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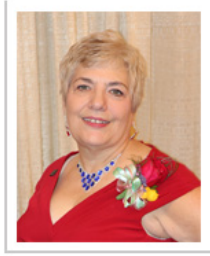
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Sir Knight Mel Fossell, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Susan Patchin

Hello to all! This is the last time I will be writing to you as your Supreme Royal Matron. I want to thank each and every one of the members for putting faith in me to represent you during this year and the previous years as I took this journey. It has been an honor to be able to represent all of the members. We are a premier and Royal Order and we should all be very proud and want to do all we possibly can to promote the Order of the Amaranth and our Amaranth Diabetes Foundation to the very best of our ability. Always remember, you are not just representing yourself but all those who you love and care about. We are a family and we should want to make our family proud of all we do. If we all live by the principles of our Order; Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity we will never go wrong. Strive for the best you can be, and you will never go wrong.

This journey has been one of the greatest adventures I could have been blessed to be on. I have had the honor of meeting so many of our members. The hugs, pictures, gifts, and love shown and given to me will remain the sweetest of memories. My heart is filled by all of you and the love you show for others. God is always faithful if you are faithful to Him. He has blessed me with being able to have the good health and ability to be SRM for this year. The evil one has tried to distract me so many times with many roadblocks but I have found that my faith has seen me through. I look forward to seeing many of you as we travel to the Grand Court that are left to attend and or at the Supreme Council in Pittsburgh at the end of June. As I go through the Assembly sessions and at the Uncrowning ceremony, it is my prayer that the words of the ceremony that I might be spared many years to labor for the advancement of the Order will be the greatest truth.

May God be with all of you as we continue for our beautiful Order and may I see many of you for many more years. Farewell, for now.



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON S.K. Mel Fossell

H.L.s and S.K.s, I cannot begin to express my thanks to this special organization. As I traveled this past couple of years, I have met some wonderful members, that I will consider my friends for life. Sometimes, I wonder if we really realize how great the Order of the Amaranth is. Not to mention the work we do, to find a cure for Diabetes but above all, how important our members are to us. Our members are the strength and backbone of our Order, without our membership Supreme Council would not exist. The Order of the

Amaranth may be a small branch on that Masonic family tree, but we are strong and have the potential to achieve great things. The future is in our hands.

Now, as this will be my last posting, I want to thank H.L. Susan, SRM, for asking me to travel to the throne with her. And my heartfelt thanks to all the Grand Courts and the Courts under SCJ that I visited for their hospitality, kindness and gifts. I have had a real adventure and a most pleasure time this last year serving as the Supreme Royal Patron. Thank you, Supreme Council, Grand Courts, Courts under SCJ and every members for a wonderful year. Thank you and God bless...



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON H.L. Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer

Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe that it's already May! Where did the time go? I have loved travelling along the Amaranth Trail meeting new people and connecting with many friends. It has been wonderful to watch the Heralds and Guardians as they assume the throne! I am so proud of each of these Honored Ladies and Sir Knights for leading their jurisdictions and courts this year!

As we get ready to start the 127th year of the Supreme Council, need to have a vision for our future. To keep this organization thriving in the future, we must have a plan. Where do we want to see this Order in 5 years? In 10 years? Once we have planned the work, we must work the plan to continue the progress to our goal. My goals are to increase membership and increase the knowledge of our Order within the Masonic Family and the general public. I hope that in the year to come we can truly show how amazing our Order is and celebrate every day!

It has been an honor to announce more Illuminators these past few months! Sir Knight David Bezner- CA; Supreme Prelate, Honored Lady Susan Amirsehhi- CA; Supreme Faith, Honored Lady Sue Cornell- SC; Supreme Fraternal Correspondent, Honored Lady Florence Straight-OR; Supreme Crown Bearer, and Sir Knight Rod Lippert-OR; Supreme Sword Bearer. Congratulations and thank you for accepting these appointments!

I look forward to seeing everyone along the Amaranth Trail and in Pittsburgh for Supreme!



