



THE CROWN & SWORD

The Newsletter of the
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Honored Lady Susan Patchin, Supreme Royal Matron
Sir Knight Mel Fossell, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Susan Patchin

Hello to all! I have to brag here for a moment. We live in the most beautiful and diverse country in the world. We are a part of the most wonderful organization in the world. I am so enjoying all the different Grand Courts with their styles from that region. All of us together have the same basics within our ritual, and Constitution; but each of us has different traditions in the Grand Courts. You as members should get out on the Amaranth Trail to see how great we are.

In doing my visits the things that are the issues we have are not enough active members. Each of us should do our best to introduce others from our circle of influence to our Order. Show them our shining star of the work of the ADF and make sure there is loads of fun involved with the activities. Be proud and loud of your membership in one of the top charitable organizations. The other thing is making sure your pride shines in the actual ritual work for our Order. We all have limits on our lives but striving to reach higher on the ladder of success will enhance your pride in you and our organization.

I am looking forward to the rest of these visits and seeing friends and also seeing friends I haven't had the privilege yet to meet.

As we move into the Holy season for all may each of you and your families enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah as well as a Happy New Year. May all the blessings of heaven cover your home and family in the coming year.

Hugs as always.



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON S.K. Mel Fossell

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights as this year comes slowly to an end, we start looking forward to the Holiday Season ahead. Starting with Halloween, for the children, and that sugar rush some parents need to go through. Then it's Thanksgiving a time for the whole family to get together and be thankful for everything the good Lord has given us through the year. And last but not least, Christmas, a time to remember the reason for the season the birth of Jesus. Renew your faith. Love your family. And may God shower you with his love. Till next year. Please be kind to all.



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

Happy Fall Everyone!

It has been a wonderful -but quick- autumn, and it was great to see everyone on the Amaranth Trail. Autumn always reminds me of New England. The beautiful colors, crisp air, and enticing smells. My Dad’s house is only a few miles from the many apple orchards in our hometown, and I’m reminded of those wonderful smells – apples, fresh apple cider, apple cider donuts, apple crisp, and apple pie. The changing of the leaves also reminds me that change is important for progress. In Amaranth, we have our wonderful traditions, but doing something the same way without reflection will not guarantee future success. We must constantly evaluate where we are and where we want to go. During this Holiday season, let us all enjoy our time with family and our traditions, but in the new year, let’s sketch and design new paths to take.

Richard and I will be sending out information for Deputy Supreme Royal Matrons and Patrons shortly, and we look forward to having you with us for next year. We are excited to announce the following who will be serving as our Supreme Floor Officers next year:



HL Jennifer Nielsen- QLD, Supreme Wisdom
(Announced at Job’s Daughters International
Supreme Session)



HL Sarah Sels -IA, Supreme Truth



SK Dale Holmen -WI, Supreme Sentinel

We are looking forward to announcing a few more this fall!

It has been amazing to see the Heralds and Guardians assume the throne. It was a privilege to participate in all of your installations. I am truly honored and humbled to be a part of your ascension to the Grand Throne in each of your jurisdictions.

Starting in November, I am looking forward to watching “White Christmas” with the talented Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney singing “Count your blessings” and the delightful dancing of Vera Ellen and Danny Kaye. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and is able to spend time with family and friends.



Heralds and Guardians in AK – GAM WA- Andrea, GAP WA – Brian, Bizzy, GRM AK – Carol, GRP AK- Jim, GAP OR- Johnnie, GAM OR – K-Lee



Heralds and Guardians in LA – Bizzy, GRM Pam- LA, GRP Harvey – LA, GAP Steve- FL, GAP Roman-AL



Heralds and Guardians at SAC Emily's reception- GAP PA – Donald, GAM PA – Amy, Richard, Bizzy, GAM VA – Andrea, GAM MA- Amy



Heralds and Guardians in ID- GAP OR- Johnnie, GAM OR- K-Lee, GRP ID- Richard, Bizzy, GRM ID- Susan, GAM WA- Andrea, GAP WA- Brian, GRM AK- Carol, AM Dogwood #3 BC- Karen



Heralds and Guardians in IA – GAM MO-Judy, Bizzy, GRM IA – Katie, GRP IA- Brian, GAP WI- Bob, GAP AR – Bob



Heralds and Guardians in WI – Bizzy, GRM WI- Mary, GRP WI- Bob



WI Breakfast 100 Acre Wood skit- Bizzy SAM, Emily SAC, Marsha SC, Mary PSRM & S Treasurer



SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON
S.K. Richard Marsh



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS
H.L. Marsha Weidinger



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS
H.L. Emily Moyer

What an exciting, energizing, fast paced, wonderful fall this has been! It was thrilling to see so many members and friends at my reception on September 9th. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the weekend extra special and a wonderful memory. Thank you to the nine Go-Getters who attended for adding the spark of excitement and enthusiasm to the weekend. Thank you to H.L. Miranda Peruso and H.L. Pat Ankney and the PA Courtesy team for exceptional hospitality shown to everyone. I am still receiving rave reviews on the hospitality room, friendliness and love shown for our members.

