



THE CROWN & SWORD

The Newsletter of the
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ORDER of the AMARANTH, Inc.



Honored Lady Marsha Weidinger, Supreme Royal Matron
Sir Knight Bill Haas, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON H.L. Marsha Weidinger

Hello Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Thank you for the electing me to serve as Supreme Royal Matron this year. I appreciate your confidence and support. I have already begun my duties by bringing greetings to Job's Daughters Supreme Bethel on behalf of The Order of the Amaranth on July 23rd in Glendale, Arizona. I just finished my OV's at Baytown Court in Houston, Tx.; Bluebonnet Court in Arlington, Tx and Yellow Rose Court in Ft. Worth, Tx. We enjoyed wonderful meals and fellowship with the members at all 3 Courts. Baytown Court initiated 2 new members during their meeting which was very exciting.

At Yellow Rose Court, our Supreme Lecturer, HL Judy Payne held a School of Instruction in the morning followed by a wonderful lunch and their meeting. Thank you to all the members who came to support and assist in filling stations when requested. Thank you to the members of these 3 Courts for all the courtesies and hospitality you extended to me during my visit.

My next travel will be my OV's at Boise Basin Court, Emerald Court, and Garnet Court in Boise, Idaho on August 9th followed by Louisiana Grand Court on August 14-16 in Baton Rouge. I look forward to seeing many Amaranth members at these OV's.

Our September schedule begins by attending the Reception for HL Emily Moyer, SAM and SK Ernie Sayo, SAP in Walnut Creek, CA on Sept. 6th; followed by Alaska Grand Court Sept. 11-13th in Anchorage; Wichita Court OV in Douglas, Kansas on September 19th; HL Hollie Dahm Stivers, SC Reception on September 20th in Portland, Oregon; Dogwood Court OV in New Westminster, British Columbia on September 22nd.

It is such a pleasure to see our Amaranth members traveling to support our SCJ Courts and our Grand Courts. By showing your support and friendship, you make a difference in the members of these court just by your presence.



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON

S.K. Bill Haas

It is with a deep sense of humility, gratitude, and love that I write this article. I am honored and ready to serve you and this remarkable Order. Together, we are embarking on a new chapter in the history of the Supreme Council—one where every voice is heard, and every role is vital. After all, we are the Supreme Council—together, in unity and purpose.

The tasks ahead of us are not insurmountable. We are more than capable of achieving great things—together. When we unite as one, rather than acting as individuals, we tap into a well of strength, creativity, and determination that will propel us toward our goals. By embracing new ideas and being open to different approaches, we will not just move forward, we will move in the right direction.

Our theme this year is simple, yet powerful: Make a Difference—in your Court, in your community, and in the world. When we make that commitment, we energize our existing membership. That energy is contagious, it sparks growth in membership, strengthens our bonds, and fuels our continued support of our philanthropic project, the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. Let's think outside the box, embrace new ideas, and dare to try something different.

Let's also work together with our Masonic family, maintaining open and honest dialogue with other Masonic bodies. In doing so, we foster not just growth within the Order of the Amaranth, but across all of Masonry.

Personally, I want to thank everyone for the kindnesses shown to me at Supreme Council. Thank you to each member who gave us a donation for diabetes. Thank you to those who gave me a personal gift. You do not know how much I appreciate your generosity. I look forward to spending time with you as I travel this year.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON

H.L. Emily Moyer

What a fantastic Supreme Council assembly! H.L. Bizzy and S.K. Richard conducted the sessions with such grace and poise. It was truly a pleasure to watch and be part of such a tremendous year. And the donation to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation of over \$635,000 is beyond believable! Congratulations to all the members who worked so hard to make this happen and to H.L. Bizzy and S.K. Richard for their leadership.

I am so thrilled that the members of Supreme Council elected S.K. Ernesto B. Sayo, Jr., PGRM of California, as Supreme Associate Patron. S.K. Ernie will bring such honor and commitment to his office and I'm very grateful to be working with him. I believe we will be able to bring some new, exciting ideas to Supreme Council and will work well with our members.

Congratulations to H.L. Marsha and S.K. Bill on their installation as Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron. I'm extremely honored to be working with them this year and their theme of "Make a Difference" is something we can all do within our Court and as individuals.