California Illuminator Announcement-SK Richard, SK David Bezner-Supreme Prelate, HL Susan Amirsehhi- Supreme Faith, HL Bizzy



South Carolina Illuminator Announcement -HL Sue Cornell- Supreme Fraternal Correspondent, HL Bizzy



Oregon Illuminator Announcement- SK Rod Lippert- Supreme Sword Bearer, HL Bizzy, HL Florence Straight, Supreme Crown Bearer



Heralds and Guardians in Virginia (HL Terry- SC, HL Amy- PA, HL Andrea- VA, SK Bill- VA, HL Bizzy, SK Don- PA, HL Darcia- NJ)



Heralds and Guardians in California (SK Johnnie-OR, SK Richard, HL Cindi- CA, SK Elmer- CA, HL Bizzy, HL K-Lee- OR)



Heralds and Guardians in Colorado (HL Lara-FL, SK Brian-WA, HL Andrea-WA, HL Pam-CO, SK Mark-CO, HL Carol-AK, SK Richard)



Heralds in South Carolina (HL Amy-PA, HL Amy-MA, HL Beverly-AL, HL Darcia-NJ, HL Andrea-VA, HL Terry-SC, HL Bizzy, SK John-SC, SK Rick-GA, SK Roman- AL, SK Don-PA)



Heralds and Guardians in BC (HL Andrea-WA, HL Carol-AK, HL Bizzy, HL Karen-BC, SK John-BC, SK Brian-WA)



Heralds and Guardians in Oregon (SK Elmer-CA, HL Cindi-CA, HL Karen-BC, SK Richard-ID, HL Susan-ID, HL Bizzy, HL K-Lee-OR, SK Johnnie-OR, HL Andrea-WA, SK Brian-WA, HL Carol-AK)



Heralds and Guardians in Georgia (HL Terry-SC, HL Beverly-AL, HL Bizzy, HL Janet-GA, SK Rick-GA, SK Steve-FL, SK Roman-AL, SK John-SC)



Heralds and Guardians in CT (HL Amy-PA, HL Amy-MA, HL Bizzy, HL Kayla-CT, SK Bill-CT, SK Don-PA)



Heralds in Tennessee (HL Beth-KY, HL Katie-IA, HL Terry-SC, HL Beverly-AL, HL Janet-GA, HL Kelly-TN, HL Bizzy, SK Mike-TA, SK John-KY, SK Rick-GA, SK John-SC)



Fun night at Missouri (HL Carolyn-IN, SK John-IL, HL Jane-IL, HL Bizzy, SK Robert-AR, HL Roxanna-AR, HL Lori-OK, SK Bill-OK, HL Judy-MO, SK Doug-MO)



Heralds and Guardians after Installation in Missouri (HL Lori-OK, HL Jane-IL, HL Roxanna-AR, HL Bizzy, HL Judy-MO, SK Doug-MO, SK Robert-AR, SK John-IL, SK Bill-OK)



SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON S.K. Richard Marsh



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS H.L. Marsha Weidinger

Hello Everyone! What a wonderful journey it has been traveling to many Grand Courts this year. I have enjoyed renewing old friendships and making lots of new friends along my journey. I thank everyone for their kindness, love, and support. My travel plans in April are attending Tennessee GC, Representing in Kentucky GC, attending Pennsylvania GC, and representing our SRM, H.L. Susan Patchin at Supreme White Shrine of Jerusalem. I am enjoying getting to know my Jewels and Gemstones at all the Grand

Courts. They are the future leaders for their Grand Courts and Supreme Council. I look forward to seeing what the future will bring for these talented H.L.s and S.K.s.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the remaining Grand Courts and then at Supreme Council in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I know H.L. Susan and S.K. Mel have worked very hard to find a site for our Session and to make all the plans and activities for us. We have very important legislation to conduct as we discuss changes to our ritual and proposed amendments to our Supreme Constitution. So please try to attend Supreme Council this year and make your voice heard. Safe travels and God Bless



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Emily Moyer

Today is my birthday! No, not the day you're reading this but the day I'm writing it. I love my birthday. I always say if there's a day with cake and presents, I'm there! But as I think of all the times we celebrate as members of Amaranth; I can't help but think about the reasons we have to celebrate.

