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## **SUPREME ROYAL MATRON**

### **H.L. Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer**

Happy New Year Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through this Amaranth year! It has been so wonderful to see everyone along the Amaranth trail. I have had such a wonderful time visiting with all the members around the world. We had a wonderful trip to Australia in November, and to the Subordinate Courts (SCJ) that have been visited thus far.

Australia was an adventure! The itinerary included Brisbane, Fitzroy Island (the Great Barrier Reef), Sydney, and Melbourne. For the Amaranth Activities, we visited the 4 courts in Australia, Caloundra Court #12 and Royal Queensland Court #5 (both in Queensland), and Central Lakes Court #20 in New South Wales, and Royal Victoria Court #1 in Victoria. The Australian Amaranth members were very welcoming. For the sightseeing activities, we visited the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary where we were able to pet Koalas and Kangaroo. We snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef and swam with dolphins and turtles. We took a tour of the Sydney Opera House and stayed to hear the Rite of Spring played by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. We also did a bunch of sightseeing in each city we visited including Bondi Beach, Queen Victoria Market, and Fitzroy Gardens. The entire experience was amazing.

I look forward to our continued travels and seeing even more members this Spring.

Congratulations to the Grand Court of Indiana on the constitution of their new court in Fort Wayne in November, and also to the Grand Court of the Philippines on the constitution of their new court in January. It is great to have all of these new courts starting. There are possibilities for new courts in Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, Hawaii, and Ireland. This would be amazing for our Order – how exciting!

A big thank you to the Vision Committee for all their work this year. They are creating strategic templates to help Courts and Grand Courts look to the future of our Order. With the Leadership Training committee, we are hoping to have tool kits for your use for membership recruitment and retention and strategic planning. All these tools from the Vision Committee should be on the website soon.

As we head into the season of Spring with the hope of new beginnings and fresh starts, may we all look to the future of our Order with new ideas and fresh perspectives to see growth and prosperity. I am hopeful for our Order. I am excited to see where our Order goes and grows.

Happy Spring!



Bonnie, Meredith and I at fun night in NC



Heralds and Guardians in NC



Supreme Floor Officers in NC



Supreme Floor Officers at General Grand Chapter OES  
(Missing Linda)



The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie Bradfield  
and I- both Arizona Girls



Heralds and Guardians in NM





Supreme Officers in NM



Heralds and Guardians in AL



Supreme Officers in AL



Heralds and Guardians in Queensland



My Marshal and Page in the Australia Courts



Supreme Floor Officers in Australia





Signing the Bible at Central Lakes Court



Petting a Koala in Queensland



With the family in front of the Sydney Opera House



Heralds and Guardians at Royal Victoria



Heralds and Guardians in Pineland



Heralds and Guardians in Yellow Rose



My Supreme Marshal and Page in Pineland





Supreme Officers in Heritage Court



Heralds and Guardians in Heritage Court



Supreme Officers in Bluebonnet Court



Heralds and Guardians in Bluebonnet



Visiting Members to Iowa Initiation



Supreme Officers at the IA Initiation





My Marshal and Page in Lily of the Valley



Heralds and Guardians in Lily of the Valley



Visiting LaFayette Court NC



## SUPREME ROYAL PATRON S.K. Richard Marsh

Greetings from windy and smoky Southern California.

As I am writing this, the winds continue to blow and the fires in our part of Southern California are still burning out of control. I have not heard of any members who have been directly affected, but unfortunately that may change. My heart goes out to all who lost everything, except what they were wearing when they escaped. I ask that you please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Since my last article, I have been able to attend the Official Visits to Heritage Court, and the Grand Courts of Illinois, New Mexico, and Alabama. Thank you all for your gracious hospitality, friendship, and kindness you all have shown to me, and the other visiting Supreme Officers and guests. Thank you to those from other Courts and Grand Courts who stepped up and assisted. I feel these were a great example of how we come together to help each other as part of the Amaranth family.

In my last article, I continued to challenge everyone to be a BEAR (Brave, Enthusiastic, Accepting, and Respectful) this year. In the first two issues, I focused on being Brave and Enthusiastic. This issue will concentrate on the third attribute of being a BEAR—being Accepting.

