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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

Greetings! I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, calls, and concerns since Allen has been sick. Unfortunately, we had to miss the Philippines, but I want to thank H.L. Dorothy Kippie, PSRM for going and representing myself and the Supreme Council. I have truly missed Allen on the trail but have been welcomed and in very good hands with the many different escorts since the new year. Please continue to pray for S.K. Allen and H.L. Beverly as he is getting better every day.

The first 3 months of the new year were very busy. We saw many Jurisdictions and SCJ and were greeted most warmly by each. Since H.L. Theresa's illness and her being unable to travel we have had to make a few changes to my itinerary. Thank you to the Grand Courts who have accommodated the changes and for those that I have had to miss, know that I was thinking of each of you as I was traveling.

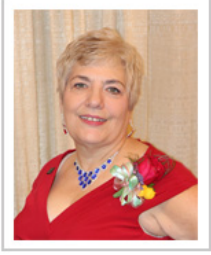
The last 3 months of my year as your Supreme Royal Matron will continue to be busy. I will be in Missouri, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Arizona, New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Indiana, and Ontario. I hope to see each of you and encourage you all to travel and support each other as we raise money for diabetes research.

I want to personally invite each of you to the Supreme Council Sessions in Stone Mountain, Georgia June 24- 28. We are going to have the 1897 Jubilee on the 24th of June as we celebrate 125 years of the Session of the Order of Amaranth. Please check the Supreme Council Website for all Session information and reservations.

Please continue to pray for each other, call and check on each other, and send a card letting each other know they are in your heart.

See you soon!!

SUPREME ROYAL PATRON
S.K. Allan Potts



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON
H.L. Susan Patchin

Hello All!

This is the last article I will be writing as your Supreme Associate Matron. My time does fly when you do not expect it to fly. It is hard to believe that in less than three months we will be in Georgia for the Supreme Assembly. I have enjoyed the journey to this point. Traveling to the Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ), meeting all the wonderful members of our fraternal family. I have been greeted with so many hugs, smiles and other gifts, I am humbled by all your love and generosity. Thank you all.

We have seen many changes in our Order throughout this year also. There have been many losses in our organization. We have lost loved ones who have passed over the hills to the house not made with hands. We have also lost several Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts (SCJ). This is more than a small loss. It is time that all of the members must reassess our situations. We must all answer some serious questions.

1) Is our heart really in the work of our organization?
2) Is our fight against diabetes really important?
3) Am I truly doing my part cheerfully to grow my Court?
4) Am I wholeheartedly caring for the other HLs and SKs of the Order?

We all need to take a look at this in our hearts, pray over the questions in our hearts, then follow our Lord in the answers we obtain. It is time for a revival in our organization. I am ready and willing to do my part to assist any of our Courts to grow. Are you? I believe and live the principles of God, family and all else. Together everyone achieves more and I know our TEAM will make a difference. Our charity of diabetes research is one of the most important, as diabetes is a predisposing factor in most of the other disease processes that kill so many people. The world NEEDS the Order of Amaranth because we have made a difference in so many lives and with our good works we can do so much more. May God bless each of you abundantly with health, happiness and prosperity.

SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON
S.K. Mel Fossell

SUPREME CONDUCTRESS
H.L. Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer

What an amazing spring season! I have loved travelling the Amaranthine Trail and seeing so many friends along the way. And what a thrill to see many more Heralds and Guardians being installed into the west! Supreme Council will be here before we know it!

As we start preparing for a new Supreme Council year, I want to remind everyone that next year we will be conducting the ritual revision at the 2024 session. If you have any updates you would like to see in the ritual, make sure you get them to the chairman of the ritual committee this year, or by October of 2023 to next year's chairman.

It is exciting to think that my next Crown and Sword article will after Supreme Council, and my installation as Supreme Associate Matron with Sir Knight Richard Marsh (CA) as Supreme Associate Patron (if-elected). We are looking to the future while cherishing our traditions. We plan to embrace technology to save on stamps and make collaboration easier. "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." - Henry Ford

I look forward to seeing everyone on the trail and seeing everyone at Supreme Council in Georgia!