The Order of Amaranth reminds us that when dedicated individuals come together with a shared vision, truly remarkable things can be accomplished. Each effort, no matter how small it may seem, contributes to a much larger impact. Our collective commitment not only uplifts our Order but also brings hope and tangible support to those who need it most. Let us continue to harness our passion, creativity, and unity to make a meaningful difference in the world around us. Every action, guided by compassion and purpose, helps shape a brighter future for our community and beyond.

I look forward to seeing many of you this year as I travel and prepare for the year ahead. Have a wonderful rest of summer and enjoy every minute!



H.L. Emily Moyer, SAM
S.K. Ernie Sayo, SAP



S.K. Ernie Sayo, SAP
H.L. Joji Sayo, GRM California



H.L. Emily Moyer, Supreme Conductress

H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers, Supreme Associate Conductress



Go-Getters:

H.L. Sara Eccrd, OK

H.L. Abby Lasater, SC

H.L. Emily Moyer, Supreme Cond.

H.L. Kristine Tucker, OK

H.L. Margaret Woody, FL

Go-Getters

H.L. Rondel Bezner, CA

S.K. John Coulter, AZ

H.L. Susan Coulter, AZ

H.L. Ange Malmquist, VA

S.K. Clancy Nidell, VA

H.L. Cory Cutsinger, IN

H.L. Marlee Frasier, OR

H.L. Sharon Powell, LA

S.K. Connor Bezner, CA- absent from photo because he was running an errand for Emily





Go-Getters
 S.K. Ernie Sayo, SAP-elect
 H.L. Brenda Totty
 S.K. Randel Totty, TN
 H.L. Brenda Campbell, TN
 H.L. Shirley Naulty, PA
 S.K. Jay Bratcher, GA
 H.L. Debbie Weaver, GA
 H.L. Betty Bryan, AL





SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON

S.K. Ernie Sayo

Wow! What an excellent Supreme Council Assembly. Though the heat was oppressive outside the Renaissance Hotel in Glendale, Arizona, it was just great inside the meeting rooms. Our SRM HL Bizzy and SRP SK Richard did an excellent job conducting the session and all business was conducted in a very efficient and timely manner. Congratulations on an excellent year. You have set the bar high.

To HL Marsha and SK Bill, Congratulations on your election and ascension to the throne and we are looking forward to working with you this year.

HL Emily nominated me to the position of Supreme Associate Patron, and I am so honored and humbled. I cannot express my gratitude enough to all those who supported me, most especially my wife, Joji (GRM of California), the California and Filipino contingents, and most of all, the Supreme Officers, both past and present who came to me, gave me encouragements and welcome advice. I will try my best to be deserving of the trust and faith HL Emily has given me

and will work hard to be worthy of that. We have a full year ahead of us and it will be a busy one. If there are instances where I cannot travel far because of my California commitments, please understand.

I am always told I talk too much if given the time, but I will keep it short this time. I just want to thank all the Amaranth members, Supreme and Grand Officers for their love, support and hugs. I am looking forward to seeing you on my travels.

God Bless.



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers

WOW - it is hard to believe one Amaranth year has finished and a fresh new year has begun. The past year has been complete with experiences and memories. The Fascinators are preparing for their journey to the West. As each Grand Court approaches a Sir Knight will join our group. Hmmm - what will they be called? Probably not wanting to be called Fascinators.

How amazing it was for Supreme Council to be able to present a check for over \$635,000 to the American Diabetes Association's own CEO Chuck Henderson and the Giving Coordinator Sue Dishart. We are truly in this fight together.

Photos will be included with the next article. Blessings to all



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS H.L. Claudia Wilms

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights for electing me to this honorable position. Your faith and confidence in my ability to lead this Supreme Council in the future and to grow its membership is heartwarming.

