

The Newsletter of the

# SUPREME COUNCIL ORDER of the AMARANTH, Inc.



Honored Lady Elizabeth Herbolsheimer, Supreme Royal Matron Sir Knight Richard Marsh, Supreme Royal Patron 2024 - 2025

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#### SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer

What a wonderful summer! It is truly an honor and privilege to serve our Order as Supreme Royal Matron. I am so excited to see what we as an Order can accomplish this year!

Thank you to all who attended the Installation of Supreme Officers on July 4th. As we mentioned in our letter, we look forward to celebrating our future, while we cherish our traditions. The installation was a beautiful night with a lot of celebrations – Independence Day fireworks included. Also, I kept a wonderful tradition. The crown that I was crowned in an heirloom (it is older than I am) and was worn by my mother when she was Royal Matron, I wore it when I was Grand Royal Matron of Massachusetts, my sister wore it when she was Grand Royal Matron of North Carolina, and a few other Past Grand Royal Matrons of Massachusetts. It is a wonderful tradition that I am so glad to carry on within this wonderful Order.

The Vision Committee hopes that you will take the survey. Some of you may have taken this survey at Supreme, but our goal is at least 500 respondents. The link is at the bottom of this article. This will help us all work on Strategic Plans to help move our Courts, Grand Courts, and Supreme Council into the future. The Vision Committee will work with the Leadership and Training Committee to help create templates for the membership to use for strategic planning. I am looking forward to seeing what we can all accomplish together!

Angel pins and pendants (for diabetes) will be delivered to those that pre-ordered as soon as possible. Thank you to those who pre-ordered. We also have passports for our passport program. If you would like to order before I get to your Grand Court, you can pay electronically, and I or Miranda will send it to you.

One of my goals for this year is positive membership growth. And to accomplish this goal, I'm going to need your help. We need to think about who we might invite to join us - who is someone in your life that is not a member who would love to join us in our fight against Diabetes. Maybe your jurisdiction would like to start a new court. Congratulations to the Grand Court of Washington and their newest court: Pearlas! The Grand Court of Indiana has also scheduled a constitution in November in the Fort Wayne area. Congratulations to both of these Grand Courts!

I am looking forward to our first official visits and getting on the Amaranth Trail in the fall. I'm so excited for this year and to see where we will be on July 6th, 2025! I look forward to seeing the membership as I travel to the Grand Courts this year. Remember to BLAZE (Believe, Lead, Advocate, be Zealous, and Empower) for Amaranth!



Herbolsheimer Family



Herbolsheimer Sisters – Jen, Meredith, Bizzy, Stephanie





Heralds and Guardians at Supreme Installation



#### SUPREME ROYAL PATRON S.K. Richard Marsh

I would like to thank all the Amaranth members who were able to attend the Supreme Council Assembly held earlier this month in Pittsburgh, PA. It was great to see so many friends and to spend time with them. Thank you to everyone who took part in and/or attended our installation. There were even fireworks afterwards to celebrate (okay—yes, it was the Fourth of July too!). You all made it an evening that I will always cherish.

My thanks to those who helped with and attended our reception the following evening. A special thanks to H.L. Mary Wyatt--who was our Toastmistress, and to our Illuminators, Heralds and Guardians who were there. You all made it a special memory that I will treasure.

For the 2024-2025 year of service for the Heralds and Guardians, we have selected the following:

SRM Emblem: Heralds
SRP Emblem: Guardians
SRM Fun Emblem: Fireworks

SRP Fun Emblem: Brown or black bears SRM Flower: Roses and Orchids SRP Flower: Forget-me-nots

SRM/SRP Colors: Jewel tones (ruby red, emerald green, sapphire blue, and amethyst purple)

SRM Song: "Angels Among Us", "Celebration", "Here I Am Lord", any Broadway tunes, and

Disney Music

SRP Song: "This Little Light of Mine" SRM Watchwords: BLAZE your own path

SRP Watchwords: Be a BEAR (Brave, Enthusiastic, Accepting and Respectful

Using my watchwords at installation, I challenged everyone to be a BEAR (Brave, Enthusiastic, Accepting and Respectful). In this issue, I will focus on being "Brave".

This year I'd like everyone to be brave enough to try something new. Take a Court or Grand Court Office. Plan a new Court or Grand Court activity and invite the public. Be a greeter to welcome members attending your meetings. Ask the members in your Court/Grand Court what activity they would like to try. Maybe they would like to have a potluck dinner before their meeting, or attend a play, or sporting event. There are countless new things you can do.

Take a chance--be brave and try something new.

As we begin this new Amaranth year, I look forward to meeting you and visiting your Grand Court or Court under Supreme Council Jurisdiction. I want you all to know that I have an open-door communication policy. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. I am always available to assist you.

Until we meet again, remember to be kind to one another, because you may never realize how one simple act of kindness may impact someone's life.



### SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON H.L. Marsha Weidinger

Hello Everyone! What a busy, productive, and fun time we had at Supreme Council in Pittsburgh! Thank you to all the members who attended and supported our Order. We missed many members who could not attend due to health issues - especially our PSRM's and PSRP's. I wish all these members improved health and I look forward to being with them as I travel throughout the year. Thank you for electing me as your Supreme Associate Matron. I will do my very best to serve Supreme Council and our Members this year. I plan to attend many Grand Courts and some SCJ Courts this year. I will be representing at New York, South Carolina, and Florida Grand Courts. I really look forward to visiting and getting to know our members during my travels. I strongly feel everyone has something to contribute to our Order and I look forward to hearing and seeing new ideas and/or plans from all our members. I would love to see everyone at the reception for S.K. Bill Haas, SAP and myself on August 24, 2024 in Knoxville, TN. We plan on having a wonderful time with fun, good fellowship, live music and a dance floor. Also bring your passport as we will have unique stamps for this event. Our flyer is on the Supreme Website with all the necessary information. So for now, may you have safe travels, good health, and continue to love and support the Order of the Amaranth.



#### SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON S.K. Bill Haas

Congratulations to H.L. Susan Patchin, Jr. PSRM and S.K. Mel Fossell, Jr. PSRP on an outstanding Supreme Council Assembly.

To all the Supreme Officers and members who worked to make the "In God's Time" Assembly a great success, our hearty thanks. With your vision, talents, and dedication, the 126<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Assembly went off without a hitch. We have many fond memories of sharing time with friends, visiting Pittsburgh, and watching an awesome firework spectacular.

We can look forward to building on the foundation of the great success of the 2023-2024 year by welcoming friends, old and new, into our Order, improving visibility in our communities through, and increasing member participation in the many different activities of our Courts and Grand Courts.

Let us work as a team to further the aims and purposes of our Order by making plans, executing those plans, adapting when change is needed as needed, so that we may have success in our endeavors.

Thank you for electing me to serve you as Supreme Associate Patron. I look forward meeting you as we all travel the Amaranth Trail this year.



#### SUPREME CONDUCTRESS H.L. Emily Moyer

Where do I even begin? What a fabulous Supreme Council assembly! How wonderful it was to be with so many Honored Ladies and Sir Knights! Thank you for the support and encouragement over the past year. I am very excited to serve as Supreme Conductress and am truly looking forward to the future of our Order. I want to be part of the excitement and energy emanated by our members. You can feel it in the air!

As we think about a new Amaranth year, it's fun to see what each year will bring. Each Supreme Royal Matron, Grand Royal Matron and Royal Matron brings her own ideas and plans for the future. That's what makes each year fun and exciting. I like the quote our Supreme Royal Patron used in his acceptance remarks; the definition of insanity is doing the same things over and over again and expecting a different result.

We need to try new things, incorporate new ideas into our Court and Grand Court programs, be innovative and creative. What some members might enjoy, others might not but that's OK. We don't all have to like the same things.

This past year we saw the formation of the Vision committee. The "formal" committee includes Honored Ladies and Sir Knights recommended by each Supreme line officer. But actually, the Vision for our future involves every Honored Lady and Sir Knight. What is your vision for your Court and Grand Court and how can we each take part in shaping that future? Do we have a plan for where we want to be in 1, 5 and 10 years? If we don't, then it's time to start. I would rather plan my future than leave it to fate.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all throughout the coming year. Let's start the conversation on how we see our future unfolding. Let's take all the great things about the Order of the Amaranth, tie it with a bow and present it to our friends and family. What better gift is there than the gift of friendship, charitable works, hospitality, enthusiasm and hope. Have a refreshing summer and I look forward to seeing you soon!



Lorraine Matthews, Grand Conductress, Missouri



Go-Getters at Grand Court of Pennsylvania H.L. Shirley Naulty (PA), H.L. Ange Malmquist (VA), H.L. Wanda Pinion (AK)



Installation of Officers – Pennsylvania H.L. Shirley Naulty, Grand Conductress H.L. Melody Newhard-Kirk, Grand Associate Conductress

 H.L. Mary Barger, Grand Conductress, Massachusetts



- Installation of Officers
- Massachusetts
- H.L. Mary Barger, Grand Conductress



 Jessica Walton, Grand Conductress of New Jersey at Installation







- Veronica Altman, Grand Conductress
- Grand Court of New York Installation



- Installation of Officers, Grand Court of Arizona
- H.L. Susan Coulter, Grand Conductress



- Go-Getters at the Grand Court of Ohio
- H.L. Janet Tescher (OH)
- H.L. Shirley Naulty (PA)
- H.L. Brenda Campbell (TN)



• H.L. Janet <u>Teschler</u>, Grand Conductress - Ohio



- H.L. Carol Stansbury, Grand Conductress, Florida
- H.L. Kristine Tucker, Grand Conductress, Colorado
- · Grand Court of Florida
  - H.L. Cory <u>Cutsinger</u>, Grand Associate Conductress, Indiana receiving the Unsung Hero Award for outstanding support of Diabetes research. Presented by H.L. Susan McKinney, ADF Board Vice-Chair.





- Go-Getters at the Grand Court of Indiana:
- H.L. Dee Bennett (KY)
- H.L. Cory Cutsinger (IN)
- H.L. Barbara Eccles (IL)



 Emily, Marsha and Bizzy at the Grand Court of Indiana



- Installation of Officers, Grand Court of Indiana
- H.L. Cory <u>Cutsinger</u>, Grand Conductress



- Go-Getters at Supreme Council!
- Front L-R: Veronica Altman (NY), Abby Lasater (SC), Cory Cutsinger (IN), Emily, Mary Barger (MA)
- Back L-R: Shirley Naulty (PA), Brenda Campbell (TN), Ange Malmquist (VA), Wanda Pinion (AK), Carol Stansbury (FL), Dee Bennett (KY), Janet Tescher (OH), Kristine Tucker (CO), Rondel Bezner (CA)
- On the Zoom: Susan Coulter (AZ), Lynne Greenwood (CT), Debbie Weaver (GA), Lorraine Matthews (MO), Kathryn Jost (NM), Jenny Harsin (WA), Betty Bryan (AL)



- Go-Getters celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Supreme Council!
- H.L. Janet <u>Teschler</u>, Mary Barger, Ange Malmquist, Wanda Pinion, Rondel <u>Bezner</u>, Emily, Carol Stansbury, Dee Bennett, Shirley <u>Naulty</u>, Brenda Campbell, Kristine <u>Tucker</u>



Go-Getters!!
That's right, we're the future of Amaranth!



#### SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to write this greeting as Supreme Associate Conductress. Thank you to the members of Supreme Council for their much-appreciated words of support and look forward to working for the members of Amaranth to the very best of my abilities.

It is with great pride that I announce that the Grand Associate Conductresses and Associate Conductresses under SCJ are a wonderful and lively group of "Fascinators". What a wonderful start to this adventure we are embarking on.

## AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS H.L. Charlene Tucker, President

The 126th Annual Supreme Council "In His Time" assembly has just been completed. Congratulations to H.L. Susan Patchin, SRM and S.K. Mel Fossell, SRP on your leadership and for a successful year.