Heralds and Guardians in Virginia

Don- PA, Amy- PA, Bizzy, Andrea-VA, Bill- VA

Heralds and Guardians in California

Elmer-CA, Janet-GA, Richard, Bizzy, Johnnie-OR, K-Lee-OR, Andrea-WA, Brian-WA, Cindi-CA

Heralds and Guardians in SC

Terry-SC, Laura-NC, Janet-GA, Rick-GA, Roman-AL, Beverly-AL, John-SC, Frank-IA, Bizzy

Heralds and Guardians in BC

John-BC, Carol-AK, Karen-BC, Bizzy, Andrea-WA, Brian-WA

Heralds and Guardians in WA

Karen-BC, Susan-ID, K-Lee-OR, Andrea-WA, Bizzy, Brian-WA, Richard-ID, Johnnie-OR

Heralds in NV

Carrie-NV and Bizzy

Heralds and Guardians in TN

Terry-SC, Rick-GA, Janet-GA, Bizzy, Kelly-TN, Mike-TN

SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS
H.L. Theresa Nichols

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Susan Dishart
Amaranth Liaison

It is a busy time of year, and the American Diabetes Association is SO thankful to all of you for your great work in sharing the message about the importance of diabetes research. As you are all travelling to Grand Courts and working in your communities, don't forget to take care of yourself and your loved ones. We were thrilled to have members of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Janet St. Jacques and Tiffany St. John, join us in Florida for our annual Clinical Care Conference. They had an opportunity to meet with ADA Research leaders. Dr. Robert Gabbay gave a talk highlighting the updates and numbers from our latest Standards of Care. We appreciate all of the work of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and are excited about the grants that are being funded in 2023. Please be sure to share the brochures that feature the amazing research that is funded by your great work. For people living with diabetes working with your health care team to ensure you a living your best life is important. For all of us, remembering to watch our numbers and our "ABCs" are the key:

A is for A1C: A1C check tells you your average blood glucose for the past two to three months.
B is for blood pressure: Your blood pressure numbers tell you the force of blood inside your blood vessels. When your blood pressure is high, your heart has to work harder.
C is for cholesterol: Your cholesterol numbers tell you about the amount of fat in your blood. There are some kind protect your heart, others can clog blood vessels and lead to heart disease.

I am excited to have the opportunity to visit some of the Grand Courts this spring and look forward to seeing many of you on the road. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Be well

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
H.L. Anne Beaton

LEAVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

Helping to Fund Research for Diabetes Beyond Your Lifetime

Let's face it, doing estate planning is not something we think about often, but it is very important and even a small bequest gift can have a **big** impact. As members of the Order of the Amaranth, our designated charity is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (ADF) which funds cutting edge research projects to improve the lives of those with diabetes. One hundred percent of our funds go to research projects that are chosen by the ADF Board of Directors.

One way you can help fund our important work is by leaving a bequest in your personal will or Living Trust, designating the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc., as a beneficiary. Your gift can be a specific amount, or a percentage of your estate. It can also be funded through real estate, stocks, bonds, and other negotiable instruments. You may also designate the remainder or percentage of your estate be given to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. after all other bequests are fulfilled. Please check with an attorney or tax professional for advice to set up the best form of your gift.

Please know that the ADF Board takes its responsibility seriously and any funds entrusted to our care will go to the best possible use.

Nothing can compare with the wonderful feeling knowing your gift will make a true and positive difference in the lives of those with diabetes.

For more information email us at: ProjectLegacy@amaranth.org. You may also scan the QR code to be taken directly to our website.

Will your gift contain the golden dollar that will find a cure?

The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. is a registered 501 (c)(3) charity.

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

Greetings from the Grand Court of Alabama. Our Courts are all busy with meetings where some are, we are happy to report, either about to or have already had Initiations. Since I have just been appointed to this position this year I have not been able to reach out to the other Courts so have not much to report this time. I understand Alabama Court #1 is about to have its Annual "Cars for a Cure" Day to raise money for Diabetes and we know it will be a huge success as it always is. Mobile Court is also preparing for a "Shop and Chomp" Yard Sale in conjunction with serving Breakfast and also a Luncheon also a Fund raiser for Diabetes.

We are proud of the representation Alabama had attending the Grand Court of Georgia. There were several more who had planned to attend but due to various illnesses just didn't make it. This picture is those who were able to attend.

Hope to have more good things to report in the next Issue. For those who are not aware and may be traveling South. Mobile Court has moved and the new address is: Grand Bay Masonic Lodge, 9905 Grand Bay Wilmer Road, Grand Bay, Alabama. Hope to see you if you are in the area.