We each need to measure ourselves for Amaranth. There are many challenges which lie before each of us. Are you the member at an inch on a ruler? One who was initiated and has never come back? Are you perhaps at the three-inch mark, the member who comes once in a while to sit on the sidelines but does not participate? Some of you may be as high as four inches and

come regularly but are not officers. Then we have those who are at a six or seven. They are always lending a hand at a meeting, calling on the sick or home bound or even offering to pick someone up for a meeting. Then we have a few who are at a ten-inch mark. They are the ones you can always count on to be at a meeting, fill a station, bring refreshments, sell chances, and still find the time to take on an additional project. Then we have those who are beyond the twelve-inch mark. They are the ones traveling and making new friends. They head up the Committees, are floor officers, and are very active in multiple organizations. They are the ones getting a great deal of joy out of the Order of the Amaranth.

We cannot all be at the twelve-inch mark, but we can aim to be at a six or seven inches. At this level we will reap more than we shall sow. The satisfaction of work well done is worth its weight in gold. Not all of us are crafty but we all have the ability to aim high and to reap the benefits of our Amaranth Courts. The friendships we each make as we visit our own Courts, or travel will become our friends in the future. They will become our special friends and support us in all our endeavors throughout our lives. They will be there to celebrate all our successes and those of our courts. They will be the ones you invite to join us in our courts if they are not already a member.

I hope you will join me and many others as we measure ourselves for the future of Amaranth.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Susan Dishart
Amaranth Liaison

Thank you from the American Diabetes Association!

Thank you for all you do for people living with diabetes! It has been wonderful travelling around to the Grand Courts and Supreme and having the chance to thank you all in person! It was wonderful to have Charles Henderson, the CEO of the American Diabetes Association share his remarks this year in Arizona. In case you missed the session, here are Chuck's words:

Good evening, Honored Ladies and Sir Knights of the Order of the Amaranth.

I'm Chuck Henderson, CEO of the American Diabetes Association—and it is truly an honor to stand with you tonight at this 127th Supreme Assembly. To be among a community so deeply rooted in service, in legacy, in love—that's something I don't take lightly.

For more than 85 years, the ADA has worked to change the trajectory of diabetes. But we have not done it alone. For 45 of those years, **Amaranth has stood with us—shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart**—in this fight. You have contributed more than \$18 million (now over \$19 million!) to accelerate research, and 100% of that funding has gone directly to projects aimed at finding a cure. That's not just charity—that's impact.

Your Order is guided by four sacred words: **Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity**. Those aren't just ideals—they are the very foundation of transformation. At the ADA, we lead with the same values. I see them reflected every day in the lives we touch, in the families we serve, and in the vision we pursue—a world free from diabetes and all its burdens.

As a husband, a father, and the son and grandson of remarkable women, I know the power of legacy. And I know that what you do here—tonight and every day—is building a legacy that will outlive all of us.

At the ADA, our North Star is clear. [We are doubling down on our strategic plan across four key pillars:](#)

- **Research** – funding bold, innovative science with the power to unlock cures.
- **Advocacy** – fighting for access, affordability, and health equity at every level of government.
- **Education** – equipping providers and patients with tools to act and thrive.
- **Connection** – meeting people where they are—in schools, churches, barbershops, community centers—because health starts at home.

These pillars guide us through focus areas like prevention and management, nutrition, obesity, and health access—especially in underserved communities that are often hit hardest.

Let me be clear: Diabetes is not just a health issue. It is a social justice issue. It is a human issue. One in two Americans has diabetes or prediabetes. Every one of us in this room knows someone affected. And too often, it's those without access, without resources, without a voice who suffer the most.

But you give voice to the voiceless. Your investments fund real scientists, making real breakthroughs. Right now, you are supporting two ADA Pathway Scientists—brilliant minds working at the edge of what's possible to make the impossible... reality.

I had the privilege of connecting with Bizzy and Charlene recently at our Scientific Sessions in Chicago. That gathering—12,000 people strong—represents the very tip of the spear when it comes to diabetes innovation. From cutting-edge tech to groundbreaking therapies, it's where hope becomes momentum.

And here's the truth:

We are closer than we've ever been...

But we are not there yet.

We cannot stop. We will not stop.

That's why your partnership matters more today than ever before. You are not just donors. You are champions. You are torchbearers lighting the path to a better future—for every child, every parent, every grandparent living with diabetes.

So here is my call to action:

Keep going.
Keep believing.
Keep building.