At the opening session we presented a check to Susan Dishart, Planned Giving Officer for the American Diabetes Association in the amount of \$510,142.19. A bequest was received in the amount of \$101,093.15 from S.K. Wayne and H.L. Cathy Felder from the Grand Court of Oregon which helped to reach this amazing donation. To date we have raised \$18,540,147.59.

The following Grand Courts reached Milestone awards: Alabama \$250,000.00, Tennessee \$250,000.00, and Virginia \$750,000.00. S.K. Lee Nash, from the Grand Court of Georgia was announced as receiving The Individual Distinguished Service Award for "The Great American Car Show."

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, July 2nd and the following officers were elected to serve in 2024-2025:

President: Charlene Tucker Vice President: Miranda Peruso Secretary: Tiffany St John

Assistant Secretary: Karl Forsberg

Treasurer: Hillary Johnson

This year's Supreme Diabetes Coordinator's will be H.L. Miranda Peruso.

In addition, the following members were assigned to these individual committees and are available to assist you.

Education Committee – Susan McKinney Individual Distinguished Service Award – Charlene Tucker & Emily Moyer Unsung Hero Nominations – Emily Moyer Legacy Project – Gwen Rochette Grand Court Speakers – Miranda Peruso

We are looking forward to a great new year with H.L. Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer, SRM and S.K. Richard Marsh, SRP as we "Celebrate the Future while we Cherish our Traditions."



Milestone Awardees – Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia along with Susan Dishart from ADA



#### Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Inc.

2024-2025 Board of Directors



























Supreme Associate Matron







#### AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION Susan Dishart **Amaranth Liaison**

It was wonderful to see so many of you in Pittsburgh! It was an honor to celebrate the milestones from so many Grand Courts and recognize the dedication and hard work of so many of you! On behalf of everyone at the American Diabetes Association, thank you for all you do for people living with diabetes. The well over \$18 million dollars you have raised, with 100% going to support research, has made a tremendous impact in the fight to cure diabetes.

The CEO of the ADA, Chuck Henderson shares that the need to end diabetes has never been more urgent. Today, over 38 million Americans live with diabetes and nearly 98 million adults have prediabetes. The annual cost of this disease has ballooned to \$412.9 billion, accounting for one in four health care dollars spent in this country. Diabetes has hurt too many people we love, for far too long. But he also shares this: Our ability to make a difference has never been greater. The ADA is an advocate to support lower diabetesrelated copays and health equity for diabetes care, a champion hosting camps and education programs to provide information for people newly diagnosed or living with diabetes for years and a leader in bringing together the best and brightest for collaboration and innovation to fight to help people living with diabetes. And most important at the ADA, research is accelerating progress towards preventing and curing diabetes. This year, the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation continues its tremendous support of research projects with the funding of 4 grants. In addition to continuing the funding of Pathway Scientists, Dr. Judith Agudo from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Howard Davidson from the University of Colorado, and Dr. William Chang from Yale School of Medicine—this year the board has voted to fund add Dr. Megan Baker from Yale University. Her project will focus on the Cellular and Molecular Characterization of Human Diabetic Kidney Disease by investigating the progression of diabetes-related kidney disease, aiming to unravel the mechanisms leading to kidney failure. Ultimately, this project holds the potential to contribute significantly towards the prevention and treatment of diabetes-related kidney disease. Advances in care, through research, have made life so much better for so many. There may not yet be a cure, but the fight for better outcomes is vital. Let's fight for less vision loss, less kidney disease, less amputations, less complications because of diabetes. Your support is making a difference and with your help and the work of some very smart and passionate researchers, we will find a cure.

The Order of the Amaranth and the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation are key partners in the fight to end diabetes. Lives have improved for people with diabetes because we have ensured that 100% of the gifts you have raised go directly to designated research grants. It takes all of us to end diabetes—because when we fight together, we change lives. I look forward to seeing you and thanking you in person as we start another year!

Be well

### AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION H.L. Susan McKinney, DSRM

The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation is very excited to share with you our direct link to make donations to the ADF/ADA: <a href="https://donors.diabetes.org/page/Amaranth">https://donors.diabetes.org/page/Amaranth</a>. This link is also on the <a href="https://www.amaranth.org">www.amaranth.org</a> website under Amaranth Diabetes Foundation page.

You are still encouraged to use Facebook to have fundraisers for the ADF, however we would appreciate it if you used the above link. Just add this link to your Facebook page and encourage your friends and family to donate.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Facebook turned over its fundraising financials to third party vendors like Paypal Giving Fund. We no longer have a way to track money raised by our Facebook Fundraisers and the third party charity financial entities now charge us a fee for each deposit. The payment processing fee is 1.99% + \$0.49 US Dollars.

In no way, is this a condemnation of Facebook, we understand that Facebook has to do what is best for its business. We encourage our members to continue to use Facebook for fundraising for your birthdays or other special reasons but instead of using Facebook Fundraising, please use the link above. There will be no processing fees and the ADF will get 100% of the funds given.

Here are the steps in creating a fundraiser on Facebook, without using Facebook Fundraisers.

- 1. Create a post on your Facebook page
- 2. Write about the ADF and why you are doing your fundraiser (birthday, anniversary, in honor of, in memory of, etc.)
- 3. Type this link (or copy): https://donors.diabetes.org/page/Amaranth
- 4. Choose Once or Monthly
- 5. Choose your amount

- 6. Choose yearly or one time donation
- 7. Fill out the information for yourself
- 8. Consider paying the processing fee so that your total donation amount goes to the ADA/ADF!
- 9. Choose to put your employer in the company field to see if your company does matching donations
- 10. Fill out the personalized card to the honoree or yourself (if you choose). Please put in the comment area, "Credit to the Grand Court or Subordinate Court of [your choice]."

The additional "BONUS" to using the direct link for your fundraiser is that each Grand Court will receive credit for dollars raised because we receive a monthly report of money raised through the new "direct" link from the ADA.

