Orange County fairgrounds for the Scottish festival. backyard barbecues, and ice cream socials. We also have Grand Court events during this time. On July 31, the Queen Christina Gala will be held where Serenity Court meets. This will be the occasion when our Grand Conductress kisses Kermit the frog revealing her choice for a Grand Associate Patron to travel with her to the Throne of Grand Court.

There have also been projects to earn money for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

Loyalty Court No. 38 recently celebrated their 100 year anniversary. Golden Crown Court No. 2, reached its 125th year in 2021 but couldn't celebrate due to the pandemic. They are celebrating this year on July 31. Crescent Court No. 3 will reach its 125th year within a few months more. Then in 2023, our Grand Court will celebrate 125 years.

By the time you are reading this, most of the Grand Royal Matron's Official Visits will have been completed, and Advance Nights will have begun. May we wish for you all the joyous fall and winter holidays, and a prosperous new year for your Court.

## **GRAND COURT OF COLORADO**

### **H.L. Brandi Long, DSRM**

### **Reporter**

The members of Colorado Grand Court that attended Supreme Session had a wonderful time, even if it was way too HOT...

We are proud of H.L. Mary Wyatt PSRM and S.K. George Kuhns PSRP on the beautiful and successful Supreme Council Assembly.

Colorado had the Honor of having H.L. Patti Baker Supreme Secretary, S.K. Ken Hayter Supreme Warder and H.L. Jacqué Cann (who protomed Supreme Charity for part of assembly)

H.L. Pat Hayter DSRM was nominated for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Individual Distinguished Service Award along with 5 other individuals. Colorado is very grateful to have such an enthusiastic Diabetes Coordinator.

The members of Colorado would like to Congratulate H.L. Stella Joyner SRM and S.K. Allan Potts SRP and wish them good health and happiness as they set out on their adventures.

We congratulate H.L. Patti Baker on her Election and Installation as Supreme Secretary.



H.L. Lula Ellsworth GRM, H.L. Mary Keithline DSRM-Grand Page



H.L. Brandi Long, DSRM-Grand Lecturer, H.L. Lula Ellsworth, GRM



Top Left - H.L. Cindi Sebastian - PGRM - Grand Treasurer  
Bottom Left - S.K. Jim Miles - PSRP  
Right side- H.L. Laura Lambird - GAM



Top: H.L. Mary Wilkes GAC, S.K. Clinton Keithline GRP, H.L. Lula Ellsworth GRM, H.L. Laura Lambird GAM, S.K. Robert Tschida GAP,  
Bottom: S.K. Clinton Keithline GRP, H.L. Lula Ellsworth GRM

Saturday June 11, 2022, lunch - dinner in honor of the Grand Lecturer H.L. Brandi Long at the Grand Lecturers Visit to Laurel Court No. 16 as you can

see our Grand Line Officers were told to not get messy.



H.L. Kristine Tucker RM Pikes Peak No 20, H.L. Kim Brooks, H.L. Ellie Brooks, S.K. Dan Brooks, S.K. Mark Tucker RP Pikes Peak No 20

Saturday June 4, 2022, The Grand Lecturers Visit at Pikes Peak Court No. 20 where they brought in 3 new members to our beautiful Order.

Colorado Grand Court is coming sooner than we think, so just a friendly reminder

Thursday February 16, 2023

Friday February 17, 2023

Saturday February 18, 2023

at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver Tech Center

7801 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

## GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA

**H.L. Cathy Edson, DSRM  
Reporter**

The members of the Grand Court of Florida held their Grand Court Session in Daytona Beach, Florida during the month of May. There were 23 jurisdictions in attendance. Thanks to all those who shared their time with us. H.L. Roslyn Heath, GRM was pleased to present H.L. Sylvia Saunders, PSRM with her 50 years membership pin. H.L. Berton Yeaton, DSRM served with H.L. Sylvia as her Grand Royal Patron and presented her a beautiful bouquet of flowers. H.L. Sylvia was overwhelmed by the love and support of all those present at the Session. We were also pleased to hear the announcement from H.L. Stella Joyner, SAM that H.L. Judith Barnes was appointed as



Supreme Wisdom for the 2022-2023 Amaranth year. The session was dedicated to the memory of H.L. Hillary Cohan, PGRM and the Courtroom was decorated with her theme throughout. A beautiful installation of our new officers was held on Saturday evening. And we are looking forward to the new year and the events that H.L. Roslyn Heath, GRM and S.K. Keith Albright, GRP have planned for the upcoming year.