Left to Right are Jennifer Brack, Dee Barger- Supreme Standard Bearer, Mary Ellen Motley- GRM of Alabama, Beverely Raley- GAM of Alabama, Roman Hochhalter- G.A.P. of Alabama and Bama Wiley

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

What a treat to see our Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Richard Moulden, at Colorado Grand Court. He had accompanied the Grand Representative of Washington to Colorado. S.K. Richard was the only Grand Royal Patron in attendance, which is quite unusual there. H.L. Doris Miller, Supreme Faith, was on the Throne, so at least four Alaska Grand Court members (counting PSRP Del and PSRM Victoria) were present.

H.L. Victoria and S.K. Del left Denver for Oregon Grand Court. Unfortunately, a fire in the hotel in Eugene, Oregon changed that Grand Court's plans. Alaskan members present at Washinton's Grand Court sessions were Grand Conductress H.L. Sandy Thompson Wallace, S.K. Johnny Wallce, GAM Carol Addison Lippert, GRP Richard Moulden, PSRP Del Militare, and PSRM Victoria Ault. H.L. Elizabeth and S.K. Monty Schefers attended on Saturday. They now live in Washington.

GRM Bonnie Duncan will have her Official Visit to Polaris Court No. 2 in April. Several Court 1 members will fly or drive up to attend. Polaris was saddened over the death of our 2002 PGRP Dwight Morris. S.K. Dwight was a faithful member attending every meeting his health permitted. For many years he was Alaska Grand Court's Musician and the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Musician.

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

The Grand Court of California has just completed its 124th session, at the Radisson Airport Hotel, in Santa Maria, California, Feb. 15 to Feb. 19. We were honored with the presence of H.L. Stella Joiner, Supreme Royal Matron

H.L. Judy Payne, GRM and S.K. Joe Tabriski, GRP, presided over a very lively, energetic and harmonious "Faith Manages" session. It lasted three days and concluded with the 125th Installation of Officers. During our Memorial Service

New California elected Grand Officers are H.L. Christine Link GRM, S.K. Brian Dosher GRP, H.L. Cindy Tabrisky GAM, S.K. Elmer, Grospe GAP. S.K. Richard Marsh PGRP, GTreas., H.L. Rhonda Rallios GSec., H.L. Joji Sayo GC, and H.L. Rondel Bezner, GAC.

Grand Trustees: 1 yr, H.L. Susan Amirsehhi, 2 yrs, H.L. Kat Farrris, 2 yr, H.L. Leslie Routt, Chairman, 3 yr. S.K. David Bezner, 3yr H.L. Cathy Rogers, Grand Commissioners of Appeal: H.L. Lynn Olson, Chief, 1yr H.L. Pat Rose, 1 yr. H.L. Norma Viray., 2 yr S.K. Joselito Viraym, 3 yr H.L. Rebecca Darrow. We wish them all an awesome year and safe travels.

We have been very proud to have two California members as Supreme Officers this year, H.L. Wanda Pinion, Supreme Lecturer and H.L. Christine Cross, Supreme Marshal in the West. We know that they have been busy representing our state in their many travels this year and will enjoy filling their stations next June.

A number of California members travelled to the Grand Court of Massachusetts in April, when it was announced by H.L. Bizzy Herbolscheimer GC, that S.K. Richard Marsh, PGRP of California, was her "chosen one" to accompany her to the Throne of Supreme Council. A week later another announcement was made at the Official Visit of Silver State Court No. 3 SCJ, that H.L. Janet Harrison, DSRM, was the choice of H.L. Susan Patchin, SAM, to be Supreme Historian next year. California is proud and happy that our members have been honored by their selection for these positions.

As this article is being written, most of the Court Installations are over, and the spring activities have begun. In most of our courts, May will be the official visit of the Assistant Grand Lecturers and the Memorial service. In June the Official Visits of the Grand Royal Matron will begin. All of our courts welcome visitors from other Courts in our Older. We hope many of you will have the opportunity to visit California and enjoy our hospitality.

Grand Royal Matron, HL Judy Payne and Grand Royal Patron, Joseph Tabrisky, Jr., are welcomed to the Throne of Grand Court, by Grand Marshal, HL Sue Anne Shamas.