I am very pleased to serve on the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board this year and was impressed with two meetings we had with the American Diabetes Association leadership team. I was impressed with the passion and commitment displayed by Chuck Henderson, ADA's CEO. He answered the call to work with the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation to help us promote our organization and the work we do for diabetes. H.L. Charlene Tucker, ADF President, H.L. Bizzy Herbolsheimer, SAM, and I are on a special committee with ADA leadership to find innovative ways to promote Amaranth and our work to raise funds for diabetes research. It's a very exciting collaboration!

My travels took me to the wreath laying at the tomb of the unknown soldier, the Grand Courts of Alaska, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Alabama, and the Texas Swing. You, the members, never cease to amaze as you celebrate Amaranth by your words and actions. Every member holds a special place in our Order, and I appreciate all you do to make your Court and Grand Court a success. We all have to work together for a common purpose to show significant success and growth.

There is a renewed excitement in our Order. It's like the changing of the seasons; you can feel it, smell it and see it. You know something big is happening and the anticipation is overwhelming. I continue to encourage each of you to look for ways to bring our Order into your community, get our name out into your neighborhood and extend a fraternal and social welcome to everyone you meet. Talk to your friends about Amaranth and then talk again. Use our work through the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation as a starting point. It's something people can identify with.

Enjoy your holidays with family and friends. I look forward to a New Year, new challenges, and new opportunities for our Order. **You** create energy, excitement, and enthusiasm! **You** make a difference!

ENTHUSIASM- Everyone Needs To Have Utmost Sincerity In Acquiring Some Members!

Please enjoy some photos from my reception. Mark your calendar for next year's reception on September 7, 2024.



Marsha Weidinger-SC, Bizzy Herbolsheimer-SAM, Susan Patchin-SRM, Emily Moyer-SAC, Mel Fossell-SRP, Richard Marsh-SAP



My traveling companions- Shirley Naulty-GAC, Robin Fridy-GRM, Stacy Anthony-GC, Emily Moyer-SAC, Maryann Cooper-DSRM, Sara Ann Seibert-PSRM, Miranda Peruso-S Lecturer



Members of Victory Court No. 149, located in Elizabethtown, PA



Allen and Emily



California members: Richard Marsh-SAP, Janet Harrison-S. Historian, Judy Harrison-DSRM, Rondel Bezner-GAC, Emily Moyer-SAC, Carol Stansbury-GAC FL, Joji Sayo-GC, Kat Farris, Ernesto Sayo-DSRP.



Fun at Hershey's Chocolate World- Margaret Woode-FL, Carol Stansbury-FL, Kristine Tucker-CO.



H.L. Kristine Tucker-GAC CO, H.L. Margaret Woode, Gr. Marshal FL, H.L. Carol Stansbury-GAC FL



Pennsylvania Courtesy Team led by H.L. Patricia Ankney.



Emily's Go-Getters (GAC's): Jessica Walton, NJ, Carol Stansbury, FL, Kristine Tucker, CO, Veronica Altman, NY, Wanda Pinion, AK, Emily Moyer, Shirley Naulty, PA, Margaret Hahn, IA, Brenda Campbell, TN, Rondel Bezner, CA



Emily's Go-Getters (GAC's): front- Wanda Pinion, AK, Emily Moyer, Carol Stansbury, FL, back: Jessica Walton, NJ, Margaret Hahn, IA, Rondel Bezner, CA, Shirley Naulty, PA, Veronica Altman, NY, Kristine Fisher, CO



Emily's Go-Getters (GAC's): Wanda Pinion, AK, Jessica Walton, NJ, Shirley Naulty, PA



Amanda DeJesus, Grand Worthy Advisor, Pennsylvania Rainbow



Susan Patchin-SRM, Emily Moyer-SAC, Miranda Peruso-S. Lecturer



Past Grand Royal Matrons and Past Grand Royal Patrons of Pennsylvania



Past Supreme Royal Matrons and Past Supreme Royal Patrons

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Susan Dishart
Amaranth Liaison

Dear friends,

November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country seek to bring attention to diabetes. We are thankful that you work EVERY month to rally support for those who are living with diabetes. Your work to fund needed research is so important. Here are important statistics about diabetes:

- 37.3 million Americans or 11.3% of the population have diabetes; that's 1 in 10 Americans
- 28.7 million Americans have diagnosed diabetes
- 1.4 million Americans aged 18 years or older are newly diagnosed with diabetes each year, one every 23 seconds
- 96 million Americans aged 18 years or older have prediabetes, and 81% of them don't know they have it
- Diabetes contributes to the death of 282,801 Americans annually (combining death certificates that list diabetes as the primary and a contributing
- cause of death)
- In the United States, approximately 5-10% of the population with diagnosed diabetes have type 1 diabetes; approximately 90-95% has type 2 diabetes (there are other, rare types, that we don't have enough data to estimate accurately)
- Diabetes kills more Americans every year than AIDS and breast cancer combined

These are just some of the numbers of diabetes to highlight the staggering reach of this disease. If you or a loved one need additional information about how to live with diabetes, please visit the website of the American Diabetes Association [diabetes.org](https://www.diabetes.org).