I'm sure most everyone has heard of the Serenity Prayer which says, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

No matter how much you plan and practice for an event, something unforeseen may occur that can throw a wrench into the works. Things beyond your control will arise. How you handle them will show the members of your Court, Grand Court, and the world the type of person you are. Michael J. Fox said, "The more I expect, the more unhappy I am going to be. The more I accept, the more serene I am." Learning to accept may even help reduce headaches, high blood pressure, and disagreements between members.

Don't keep your focus so exclusively on your plans that you lose track of the desired result. Unexpected changes may even bring improved results. Confucius said, "They must often change, who would be constant in happiness or wisdom."

Remember to accept that there will be things you cannot change and be willing to adjust your plans so that things will work out. They may not work out as you originally intended but isn't that less important than having an event be successful. I believe that it definitely is.

Let us work together, being flexible, and allowing for and accepting the fact that not everything may go as we planned, so that our Order may grow and thrive for years to come.

In closing, remember to be kind to one another, and accept changes, because you may never realize how one simple act of kindness may impact someone's life.



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

Hello HL's and SK's:

I hope your Holidays were filled with lots of love and laughter with family and friends.

Now a new year has begun. Did you make any Resolutions for 2025? A new year gives us lots of opportunities for personal growth and time to complete projects and Set new goals we want to accomplish this year. This also applies to our Amaranth life. Every year we can set new goals, plan projects or think of new ideas to help our subordinate & Grand courts, and Supreme Council increase membership, attendance, and participation. And this can also apply in helping to raise funds for Diabetes Research too. And we CAN do this when we all work together. The opportunities are endless.

I have enjoyed my year as SAM thus far and look forward to continuing to visit the Grand Courts and courts under SCJ. It is such a privilege and pleasure to meet new friends and renew old friendships, Thank you for your friendship.

To my Jewels and Gemstones: I have truly enjoyed seeing those who have already been installed as GRM and GRP in your Grand Courts. I am very proud of you and look forward to hearing and seeing you preside at your Grand Court Session.

Wishing good health and safe travels to all Amaranth members.

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

Happy New Year and Happy Valentine's Day!

By the time you see this article, January will have flown by and even Valentine's Day may be a memory. Many of our members and their families have been impacted by extreme weather during the last few months. Recovery is not easy nor is it quick. Please keep those living through these disasters in your thoughts and prayers.

What was your resolution for this year? After reading an article on smart Valentine's Day resolutions for couples, I realized that some resolution suggestions were appropriate for Amaranth.

Resolution 1: Focus on Amaranth. Each Amaranth Court or Grand Court is a separate entity. No comparing, complaining, or gossiping. When issues are discussed, the focus should be on what is best for the Court. While lessons may be learned from others, success or the lack thereof is the responsibility of Court members.

Resolution 2: Never speak when angry. Words and body language can either hurt or help and once spoken/shown cannot be retracted. The world would be strange and boring if we all thought alike. Respect, understanding, and compromise go a long way to making an organization successful. Our Courts are strengthened by discussing issues in a calm manner.

Resolution 3: Share activity planning and spend time together. Meetings are only one facet of an organization. The more you put into an organization, the more you will get out of it. Share the planning of activities that allow for relaxation, fun and fellowship.

Resolution 4: Show kindness and forgiveness. Everyone makes mistakes, even you and me. There is no need to broadcast someone's mistakes from the rooftops. Be kind and welcoming; smile and forgive. The best way to attract positive energy is to project positive energy! Resolve to help both yourself and Amaranth grow.



## **SUPREME CONDUCTRESS**

### **H.L. Emily Moyer**

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season was a joyful, fun-filled one with family and friends. It's always nice to celebrate the special seasons and enjoy the company of family and friends that you don't see throughout the year.

And, of course, the New Year brings time for reflection, renewal and rejuvenation. The anticipation of what can be in the future brings a sense of hopefulness and joy.