Every time we raise that additional dollar to support Diabetes research, every time we work in our community, every time we reach out to our own members is a time to celebrate. As I travel to Amaranth Grand Courts, subordinate Courts and special events and meet each of you, I can't help but feel there's a common denominator among all of us. That is the desire to serve, be happy, work for and with others and make a difference.

I was recently talking to one of our members and she was so excited about the upcoming Grand Court. She had already started packing even though the Grand Court was over a week away. As we talked, we both agreed that although it's nice to be home, we really need the connection to other people to be fulfilled. It's OK to watch TV every night but after awhile you miss the interaction and companionship of other people.

These similarities among all of us is what will lead us to be successful. It's working toward a common goal, it's striving together to do more and be more and it's the love for each other that will ensure the work we have started in our Court, Grand Court and Supreme Council will continue and grow.

Let's celebrate each other, each success, and every moment of making a difference. As you each celebrate your birthday this year, please know that you are special, loved and appreciated. Celebrate you, celebrate Amaranth!



Melania Gille, GRM and Ray Peter Gille, GRP



Elsbeth Gille, PGRM





Susan Patchin, SRM, me, Melania Gille, GRM and Ray Peter Gille, GRP at the Grand Court of the Philippines



Jinky Lim, Grand Associate Conductress. My Go-Getter in the Philippines!





Front Row: Shirley Naulty, GAC, Robin Fridy, GRM, Sara Ann Seibert, PSRM
Back Row: Stacy Anthony, GC, me, Miranda Peruso, Supreme Lecturer Rockin' our Rooster shirts (Robin's emblem)



Jessica Walton, GAC NJ, Shirley Naulty, GAC PA, Ange Malmquist, GC VA at the Grand Court of Virginia



Rondel Bezner, Grand Conductress- California



Wanda Pinion, Grand Conductress- Alaska



Debbie Weaver, GC GA, Abby Lasater, GC SC, me, Brenda Campbell, GC TN, Shirley Naulty, GC PA at the Grand Court of South Carolina. Thanks to H.L. Mary Wyatt for the flamingo hat!



H.L. Kristine Tucker, Grand Conductress Colorado



H.L. Nikki Brat, Associate Conductress, British Columbia



H.L. Jenny Harsin, Grand Conductress Washington



Lynne Greenwood, Grand Conductress,
Connecticut



Go-Getters at the Grand Court of Georgia- Debbie
Weaver, Grand Conductress GA, Wanda Pinion,
Grand Conductress AK, Brenda Campbell, Grand
Conductress TN



Jenny Harsin, GC WA and Shirley Naulty, GC PA, at
the Grand Court of Washington.



Brenda Campbell, Grand Conductress, Tennessee

AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. Charlene Tucker, President

I am excited to announce the development of a new logo for the ADF; and a direct link that we can place on our webpages for individuals to donate to support our research grants. An email was sent to all Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of SCJ's giving them the link.

This link goes to the ADA; however, they can send out a monthly report to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation with the names of individuals who have used the link. In addition, the donor receives a thank you letter and a receipt for their records.

Each Grand Court will get credit from anyone who donates through the link in your state. We are currently seeing donations from individuals who have used the link at the ADA and they have gone to our page and donated. As in the past, 100% of all dollars raised will go directly to support research grants that we have chosen. This extra money will be added to your milestone donations, so this is truly a win-win for everyone.

Susan Dishart, who is the Planned Giving Officer for the American Diabetes Association and other members from the ADA; along with members from the ADF worked together to create this new direct link. This is just another way that we are all working together to further our partnership and increase the opportunities for individuals to help us with our goals.

Unsung Hero's – Many Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts have acknowledged either an Honored Lady or Sir Knight as an Unsung Hero. The nomination emails that were written by a member of each jurisdiction gave unique descriptions that qualified the recipient for this honor. It has been an honor for the ADF board members to present special certificates to each recipient throughout the United States.

You the members have worked hard to support raising funds for diabetes research. As each board member travels and attends your sessions we are reminded how unique each Grand Court and Subordinate Court is and how dedicated each member is to our Order. Supreme Council is just a few months away and will have the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments from this past year.

I wish everyone safe travels and good health.



AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

**Susan Dishart
Amaranth Liaison**

The American Diabetes Association® (ADA) exists to improve care and help people with all forms of diabetes thrive, and ultimately, find a cure. Research at the ADA is the engine that drives clinical advances by catapulting them into practice. In 2023, we have had many significant victories. Our newest research report highlights some of the most prominent achievements.

One of the things we are most excited about is our strategic focus and how we are helping researchers cultivate concepts and establish collaborative networks to maximize their research and, ultimately, move their innovations into the hands of individuals with diabetes. This goal strikes the heart of the very nature and intention of ADA research—supporting scientists and moving discoveries into practice.

The Pathway to Stop Diabetes® (Pathway) program is an example of this kind of collaborative spirit and dedication. Pathway supports extraordinary minds at the peak of their creativity and provides them with the autonomy, flexibility, and resources to enable breakthrough discoveries in diabetes. Our formula is to invest in brilliant individuals with the most promising research approaches and strategically pair these individuals with world-class mentors to further enhance their work. We are honored to be partnering with you and the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. through your grant to Dr. Judith Agudo and her work to protect beta-cells from immune attack.

Moving forward, we continue to look for innovative projects that have high impact. The opportunities span all stages of diabetes research and include a wide array of research professionals. We are currently working with your Amaranth Diabetes Foundation board to select a new researcher to fund for the upcoming year.

In addition, this report highlights the ADA's 2023 Scientific Sessions, where researchers from all over the world shared exciting progress and study results with the global diabetes community. We are incredibly proud of our legacy of highlighting science and eagerly look forward to the 2024 Scientific Sessions! We thank each of you for being part of our efforts and playing such a critical role in advancing our vision of life free of diabetes and all its burdens.

If you would like a copy of the newest research report, you can access it online at diabetes.org or contact me for a print copy. From all of us at the American Diabetes Association, thank you.

AMARANTH DIABETES COORDINATORS

H.L. Annie Beaton, DSRM

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Hello, I am Annie Beaton, DSRM and I have been appointed as one of the Supreme Diabetes Coordinators. On behalf of HL Susan Mc Kinney DSRM, and HL Amy Jones DSRM, and myself it has been our

pleasure to meet with our membership as we visit Grand Courts and subordinate courts under SCJ. As we enter the home stretch of our Amaranth year there is still work to be done and funds to raise for diabetes research. We still have merchandise available for sale. If you would like one of the cuddly koalas and haven't adopted one yet, I highly recommend reaching out to one of us and placing your order now. We will be bringing what merchandise we have left to Pittsburgh. Please take a moment to go to the supreme website and click on the Supreme Diabetes Coordinator link to see photos of what we do still have available. These items make wonderful gifts!

We look forward to greeting you in Pittsburgh! Happy shopping!

LEAVING A LEGACY

SK Wayne and HL Cathy Felder enjoyed their life as active members in our Masonic Family, with the Order of the Amaranth being one.

Both were members of Christina Court # 8. In 1990, HL Cathy was Grand Royal Matron naming her group the Happy Notes, and SK Wayne served as Grand Royal Patron in 1996, and his group was the Humdingers. HL Cathy was a 58-year member and SK Wayne was a 34-year member. From their many years of service, it is safe to say they were pillars of our Amaranth family.

They were dedicated with our mission to raise that dollar, that would help researchers find a cure for Diabetes. As we think fondly of the many memories and the lessons they taught us, they are leaving us with a Legacy even in their passing.

The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation was named as a beneficiary. At Oregon's Grand Court Session, we honored and gave recognition to both SK Wayne and HL Cathy for their unwavering support during their lifetime and beyond. They are loved and missed by many.



GRAND COURT OF ALASKA

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM

Reporter

GRM Carol Addison Lippert flew up to attend meetings of both Alaska Amaranth Courts in February and was present for the Grand Lodge of Alaska F&AM where she gave a brief message about Amaranth. Unfortunately, the microphone died just as she was introducing the Grand Court Officers there.