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

Alaska Courts are dark for the summer. In August, Alaska Court 1 will be taking tickets at the Red Gate at the State Fair. We do not know whether we work the first or the second week. H.L. Wanda and S.K. Jerry Pinion are flying up to help us.

Alaska Grand Court is September 12-14. The annual "picnic" is Wednesday, the 11th. Gr. Royal Matron Carol Addison Lippert has rented the air museum for a catered indoor picnic. The museum is just a few blocks from the LakeFront Hotel where the session will be held. H.L. Carol has been very active in promoting the Session in her travels. Come early!! Alaska Ct. 1 has their meeting on Sept. 10 at 7:00 pm and would love to have visitors. Transportation can be arranged.

Nine Grand Court members attended Supreme Assembly: H.L.'s Wanda Pinion, Sandy Thompson-Wallace, Carol Addison Lippert, Victoria Ault and Karen LeFlore, S.K.'s Del Militare, Jerry Pinion, Johnnie Wallace and Richard Moulden. Alaska Grand Court was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Second Highest Dollar Amount Per Member given to Diabetes Research-\$181.64

Alaska Court 1 continues to cater the dinner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday meeting of Glacier Lodge. York Rite is dark for the summer so that frees up the third Friday evening. The same Honored Ladies that prepare those dinners are also Eastern Star members and prepare a third dinner for Scottish Rite every month.

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

Spring has been a busy time for the H.L. and S.K. of California. The Installations are over, Memorials

have been held, and the Official Visits of Assistant Grand Lecturers are well under way.

Some projects to promote funds for the ADF are also under way or have been completed. In May, Golden Crown Court joined with Foshay Lodge in Culver City for their 1st annual blood drive and health fair. The members of the court met new people, told them about Amaranth and distributed Amaranth information.

That Court also held a Walkathon on May 11 at Rosemead Park They had 24 walkers and 2 dogs. They walked 81.62 miles and raised over \$1775.00/dollars for ADF.

On June 2, the David C. Decker Amaranth Club held a picnic in Hartwell Park to attract new members and possibly add to their membership. At this event they added two prospective members. This group is hoping to form a new Amaranth Court in a part of the county not currently having a Court.

The Grand Royal Patron also has a project for ADF. He is selling baseball caps which say "Amaranth Strikes Out Diabetes."

On July 14, Grand Court is holding a Golf Fundraising Tournament, at the Blue Rock Springs Golf Course in Vallejo. There is a special prize for anyone who makes a hole in one. It is a Mercedes Benz Car. All proceeds from this project go to ADF.

Black Diamond Court has planned a luau for July 20 with the proceeds to go to ADF.

On September 28, the Queen Christina Gala will be held at the Los Angeles Zoo. This is the event in which the Grand Conductress reveals her choice for the SK to accompany her to the Throne of Grand Court. The picnic lunch and revealing will be held in the treetop Gazebo. Noon.

Walkathon
Picture by SK Connor Bezner, RP





David C. Decker Amaranth Club

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



GRM Pam Bottolfson and SK Larry Bottolfson enjoying day at the Rockies With CO Amaranth May 26th.



HL Brandi Long PGRM and Grand Rep. To Florida, HL Pam Bottolfson GRM,CO. And HL Kristine Tucker Grand Conductress, CO. Enjoying Grand Court of Florida held in May.



GRM Pam Bottolfson and GRP Mark Tucker of CO. At Supreme Sessions.



GRM Pam Bottolfson, GRP Mark Tucker and Grand. Secretary HL Pat Hayter at Rainbow and DeMolay Convention.



Also attending Supreme Sessions. HL Kristine Tucker, Grand Conductress. HL Brandi Long PGRM. HL Mary Wilkes Grand Associate Matron. SK Lyle Wilkes Grand Associate Patron. HL Laura Lambird PGRM. And HL Kim Fairchild Grand Assoc. Conductress.

#### GRAND COURT OF FLORIDA H.L. Ann Marie Williams, DSRM

The Most Bountiful Session celebrating 75 years of Amaranth in Florida has closed with H.L. Cecilia Hemphill and S.K. Charles Woody presiding as our leaders during the session. We are so proud to have made over a \$15,000 contribution to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. The Friday Night Fun Night complete with a corral, Duck Pond, Toilet Paper Toss into a Tent and an Apron Contest was a blast. After dinner members enjoyed a view of the Space X Launch from the banquet room while others went outside or to their balconies.

Members were beaming with smiles when S.K. Richard Marsh, S.A.P announced H.L. Roslyn Heath Klenke announced (now installed) as Supreme Lecturer. S.K. Ken Traverson had a great year as Supreme Sentinel. H.L. Judy Barnes continues her term as Supreme Commissioner of Appeal.

As we have begun a new chapter in the Grand Court of Florida, H.L. Lara Stuck, GRM and S.K. Stephen Edson, GRP have already made Florida proud at their representations at Florida Grand Lodge Grand Master's Reception and at the Appendant Body Introductions on Monday, May 27th during a partial open meeting; IORG Convention in June, as well as at Supreme Council, as a Herald and a Guardian.

Suncoast Court No. 73 celebrated Adrienne Skoog's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in June. She retired as Court secretary after serving for 33 years.

After the beautiful Installation of H.L. Bizzy, S.R.M and S.K. Richard, S.R.P. we watched the glorious Fireworks display on the river from our hotel room(s) due to the weather and the crowds at the hotel.

We thank H.L. Cathy Edson for her dedication and years serving as Editor and I will do my very best.



H.L. Lara Stucki, GRM and S.K. Stephen Edson, GRP



H.L. Beth Strayer, GAM, H.L. Lara Stucki, GRM, S.K. Stephen Edson, GRP, S.K Chris Van Duyne at Florida Rainbow Convention



H.L. Kathleen Rudd, H.L. Adrienne Skoog, S.K. Ken Traverson



Rw1:HL Athena Mock, GAC; HL Lara Stucki, GRM; SK Stephen
Edson, GRP; HL Carol Stansbury, GC
RW2:SK Barry Rosenthal; SK Chris Van Duyne, GAP; HL Beth
Strayer, GAM; HL Cathy Edson
RW3: HL Margaret Woody; HL Cecilia Hemphil, PGRM; HL
Gerri Rosenthal.