Our Order is a vessel for hopefulness and joy. Through our efforts those suffering from diabetes can look forward to a brighter future, more innovative methods of handling diabetes and hopefully better control within their life. As members of Amaranth we impact so many lives beyond those individuals with Diabetes. The support system created by Amaranth is beyond compare. Everyone should experience the lifetime of friendship that is created among our members. I personally don't know what I would do without my Amaranth family.

As we head into the very active spring season, I hope you will share all the great things that Amaranth has to offer with your family and friends. We need to spread the word about our Order, the impact we have on others, the friendships and comradery, the laughter and frivolity. I look forward to seeing many of you as our travels begin again.

Bring someone new along to your Grand Court. I would love to meet them. Make an impression on someone's life by asking them to join your Court or participate in a new activity. "Think outside the box", be innovative and make each meeting fun! Trying something new, whether it is successful or is not something you want to do again, is a sign of brilliance, creativity and open-mindedness.

I have included a lot of photos of my Go-Getters from the past six months. This is a dynamic group of Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, and I look forward with great excitement to all they have planned. Through you, our members, we can accomplish great and wonderful things for our communities, associate members and friends. Come be part of the excitement, energy and enthusiasm that is Amaranth!



# Supreme Conductress Reception







Go-Getters:  
 H.L. Debbie Weaver, GA  
 H.L. Dee Bennett, KY  
 H.L. Betty Bryan, AL  
 At the Grand Court of Alabama.

H.L. Betty Bryan, AL  
 H.L. Janet Teschler, OH



Go-Getter H.L. Angie Kelley receiving the Unsung Hero award. Presented by H.L. Susan McKinney, ADF Board.



Go-Getters in New Mexico:  
 S.K. Lief Molander, GAP, NM  
 H.L. Kristine Tucker, GC, CO  
 H.L. Kathryn Jost, GAM, NM  
 H.L. Rondel Bezner, GC, CA  
 H.L. Wanda Pinion, GAM, AK  
 S.K. Jerry Pinion, PSRP, GAP, AK



S.K. Ernesto Sayo, DSRP with H.L. Rondel Bezner, Grand Conductress CA and her son, S.K. Connor Bezner.

H.L. Wanda Pinion, GAM AK  
 H.L. Shirley Nauty, GC PA  
 At Alaska Grand Court





H.L. Veronica Altman, NY  
H.L. Shirley Naulty, PA

H.L. Betty Bryan, GAM  
S.K. Brian Autrey, GAP  
Alabama



H.L. Sarah Phillips,  
Conductress, Heritage Court,  
Ontario  
H.L. Laura McLean,  
Conductress, Lily of the Valley  
Court, Ontario

H.L. Lynne Greenwood, GC  
Connecticut  
H.L. Joyce Pringle, Conductress,  
Pineland Court, Maine



H.L. Dee Bennett, our Go-  
Getter from Kentucky is  
announced as Supreme  
Marshal in the West.





H.L. Angie Kelley and S.K. Brian Kelley, Grand Assoc. Matron and Grand Assoc. Patron Iowa.



H.L. Christin Kifer, Grand Associate Matron, Wisconsin, and S.K. Stephen Britton.



H.L. Kamin Burns and S.K. Alan Wilkie, Grand Associate Matron and Grand Associate Patron, North Carolina.



H.L. Kate Wallace, Conductress, Central Lakes Court, New South Wales, Australia



Wonderful delegation in Australia.



H.L. Kathryn Jost, GAM, and S.K. Lief Molander, GAP, New Mexico.

H.L. Shirley Naulty, Grand Conductress, Pennsylvania and her son, S.K. Howard Naulty.



Supreme Officers in Australia.



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

Hi members of Amaranth - what a wild three months it has been.

October began with my husband and I moving from the West coast (Oregon) to the East coast (Pennsylvania). We began our trip two days after our granddaughter's first birthday. A big step for sure, but a wonderful start to our retirement. I was lucky enough to be able to attend an official visit in Ohio - a fun time.

November began with New Mexico Grand Court where I was honored to be the coronating Crown Bearer. Oregon's Grand Ball was amazing. This is an annual event when the Grand

Conductress of my home jurisdiction announces her selection for her Grand Associate Patron. Congratulations to everyone.