Eight Alaska Grand Court Officers attended Colorado Grand Court in February-GRM Carol Addison Lippert, GAM Sandy Thompson Wallace, GAP Johnnie Wallace, GAC Victoria Ault, G Trustee Del Militare, G Commissioner Richard Moulden, G Faith Alice Alvord, and G Sentinel Dennis Alvord. H.L. Alice and S.K. Dennis are again living in Colorado. Several of the above officers were also able to attend the Grand Courts of Oregon and Washington in March.

GRM Carol will make her Official visits in May to Alaska Court No. 1 and Polaris Court No. 2.

GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA

H.L. Dorcas Auger, PRM

Reporter

The Grand Court of California's 125th Annual Session, "A Safari of Harmony" Session, is now a memory. What a happy memory it was for all.

One of the highlights of our session was the presentation of the Unsung Hero's Award from Supreme Council, to H.L. Deborah "Deb" Winn, AM. of Golden Crown Court. For the past several years, Deb has not only served as Team Captain for the American Diabetes Association Walk-a-thon Team, she also organized a local walk in Rosemead Park, with folders, handouts, and other information about diabetes and who we in the Amaranth are. This past year, she was also the Diabetes Coordinator for Grand Court.

The Beverly Gay Duba Service Award was also presented to one member in each Court.

We were very happy to have in attendance, HL Susan Patchin, SRM, and other supreme officers, including SK JD Hammett, PSRP; SK Jerry Pinon, PSRP; HL HL Elizabeth Herbolzheimer, SAM; SK Richard Marsh, SAP; HL Janet Harrison, Sup. Historian, and numerous DSRMs and DSRPs.

Newly elected and installed Grand Line Officers are: HL Cynthia Trabinski, GRM; SK Ellmer Grospe, GRP; HL Joji Sayo, GAM; SK JD Hammett, GAP; HL Rondel Bezner, GC; HL Sue Ann Shamas, GAC.

During the session, new Supreme Floor Officers for next year were announced. They are SK David Bezner, Supreme Prelate and HL Susan Amirsehhi, Supreme Faith.

Saturday night was a fun dinner and fun night. A number of people came in costume, including our Supreme Associate Matron and Supreme Associate Patron.

California also has 26 members who have 50 or more years of membership in the Order of the Amaranth. One 75-year member, HL Frances Fostine, PGRM, who celebrated her 100th birthday this year.

The Installation of Officers of the Courts in California are about to begin. To all of the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who will be serving our Courts and Grand Court, we wish you a wonderful year.



HL Elizabeth Herbolzheimer, SAM, and SK Richard Marsh at Fun Night



HL Deb Winn receives Unsung Hero's Award. In background are HL Elizabeth Herbolzheimer and SK Leonard Routt. Most Excellent Companion and Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.



Announcing new Supreme Floor Officers. SK Richard Marsh, SAP, SK David Bezner, S. Prelate, HL Susan Amirsehhi, S. Faith, HL Elizabeth Herbolzheimer, SAM
Faith's banner, is one which was used in our Courts when we were part of the Rite of Adoption. We get our banners out for Grand Court so the members can see a bit of our history.



At the sock exchange a fun activity after one of the dinners SK Richard Marsh, SAP, HL Susan Patchin, SRM,



California's new GRM, HL Cynthia "Cindy" Trabinski and GRP, SK Elmer Grospe, with their fun emblems.

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

As the "Spirit of Aloha" year comes to an end. We congratulate our GRM Laura Lambird and GRP Robert Tschida. They had a good year and a great Grand Court Session. We had guests from AK, AZ, CA, OR, PA, NM, OK, FL and WA. The Friday night banquet was great fun with special entertainment of Polynesian dancers. The silent auction was a great success and added to our grand

total for the year of over \$11,550.00 dollars. Thank you to all who donated items and for those who bid.

Now we start a new chapter in the Grand Court history of Colorado. Congratulations to our new GRM Pam Bottolfson and GRP Mark Tucker. We will be traveling "Life is a highway - so enjoy the ride". Many great things are planned through our the year. March found us installing our court officer's. Each installation was beautiful with several first time Royal Matron and Patrons. Our school of instruction is April 7.