H.L. Stella Joyner SRM and her escort, S.K. Jerry Pinion, PSRP are welcomed to the Throne of Grand Court, by H.L. Judy Payne, GRM

S.K. Jerry Pinion, PSRP and H.L. Wanda Pinion, Sup. Lecturer awaiting escort

The newly elected Grand Line Officers Seated: HL Christine Link, GRM and SK Brian Dosher, GRP Standing: HL Joji Sayo, GCond. SK Elmer Grospe, GAP, HL Cindi Tabriskiy, GAM, HL Rondel Bezner, GAC

HL Bizzy Herolsheimer. (left) and her "Chosen one", SL Richard Marsh, (right), with HL Cindi Tabriski, GAM-elect and SK Elmer Grospe, GAP-elect

The Heralds and Guardians at California Grand Court: SK Elmer Grospe CA, HL Janet St. Jaques GA, SK Richard Marsh CA "The Chosen One", HL Bizzy Herbolsheimer, AZ SC, SK Johnnie Horn OR, HL K-Lee Horn OR, HL Andrea Ames WA, SK Brian Wheeler WA. HL "Cindi Tabrisky CA

The newly installed Grand Officers of California

HL Janet Harrison, DSRM and HL Susan Patchin, SAM, at Silver State Court No. 3, Las Vegas

GRAND COURT OF COLORADO
H.L. Lula Ellsworth, PGRM
Reporter

February 16-17-18, 2023, The Grand Court of Colorado Order of Amaranth held their 76th Spring Time in The Rockies Annual Session.

H.L. Lula Ellsworth Jr. PGRM and S.K. Clinton Keithline Jr. PGRP opened the Spring Time in the Rockies Session on Thursday February 16, 2023

We had a nice turn out and were able to complete our business and earn money for A.D.F.

H.L. Laura Lambird of Faith Ct. #18, GRM and S.K. Robert Tschida of Violett Ct. #22, GRP were installed into office on February 18, 2023. Congratulations and we wish you safe travels and good health this "Spirit of Aloha" year. Congratulations to all of the Colorado Grand Court Officers. Take time to enjoy your Amaranth family. Family in Hawaiian is Ohana.

March has been a busy month with installations at seven subordinate Courts. This year Royal matrons are known as the Tikis.

The school of instruction was held at Pikes Peak Court April 1st. Later that same day Pikes Peak Court initiated a new member. Congratulations!

H.L. Laura Lambird GRM will be participating in the 98th Easter Sunrise Service at Denver Consistory, hosted by Knights Templar of Colorado.

H.L. Laura Lambird GRM motto is Do the Right Thing – 'Kino Ole"

Top Left: Friendship Ct. #7 H.L. Lelia Emry RM & S.K. Tony Kary RP
Top Right: Edgewater Ct. # 14. H.L. Laura Lambird GRM. H.L. Kim Fairchild RM. SK Dana Fairchild RP. And SK Robert Tschida GRP.
Lower Left. Pikes Peak Ct. # 20: HL Laura Lambird GRM. HL Kristine Tucker RM. SK Mark Tucker RP. SK Robert Tschida GRP.
Lower Right: Laurel Ct. # 16 HL Laura Lambird GRM. HL Mary Keithline RM, and SK Dwight Wilson RP.

Upper:Faith Ct. # 18. HL Lauura Lambird GRM. HLPam Park RM. SK Jerry Park RP. SK Robert Tschida GRP.
Lower: Liberty Court # 1. HL Laura Lambird GRM. HL Jackie Biesel RM. SK Jim Miles RP. And SK Robert Tschida GRP.

HL Lula Ellsworth Jr. PGRM and SK Clinton Keithline Jr. PGRP

HL Laura Lambird GRM. HL. Susan Patchin S.A.M. SK Robert Tschida GRP

S.K. Robert Tschida GRP. H.L. Laura Lambird GRM

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

The last few months have been the time to finish up the last Official Visits of the Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Roslyn Heath accompanied by S.K. Keith Albright, Grand Royal Patron. The last two visits were the homecomings of the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. The Official Visit to Crown Court No. 33 was the Homecoming for our Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Keith Albright. It was a really nice event with dinner before the meeting and a wonderful Courtesy by the members of the Court for H.L. Roslyn and S.K. Keith. We were honored to have PSRM, H.L. Mary Wyatt in attendance. Acacia Court No. 10, home Court of our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Roslyn Heath, had a delicious luncheon prior to the meeting, and they did a wonderful job of honoring H.L. Roslyn and S.K. Keith. H.L. Mary Wyatt, PSRM was also in attendance at this meeting as well.