December was when I first realized just how cold it can get on the East coast. There was snow! Have I ever mentioned how much I absolutely love snow? It was so much fun to attend Pineland Court in Maine and Heritage Court in Toronto. I experienced my first time opening a "Christmas Cracker". It had been a long time since I laughed that hard. Thank you Pineland and Heritage for being so welcoming. It was a privilege to assist with an initiation in Iowa.

I hope all had a wonderful holiday season as we all prepare for an amazing 2025.

To my wonderful Fascinators - you are all so wonderful and I am enjoying getting to know each of you a little better.

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

We are so thankful for all you are doing to raise funds and awareness for people living with diabetes. Your funds through the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation are able to support such researchers as Dr. Megan Baker at Yale University. Her project, funded by you, is titled "Cellular and Molecular Characterization of Human Diabetic Kidney Disease." This project will help people living with all forms of diabetes.

Kidney disease caused by diabetes, or diabetic kidney disease (DKD), is the leading cause of end-stage kidney disease requiring dialysis. Current therapeutic options are limited and are only able to slow disease progression. A complete understanding of how DKD develops, and progresses has been slowed by the widespread nature of its effects through numerous tissue compartments and cell types. Each kidney is comprised of nearly one million individual functional units called nephrons, made up of a filter component (glomerulus) and downstream tubular component, with an interstitial space between nephrons. With the improved understanding of DKD gained from Dr. Baker's study and her work will help to identify therapeutic targets for the treatment of DKD.

As a physician-scientist who has personally cared for many patients affected by diabetic kidney disease, Dr. Baker's motivation to engage in diabetes research stems from witnessing firsthand the devastating impact it has on patients and their families. The future of diabetes research appears to be heading towards more personalized and precise treatments. With advancements in technology and our understanding of genetics, there's a growing focus on tailoring therapies to individual characteristics, such as genetic predispositions and lifestyle factors. Dr. Baker anticipates a continued emphasis on innovative approaches, including the development of targeted therapies, precision medicine, and advanced monitoring systems, all aimed at not only managing but potentially preventing diabetes and its complications more effectively.



Some members of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation will join me in March to tour Dr. Baker's lab and learn more of her project. Your support is making a difference, and we appreciate all you do.

I look forward to meeting you as I travel to the winter and spring courts!

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

Happy New Year and best wishes for a safe and healthy 2025.

Please remember the following opportunities.

Many Grand Courts will be holding their sessions in the upcoming months, and we would like to recognize those members that you feel have gone above and beyond in raising funds for diabetes research. So please remember to recognize those members in your Grand Courts or Subordinate Courts under Supreme jurisdiction who you feel are an "Unsung Hero". Send an email to HL Emily Moyer, Supreme Conductress at [emoyerhome@comcast.net](mailto:emoyerhome@comcast.net) with information as to why you feel this member is an "Unsung Hero." A special certificate will be created and presented to this member at your Grand Court Session

March 31, 2025 is the deadline for Individual Distinguished Service Award nominations. The submission form is on the Supreme Website under the forms tab. Please consider making a nomination of one of your members so that we can honor and recognize them at our Supreme Council Session in July.

If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me by email: [charlenekaytucker@gmail.com](mailto:charlenekaytucker@gmail.com) or telephone 360-241-1988.

Safe Travels and Best Wishes Always.

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

Installation time was upon us in Alaska. All the Masonic family in Anchorage have held elections and installed officers. By the time you read this Alaska Court No.1 will have installed H.L. Sandy Thompson Wallace (GRM) as Royal Matron and S.K. Johnnie Wallace(GRP) as Royal Patron. H.L. Wanda (PGRM) (GAM) and S.K. Jerry Pinion(PSRP)(GAP) flew up to be installed as Marshal in the West and Prelate. "Yours Truly" moved up to Trustee 1 yr. and S.K. Del Militare, PSRP is Associate Patron. Unfortunately, we have no other Line Officers. H.L. Iris Crothers, PGRM(GTRES) will continue as our fine Secretary with H.L. Brenda Crothers, PGRM(GSEC) returning as Trustee 3 year. Jr. PGRM Carol Addison Lippert flew in to Fairbanks and several of us flew/drove to Fairbanks to assist in the installation of Polaris Court No. 2 officers on January 17. H.L. Kate Stell is the new Royal Matron and S.K. Jim LeFlore Royal Patron. This is Kate's first time as Royal Matron. The weather was COLD.