RW4: HL Joan Schwebel; HL Kathy Seichko; HL Jill Bleechly, PRM; SK Keith Albright, PGRP.

RW5: HL, Ann Marie Williams, DSRM; SK Russ Bleechly, PRP

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

The Grand Court of Illinois was well represented at Supreme Council this year. We are very proud of H.L. Renee Dempster, Supreme Standard Bearer. We had a great time and we wish the best to H.L. Elizabeth Herbolsheimer and S.K. Richard Marsh and their corps of officers for 2024-2025.

Pictured below are: H.L. Juanita Cox, S.K. Brian Cox; H.L. Mary Bennett; H.L. Renee Dempster; H.L. Merlene Mundhenk; H.L. Jane McKee, GRM;

S.K. John McKee, GRP; H.L. Jo Ellen Reed; H.L. Ramona McNeil; H.L. Susan McKinney.

We have our Advance Nights in July and August. H.L. Renee and S.K. Brian look forward to seeing everyone.

The Grand Court of Illinois will have its Annual Session October 18-19. Our forms are on our Grand Court Facebook page or are available from H.L. Merlene Mundhenk, Grand Secretary.



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

Indiana Grand Court is off and running under the leadership of H.L. Carolyn Imel as Grand Royal Matron and S.K. Howard Farrand as Grand Royal Patron. H.L. Debbie had most of her plans in place for her year as Grand Royal Matron but she did not get to fulfill those dreams. H.L. Carolyn has stepped into the role as Grand Royal Matron taking most of Debbie's plans and going forth with them.

We have hopes of opening a new Court here in Indiana up in the northern part of the State . H.L. Terry Thompson is leading the way for this to happen.

We are so proud of H.L. Susan Bendler and S.K. Richard Gray for their outstanding work they did leading the state last year. We raised a lot of money for our Diabetes research this past year. One of the major helpers in this was H.L. Cory Cutsinger, our

Grand Conductress now. She personally wrote every Blue Lodge in the State and told them about Amaranth and what we do. She explained to them about our philanthropic projects and about our ways and means. Many lodges sent in money for both programs and some sent it to just one area. Most gave money for Diabetes. This also made Cory Indiana's unsung hero. She did not ask to be reimbursed for the money she spent on paper or postage.

Indiana is so happy that so many of you traveled to Indiana for our Grand Court. Hope to see you again real soon. We congratulate our two Past Supreme officers from Indiana for their work and dedication to our Order. Indiana is looking forward to a great year, under the leadership of H.L. Carolyn and S.K. Howard. Remember to always keep a song in your heart.

#### GRAND COURT OF MISSOURI H.L. Jacqueline H. Camargo Reporter

Grand Court of Missouri, H.L. Judy Farrow, GRM and S.K. Doug Reece, GRP, is Hosting a Four State Amaranth Reunion [Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma] August 16-18, 2024 Branson, MO This will be an exciting time with much going on each day. Check it out on our website and look forward to seeing you there.

Missouri Grand Court is very proud of our own Sir Knight Mel Fossell, Supreme Royal Patron 2023 – 2024, for his continued service to our Order. S.K. Mel joined the order in 2002 and served as Royal Patron 7 times before becoming Grand Royal Patron in 2008 and 2022. In getting to know S.K. Mel we found some interesting activities that fill his life with fun and enjoyment. He is the Captain of the Freemasons Motorcycle Riding Club and has ridden his motorcycle in every one of the contiguous United States. A man of many talents he enjoys scuba diving, loves to travel and has done so in Canada, England, France, Scotland, Ireland,

Alaska, Australia, Venezuela, South Korea, Okinawa Japan, Viet Nam and the Philippines.

To quote S.K. Mel, "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".

This is a wonderful message S.K. Mel has left with us and if each member holds that thought in their heart, our Order will grow and prosper, and maybe in the not-to-distant future, our work will contribute in some small way in finding a cure for Diabetes. Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

North Gate Court #6 is honored to have this Sir Knight back into our family. He has shown our great order what a great asset he is and through his many travels he has been able to spread the word of what we stand for. That is how we are "Creating the Dreams of Battling Diabetes." Once again, thank you S.K. Mel Fossell for all of your dedication to our Order and all that you do for us.

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

Oklahoma has hit the ground running after our Grand Court in May. Our new Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron, H.L. Lori Correia and S.K. Bill Wise, have been traveling all over the state attending Oklahoma events. The Rainbow Grand Assembly and Jobs Daughters Rally were well represented, and our leaders did us proud with scholarship presentations and greetings.

We hit the road and headed to Pittsburg for the Supreme Council session. Much fun was had, and our delegation had a wonderful time. The "three Amigos" could be found throughout the week in matching outfits and their signature pose. We reconnected with our friends and made new ones. It was a great time, and we look forward to seeing our friends again on the road.

Oklahoma has several exciting events coming up. Some will be traveling to the Four-State Reunion in Branson, MO on August 16-18, 2024. The Round Up Fun Weekend in Oklahoma is August 23-24, 2024. We hope to see our friends there.

Safe Travels everyone!



Grand Royal Matrons, HL Judy Farrow (Missouri) Grand Royal Matron, HL Lori Correia (Oklahoma)



The Three Amigos! HL Theda Wise, HL Lori Correia, HL Lila Berry

## GRAND COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA H.L. Shelley Krall Reporter

It has been eleven years since Supreme Council Assembly has been held in the Pennsylvania Jurisdiction and over 75 members from PA led by H.L. Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GRM and S.K. Donald Bellamy, GRP demonstrated their support for H.L. Susan Patchin, SRM and H.L. Emily Moyer, SAC during the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

If you attended, a Pa. Amaranth member probably had a small part in making your stay a pleasant and welcoming experience.