Our subordinate Courts do not meet in the months of July and August. Thirty-two of the members of Florida Grand Court traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 124<sup>th</sup> Supreme “Once Upon a Dream” Assembly. What a wonderful time we had! H.L. Mary Wyatt, SRM and S.K. George Kuhns, SRP conducted a great Assembly and how wonderful it was to see all those in attendance. We are now looking forward to the upcoming year and the plans that have been made by H.L. Stella Joyner, SRM and S.K. Allan Potts, SRP. We are so proud of our own H.L. Judith Barnes who was installed as Supreme Wisdom and H.L. Candy Haddix, Supreme Commissioner of Appeal. H.L. Janet St. Jacques, DSRM was also elected as the new President of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors.

We are looking forward to August and the honor banquet for our GRM and GRP and our State School of Instruction under the direction of S.K. John Gray, DSRM, Grand Instructor to kick off the 2022-2023 Grand Court year.



HL Sylvia Saunders, PSRM and HL Roslyn Heath, GRM



HL Judy Barnes and HL Stella Joyner,



Our newly Installed Top four Line Officers: SK Charles Woody, GAP, HL Roslyn Heath, GRM, SK Keith Albright, GRP and HL Cecilia Hemphill, GAM



### **Florida Delegation attending Supreme Council, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

SK Donald Bedsole, HL Dee Bennett, SK Keith Albright, HL Roslyn Heath, HL Michelle Cook-Zimmerman, HL Candy Haddix, HL Cecilia Hemphill, SK Patrick Wilberding, HL Hilda Bedsole, HL Kathy Seichko, HL Betty Cox, HL Norma Savoley, HL Judy Mosing, HL Linda Farney, HL Cathy Edson, HL James Patterson, HL Karen Patterson, SK Ronald St. Jacques, HL Janet St. Jacques, HL Theresa Goddard, HL Valerie Tooma-Gray, SK John Gray, HL Ann Marie Williams, SK Kenneth Traverson, HL Ellen Traverson, SK Rodger Fowler, SK Charles Woody, HL Judy Barnes, HL Margaret Woody (Not pictured: HL Pat Wood and HL Linda Ryan)



H.L. Judy Barnes, Supreme Wisdom



**Members of Florida who participated in a brief skit at the SRM and SRP Banquet:** SK Patrick Wilberding (Doc); SK Charles Woody (Huntsman); HL Margaret Woody (Apple); HL Norma Savoley (Dopey); SK Ronald St. Jacques (Grumpy) ( HL Roslyn Heath (Snowwhite); Not pictured: HL Judy Barnes (Happy); SK James Patterson (Sneezy)

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

Illinois was well represented at Supreme Council this month! We had H.L. Leah Stephens, GAM; S.K. Lawrence Knowles, GAP; H.L. Renee Dempster, GAC; H.L. Susan McKinney, H.L. Jo Ellen Reed; H.L. Merlene Mundhenk, Grand Secretary; and H.L. Ramona McNeil.

Congratulations to H.L. Mary Wyatt, PSRM and S.K. George Kuhns, PSRP on an expeditious Session. You did all your work beautifully! Congratulations to H.L. Stella Joyner, SRM and S.K. Allan Potts, SRP, on their election and

installation! Congratulations to our own H.L. Renee Dempster for being appointed Supreme Diabetes Coordinator!

We are in the midst of Advance Night season heading to our Grand Court session October 14 and 15. H.L. Barbara Lemler, GRM and S.K. DeWayne Lemler, GRP, are looking forward to our session, "Bee-lieving for a Cure" If you need information, please contact H.L. Merlene Mundhenk, Grand Secretary.