A State School of Instruction was held in February at Community Court No. 56, home Court of our Grand Lecturer, S.K. John Gray. What a wonderful time was had by all, and we even learned a little too. A gently used dress sale was also held the day before the school and the proceeds were contributed to the Amaranth Diabetes fund. During the month of March and April the Courts have been conducting their installations for the 2023-2024 Officers.

Many of the members of Florida and been able to travel to other Grand Court Jurisdictions in the last few months. Grand Courts attended were South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We are now looking forward to our upcoming Grand Court Session in May at Daytona Beach, Florida. Hope to see some of you there!

Members enjoying Fun Night at South Carolina Grand Court in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

HL Ann Marie Williams, SK Ronald St. Jacques, HL Janet St. Jacques, SK Martin Schwebel, HL Michelle Cook-Zimmerman, HL Roslyn Heath, SK Rick Klenke

Members attending the Grand Court of Georgia in Atlanta, Georgia

HL. Janet St Jacques, HL Laura Martin, HL Theresa Goddard, HL Sarah Goodman, SK Charles Woody, HL Roslyn Heath, HL Judy Yeaton, HL Margaret Woody, HL Mary Jo Moore, SK Bert Yeaton

Members at the Grand Court of Tennessee: HL Margaret Woody, SK Margaret Woody, HL Ann Marie Williams, SK John Gray, HL Valerie Tooma-Gray, HL Roslyn Heath, SK Keith Albright HL Michelle Cook-Zimmerman, SK Rick Klenke, HL Janet St. Jacques, SK Ronald St. Jacques

Crown Court No. 33, Homecoming of GRP HL. Candy Haddix, HL Mary Wyatt, HL. Roslyn Heath, HL Beth Strayer, SK Jeff Vann, SK Keith Albright, SK Ronald St Jacques

Acacia Court No 10, Homecoming of GRM
HL Candy Haddix, HL Mary Wyatt, HL Roslyn Heath
HL Janet St Jacques, SK Robert Lundy, SK Ronald St. Jacques

GRAND COURT OF GEORGIA
H.L. Dorothy Puckett, PRM
Reporter

Exciting times in Georgia! Many smiles were met at our Supreme Tail Gate Party honoring H.L. Stella Joyner, Supreme Royal Matron, on March 15, 2023. It was a time to celebrate with encouraging words, song, and dance. We supported our favorite teams our our Supreme Peaches were honored. Thank you to everyone who made her night joyful and memorable.

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We recently held our 73rd Annual "The Gift" Session of the Grand Court of Georgia with Informal Opening held on March 16, 2023, in Peachtree Corners. What a blessing it was to see so many in attendance to support our Order and its passion to find a cure for Diabetes. H.L. Tania Horner, Grand Royal Matron, and S.K. James Stevens, Grand Royal Patron, had a most successful year in their efforts to lead by example and mentor others with love and kindness. Through their guidance, Georgia raised over $51,000 for Diabetes Research.

It was a pleasure to host our Inspecting Officer, H.L. Stella Joyner, Supreme Royal Matron, accompanied by S.K. Ronald "Grumpy" St. Jacque, Supreme Royal Patron, for the session. Both are indeed family to Georgia with S.K. Ron as a dual member to our state.

A huge thank you goes to H.L. Mickey Phillips, who led the Necrology Committee. The report honored the memory of those who left their earthly bodies to join in a heavenly celebration. Our Subordinate Court's Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons shared a dragon fly with an Angel. This was touching and personal celebration of life.

As one year ends another must begin and Georgia is building and mending bridges. On March 18, 2023, Georgia our Installation of Grand Officers 2023-2024. We could not be any prouder of each of these elected and appointed officers. Congratulations to H.L. Pam Baker, Grand Royal Matron, and S.K. Jerry Seaman, Grand Royal Patron, as you prepare for your session in March 2024.