Pennsylvania Subordinate Courts allowed Supreme Council the use of their paraphernalia. H.L. and S.K.'s (and family) made many runs from the airport to the hotel and back again all week long and at all hours, always with a smile and an "Amaranth Transportation" sign. To help defray parking costs, cars were parked at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, where one of our Court's meet.

Numerous H.L.'s in the "Courtesy Team blue" gowns belong to Pennsylvania Subordinate Courts as well and assisted with many of the decorations used throughout the week.

On July 4, Pittsburgh organized the most amazing celebration for the Installation of H.L.'s Elizabeth Herbolsheimer, SRM; Emily Moyer, SC; Maryann Cooper, SCoA; Miranda Peruso, Supreme Diabetes Coordinator and S.K. Karl Forsberg, Supreme Warder and other Supreme Officers with 22 minutes of fireworks over the Three Rivers.

Pictured below are those in attendance at the Pennsylvania Jurisdictional Breakfast held Tuesday, July 2.



#### GRAND COURT OF PHILIPPINES H.L. Rowina S. Soliza, DSRM Reporter



H.L. Arlene T. Baccay, Grand Royal Matron & S.K. Yester Donn P. Baccay, Grand Royal Patron

Fraternal greetings from the Philippines!

As we embark this milestone for Amaranthine Year 2024, we are elated to be led by two esteemed members, Honored Lady Arlene T. Baccay, as the Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Yeshter Donn

P. Baccay, as the Grand Royal Patron of Mary Elizabeth J. Araneta Memorial Court No. 40, District 1 to serve our Grand Court.

They were installed into office together with the other Grand Officers on May 07, 2024 in the City of Golden Friendship, Cagayan de Oro City. H.L. Arlene was crowned by no less than Supreme Associate Matron H.L. Elizabeth Herbolsheimer who travelled all the way from Arizona.

They will work in depth with a theme of "Shaping the future of our Order through virtuous conduct that inspires vibrant membership for the benefit of the community we serve". To ensure that our Grand Court is in excellent order, programs are lined up for members to work closely to achieve common goal and vision as follows:

- 1. New Courts, New Members and Renewed Commitment to the Order
- 2. Exemplification of Tenets of the Order Through Community Service
- 3. Women Empowerment, Child Protection and Family Advocacy
- 4. Amaranth's Diabetes Prevention & Juvenile Diabetes Awareness
- 5. Good Court Governance and Leadership Development
- **6.** Environment Protection, Disaster Preparedness and Response

We look forward for a fruitful term in learning the beauty of our Order with so much enthusiasm. As the saying goes by a great philosopher Aristotle, "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."

In Focus: by H.L. Kristianne Sarah Catingub, RM



Pantabangan – Bonari Court No. 46 Located in Poblacion Centro, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Philippines

A momentous occasion as they lay the foundation for a dedicated space that fosters fellowship and strengthens the values of our Order last July 08, 2024. Indeed, a "Promise a bright future: Building the Cornerstone of Unity"

The ceremony commenced with a heartfelt prayer by H.L. Prelate Bessie Mangahas, followed by a warm welcome from Worshipful Master Darius Nebre of Pantabangan - Bonari Masonic Lodge No. 203. The event was graced by the presence of Grand Royal Matron, Honored Lady Arlene T. Baccay and Grand Royal Patron, Sir Knight Yeshter Donn P. Baccay, along with Past Grand Royal Matron Honored Lady Marieta Recometa, affectionately known as the "Mother" of Pantabangan - Bonari Court No. 46.

Speeches by the Grand Line Officers and Past Grand Royal Matron emphasized the significance of this project in fostering unity and camaraderie within the Order. Mayor Hannah Katrina L. Andres of Rizal and Councilor Eric Jason Sulfelix, a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and Past Royal Patron of the Court, also shared their perspectives on the positive impact this new space will have on the community.

A highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of the Amaranthine Room plans by the incumbent Royal Matron H.L. Kristianne Sarah Catingub and Royal Patron S.K. Carlo DC. Catingub, followed by the signing of these plans by all VIPs, dignitaries, and members of the Court. The signed plans were then placed in a time capsule and buried on the site, symbolizing the hopes and aspirations for the future.



The event concluded with heartfelt closing remarks by Royal Patron S.K. Carlo, who expressed gratitude to all those who made this groundbreaking ceremony possible.

#### GRAND COURT OF TENNESSEE H.L. Cindy Brooks, DSRM Reporter

Tennessee Grand Court started their year off in traveling style, with several rooms booked at Kentucky Grand Court to support our H.L. Marsha Weidinger, then SC, on her stint as Official Visitor. We had a great time with our neighbors to the North and are appearing at other Grand Courts. We all chipped in to help at Memorials in May, but are continuing to travel, especially to Supreme up in Pittsburgh! It spectacular, seeing the fireworks on their level, watching our Tennessee Supreme Floor Officers do a great job, then seeing H.L. Marsha Weidinger and S.K. William J Haas elected and installed as Supreme Grand Associate Matron and Supreme Grand Associate Patron!

We have five Courts and they are actively involved in supporting ADF as well as filling local needs in our areas, such as food banks, humane societies, foster kids, and school supplies, which we will continue throughout the year. Happy and safe travels to all.



#### GRAND COURT OF VIRGINIA H.L. Jennifer Brooks Reporter

So far, 2024 has been a banner year for Virginia Amaranth! We held our Grand Court in February, where H.L. Ann Bailey presided over a stellar session and then we installed our new GRM H.L. Andrea Baez and GRP S.K. William Edwards. Their inspiring theme is "Our Time is Now" and their motto is "If not you, then who? If not now, then when? They have challenged our Courts to step out of our comfort zones and spread the friendship we enjoy to others in our Masonic Communities and beyond.