## GRAND COURT OF INDIANA H.L. Sandy Grogan-Sills, PGRM

Indiana has been very busy these past few weeks installing all new Grand Officers and then heading off to the Supreme Council. We had a total of 17 members attending at one time or another. We were honored to have S.K. Doug Dewey as Supreme Sword Bearer this past year. Indiana was very proud to have Cory Cutsinger nominated for the Unsung Hero Award. We are very proud of Cory for her efforts to raise money for Diabetes. We were honored when Indiana placed 2nd in the selling of the necklaces and pins this past year. H.L. Susan Bendler was in charge of this project and she had them wherever she went. Indiana was proud to have given to Camp John Warvel a camp for children with Diabetes a total amount of \$418.30. We gave \$11,235.24 for ADF. Indiana Grand Court was honored to receive a special certificate from Indiana Rainbow Girls for our help in supporting one of their projects. We as a group turned in 116,120 pop tabs for their project for the Ronald McDonald House. We had so much fun at Supreme doing Snow White, H.L. Maggie Dewey GRM, Prince Charming S.K. Bruce Davis GRP, we had all 7 dwarfs, along with some of the animals from the forest. Our own PSRM Elsie even got involved with the fun as she was Happy. We look forward to a great and exciting year as we begin our new year. Keep the dates of June 1,-3 2023 open for Indiana Grand Court in beautiful Nashville, Indiana.



## **GRAND COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS H.L. Kaitlin Jessee Reporter**

The Grand Court of Massachusetts has been shaking it up a bit and promoting the Order within our communities in not so traditional ways.

Members of Algonquin Court #19 joined other volunteers on Wednesday, May 25th, to plant some of the 37,000+ "Flags on the Common", representing every brave Massachusetts service member who gave his or her life defending our country since the Revolutionary War.

Royal Matron H.L. Lisa Hunt, Royal Patron S.K. Walter Hunt, Associate Matron H.L. Kathee Jessee, past Royal Matron H.L. Debra Dunham, Prelate S.K. Frank Burke and Community Outreach Chair H.L. Cirstin Newland tapped holes and planted flags in gridded rows. Each planted flag is perfect - no frays, flaws or breaks - and no flag is allowed to lie flat or drag on the ground.

In June, Grand Royal Matron H.L. Joy Kenen, Grand Royal Patron SK Leo Kenen, H.L. Kathee Jessee, H.L. Amy Wagonner, S.K. Mark Stought, S.K. Fred Bowes and myself were given the distinct honor of presenting the colors to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to open their Quarterly session.

In July, Algonquin Court #19 is at it again. They are volunteering with the Red Sox Foundation and assisting them with their annual Run to Homebase event. It's a 5k road race where the finish line is home plate at Fenway Park. We have done everything from water stations to setting up the ballpark for a game. We have even been the guides and cheerleaders on the sidelines. It is truly an amazing experience and I have personally participated in volunteering for many years.

It is truly awe inspiring and humbling to be to call myself a member of such a wonderful organization.

So what have you done to inspire those around you?



HL Tina Qualey, Jr Past Grand Royal Matron, presenting Clear Path for Veterans, New England (her special service project) with a check exceeding \$200. for their service dog program.

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## **GRAND COURT OF NEW YORK H.L. Jessica Kerr, GAC Reporter**

Hello Summer!

Summer has arrived here in New York. We almost thought that wasn't going to happen with Mother Nature never knowing what she is wanting here. However, she has finally given us the few months we do get of nice warmer weather.

It's those few months that we here in NY try to get so much done!

Well let's step back... Back in May we had our 123<sup>rd</sup> Session. H.L. Barbara Conklin and S.K. Gerry Irwin session brought us to the Delta Hotel in Utica, where the first few days we had to experience our Session room full of members and no A/C unit working. Funny how you either have a session room colder than ice or hotter than fire (LOL). It was nice though to see the Throne full of guest, especially when it was at least a handful of Supreme members up there. Saturday evening was Installation, where we Installed our new Grand Officers. Grand Court also Installed its 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> set of husband-and-wife team.... H.L. Stephanie and S.K. Mike Storck as our lovely Grand Royal Matron and Patron. Then H.L. Kathy and S.K. John Koller as Grand Associate Matron and Patron.