Our Amaranth and Eastern Star members were saddened by the death in January of our longtime (55 years) member HL Doris Miller. HL Doris was a PGRM of Alaska and New Mexico and continued to hold offices in Alaska Grand Court even though she had moved out of state, coming back faithfully each year for our Grand Court sessions. She and her late husband, SK Warren, were extremely active in Amaranth when they lived in Anchorage. Doris was a licensed bus driver so often drove our visitors to and from each day's sessions or on tours Grand Court had arranged. Some of you may remember being driven by her to Palmer to the reindeer farm.

Anchorage's Nugget 13, IORG, which had just initiated eight girls, flew the girls up the same

weekend to help the Fairbanks Assembly initiate a girl. H.L. Sandy, S.K. Johnnie, H.L. Victoria and S.K Del stayed over a few days to be present for the activities. We are all delighted to see both Assemblies growing.

Grand Lodge of Alaska meets February 5-8 in Anchorage. S.K. Johnnie, PMWGM, is Grand Lodge Grand Secretary and has been extremely busy. He and H.L. Sandy fly to Myrtle Beach, S.C. for the Grand Masters' Conference and then to Colorado for the Grand Court of Colorado session in Lakewood. One, or both, had planned to continue on to the Grand Courts of California and Oregon. Sometimes work makes plans change so neither could attend Washington's session.

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

Greetings for 2025. This month marks the culmination of 2024-2025 Amaranth Activities in California. The Queen Christina Gala, held at the Los Angeles Zoo, revealed SK Connor Bezner, R.P. of Golden Crown Court, as the choice of Gr. Conductress, H.L. Rondel Bezmer, to travel with her to the throne of Grand Court.

Another December event, filled with many fun activities. was the Grand Court Holiday Party. Held at the Simi Valley Masonic Center, the members modeled their "Ugly Christmas Sweater". The winners were SK Donald Payne and HL Cindy Wolcott. Another activity was a sock exchange. That day culminated with a fine lunch.

The month of January will feature Grand Court's final ADF event of the year. An afternoon of bowling at the Keystone Lanes in Norwalk, A theme of "Strike Out Diabetes: will welcome our members and their families and

friends, to a fun activity. The admission of \$30 will entitle each individual to rental of a pair of bowling shoes and 2 games of bowling. The ADF will receive 100% of the proceeds.

Our final activity of the year is called “Move California“. Participants will solicit donations from their friends, family, and co-workers to support you while you “Move for Diabetes“. Your goal is 1,009 miles before January 31, 2025. Why is it 1,009 miles? That’s the distance from Eureka Court in the north and Anchor Court in the South. Donations may be one-time, or a pledge for the miles “moved“. There is a secure on-line link for donations, or a QR code to use. All of the proceeds will go to the ADF. The winner will be announced at Grand Court,

The California Grand Court will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, California, from February 26 through March 1. The 126th Annual Session, “The wonderful world of friends“, will be presided over by GRM, HL Cindi Tabrisky and GRP, SK Elmer B. Grospe. California would love to welcome you to their session.



SK Connor Bezner, RP and his mother, HL Rondel Bezner, Gr. Cond.



HL Judy Payne, DSRM, opens Sock Exchange package, as HL Sue Anne Shamas, GAC and SK Elmer Grospe, GRP look on.



SK Don Trabinski and HL Cindi Wolcott, Gr Wisdom, display their sweaters as HL Joji Sayo, GAM announces them the winners of the ugly sweater contest.



Members enjoy their lunch (clockwise around the table) HL Sue Anne Shamas, SK Dennis Anderson, HL Wendy Fuentes, HL Denise Sanford, SK Matt Nova (standing with a baby) , SK Joe Trabinski, HL Deb Winn, SK Ernesto Sayo, HL Joji Sayo, HL Norma Harrison, HL Janet Harrison, HL Judy Harrison.