Our commitment to ending diabetes is real. To that end, our Courts have been busy holding fundraisers such as flower sales, and painting and sangria parties! Our Grand Court is raising funds with 'At Your Service – For Our Service', an idea from our Diabetes Coordinator Lisa Elliott, which helps our members get chores done. Our GRM has us all involved in other volunteer activities such as supporting the 'Tour de Cure' around the Commonwealth, and making contributions to the ADA's Camp Charm City in Baltimore for children who have been recently diagnosed with diabetes.

We are also having fun and enjoying fellowship around the Commonwealth with events through our Courts and the Grand Court – like a Norfolk Tides

baseball game, attending Friendship Events with our neighboring jurisdictions, and the yearly meetings of our youth groups. In August, we have a cruise to Bermuda for many of our Amaranth members!

The rest of the summer, and into the fall will no doubt bring us many more fun activities, but also chances to offer our service to help end diabetes. I can't wait to see what the second half of our Grand Court year will bring. We look forward to seeing everyone on the Amaranth Trail!



H.L Lisa Elliott, AGL cleaning gutters as part of her 'At Your Service – For Our Service' fundraiser for diabetes



VA Grand Court at the Norfolk Tides baseball game



H.L. Sherry Whidden, PGRM manning the booth at the 'Tour de Cure' rest stop



"Uncle Sam" collecting donations for diabetes at a Grand Court School of Instruction

#### GRAND COURT WISCONSIN H.L. Michelle Varelas Reporter

On behalf of the members of the Grand Court of Wisconsin, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our newly appointed, elected, and installed Supreme Officers. We wish you a fantastic and successful term ahead for 2024-2025.

We are especially excited to recognize our own S.K. Dale Holemen as this term's Supreme Sentinel. Dale is a perfect representation of the Wisconsin membership.

The Grand Court of Wisconsin looks forward to the opportunity of hosting you all this fall and sharing a memorable 74<sup>th</sup> session together (October 10-12, 2024). Details and registration can be found at Wisconsin Amaranth's website:

http://www.wisconsinamaranth.org.

Never stop reaching for more.

Do more than exit – live
Do more than touch – feel
Do more than look – observe
Do more than read – absorb
Do more than hear – listen
Do more than listen – understand



Pictured - H.L. Mary Schultz, GRM and S.K. Dale Holemen



Pictured - H.L. LuAnn Hansen, S.K. Ernie Anderson, H.L. Sally Acuff, S.K. Dale Holmen, H.L. Mary Lubach, H.L. Mary Schultz, S.K. Bruce Kenney, H.L. Barb Oster, H.L. Judy Emerson, H.L. Nancy Saggio (Photographer S.K. Robert Miksch)



Photo Credit - S.K. Robert Miksch – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

#### SUPREME HISTORIAN H.L. Stacey Harris

Calling All Amaranth Members: Share Your Special Moments!"

#### Hello Friends!

I am the Supreme Historian for 24-25 and I am so excited to get starting curating and documenting the year for our beautiful Order. I fully believe that this position will require a collaborative effort and I am asking for a small favor from all of you. While I do plan to attend and be with everyone at as many events as I can, I can't attend everything. The favor, will you send me your special memories from your events for Amaranth? I would love to see your photos or stories from your time in Amaranth this year. You can send photos and memories to me at:

SupremeHistorian2024@gmail.com

I can't wait to see what you share with me. Thank you for your help!

#### SUPREME DIABETES CORDINATOR H.L. Miranda Peruso

Let's Celebrate a Cure! We are thrilled to share the 2024-2025 Supreme pin and pendant to support the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Both Pin and Pendant measure 1.25" x 1" and cost \$5 each. The pendant comes with a chain included as a gift. This year's image is of an angel.

This year's design was created by the same artist, Sarah Hunter (S.K. George, PSRP and H.L. Sandi Kuhns' daughter-in-law and S.K. James Kuhns, PGRP's wife).

We are pleased to offer a very special collector set for just \$10 that will include this year's Angel Pin or Pendant and the Serenity Dove pin/pendant from H.L. Mary Wyatt and S.K. George Kuhns' year. These will come on a card that is perfect for gift giving and will be a limited time offering. Both of these pins/pendants' images were designed by Sarah Hunter.

We are also excited to offer a special Passport for the 2024-2025 year. These passports are \$5 and will give each individual the opportunity to receive stamps at their visits this year. Each unique visit stamp will give you a point to join the Passport Club at different levels. Bronze is 10-19 unique visits, Silver is 20-29, Gold is 30-29 and Elite is 40+.

You can order using the form and then payment can be made in the following ways:

Checks may be made payable to Elizabeth Herbolsheimer.

PayPal Bizzy at bizaleth@hotmail.com

Venmo @BizzyH (if you select Venmo, please be sure to hit the "See more people" at the bottom and then search until you find Elizabeth Herbolsheimer with Bizzy's picture among the options).

You can mail checks to Miranda Peruso at 11080 Piney Ridge Road, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

For additional information or questions, please contact Miranda Peruso, Supreme Diabetes Coordinator for 2024-2025, at mperuso@gmail.com or 814-599-4300. Please put Diabetes Pins/Pendants in the subject line when emailing.

#### SUPREME LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE S.K. Richard Whidden, PGRP

The Supreme Leadership Training Committee is charged by the Supreme Constitution to provide assistance and guidance when requested or when authorized by the Supreme Royal Matron.

At Supreme Council, the committee presented a short presentation on leadership and how leadership connects Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity. We also discussed how Charity is shown by finding and developing the potential of our members. This presentation deck is available on the Supreme Council's Facebook page or upon request.

The Committee is here and available to offer assistance and guidance. In addition, the Supreme Royal Matron has charged us with developing content this year. Look for more from the Committee throughout the year.

Leadership is service and the Committee looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Order. Please feel free to reach out to me at <u>Richard.whidden@gmail.com</u> if the Committee can help.

### Euchre tournament to fight diabetes announced this fall

ALLEGANY — The Olean Portville Lions Club and Hamilton Court #2, Order of the Amaranth, will jointly host the fifth annual Margaret A. Kenney Memorial Euchre Tournament to Fight Diabetes this fall.