Your work is important and so appreciated.

Be well and safe travels,

Sue Dishart

American Diabetes Association – Amaranth Diabetes Foundation liaison

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. Charlene Tucker, President



Good afternoon Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

Congratulations!

I am excited to share that the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc., has placed 8th out of 3,873 Research Charities in the United States, according to SmileHub, a charity ranking leader in the United States. This truly shows how hard you are working; and it is clearly through our hard work and the research grants that we are funding, that is making such a difference.

SmileHub is a nonprofit tech company that uses data to rate charities, and provides resources that make it easy for donors to find more information and maximize the impact of their donations. Their platform is designed to help users find and donate to causes and charities that align with their values and interest. Their review process is very rigorous and so, for the ADF to be in the top ten research charities, this is quite an accomplishment! If you would like to see the combined list of all the charities that were reviewed, follow this link. [Best Charities for Research in 2023 - SmileHub Ratings](#)

Amaranth Diabetes Foundation SmileHub Rating 9.3*

Financial Health	9.5
Management Overhead	10
Fundraising Efficiency	10
Program Efficiency	10
Transparency	0

*According to SmileHub's proprietary 100-point rating system

Our Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts under Supreme Jurisdiction are in full swing for 2023. ADF's success is due to the dedication of its members and it is important to acknowledge those members who are making a difference! Courts and Grand Courts have been routinely recognized for annual contributions, but we need to recognize members who have gone above and beyond raising money for diabetes research throughout our Order.

ADF has an individual recognition known as the "Unsung Hero Award." Our goal is to have an Unsung Hero at every Grand Court and SCJ. Do you have a member who has never been recognized? It is easy to place a nomination for your Unsung Hero. Send an email to HL Emily Moyer, SAC giving details of why this member should receive this recognition. This award is presented at your session or official visit. Should you need additional information please reach out to either HL Emily or myself.

I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

SUPREME DIABETES CO-COORDINATORS

H.L. Amy Jones
H.L. Susan McKinney
H.L. Anne Beaton

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

This is Annie Beaton, one of your Diabetes Coordinators for this term. The Holidays are right around the corner, why not give a gift that will not only be a gift for the recipient, but a gift to those fighting diabetes? This year our Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron have chosen several different items to sell whose net proceeds go to help diabetics have healthier lives. I just wanted to feature a couple of items in this article. The plush Koala is so soft and cuddly and would make a great gift for anyone, and the adoption fee is only \$20. For a more upscale gift there is a pendant of a Koala hugging a blue crystal heart on a silver-tone chain with the cost of \$25. More items are available as well as the ordering details on the Supreme Website under the Supreme Diabetes Coordinator tab. Please reach out to HL Amy Jones for the Eastern District, HL Susan McKinney in the Central District and I am covering the Western District, for any order questions or to place your order.

Wishing you all a Koality Holiday Season,

H.L. Amy Jones, Eastern District, grmgrp2020@gmail.com
H.L. Susan McKinney, Central District, smckin@gmail.com
H.L. Anne Beaton, Western District, hlannieb@yahoo.com



Please note that some Koalas may not ship with a ribbon.

It's Time to Find a Cure!

2023-2024 Supreme Diabetes Coordinator

Travel Neck Wallet \$10	10-inch Cuddly Koala \$20
Crystal Koala Necklace \$25	Hourglass & Koala Notecard \$1.75
Hourglass & Koala Notecards (3 pack) \$5.00	Hourglass & Koala Pin \$10
Hourglass & Koala Notecards (5 pack) \$8.00	Hourglass & Koala Pendant \$20 (18", 20", 24" chain)

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Item	Quantity	Price	Total

Make checks payable to: Coordinator to whom you send order

Items will be mailed by priority mail. Flat Rate Envelope \$9.65, Small Flat Rate Box \$10.20, Small Padded Envelope \$10.40, Medium Flat Rate Box \$17.10, Large Flat Rate Box \$22.80

Mail form and payment to: Eastern US, HL Amy Jones, PO Box 268, Briceville, TN 37710

Central US: HL Susan McKinney, PO Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61873

Western US: HL Anne Beaton, 14006 NE 65 Street, Vancouver, WA 98682

Date Paid _____ Amount Paid _____

Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check Number _____

“The Time is Now” to find a cure

Support Diabetes Research!



Mens Polo Shirt

Size	Price	Size	Price
S	\$30	XXL	\$30
M	\$30	XXL	\$30
L	\$30	3XL	\$33
XL	\$30	4XL	\$35



**With Embroidered
Logo**



Ladies Polo Shirt

Size	Price	Size	Price
S	\$28	XXL	\$30
M	\$28	XXL	\$30
L	\$29	3XL	\$32
XL	\$29	4XL	\$34

Polo Shirts are 60/40
cotton/poly pique.
Machine Washable.