RP Jerry Rice, and RM Diane Leduc of Friendship Ct. #7



Pam Bottolfson GRM, Jacque Cann RM, Robert Tschida RP, Robert Tucker GRP at Violet Ct. #22



Pam Bottolfson GRM, Julie McLean RM, Ken Hayter RP, Mark Tucker GRP at Edgewater Ct. #14



Jill Quendenfeld RM, and Bryan Schultz RP at Liberty Ct. #1



GRM Pam Bottolfson with Deb Deselms RM and Jason Deselms RP Faith Ct. #18



Mary Keithline RM and Lyle Wilkes RP at Laurel Ct. #16



Patricia Mammenga RM and Dan Brooks RP at Pikes Peak Ct. #20



GRP Mark Tucker and GRM Pam Bottolfson



Robert Tschida JPGRP and Laura Lambird JPGRM

GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA

H.L. Ann Marie Williams, DSRM

January 13th was the Grand Conductress' banquet where HL Beth Strayer, GC and HL Carol Stansbury, GAC were honored at The Great Gatsby Gala. The evening was wonderful. The following day at the Masonic Home Visit the Conductresses made important announcements. HL Beth Strayer, GC announced SK Chris Van Dyne as her choice for GAP and HL Ann Marie Williams as Grand Lecturer. HL Carol Stansbury, GAC announced her group name as the Treble-Makers.

Jan 27th was the Official Visit of Treasure Coast Court by HL Cecilia Hemphill, GRM and Homecoming of SK Charles Woody, GRP.

HL Leslie Woody, RM (init. 2003) and SK Charles E. Woody, RP, (1984) daughter and son of our GRP surprised and presented their grandmother, HL Lois Woody, PRM with her 50 year pin and Certificate. Also present were HL Margaret Woody, (1979) wife of GRP, HL Melissa Woody, grand-daughter and SK Ben Woody, son. It was a very magical moment for the Woody family as 3 generations were present.



SK Chuck Woody, RP, HL Lois Woody,
HL Leslie Woody, RM and
SK Charles Woody, GRP-FL



SK "Chuck" Woody, RP, SK Ben Woody, HL Melissa Woody,
HL Margaret Woody, HL Lois Woody, HL Leslie Woody, RM and
SK Charles Woody, GRP-FL

February was the Diabetes Cruise Fundraiser to the Eastern
Caribbean for HL Cecilia Hemphill, GRM and SK Charles Woody,
GRP.



RW1: Katherine Rudd, Cecilia Hemphill, GRM, Charles Woody,
GRP, Norma Savoley, Ellen Traverson RW2: Donna Duffy, Beth
Strayer, Judy Barnes, RW3: Leslie Woody, Jane Hoffer, Heidi
Garcia, Kathy Holtkey, RW4: Pat Alloy, R. David Powell, Lukie
Nelson, Kristalin Giammarco, RW5: Art Alloy, Tanya Nelson,
Margaret Woody, Michael Landress, RW6: Lauren Giammarco,
Rich Strayer, Top: Kenneth Traverson

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

We work hard to raise funds for Diabetes, from Collecting aluminum cans to cooking meals. Some just pass two baskets at each meeting one for ways and means for their Court and the other for diabetes. Our Supreme Royal Matron will be pleased with the amount of our first check on Thursday night at the Grand Court.

We invite all of you to be part of the Indiana Grand Court. We will start on Wednesday night May 29 with a reception honoring Indian's two Supreme Floor Officers. HL Rita Wurtz Supreme Marshal in the West and HL Cheryl Kuritz Supreme Musician. We will once again be in beautiful Nashville, Indiana. Our session will be Thursday May 30 to June 1. If you need any information please let me or any member of Indiana know. The auction on Friday evening is always a great time raising money for diabetes. We also have two quilts that we are raffling off.

During the Supreme Session we normally have an Indiana Arkansas Breakfast. Last year we did something a little different and it worked out great so we are going to try it again. We had an informal get together in the Grand Associate Matron's room, where we gathered for Pizza and Drinks and a time of fellowship. This will take place again this year on Tuesday following the morning session. Please RSVP to HL Lynn Shoulders 812-779-7730 or lynnshoulders@gmail.com. She will collect \$10.00 from everyone to help pay for the meal. Any money left over will be given to the diabetes fund. Not sure what the meal will be depends on what is close and that can be delivered to the hotel. Please let HL Lynn know if you plan on attending.