We are looking forward to Supreme Council and supporting our Georgia Peaches in Stone Mountain the end of June 2023: H.L. Stella Joyner, Supreme Royal Matron, S.K. Ron St. Jacques, Supreme Trustee, H.L. Delaine Hughes, Supreme Marshal in the East, H.L. Tiffany St. John, Supreme Page, H.L. Lottie Holloway, Supreme crown Bearer, S.K. Jim Phillips, Supreme Sword Bearer, S.K. Ron Wolbert, Supreme Warder, and S.K. Dan Sims,

Supreme Sentinel. Each of you have represented our Order and our state with dignity and respect. We love and appreciate you. Enjoy the next steps in your Amaranth journey. We are proud of you!

Stella Joyner, SRM, and Jim Phillips, SSwB

H.L. Tania Horner, Jr PGRM and S.K. James Stevens Jr PGRP

H.L. Pam Baker, GRM and S.K. Jerry Seaman, GRP

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

It is hard to imagine that this year is vastly approaching an end and new officers will soon be installed. H.L. Maggie Dewey Grand Royal Matron and S.K. Bruce Davis has served Indiana with grace and poise. They have traveled to many places and made many memories. Our Courts have had lots of fun throughout the year while raising money for Diabetes. We held two schools of instruction this year. If anyone would like information on Indiana Grand Court please get in touch with our Grand Secretary (indianaofa@gmail.com) or myself (freedomangel10@aol.com) and we would be happy to forward all the information onto you. We are going to be back in beautiful Nashville, IN so come and enjoy all the wonderful sites and shopping. Our Auction on Friday night is always a great time and I am sure H.L. Francie will not let us down this year. All of the newly elected Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons have been installed and are ready to start this new year. We have one brand new Royal Matron this year here in Indiana. We are all ready to head to Grand Court and show our love and support for H.L. Maggie and S.K. Bruce as they serve our Grand Court with Grace and dignity. See manly of you on the Amaranth trail as we continue to fight for a cure for diabetes.

GRAND COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
H.L. Kaitlin Jessee
Reporter

Massachusetts is certainly as busy as a beehive.

In February, our amazing Grand Conductress, H.L. Amy Waggener from Pot of Gold Court #16 in Plymouth, and her amazing crew continued their efforts with Ways and Means by hosting yet another Meat Raffle. It is doing so well that we are on the schedule for the foreseeable future. I am truly loving the ingenuity!

February also brought the annual meetings and elections of the new officers for each Court, and glacially cold temperatures. I have never been more thankful for thermal leggings and wind resistant pants in my life!

With the beginning of March, came warmer temperatures. Just kidding! This is New England. We have had more snow in the last couple weeks than we had for the entirety of the winter season.

March in the Amaranth world means installation season! Also, brought the much anticipated Amaranth Day at the Brewery. For our first ever event, we visited a local brewery called Jack's Abby. We were able to take a tour of their facility, learn the science of brewing beer and learn of the history of the brewery itself. It was a lot of fun and we were able to raise money for a very worthy cause.

As the Grand Year comes to a close, I am reminded of the experiences (good and bad), the lessons learned and the memories created.

I want to wish the new Grand Royal Matron and her officers a sincere congratulations and good luck for the coming year.

I am reminded of a quote from Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, when giving his last message to his scouts, "Try to leave this world a little better than you found it."

What have you done to leave this world a better place?

GRAND COURT OF NEW SOUTH WHALES
H.L. Heather Baker

Sadly, the Grand Court of NSW surrendered their charter at our Grand Session on the 24th and 25th March 2023. Below is a photo taken at the end of the session.

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

It is installation season here in Oklahoma. A new set of officers are being installed and the 2022-2023 year is quickly coming to a close. Oklahoma Grand Court is rapidly approaching and everyone is preparing for a new year.

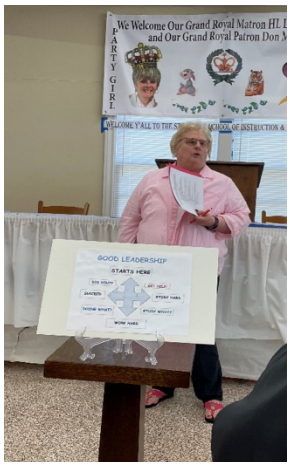
H.L. Stacey Harris, GRM, did double duty at the Capitol Court installation. She did an awesome job preforming as the Uncrowning Matron and the Coronation Matron. Capitol demonstrated their growth by installing a full set of officers with a number of members assigned as protems!