****Ladies shirt run small. Order up a
size.**

Supreme Diabetes Polo Shirt Order Form

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Shipping Cost: \$7 per shirt

Make checks payable to: Terri Politte

Mail form and payment to: HL Terri Politte, 63 Jackson Circle, Festus, MO 63028

Item	Size	Quantity	Total
Shipping			
		Total	

Note: \$5 from the purchase of each shirt will be donated to Diabetes Research.

Date Paid _____ Amount Paid _____

Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check Number _____



2023-2024 Garment Bag Order Form



ITEM	LENGTH	PRICE
Formal/Garment Bag	60" Long	\$ 100.00
Dress/Suit Bag	40" Long	\$ 75.00
Includes: Koala with Hour Glass Design along with your name underneath. Name:		
Additional lines of embroidery (each) Example: Title Line 1: Line 2:		
		\$ 5.00
		\$ 5.00
Shipping		\$ 7.00
TOTAL		\$
Use separate order sheet for multiple orders		

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to:

Debi Olson

Mail form and payment to:

**Debi Olson, 1705 New Jamestown
Rd, St. Louis, MO 63138**

Cell: 314-413-0653

Email: oes88keys@gmail.com

*****NET PROCEEDS TO AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION*****

GRAND COURT OF ALABAMA

H.L. Betty Cox, DSRM

Reporter

Greetings once again from the Grand Court of Alabama. I am happy to report that all of our Courts have had their Elections and Installations but sad to report that our Shoals Court #16 has consolidated with Alabama Court #1. Mobile Court #7 is proud to report that our new Royal Matron is H.L. Julie Gilsdorf (Grand Conductress) and our Royal Patron is S.K. Brett Matthews.

On October 7th Mobile Court will be honoring our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Mary Ellen Motley with a Luncheon at the Court in Grand Bay.

We cordially invite all to attend our Annual Session to be held at Lakepoint State Resort, 104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula, Alabama. Come join us on Wednesday Evening, November 8th for a BBQ Buffet and stay thru our Installation of new Officers on Saturday November 11th. We will be having our "Fun Night" following the Banquet on Friday evening with a theme of "Roaring 20's" that is sure to always bring some surprises along with the fun. Information is on the Supreme Web Site as well as available from our Grand Secretary, H.L. Pam Cousins

This is brief this time but look forward to having more on what is happening in Alabama in the next issue as there are always exciting things happening in Alabama.

GRAND COURT OF ALASKA

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM

Reporter

\$500,000 \$500,000 \$500,000 A correction to a **big** typo error in the last article!! Alaska Grand Court made it to **\$500,000**, not \$500 !!! My apologies to our members for that typo. Also, our new GRP's last name is spelled LeFlore.

GRM Carol Addison Lippert visited Alaska Court No.1 on September 12 and Polaris Court No.2 on the 15th. During the week she traveled with GAM Sandy Thompson Wallace to visit OES Chapter 17, Star of the North, for Sandy's Official Visit as Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska, OES. On the 16th, H.L. Carol, H.L. Sandy, SK Johnnie Wallace, H.L. Victoria and S.K. Del Militare attended the "Denim and Plaid" fun night put on by Al Hejeza and Al Aska Shriners, Omega Craftsman Club and Royal Scepter Club ASGA. Dress was anything denim and/or plaid. You paid an entrance fee and got a bag of chips to play various games, free all you could eat dinner, free refreshments, and the opportunity to bid on auction items. H.L. Sandy successfully bid on two items. A truly fun evening and so successful there are plans to hold it again next year.

Alaska Court 1 did take tickets at the Alaska State Fair Red Gate. Tickets were all scanned. No more little paper tickets to tear/throw away. Due to needing more help for two of the days, members of Far North OES helped.

Alaska Grand Court was represented at Idaho Grand Court September 28-30. Attending members: GRM Carol Addison Lippert; PSRM Victoria Ault GAC; PSRP Del Militare; PSRP Jerry Pinion; PGRP Richard Moulden; PGRM Karen LeFlore; PGRM Leann Folsom; PGRM Wanda Pinion GC; GAM Sandy Thompson Wallace.

GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA

H.L. Dorcas Auger, PRM

Reporter

Summer has been a very busy season for California Amaranth this year. We are proud of how many of our members travel to visit and support other courts, near and far. We have two couples who didn't get back in time for the last issue, who I would like mention. H.L. Leah Grospe, GRep to Georgia and her husband, S.K. Elmer Grospe, GAP, along with S.K. Jeremy Chongko, GRep to the Philippines, and his wife, H.L. Stephanie Winn

Chongko, GRep to New York, who have represented California at the Grand Court of the Philippines. They have great stories to tell of their welcome and experiences.