Let's not just hope for a cure. Let's fund it. Let's find it. Let's fight for it—together.

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of millions who are counting on us:

Thank you for standing with the American Diabetes Association.

Thank you for being the hope. Thank you for being the difference.



AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. Miranda Peruso, President

The 127th Annual Supreme Council, “Celebrating the Future” Assembly has been completed. Congratulations to H.L. Bizzy Herbolzheimer, SRM, and S.K. Richard Marsh, SRP, for your tremendous leadership and successful conclusion to your year.

At the opening session, we presented a check to Chuck Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, and Susan Dishart, Planned Giving Officer, for the American Diabetes Association in the amount of \$635,397.38. With this amount, we have now raised \$19,175,544.97 for the ADA from the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. We were honored to receive three bequests this past year (two from OR and one from WI) from individuals who chose to leave a legacy to continue the work of the ADF.

In 2024-2025, we introduced a direct online donation link so that our members could make gifts and share easily. We raised \$48,660.11 from this initiative alone. Here is the donation link for you to have: <https://donors.diabetes.org/page/Amaranth>.

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, July 8, and the following officers were elected to serve in 2025-2026:

President: Miranda Peruso
Vice President: Gwen Rochette
Secretary: Tiffany St. John
Assistant Secretary: Karl Forsberg
Treasurer: Hillary Johnson

We would like to recognize the contributions of H.L. Charlene Tucker who has served on the ADF Board for 10 years and president for 7 of those. Charlene has worked tirelessly to advance the work of the ADF and has been instrumental in strengthening the partnership with the ADA during her tenure as president. Thank you, Charlene, for all that you have done for our charity and our Order over the last decade.

This year’s Supreme Diabetes Coordinator is H.L. Meta Nay from Virginia. She has lots of great ideas on how to raise funds for the ADF. Please contact her at wrandmetanay@embargmail.com or (434)825-7491 to purchase pins or pendants.

The following members were assigned to these individual committee assignments and are available to assist you:

Education Committee: Susan McKinney
Individual Distinguished Service Award: Miranda Peruso
Unsung Hero Nominations: Stephanie White
Legacy Project: Gwen Rochette and Carol Addison Lippert
Grand Court Speakers: Susan McKinney
Social Media: Stephanie White

We are looking forward to a fantastic year making a difference together with H.L. Marsha Weidinger, SRM and S.K. William Haas, SRP.

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2025-2026 Board of Directors



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H.L. Claudia Wilms
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Associate Conductress

The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation has enjoyed a rich history with the American Diabetes Association. Below is a special thank you from Chuck Henderson, CEO of the ADA, that we wanted to share with all of our members. The ADF could not do what we do without all of us working together. Every dollar you raise gets us one dollar closer to finding that cure.

July 11, 2025

Dear Charlene and Miranda,

Thank you so much for your generous and extraordinary gift of \$586,727.27 received on July 6, 2025, to the American Diabetes Association® (ADA) with 100% designated to support research grants. When that amount is combined with your online efforts through your fiscal year of \$ 48,660.11, your donation totals \$635,397.38!

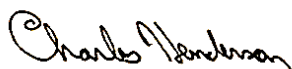
It was my honor to attend your session and be able to present remarks to your membership. As I mentioned, for more than 85 years, the ADA has worked to change the trajectory of diabetes. But we have not done it alone. For more than 45 of those years, the **Amaranth Diabetes Foundation has stood with us—shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart**—in this fight. You have now contributed more than \$19 million to accelerate research, and 100% of that funding has gone directly to projects aimed at finding a cure. *That's not just charity—that's impact.*

Through your generosity, YOU make life better for people living with diabetes. I know if they could, the 136 million Americans who live with diabetes or prediabetes would thank you themselves. So please, accept my sincere gratitude.

We are more determined than ever to fulfill our mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Thank you again on behalf of all of us here at the ADA for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,



Charles Henderson
Chief Executive Officer
American Diabetes Association

No goods or services were provided by the ADA in return for this contribution. If you have any questions regarding your donation, please call (800) 676-4065 x4270 or e-mail ServiceCenterCS@diabetes.org.

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SUPREME TRUSTEES
H.L. Bizzy Herbolsheimer, PSRM, Chairman

Hello Members!