H.L. Stephanie and S.K. Mike has started there year off with a bang. Not long after Grand Court ended. The Grand Royal Matron and Patron attended a District Convention for a Masonic Youth Group (Organization of Triangles, Inc.) in the Buffalo area. Where the following weekend, they drove out to New Rochelle area for their Strawberry Festival where even more people have shown interest in joining Amaranth. To an Interest Meeting for a new Court, and to then finish off the month of June with our First Golf Tournament. Unfortunately, our first year of the Golf Tournament ran into the same weekend of St. John's Day at our Masonic Care Community. However, to our Surprise we had an amazing turn out. Numbers are not completely in for how much we raise for Diabetes, but an estimate is near the goal set by the organizer H.L. Kathy Koller, GAM. What a great amazing start to the year for New York on so many levels.

Our Grand Royal Matron and Patron have so many thoughts and small but amazing goals for our wonderful State that kicking it off with the bang they did is only a small show of what they have in store of it all. H.L. Stephanie's theme is the Hourglass and S.K. Mike's is the Lion. Well, they are making the best of their time in office already and coming in it like a Lion. The rest of the summer they will be attending Supreme Session, starting the Official Visits to the Subordinate Courts, holding our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Appreciation Day. At the end of September, we will be holding our Retreat/Special Session weekend – stay tune for information on attending if you would like. It is to be a great weekend!

Grand Court of New York this year will be also hosting many fundraisers, one almost every month. Stay tune for those as they will be open for not just people in New York but anyone.

Until next time, we wish everyone a safe Summer Season, a Congratulation to our newly Installed Supreme Officers and hope everyone had a safe amazing time in Tulsa.



Grand Court of New York recently Installed Members



Grand Marshal, Grand Associate Conductress at New Rochelle Strawberry Festival



HLs and SKs of NYS Amaranth Golf Tournament Volunteers



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

### *HELLO FROM OHIO*

Summer is here. Hope everyone is enjoying the hot weather.

Our Ohio Grand Court Session was held in Canton, Ohio in May. Our Grand Royal Matron H.L. Rebecca Ronshausen and our Grand Royal Patron S.K. Henry Madinger want to thank all our Amaranth friends who attended our session.

To H.L. Lynda Dobbins, PSRM and PGRM and S.K. Larry Dobbins DSRP and PGRP for taking the reins and doing all they did to keep our Ohio Grand Court going forward.

Our theme this year is **“Walking in the light of 100 years”**. The motto is **“Honoring our past as we step into the future”**.

Many of our Courts meet during the summer months. There are many activities to attend, strawberry social, picnics, a corn roast and a Labor Day pancake breakfast just to name a few things happening here in Ohio.

As we remember those who laid down the ground work 100 years ago, may we keep our beautiful order shining brightly as we take steps into the future. Our GRM and GRP hope our H.L.’s and S.K.’s will help us celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year and join in any or all activities planned the year.

If traveling this summer take care. We hope to see you along the Amaranth trail.

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## GRAND COURT OF OKLAHOMA H.L. Stephanie White, DSRM Reporter

Congratulations to Oklahoma’s Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Stacey Harris, Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Billy Bowers, and the new slate of officers elected and installed in May 2022. Stacey and Billy are excited to start their grand year and get “Lost in Austen”. This literary theme includes Jane Austen’s books and all things from the Regency period.

Next time you see H.L. Stacey, ask her which is her favorite Jane Austen book. Here’s a hint, her daughter is named after the main character.



### **Oklahoma Grand Elective Officers**

**First Row:** SK Hobie Henderson (GAP), SK Billy Bowers (GRP), HL Stacey Harris (GRM), HL Tricia Henderson (GAM) **Second Row:** HL Nancy Parker (Grand Treasurer), HL Lori Correia (GC), HL Megan Sudol (GAC), HL M. Frances Turney (Grand Secretary)

Oklahoma Grand Court would also like to congratulate our own, H.L. Mary Wyatt, on a successful year as Supreme Royal Matron and on her election as Supreme Trustee. The Oklahoma members were honored to have a part in making your “Dreams Come True” session run smoothly. We couldn’t be more proud of you. We wish you love and good luck on your travels.