A landmark event was the reception for our Supreme Associate Matron and Supreme Association, hosted by Golden Crown Court No.2, in July. Visitors from across the nation were in attendance. The music was lovely and food was great as well.

In August, many travelled to Black Diamond Court in Pittsburg, CA., for the Quesn Christina Ball. The theme was *Lord of the Rings*, and members were encouraged to dress as their favorite character from that story. The highlight of the evening was the revealing by our GC H.L. Joji Sayo, of her choice of the S.K. to accompany her to the Throne of Grand Court. That was followed by a great banquet and dancing. Oh yes, her choice was SK JD Hammett, PSRP.

September 16th was the Nor/Cal Hoedown, hosted by Crescent Court No.3 at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center. It was well attended, with proceeds for Grand Court ways-and-means.

A September 30th event was the Step-Out Walk to Stop Diabetes which was held at the Rainbow Lagoon in Long Beach, raising over \$1,100.

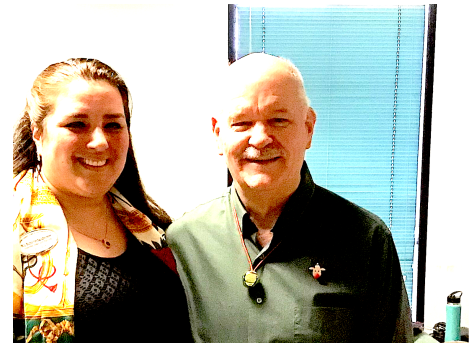
Ahead, our November activity will be the So/Cal "Picnic in the Park" Hoedown in Lompoc, another event to support the ADF.



H.L. Anna Leah Grospe, GRep to GA., H.L. Melania G. Gille, GRM and SK Peter B. Gille, GRP of the Grand Court of the Philippines, SK Elmer Grospe, GAP



S.K. Jeremy Chongko, CA GRep to the Philippines; H.L. Stephanie Winn Chongko, Gr Rep to New York; S.K. Elmer Grospe, GAP; H.L. Leah Grospe, GRep to Georgia



HL Elizabeth Herbolshdeimer SAM and SK Richard Marsh, SAP



SK George Herbolshdeimer PSRP



HL Joji Sayo GC, reveals SK JD Hammett as her chosen one

GRAND COURT OF COLORADO

H.L. Lula Ellsworth, PGRM Reporter

Greetings from Colorado and CO Grand Court Order of Amaranth

Our “Spirit of Aloha” journey continues. We’ve enjoyed going to the Rockies Games, Amaranth Diabetes Walk, and enjoying many flavors of popcorn

As our members continue to support Amaranth with popcorn purchases. Flavors like Fruit Fiesta, and Caramel Apple! Members participated in Douglas County Fair Parade July 29th. In “All Colorado Masons” group.

GRM Laura Lambird has been out representing Order of the Amaranth with visitations to Grand Rainbow Assembly, DeMolay Grand Assembly, Grand York Rite and Grand O.E.S. At the moment H.L. Laura is on her way to New Mexico Grand Ct. Sessions. Had a lovely time at Supreme Sessions, as well as Indiana Grand Court.

Continued visits of the Grand Lecture, S.K. Jason Deselms. As well as O.V. of our GRM Laura Lambird and GRP Robert Tschida are happening here in CO.

Oct. 28th will be a Philanthropic dinner, with our version of America’s got Talent, “Amaranth & Friends got Talent”. So looking forward to this. Many of our “All Courts Night” are about to start with members visiting other Courts, always a good time.

Our prayers continue for healing of Supreme Secretary H.L. Patti Baker. As she is on the mend. Colorado Grand Court Session “Spirit of Aloha will be Feb. 22,23,24 2024. Holiday In Lakewood. 7390 W. Hampden Ave. Lakewood, CO 80227. 303-980-9200.

Please keep Maui and residents in your prayers. Mahalo Nui Loa



Liberty Court # 1 OV. Sept. 2023
GRM Laura Lambird, RM Jackie Beisel,
RP Jim Miles, & GRP Robert Tschida



Pikes Peak Ct. # 20 Oct. 2023 OV & Initiation. HL Laura Lambird GRM, HL Sharon Weibelhaus, RM Kristine Tucker, HL Samantha (Sami) Weibelhaus, RP Mark Tucker, and GRP Robert Tschida.



Fun at the Rockies game. SK Randy and HL Sara Jane Jensen.

Top Row; Dan Quedenfeld, Jean Trip, HL Jill Quedenfeld.

Middle Row: SK Ken Hayter, and HL Pam Bottolfson

Bottom row; HL Mary Keithline, HL Kristine Tucker along with Julianna (Jules) Tucker.



GRP Robert Tschida and his travel companion, Ellie Mae

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

Many members of the Florida Grand Court were able to attend the Louisiana Grand Court Session in August in Denham Springs, La. While at the session, H.L. Betty Cox was surprised with a 90th Birthday Celebration. Great fun was had by all.