The tournament is set for noon Sept. 21 at the Allegany American Legion Post 892, 4350 State Road West.

The Order of the Amaranth is part of the

family of Freemasonry, the largest fraternal organization in the world. The Olean Portville Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world. Both organizations have long served communities - the Order of the Amaranth has spent 40 years raising funds worldwide to fight diabetes and to date has raised more than \$18 million dollars with millions more raised

in matching funds, all going to research.

Diabetes is an underlying cause of heart disease, stroke, vision problems, neuropathic amputations and many other diseases and thus is responsible for the deaths of millions worldwide each year. This disease also contributed to millions of COVID-19 deaths worldwide in the past four years.

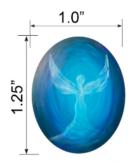
Kenney was a highly decorated and long-serving member of the Lions and the Amaranth and spent a good part of her life raising money for those in need. She was especially valiant in her efforts to raise funds for diabetes research. Registration will begin at 11 a.m.

All euchre players are invited to participate for a donation of \$15. Lunch and door prizes are provided to all players. There will also be raffles and a basket auction. A large number of players are

expected to participate so there will be a cutoff for the number of players at 80.

Call Bruce Kenney, who is serving as tournament chairman once again, at (716) 560-5883 to reserve a place in the tournament. Other contacts are Charles or Sharon Talbot at (716) 945-2122 and Genevieve Smeltzer at (585) 307-8298.

Also, call to donate a door prize, basket or cash for the event, or for more information.



#### Let's Celebrate A Cure!

### **2024-2025 Supreme Diabetes Coordinator Items Pin, Pendant, Passport Options**

The brand new Angel image shown above is exclusive to ADF and was designed by Sarah Hunter, artist and wife of SK James Kuhns and daughter-in-law of SK George and HL Sandi Kuhns. Sarah also created the Serenity Dove image for HL Mary Wyatt's pin and pendant that will also be available again this year.

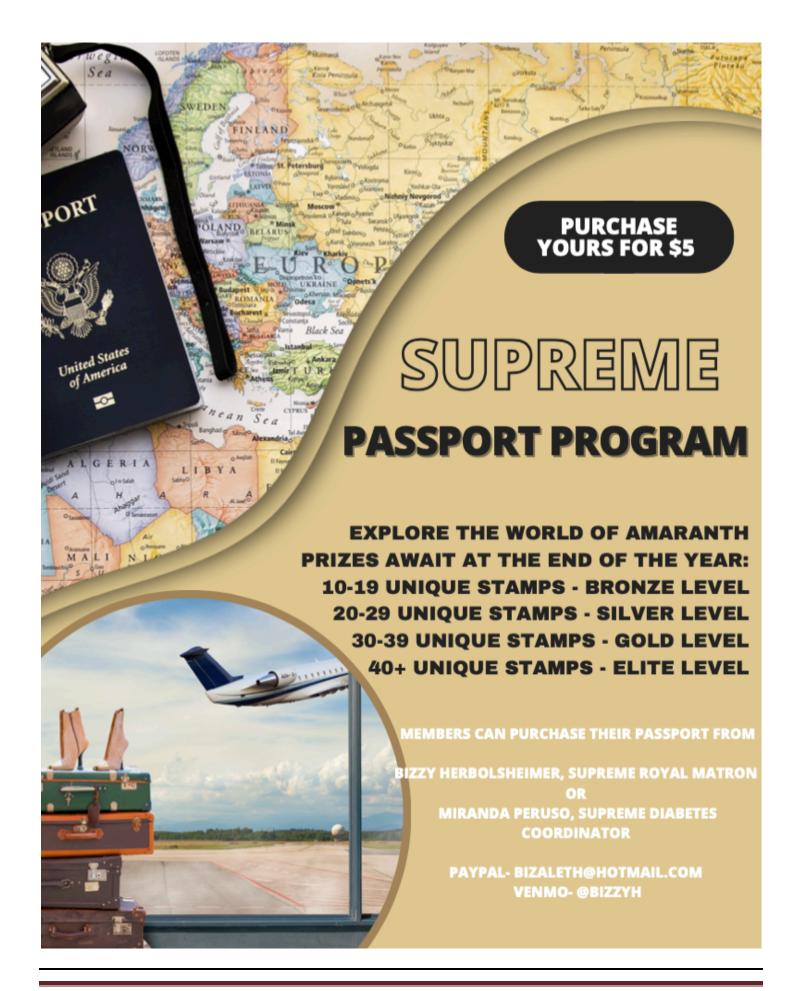
All Pins and Pendants measure 1.25" x 1" and cost \$5 each. The pendant comes with a chain included as a gift.

Special Collectors Set includes Angel and Serenity Dove Pin or Pendant for \$10.

Passports are \$5 each.

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mark Supreme Diabetes Project in the subject line.



Supreme Itinerary					
August 2024					
August 1-3	Louisiana Grand Court	SRM			
August 24	SAM/SAP Reception				
	September 2024				
September 7	SC Reception				
September 12-14	Alaska Grand Court	SRM			
September 21	SAC Reception				
September 28	Idaho Unity Meeting				
	October 2024				
October 3-5	Iowa Grand Court	SRM			
October 10-12	Wisconsin Grand Court	SRM			
October 17-19	North Carolina Grand Court	SRM			
October 18-19	Illinois Grand Court	SC			
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November 7-9	New Mexico Grand Court	SRM			
November 14-16	Alabama Grand Court	SRM			
November 24	Queensland Unity Meeting	SRM			
November 30	New South Wales Unity Meeting	SRM			
	December 2024	·			
December 2	Royal Victoria Official Visit	SRM			
December 7	Pineland, Maine Official Visit	SRM			
December 9	Heritage, Ontario Official Visit	SRM			
December 13	Bluebonnet, Texas Official Visit	SRM			
December 14	Yellow Rose, Texas Official Visit	SRM			
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February 13-15	Virginia Grand Court	SRM			
February 20-22	Colorado Grand Court	SRM			
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