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

Happy New Year! The members in Florida, hope that ya'll had a happy Holiday Season. Some may not have and for those members we extend our heartfelt prayers of healing and comfort healing.

January brings us to the Conductresses' banquet. H.L. Athena Mock, GAC will be announcing the name of her group the following day when we make our yearly visit to the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg.

SK Stephen Edson, GRP has been out due to a fall and hip replacement. He missed a few Officials and HL Lara Stucki, GRM is very grateful that her husband, SK Randy Stucki, PGRP filled in for Steve during his recovery. SK Stephen is home and doing extremely well. We have a few officials coming up to wind down the year, including their last Official Visit on February 14th in the Pandhandle followed by their Honor Banquet the next day.

HL Beth Strayer, GAM and SK Chris Van Duyne, GAP are finishing up planning their upcoming year. Such an exciting time.

Installations are just around the corner beginning in March and April which bring us to May and Grand Court, May 15, 16, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at our new location, The Word Golf Renaissance St. Augustine Resort in St. Augustine, Florida. Look for more information in the next month or so.

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

It's been a quiet winter for Illinois Grand Court. We had Installations in November. A couple of the courts have had or will be having Initiations. HL Renee and SK Brian are gearing up for Official Visits. Our Official Visits will begin in April and we look forward to visiting with our members. Advance Nights will begin in June. We know that HL Barbara and SK Gene are excited and getting their plans in order for October. We had a Diabetes Fundraiser in December selling dipsticks. (Thank you, Debi Olson, for the suggestion!). We made \$266 for our ADF donation. Some of us are also looking forward to the travel season starting up. We hope to see you all on the Amaranth Trail.

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**GRAND COURT OF INDIANA**  
**H.L. Sandy Sills**  
**Reporter**

Indiana has a lot going on. We have started a new Court up in the Fort Wayne area. This is the farthest North Court we have at this time. Our Grand Royal Matron HL Carolyn Imel along with SK Howard Farrand have completed all their official visits. Many Courts have taken in new members which is exciting to see our Courts growing. At the last official visit we were honored to have many from Illinois Grand Court come visit us. A great time was had by all. Hope all of you are making plans to attend our Grand Court session coming up on June 5-7. It will be in the beautiful town of Nashville, Indiana again. It will be held at the Season's again this year and Kevin and his staff are ready to serve all our members. If you need any information on the Grand Court please let one of our Indiana members know. Indiana is looking forward to seeing lots of new people and getting



reacquainted with familiar faces. Love and prayers to everyone.

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

Dear Gentle Reader...

Gather round my friends, we have hot gossip to share from Oklahoma in this article. Winter has arrived and snow, SNOW, has fallen from the sky! Our dear city has shut down for hours with this recently. However, the cold and dreary weather has not put a stop to our fearless leadership from traveling around the state and carrying the great message of Amaranth to our other Masonic organizations. HL Lori and SK Bill our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron were recently spotted supporting a local Rainbow assembly at their installation in January. The word on the streets is this leadership team is very supportive of the youth in Oklahoma.

I have it on good authority the passports our leaders carry is quickly getting full of their many travel stamps. Keep a look out as we dream of warmer weather and start to travel again in our region. We hope to see you on the trail.



HL Lori Correia | GRM  
Miss KC Schritter | Worthy Advisor  
SK Bill Wise | GRP

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**GRAND COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**H.L. Michelle Finisdore**  
**Reporter**

Greetings everyone!!

We hope our Amaranth members are keeping warm and cozy during these crazy weather days. One day it's 40 degrees and the next day the temps drop to 18 with a wind chill of 1. I know it could be worse. Anyway, the holidays are now behind us and we are a few months away from HL Amy and SK Donald's Grand Court Session in April. We look forward to greeting everyone to our fabulous state!!

Since September, several of our courts have been initiating new members. Some have had 2 and others 3. Our officers have been doing amazing work to show our new members how special and beautiful our ritualistic work is. Congratulations to all the courts gaining membership.