Harmony Court No. 25, New Port Richey, FL hosted our first School of Instruction in August under the capable hands of H.L. Ellen Traverson, Grand Lecturer and H.L. Carol Stansbury, Grand Associate Conductress conducted a very knowledgeable Leadership seminar. The members of the Court hosted a tasty luncheon.

Our GRM and GRP are busy conducting the official visits and have been doing a great job. Their Honor Banquet was held on October 7th with a Winter Wonderland Theme. It was really festive, and a great time was had by all.

H.L. Ellen Traverson, Grand Lecturer, has been doing a great job with her Official Inspections to the Courts and at Harmony Court No. 25, her home Court a fun Courtesy was conducted and made her a member of the flamingo flock of Florida.

The Great Train Robbery by H.L. Ann Marie Williams

H.L. Judy Barnes of Harmony Court No. 25 organized a fun filled afternoon fundraiser to support the Masonic Youth Scholarships in Florida at the Florida Railroad Museum in Parrish, Fl. On September 9, 2023.

While waiting to board the train, we had the opportunity of viewing the active train set and village in the Museum. Once onboard the train, we had the choice of sitting in the open-air car or the air-conditioned car. We did move to the open-air car for the show 5 miles down the track.

Twenty-seven in our group enjoyed the Great Train Robbery. The volunteer actors were dressed in period clothing. There was the Sheriff and his Deputies following the Whole in the Head Gang who wanted the gold on the train. Before the robbery, Old Man Joe went around talking to all the ladies and observing their jewelry. You know what he was thinking! Lila the Saloon gal was gathering her followers so she could soothe their aches and pains. Didn't I see her at the Saloon in Juneau, Alaska a while back? Maybe not her. Could be her sister. Anyway, there were other shady characters riding on our train.

Old Man Joe found H.L. Dianne Miller and tried to hypnotize her to get her jewelry. He also tried to pick her up, but when she told him she was married, he asked how long? Dianne answered 3 years. Old Man Joe couldn't believe it was only 3 years. Dianne's husband was filming this character's conversation with his wife. Old Man Joe also eyed, H.L. Sher Johnson from Rush L Darby Ct No. 28. Sher's husband, S.K. Brian Johnson was along on the ride too.

The GRP, S.K. Charles Woody was there with his family and 2.5-year-old grandson, Luke. Our GRM Cecille Hemphill enjoyed the afternoon on the air-conditioned car, along with most of us who were too wimpy and sticky to sit in the open-air car. However, for the show – oh yes, there was the finding of the gold, the shootout, and the measuring of the bodies for the coffin by the Undertaker. It was a fun afternoon.

The train proceeded back to the station, and we all gathered around for a group picture.



Lauren Giammarco, Tanya Nelson, Judy Barnes, Bobby Miller, Diane Miller, Ellen Traverson, Donna Kay Duffy, Kenneth Traverson, Robert Adams, Jane Townsend, Valerie Crow, Clara Rojas, Bryan Johnson, Cathy Edson, Jack Townsend, Mike Landress, Leslie Woody, Sher Johnson, Charles Woody, GRP, Luke Charles Nelson, Cecilia Hemphill, GRM, Cindy Lucas, Stephen Edson, GAP



HL Betty Cox, DSRM was surprised with a 90th birthday celebration with lots of Smiley Faces!



HL Ellen Traverson, Grand Lecturer held the Official Inspection at her Home Court and was "flocked".



Honor Banquet for the GRM/GRP – HL Lara Stucki, GAM, HL Cecilia Hemphill, GRM, SK Charles Woody, GRP, S.K. Stephen Edson, GRP



Florida Members at Louisiana Grand Court: SK, Donald Bedsole, SK Kenneth Traverson, HL Margaret Woody, HL Ann Marie Williams, HL Judy Barnes, HL Michelle Cook-Zimmerman, HL Betty Cox, HL Hilda Bedsole, HL Karen Patterson, SK Charles Woody, GRP, SK Stephen Edson, GAP, HL Ellen Traverson, HL Kathy Seichko, HL Cathy Edson

GRAND COURT OF ILLINOIS H.L. Susan McKinney, PGRM

Hi Everyone,

As I write this, Illinois Grand Court members are getting their reports finished and are preparing for the Grand Court Session, October 20-21. We look forward to seeing our members as well as the out of state members who attend. HL Leah Stephens, GRM and SK Lawrence Knowles, are excited about their "Always in Our Hearts" 85th annual session.



HL Leah Stephens, GRM and SK Lawrence Knowles, GRP

GRAND COURT OF INDIANA

H.L. Sandy Grogan-Sills, PGRM

Indiana has been very busy. We have had our School of Instruction and now we are gearing up for our Grand Lecturer to visit all our Courts. Then we will start with the Official Visits of the Grand Royal Matron accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron. We are looking forward in December to the Grand Line Officers Reception and Christmas Party. It is always fun to attend and see many folks we have not seen since Grand Court.