Members of Capitol Court #8 - Front Row: Gayle Blackwell, Cherie Serre, Stacey Harris (GRM), Carol Smith (RM), Ridge Smith (RP), Jeff Smith, Anita Eccard, Theda Wise, Bill Wise. Second Row: Tiffany Rains, Sara Eccard, Linda Jordan, Melissa Smith, Stephanie Lyons, Roger Lyons, Alice Clark, Charlane Frazier, Stephanie White, Anita Dixon, Mike Gable, Esther Gable, Marlene Jackson, Jacque Berry

GRAND COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
H.L. Amanda West Cruse, GC
Reporter

The Grand Court of South Carolina Order of the Amaranth opened their Sixty-Eighth Annual, "Hospitality, Friendship, & Harmony Session," on Thursday night, February 23, 2023. Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Susan K. Cornell, presided over the meeting along with Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Kevin Stogner. The session was held at the Landmark Hotel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. After the Informal Opening Thursday evening, everyone enjoyed a reception honoring distinguished guests, the Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron, and 2022-2023 Grand Officers. On Friday after the Formal Opening, the Grand Banquet, "Tropical Breeze," honored the Supreme Royal Matron, H.L. Stella Joyner, Supreme Royal Patron, S.K. Allan Potts, and Past Grand Royal Matrons and Past Grand Royal Patrons of South Carolina Order of the Amaranth. Following the banquet, a "Fun Night" was enjoyed by all. The "Hospitality, Friendship, and Harmony" Session ended on Saturday night, February 25, with the installation of the new Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Luann Sprouse and Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Don Myers and a reception.

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, newly elected and installed Grand Royal Matron, Luann Sprouse and Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Don Myers hosted a School of Instruction and Leadership Training Session at Rose Court #13 in Laurens, SC. S.K. David Ekren, PSRP led the school instruction along with the assistance of H.L. Susan K. Cornell, Junior Past Grand Royal Matron and H.L. Abby Lasater, Grand Associate Conductress. Those in attendance learned many valuable tips and lessons for those considering leadership roles in their court or in the Grand Line. Grand Lecturer , H.L. Susan H. Carroll, assisted by Assistant Grand Lecturer, H.L. June Maynard, reviewed points in the ritual they would be looking for in their official visits. Rose Court Court #13 initiated two new members and Monaghan's Poinsettia Court #17 initiated one new member.



GRAND COURT OF WISCONSIN
H.L. Mary Lubach, GC
Reporter

Hello from Wisconsin. We are having a pretty good winter weather wise. We just lost our Grand Secretary H.L. Diana Kifer so please keep her family in your prayers. Our Grand Royal Matron H.L. Amanda Grunewald and Grand Royal Patron S.K. Jamison Kifer are tryiing to do some fun events this year as well as getting new members, They will be traveling to Supreme Session. Hope everyone has a safe and fun trip.

CROWN AND SWORD EDITOR
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I just want to take this space to remind everyone to reach out to someone today. Maybe make it a habit to do it weekly or even add it to your calendar. We get so busy, but that also means we can get very isolated in our daily lives. We may think about others, but do we actually take the time to send a text or give them a call to say hi? May is Mental Health Awareness Month. In the U.S. 1 in 5 adults experience mental illness in any given year. Many of those are suffering in silence. You can't tell just by looking at someone what they are dealing with on the inside. People with mental health conditions deserve just as much support and compassion as people with physical health conditions. Sometimes all it takes to help someone who is struggling is to hear from a friend. I hope that over the next few months you find the time to reach out to others. Don't let the "busy-ness" of everyday life diminish true connections with people you care about.

BE A VOICE NOT AN ECHO!

Supreme Itinerary			
May 2023			
May 4-6	New Jersey Grand Court	Atlantic City, NJ	SRM
May 11-13	Oklahoma Grand Court	Oklahoma City, OK	SRM
May 18-20	Florida Grand Court	Daytona Beach, FL	SAM
May 18-20	Ohio Grand Court	Sandusky, OH	SC
May 18-20	New York Grand Court	Utica, NY	SRM
June 2023			
June 1-3	Indiana Grand Court	Nashville, IN	SRM
June 9	SCJ – Lily of the Valley	Ontario, Canada	SRM
June 12	SCJ – Heritage	Ontario, Canada	SRM
June 25-28	Supreme Council	Stone Mountain, GA	

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 role listed below please reach out to the committee chairman. More information on the role can be found in the Supreme Constitution.

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