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## **GRAND COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

### **H.L. Michelle Finisdore, PRM**

#### **Reporter**

Pennsylvania held its Grand Court April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Resort Willow Valley with H.L. Miranda Peruso, GRM and S.K. Seth Anthony, GRP, presiding. This was an amazing couple of days with well filled sidelines we haven't seen in a while. So many friends came together to celebrate their year. There were seashells and corgis everywhere. Congratulations to H.L. Lois Zerby, and S.K. Karl Forsberg on being installed as GRM and GRP. We look forward to a year filled with music, laughter and motorcycles!

July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 39 Pennsylvania delegates converged into Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 124<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Session with H.L. Mary Wyatt, SRM and our very own S.K. George Kuhns, GRP, presiding. We have been very Pennsylvania Proud of S.K. George along with our other Supreme Officers; H.L. Kim Webster, Supreme Marshall, H.L. Judy Mellot, Supreme Prelate, H.L. Emily Moyer, Supreme Treasurer, and H.L. Cynthia Steed, Supreme Historian. Pennsylvania couldn't have been prouder of you all.

Many members traveled by plane, but if you follow them, there is a certain group of four ladies called "The Blogging Babes", who's group you can join on Facebook "Trippin' with the Babes". If you are ever having a bad day and need some hilarity, following the detailed blogs of H.L. Dianne Covert, DSRM, and Navigator for the Babes, will leave you in stitches. H.L. Judy Mellot, DSRM, their Pilot always makes sure the ladies get to their destination in a timely and safe manor. H.L. Robin Fridy, GAM, has the roll of Snack and Hydration Expert to make sure no one goes hungry or thirsty and H.L. Sara Ann Seibert, PSRM, makes sure everything is clean and tidy as the Sanitation Expert and is the song and poetry expert. I encourage you to check out their blogs from this past trip to Supreme Council on Facebook; remember "Trippin' with the Babes".

Pennsylvania was once again thrilled to take 1<sup>st</sup> place in fundraising for the Amaranth Diabetes

Foundation with a total of \$73,965.82! We together so well to get all sorts of fundraisers going but let's face it we are all Amaranth awesome when it comes to raising a total over \$400,000!!

Well summer will soon come to an end; we joyously anticipate kids going back to school and hopefully some cooler weather. Many blessings for all travels coming up.

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## **GRAND COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **H.L. Betty Lou Burrows, DSRM**

#### **Reporter**

The Grand Court of South Carolina is bouncing back from COVID! We hope that your Grand Courts are back to "normal," also.

In the spirit of our Grand Royal Matron's theme this year, *Hospitality, Friendship, and Harmony*, our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Sue Cornell, tried something new this year with her Official Visits. Because of the cost of gas, scheduling, and members not able to travel every weekend, we have started combining Official Visits. The host Court met in the morning; the Royal Matrons of the two Courts planned the banquet; and the second Court met in the afternoon! Each Official Visit had great turnouts! In two weekends, we held four Official Visits! We had two great days enjoying our Amaranth family.

We are now getting ready for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Pickin' in October. This is a social event and fundraiser for our Grand Court.

H.L. Luann Sprouse, our Grand Associate Matron, is making shawls for our Ways and Means for Grand Court. These are wonderful – not only do they keep us warm in cold lodge rooms, but they are washable!

We have been represented at York Rite; Grand Lodge; and Grand Chapter, OES. We will be attending Grand Assembly, Rainbow for Girls, and DeMolay Conclave. We are looking forward to the

rest of this year as we are now able to have social events and get back to business.

It's good to be back!