We have lots of travelers in this state as many went to Michigan to help bring in some new members. You never know where you might find a Hoosier showing up.

This will only mean something to those of you that were at Indiana Grand Court. It was not our musicians hitting the wrong note, it was the keyboard going bad. We got a brand new Keyboard. So make plans now to come to Indiana to hear this brand new keyboard. Our GRM may be asking some of you to come and play for us. We are all looking forward to having some good music played with no klinkers in it.

Our GRM is using the cardinal as one of her symbols this year as it is the state bird of both Indiana and Illinois, Our GRP is from Illinois. Symbol of the Cardinal. Christened the Christmas bird for its spectacular red color, the cardinal has become the symbol of the beauty and warmth of the holiday season. A glimpse of this brilliant bird brings cheer, hope and inspiration on a gray wintery day. As nature's reminder for us to focus on our faith, the cardinal's scarlet plumage represents the blood of Christ shed for the redemption of mankind.

To all those that are traveling please be safe and stay healthy.

GRAND COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

H.L. Kaitlin Jessee

Reporter

Happy Fall from Massachusetts! This summer has been a whirlwind of activity.

In July, Algonquin Court #19 has been working hard to promote the organization within the communities around them and had the distinct honor of volunteering with the Red Sox Foundation and Run to Homebase running a water station for their 5k run through the streets of Boston. The start and finish line are home plate at Fenway Park. Homebase is an organization that assists service members and their families across the country with clinical care and support to assist in healing the invisible wounds of war all at no cost to the families.

In August, Blue Slipper Court #18 promoted the Order by hosting a table at Holden Days. Algonquin hosted their annual mini golf tournament and ice cream social. We don't really keep score but there was a lot of hole in ones from one particular attendee.

September brought the beginning of regular meetings and official visits. I look forward to seeing everyone after a busy summer. It also brought the Meat Raffles back on the schedule. It is a rather lucrative money maker for our amazing Ways and Means crew.

In October, Algonquin was at it again. This time they were honored with manning all the water stations at Gillette Stadium for the Stairs 4r Troops event. Participants run up and down the stairs of the stadium to raise money to provide housing for disabled veterans.

Pot of Gold Court #16 is hosting their Second Annual Fall Fellowship Weekend in November. It is complete with a "Murder at Mardi Gras" mystery dinner. I am rather intrigued and already have my outfit planned for the event.

I look forward to seeing what other fun events each of the courts host in the coming months.

GRAND COURT OF OKLAHOMA

H.L. Stacey Harris, DSRM

Reporter

Coming at you live from a hotel room in Iowa, working diligently to meet this publication deadline. That's the theme at the moment in Oklahoma, Travel! Our members are traveling in the state for official visits, visiting other appendant bodies, and traveling to other jurisdiction's Grand Courts. A small contingent of Oklahoma members visited the Grand Court of Iowa, where two sisters fought to outbid each other at the Friday night banquet.

The name of the game is friendship and our members have it in abundance. Half of the Oklahoma official visits are done and we are off to an excellent start. Many members are jumping on the chance to visit all our friends as Grand Courts begin this fall. Our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron are enthusiastic and have hit the ground running with travels to Louisiana Grand Court and all-around Oklahoma. We look forward to what is still to come.

Official Visit of the Grand Royal Matron to Carter
Maupin Court



HL Tricia Henderson, HL Lila Berry, SK Rick Helfrey, SK
Hobie Henderson

Iowa Grand Court



HL Stephanie White, HL Jeanne Milton, HL Stacey Harris

GRAND COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

H.L. Amanda Cruse

Reporter

On July 22, 2023, H.L. Vernie Elliott of Magnolia Court #5, celebrated her 90th birthday with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, church family, and some Amaranth family members at her church in Elgin, South Carolina. H.L. Vernie was initiated in the Order of the Amaranth at Swan Lake Court and later transferred her membership to Magnolia Court #5 in Cayce when Swan Lake merged with Magnolia Court.

She has always been an active member until recently due to illness. Again, Happy 90th Birthday, H.L. Vernie!



**GO GETTER'S
GRAND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESSES
H.L. Carol Stansbury
Reporter**

Greetings and good day H.L.'s and S.K.'s:

On behalf of the Grand Associate Conductress' "Go Getter's", we bring you greetings. As the Baby Grands of this wonderful organization, we are slowly grasping our various responsibilities within each jurisdiction. It was an exciting time to be nominated in our prospective Grand Courts and now elected, there's much work to do! We've been asked by our Supreme Mom, H.L. Emily Moyer, Supreme Associate Conductress, to describe how some of our jurisdictions are bringing awareness not only to our Order, but how are we reaching out to the various other Masonic Organizations about The Order of the Amaranth.