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

Happy Opening Day from Massachusetts!

The Bay Staters have been very busy putting in the final preparations for our Grand Court Sessions.

HL Amy Waggoner, GAM, has been busy hosting meat raffles for our ways and means. Go for the meat raffle and stay for the karaoke.

February brought our annual meetings and cold weather. It is very exciting to see new faces in the lines in some of our Courts!

March brought Installation season. Congratulations to Nashoba Valley, Pot of Gold, Blue Slipper, Warren G Harding and Algonquin on your installation. I would like to wish all the officers and members luck and prosperity.

March also brought our now Annual Brewery Tour And Tasting for Diabetes. This year we went to Exhibit "A" in Framingham. It was awesome to learn about how they produce beer and their processes. I highly recommend their kolsche.

April has brought about snow... I'm not ok with it by the way. April brings our Grand Sessions in Plymouth. It is my hope that everyone's trip back to the future with Massachusetts Grand Court was everything you imagined.

If I were to look into the future, I would see craft nights for Diabetes, Worcester Railers hockey games, Worcester Red Sox games, Meat Raffles and many more adventures. I am excited to see what the new Grand Year has in store.

**GRAND COURT OF OKLAHOMA
H.L. Stacey Harris, DSRM
Reporter**

"In This Moment Now, Capture it Remember it"

The "Gotta Have Music" era is coming to a close. HL Tricia and SK Hobie are wrapping up their year as GRM and GRP with installations and preparing for their Grand Court Session May 16-18, 2024. We welcome new officers and bring to a close the 23-24 year. Many miles travelled and many stops at Buc-ee's by our leaders as they traversed Texas and Oklahoma.

HL Lori Correia and SK Bill Wise are preparing for their installation to come on May 18th. HL Lori has ushered in her new core of Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons with many coronations. A new era is beginning and "we were dancing, dancing, like we're made of starlight".

I hope to see yall soon. "I had a marvelous time."

**GRAND COURT OF TENNESSEE
H.L. Marsha Weidinger
Reporter**

Hello! This is my last article as reporter for Tennessee Grand Court as our Grand Court was just held and a new reporter was appointed. Our "Choose Happiness" session was held April 2-6th in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at the Park Vista Hotel with HL Gloria White, GRM and SK William J Haas presiding. We had many visitors representing several jurisdictions as well as a nice number of Tennessee Members. On Wednesday night, the Grand Court gave a reception for HL June Haas, PSRM, Chairman of Supreme Trustees, HL Marsha Weidinger, Supreme Conductress, and HL Brenda Campbell, Supreme Marshal in the East. The highlight of our Session was that Tennessee Grand Court reached a milestone of over \$250,000.00 in their contribution for diabetes. What a wonderful Surprise for the Tennessee members! Our new GRM HL Kelly Pickering and GRP, SK Mike

Sparks were installed and their New year begins. We look forward to seeing their accomplishments this coming year.

GRAND COURT WISCONSIN

H.L. Michelle Varelas

Reporter

Greetings on behalf of the members of the Grand Court of Wisconsin. This spring and summer are filled with many opportunities to see our all our members. The Grand Lecturer visits are well on their way and soon followed by the official Grand Royal Matron visits. Larger events and activities are being planned and announced. Please visit the Grand Court of Wisconsin website (<http://www.wisconsinamaranth.org>) for more dates and details.

- Annual Diabetes Foundation Fundraiser Event (Delafield Brewhaus) – August 4, 2024
- Grand Court of Wisconsin 74th Session (Wintergreen) – October 10-12, 2024

We wish safe travels to everyone making journeys out to visit Grand Courts and Supreme Council this summer.

“A Smile” - Malak Meleka

When someone's having a bad day,
A smile could go a long way,
So make sure to put one on
And keep it until the day is gone.
You don't know what this deed
Could do for a friend in need.
It might save them from the pain
Of a sadness they cannot contain.
Don't ask what a smile can do
Because I'm sure it once helped you.

CROWN AND SWORD EDITOR

H.L. Kim May, DSRM

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

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

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Supreme Assembly			
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