The Board of the Supreme Trustees is ready to start a new year. We elected Honored Lady Bizzy Herbolsheimer, PSRM as the Chairman, Sir Knight George Kuhns, PSRP as Vice Chairman, and Honored Lady Charlene Tucker as Secretary. We are looking forward to serving you as best we can, and in that light, we will be looking to the membership to see if there are any members with experience in insurance for not-for-profits, trademark and copyright law, adobe fillable documentation, video editing, and CRM/membership databases including data security. We know a few members with these qualifications but are always looking for more help! Please send all ideas to Honored Lady Bizzy, Chair and she will follow up with you. Also, all form 550s should be sent to Honored Lady Bizzy for use of the Amaranth Logo.

Thank you!

QUEEN CHRISTINA'S TABLE
A TABLE LODGE DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE FOUNDER OF
THE ORDER OF THE AMARANTH
PRESENTED BY HAMILTON COURT #2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
CHARLES R. HARBEL POST #892, AMERICAN LEGION
4350 WEST STATE ROAD (ROUTE 417), ALLEGANY NEW YORK

Dinner and Event Cost is \$59.00 per couple (or a pair of singles), singles are \$35.00

All are welcome to attend, including friends and guests.

Business attire please.

Dinner consists of 4 courses (appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert) and 7 toasts (wine or non-alcoholic), includes a souvenir toasting glass.

VIP's will be called upon for remarks.

Special presentations

Basket Auction to follow.

Send Checks made out to Hamilton Court #2, c/o Bruce Kenney
2699 West River Road, Olean, New York 14760. 716-560-5883 for info.

Reservations with payment by September 15, 2025 please

GRAND COURT OF ALASKA

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM

Reporter

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM and S.K. Del Militare, PSRP enjoyed a wonderful Grand Court of the Philippines in May. Thanks to help and arrangements from H.L. Joji Sayo, GRM of California and S.K. Ernesto Sayo, DSRP. Many members of the Grand Court remembered H.L. Victoria and S.K. Del from their Official Visit to their Philippine's Special Session in 2015. It is great that from now on the SRMs/SRPs are planning to visit the regular annual Grand Court Sessions instead of calling for a Special Session. There is much to be learned when a whole session is experienced.

Congratulations to H.L. Emily Moyer and S.K. Ernesto Sayo on being elected Supreme Associate Matron and Supreme Associate Patron. Several Alaska Grand Court officers will be attending the September reception for H.L. Emily and S.K. Ernie, as well as the reception for H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers. Congratulations to H.L. Claudia Wilms on joining the Supreme Line as Supreme Associate Conductress and to all the new Officers. We hope to see many visit Alaska Grand Court in September.

GRM Sandy, GRP Johnnie, H.L. Victoria and S.K. Del drove to Seward in June to help Nugget Assembly Rainbow girls do their annual service project of cleaning the Masonic cemetery. The girls have had this project for many years. Masons help by using the riding lawnmower and providing a picnic lunch for all. The girls scrub tombstones, weed whack, rake, put flower holders at graves in need of them and leave the cemetery looking well attended. The sun was out and shining all day. In 2024 it poured rain and soaked all!

Another adventure of H.L. Sandy, S.K. Johnnie and H.L. Victoria was attendance at the

Oregon Grand Chapter of Eastern Star in Pendelton, Oregon. H.L. (Sister) Sandy is Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska. Many HLs and SKs belong to both Fraternal organizations and we saw quite a few there we had seen earlier at Washington and Oregon Grand Courts in March. Several Idaho Amaranth members also attended.

Twelve Alaska Grand Court members attended the 127th Amaranth Supreme Assembly, July 4-11 in Phoenix. SRM Elizabeth and SRP Richard had a fantastic Assembly. Business was taken care of quickly and fun was had. Several Alaskans attended the theater performance of "Cinderella". Alaska Grand Court was awarded 1st place in amount given per member to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation-\$ 245.96. PGRM Carol Addison Lippert bounded up to the Throne to receive the certificate. This year Alaska had given \$14,000. H.L. Carol was elected to the Amaranth Diabetes Board. She has been a strong supporter in raising funds. This year she sewed and sold many of her stuffed moose. The precious "Alaska Wildflower" Moose was raffled at Supreme and raised \$135 to start next year's donation.

GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA

H.L. Dorcas Aunger, PRM

Reporter

As this article goes to press, the session of Supreme Council is still in progress. California has a good size delegation this year, in honor of our own members serving Supreme Council:

SK Richard Marsh, SRP; SK David Bezner, Sup. Prelate; HL Susan Amersehhi, Sup Faith; and SK Ernesto "Ernie" Sayo, HL Emily Moyer's choice to be her Sup. Associate Patron.

A commendation which has already taken place was the presentation of certificates to the Grand Court which gave the greatest dollar amount to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. California was in fifth place with the sum of \$38,296.19. HL Cindy Trabinski, Jr. PGRM and SK Elmer Grospe, Jr. PGRP, received the certificate for California.

There are many Grand Court events coming up soon. They will be reported in the next issue,



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

The 'Adventure' has begun with HL Beth Strayer, GRM and SK Chris Van Duyne, GRP installed in May. Those members going to Supreme will be having a blast and seeing old friends as well as making new friends. All the best to HL Bizzy and SK Richard on your Supreme Assembly.

HL Beth and SK Chris attended Florida Grand Lodge, May, Florida Rainbow Convention at the end of June and will be attending Florida DeMolay Conclave at the end of July.

Suncoast Court #73 celebrated the 100th birthday of HL Adrienne Skoog at their June meeting.

Acacia Court initiated 4 new members at their June meeting and another member will be initiated at a later date. Congratulations on your growth. HL Shannon Mason, RM and SK Roy Mason, RP.

Florida is very proud to have 2 Supreme Appointments for HL Marsha and SK Bill. HL Kathy Seichko, Supreme Fraternal Correspondent and HL Joan Schwebel, Supreme Choir Director.



HL Judy Barnes and
HL Adrienne Skoog



HL Adrienne Skoog
SK Kenneth Traverson, RP
HL Debbie Maust, RM
Celebrating Adrienne's 100th birthday



1st Row SK Sean Stenson, GAP, SK Chris Van Duyne, GRP,
HL Beth Strayer, GRM, HL Margaret Woody, GAM
2nd Row: SK Steve Edson PGRP, HL Athena Mock, GC, HL
Carol Stansbury, GAC, HL Kathleen Rodd
3rd Row: HL Cathy Edson, PGRM, HL Judy Mosing, PGRM,
HL Debbie Maust, RM
4th row: HL Cecilia Hemphill, PGRM, HL Wilma Stone,
PGRM, SK Erik Anderson.

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

The Grand Court of Illinois was excited to be at the 127th Supreme Council session in Glendale, Arizona to see our own SK Lawrence Knowles installed as Supreme Sentinel for HL Marsha Weidinger, SRM and SK William J. Haas, SRP. Here are pictures of Larry's installation as well as our picture of the Illinois group. We will be having a combined Past Grands' dinner and SK Lawrence's reception on Thursday, October 16th at 6 p.m. We look forward to HL Renee Dempster, GRM and SK Brian Cox, GRP, presiding at our 87th Session



SK Lawrence Knowles



HL Susan McKinney, HL Juanita Cox, SK Brian Cox (GRP),
HL Ramona McNeil, SK Lawrence Knowles.

GRAND COURT OF NEW JERSEY

H.L. Jessica Walton, GAM Reporter

The Order of the Amaranth chiefly provides the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation of TRUTH, FAITH, WISDOM and CHARITY. We know it to be a fraternal order focused on, service to humanity, set to the music of fellowship and love.

This mission shone bright as our small but mighty State of New Jersey came together in grateful harmony to celebrate a couple of our hard-working Honored Ladies. Yes, we are all buzzing with the recent news that with only 2 Courts in our great State (although talks have begun for establishing a possible 3rd Court) we now have 2 Supreme Officers to call our own. Honored Lady Claudia Wilms of Freeman Laning Court No. 54 was elected and installed as Supreme Associate Conductress and Honored Lady Erma Hoover (our long-time Grand Treasurer) also of Freeman Laning Court No. 54 was elected and installed as Chief Supreme Commissioner of Appeal at the 126th Annual Assembly of Supreme Council in Glendale, Arizona. The Reception for our newest Supreme Associate Conductress, H.L. Claudia Wilms will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, in Atlantic New Jersey. More specific details will be available on the Supreme website in the near future. We hope to see many of our fellow Honored Ladies and Sir Knights at this night of celebration.