H.L. Cory Dory, GAC Indiana: She has sent out 350 letters to all the Masonic Blue Lodges in Indiana. She enclosed an introduction letter, an ADF flyer, and a self-addressed envelope requesting a donation. At their next Grand Court Session, the fruits of her labor will be published in the Session Souvenir Book. Lastly, all Blue Lodges that participate, will be sent a thank you letter and a copy of the page for this fundraiser.

H.L. Rondel Bezner GAC California: Our home Court, Golden Crown No. 2, has their annual "Step Out for Diabetes" walkathon. On September 30, 2023, they raised \$1,145.00 as they all walked in matching red shirts along a beautiful harbor view in Long Beach, CA.

As we all continue to learn the ropes towards our year to the throne, it's so wonderful to continue to meet more Members and spread the word about our beloved Order of the Amaranth. We hope to see you along the way on the Amaranth Trail.

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

I just want to take this space to remind everyone to reach out to someone today. The holidays can be very difficult for many people and very lonely. People get caught up in their own life and their own family and tend to forget about those who don't have family this time of the year. So this year I encourage you to reach out to someone. Ask someone to dinner, make a phone call, go sit with them for a while, send them a card. You will never know how much a small gesture will mean to them. I hope that over the next few months you find the time to reach out to others. Don't let the "busy-ness" of the season diminish true connections with people you care about.

BE A VOICE NOT AN ECHO!

VISION COMMITTEE

HL's and SK's

Our Supreme line officers have come together to create a committee that will continue from one year to the next working on current issues and long-term goals. This committee is called the **Vision Committee**.

Each Supreme line officer has picked 2 people that will follow them through their years in the Supreme line. Each new member to the Supreme line will add 2 people of their own. Since this is HL Susan's final year, she picked one person who is to be Chairperson for the first year.

The committees' objectives include but are not limited to:

developing membership, nationally as well as internationally, to explore ideas on how we raise awareness of Amaranth and to whom, how we raise money for diabetes, and how we bring Amaranth up to current times with our digital presence (web page, social media etc.). We are also here to help our members and give guidance where we can. This is a "living" committee meaning that our goals will change as Amaranth changes, the line officers change and the committee members change while being able to follow through without losing momentum on current projects.

The committee along with our Supreme line officers are looking forward to working together as well as the members to make Amaranth all it can be.

In Amaranth friendship,

SK Karl P Forsberg, Chairman

HL Luanne Sprouse

HL Judy Harrison, Secretary

HL Cindy Brooks

HL Cheryl Owoc

HL Stacey Harris

SK Richard Moulden

Supreme Itinerary			
November 2023			
November 2-4	New Mexico Grand Court		SRM
November 9-11	Alabama Grand Court	Eufala, AL	SRM
November 14	Clarksburg/West Virginia Court	Clarksburg, WV	SRM
November 15	Magnolia/Royal Court	Parkersburg, WV	SRM
November 25	Silver State Court	Las Vegas, NV	SRM
December 2023			
December 8	Bluebonnet Court	Arlington, TX	SRM
December 9	Yellow Rose Court	Arlington, TX	SRM
December 13	Baytown Court	Arlington, TX	SRM
December 16	Wichita Court #11	Wichita, KS	SRM
January 2024			
January 8-26	Pacific Tour		SRM
February 2024			
February 8-10	Virginia Grand Court	Virginia Beach, VA	SRM
February 15-17	California Grand Court	Santa Maria, CA	SRM
February 22-24	Colorado Grand Court	Denver, CO	SRM
February 22-24	South Carolina Grand Court	Myrtle Beach, SC	SAC
March 2024			
March 1	Mizpah Court	British Columbia	SRM
March 5	Dogwood Court	British Columbia	SRM
March 7-9	Grand Court of Oregon	Portland, OR	SRM
March 14-16	Grand Court of Washington	Olympia, WA	SAM
March 14-16	Grand Court of Georgia	Atlanta, GA	SRM
April 2024			
April 4-6	Grand Court of Tennessee	Gatlinburg, TN	SRM
April 11-13	Grand Court of Connecticut	New Hartford, CT	SC
April 11-13	Grand Court of Kentucky	TBA	SRM
April 11-13	Grand Court of Missouri	Springfield, MO	SRM
April 14-16	Grand Court of Pennsylvania	Lancaster, PA	SRM
April 18-20	Grand Court of Massachusetts	TBA	SAC
April 18-20	Grand Court of Arkansas	Russellville, AR	SRM
April 27	Grand Court of Arizona	TBA	SRM
TBA	Pineland Court	Auburn, ME	SRM
May 2024			
May 2-4	Grand Court of New Jersey	Swedesboro, NJ	SRM
May 9-11	Grand Court of New York	Niagara Falls, NY	SRM
May 16-18	Grand Court of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, OK	SAM
May 16-18	Grand Court of Florida	Daytona Beach, FL	SRM
May 16-18	Grand Court of Ohio	TBA	SC
May 24	Heritage/Lily of the Valley Courts	Ontario, Canada	SRM
May 30-June 1	Grand Court of Indiana	Nashville, IN	SRM

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