Kalmia Court No 8 and Magnolia Court No 5



Rose Court No 13 and  
Monaghan's-Poinsettia Court No 17

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## GRAND COURT OF TENNESSEE

### H.L. Rita Lowrance, DSRM

#### Reporter

We are so proud of the first Supreme Royal Patron from Tennessee, S.K. Allan Potts. Delegates from left, front row: H.L. June Haas, PSRM; H.L. Barbara Hall, PSRM; H.L. Carol Patton, DSRM; H.L. Cindy Brooks, GRM; S.K. Lou Scherf, GRP; H.L. Beverly Potts, Supreme Historian; S.K. Allan Potts, SRP; Back Row: S.K. Bill Haas, DSRP, GAP; H.L. Rita Lowrance, DSRM; H.L. Brenda Campbell, DSRM; H.L. Gloria White, GAM; H.L. Marsha Weidinger, DSRM; H.L. Linda Rudy, GAC. Not pictured is Sue Scherf



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## GRAND COURT OF WISCONSIN

### H.L. Cheri Brus, GC

#### Reporter

This is Cheri Grand Conductress of Wisconsin. I would like to start out by congratulating all the new Supreme Officers. Supreme Session was well attended and it looked like everyone had a good time. Now it is time for Wisconsin to concentrate on preparing for our Grand Court. Here's hoping some of you might be able to make the journey. We always have a good time. Our dates are October 13 thru the 15. It is in Wisconsin Dells and at that time of year it usually is still nice out and the scenery/drive is good.

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## SILVER STATE COURT #5

### LAS VEGAS, NV

#### H.L. Lynnette Bearer, Secretary

Silver State #5 SJC of NV is CELEBRATING with pride its 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday this July as well as continued growth in membership. Being awarded Certificates at Supreme Assembly by ADF for the highest in members and Court Diabetes Research donations for 2021-22, is the icing on the cake.



Our RM and RP, Denise and John Gallagher invites you to join us on August 27, 2022, for our annual fundraising Fashion Show Luncheon.

We WELCOME Visitors to our meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 1 pm (except August/December) at Vegas 32 Masonic Temple in Las Vegas.

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## **CROWN AND SWORD EDITOR**

### **H.L. Kim May, DSRM**

I was thinking the other day about what motivates people. Most especially, what motivates people to be a part of a Masonic organization. In reality, it takes up a good amount of your time and effort. It takes a good amount of your money. Whether it's direct donations, or you are spending money on food, travel, dresses, etc. It can also be stressful at times. You give a lot of yourself to be a volunteer.

I've seen people who are motivated for purely personal reasons. They are seeking recognition or

a sense of authority. They are looking at what the organization can do for them.

Then I see those people who are motivated by the greater good. They see what good the group can do and want to be a part of that. They want to have a positive impact on their community, on a charity, or on others. They want their work to have meaning. They don't care what title they have or what work they are doing. They just want to make a difference.

I think when it comes to a successful organization or even being a successful person within an organization, the motivation plays a significant role. I truly believe the most successful people are not just the ones with the titles, but the ones with the heart of service - the ones who are always working for the greater good.

What motivates you?

**BE A VOICE NOT AN ECHO!**

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A red, rectangular stamp with a distressed, ink-like texture. The words "APPLY NOW" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, slanted slightly upwards to the right.

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September 10	SCJ – Kansas	Wichita, KS	SRM
September 17	SAC Reception		
September 22-24	Idaho Grand Court	Boise, ID	SRM
Sept 29-Oct 1	Iowa Grand Court	Davenport, IA	SRM
<b>October 2022</b>			
October 8	SCJ – Madison	Michigan	SRM
October 13-15	Wisconsin Grand Court	Wisconsin Dells, WI	SC
October 14-15	Illinois Grand Court	Springfield, IL	SRM
October 20-22	North Carolina Grand Court	Fayetteville, NC	SRM
October 29	SCJ – Pineland	Auburn, ME	SRM
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November 3-5	Alabama Grand Court	Orange Beach, AL	SRM
November 10-12	New Mexico Grand Court	Albuquerque, NM	SRM
November 19	Queensland Grand Court	Brisbane, Queensland	SRM
November 26	New South Wales Grand Court	Bankston, NSW	SRM
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January 11	SCJ – Baytown	Clemmons, TX	SRM
January 13	SCJ – Blue Bonnet	Arlington, TX	SRM
January 14	SCJ – Yellow Rose	Cleburne, TX	SRM
January 17-31	Philippines Grand Court	Philippines	SRM
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