September 7<sup>th</sup>, we gathered in Harrisburg for HL Emily Moyer, SC, reception where she



named SK Ernesto Sayo as her SAP. We are so thrilled for Ernesto and his wife Joji to join HL Emily in her journey to the throne.

Our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron have completed all their official visits with the last one being to Sarah E. Collins #86, their home court. Each court had a table of crowns, photos, gavels minute books, anything you can think of about the history of their court. These were so amazing to look at all the items gathered from members over the years.

In December, Pennsylvania members and friends gathered at Peddler's Village to celebrate HL Amy and SK Donald at their Christmas Luncheon. A great time was had by all.

In February, we will have our final school of instruction led by HL Shelley Krall, Grand Lecturer at Lancaster Court followed by a brunch and Bunco. HL Shelley has done an amazing job at the schools of instruction this year with a great new take on how each one is done.

We hope to see everyone soon along the Amaranth Trail and definitely in April.

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**GRAND COURT TENNESSEE**  
**H.L. Cindy Brooks, DSRM**  
**Reporter**

The Tennessee Grand Line Officers were all at the Homecoming of our GRM, Kelly Pickering, and GRP, Mike Sparks. It was a busy day, with Elections held, but a very productive day with over half their term of office completed. A special donation was collected for the Tennesseans affected by the flooding from Hurricane Helene, as families are still in temporary housing after losing their homes

and often their jobs. A special thank you goes to the Grand Court of New York who sent donations to both Tennessee and North Carolina.

Our Grand Court kicks off at the beginning of April and we hope that you can join us. We will have a banquet Wednesday, April 2nd, honoring our SAM, HL Marsha Weidinger and our SAP, SK William J. Haas. We look forward to seeing you soon.



GC Brenda Campbell, GAM Amy Jones, GRM Kelly Pickering, GRP Mike Sparks, GAP William Jones. GAC Donna Winstead.

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**GRAND COURT VIRGINIA**  
**H.L. Jennifer Brooks, PRM**  
**Reporter**

Fall in Virginia was a beautiful time of the year, both for the weather and for Amaranth! In October we were represented at Masonic Family Day in Richmond and enjoyed fun and fellowship with many members of our Virginia Family. In November our Grand Lecturer held a wonderful Leadership Training Day with many members in attendance. We participated in several different fundraisers through the Subordinate Courts, as well as for Grand Court. Some were to raise money for our Ways and Means, but most were to raise money for

our Diabetes Foundation. We are hoping to have a large donation total at our Grand Court!

We also spent time supporting our youth groups, at their meetings, Installations, and events. In Virginia we have DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls so we are kept busy. One of the challenges that our GRM and GRP gave us this year was to grow our Order through a 'Spirit' challenge. As such, we also worked hard to attend and support our local Masonic Lodges. We attended their Installations, parties, and events as we are allowed. Our efforts have paid off as we have quite a few new members from these events!

In December we had a wonderful Christmas Party to celebrate the Season together, with games, fellowship, and of course, delicious food. All in all, this has been a glorious fall!

Winter in Virginia brings Subordinate Court Installations in January, and our Grand Court in Virginia Beach in February. We are all looking forward to these events and hope to see some of our out of state friends on the Amaranth Trail!



HL's Sharon Sampsell, Angie Malmquist, and Lisa Elliott at Masonic Family Day.



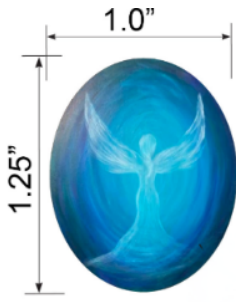
GRM Andrea Baez and SK Ray Baez at a Rainbow Assembly Sock Hop to support the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.



SK's Ray Baez and Rich Whidden, with GRM Andrea Baez and HL Sherry Whidden at Potomac Court's Queen Christina's Table event in October.



GRM Andrea Baez with HL Ange Malmquist and SK Ray Baez at Grand Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



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## 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.*

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Angel Pin		\$5	
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Serenity Dove Pendant		\$5	
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