Our pride knows no bounds, all of New Jersey stands willing to assist them in their journey and the hard work they will be facing. Congratulations to them both! Let's keep Amaranth Strong!



H.L. Claudia Wilms, Supreme Associate Conductress



H.L. Erma Hoover, Chief Supreme Commissioner of Appeals



GRAND COURT OF OKLAHOMA

H.L. Stacey Harris, DSRM Reporter

Hold onto your cowboy hats, folks—Oklahoma City has officially hit the big leagues! The Thunder are your new National Champions, and the celebrations are still echoing louder than a Friday night at the rodeo. Sports talk is sizzling across the state as proud fans bask in the glory of victory.

And speaking of fierce competition, the OU/Texas Red River Rivalry is still stirring up feelings like a tumbleweed in a windstorm. Ask our newly crowned Grand Royal Matron, HL Megan Sudol, and Grand Royal Patron, SK Bob Jameson, and they'll tell you—it's personal. With Longhorns and OU Schooners galore, May ushered in more than warm weather; it welcomed our latest wave of Oklahoma leadership with flair.

But wait—there's more! While basketball headlines dazzle, the true heart of Oklahoma shines through the travels of HL Megan Sudol and SK Bob Jameson. These dynamic leaders are spreading the spirit of Amaranth far and wide, connecting with youth and bringing sunshine wherever they go.

A proud Oklahoma contingent journeyed to Supreme Council in Arizona and let me tell you—we didn't just show up, we showed off. Our Supreme officers were dazzling, and Oklahoma's presence was felt in every corner. The cherry on top? We had articles featured in *all four* issues of the *Crown and Sword* last year. Hats off to our previous reporter—great job. 😊

Excitement is soaring higher than a prairie hawk with HL Stephanie White's election to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors and HL Mary Wyatt as Supreme Treasurer. We just know they are going to work wonders, and we couldn't be prouder.

So pack your bags and grab your boots—we'll see you on the trail. This reporter is revved up and ready to bring you every twangy, triumphant tale that Oklahoma has to offer!

GRAND COURT TENNESSEE

H.L. Cindy Brooks, DSRM Reporter

It has been an exciting spring in TN with a new Court organized in June. The Grand Officers assembled for practice on Friday the 13th, then returned for the organization on Magnolia Court at 10 on the 14th. 19 new members were initiated and 4 were affiliated. Our SAM, HL Marsha Weidinger, and SAP, SK William J. Haas, participated along with PSRMs, Hls Barbara Hall, Elsie Ervin, June Chalquist Haas and PSRP Allan Potts. HL Beverly Potts helped shepherd the new Court through the formalities and HL Brenda Totty, Grand Historian, and SK Randel Totty, GAP, were recognized for their extensive efforts starting the Court by being named Royal Matron and Royal Patron of Magnolia Court UD. They meet at Columbia Masonic Lodge the first Monday at 6 pm.

We are looking forward to celebrating with our SRM, HL Bizzy, and SRP, SK Richard, as they complete their year and then watching our own HL Marsha and SK Bill be installed on Wednesday. See you along the Amaranth trail!



SAM, SAP, PSRMs, PSRP



Grand Court Officers at organization of new court.



Magnolia Court UD new members. 19 initiated and several affiliated.

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

Virginia Amaranth is growing and loving life! Three out of four of our Courts have held initiations this spring, with more to come. We are enjoying lots of events within the Masonic Community, supporting our Lodges and our youth groups.

The rainy spring weather brought the Official Visits of our Grand Lecturer, PGRM HL Anita Nochisaki, who visited all four of our Courts. It also meant that we had our second School of Instruction with our Grand Lecturer. We had a lot of learning and fun, with several diabetes fundraisers.

In April we manned a stop on the diabetes "Tour de Cure". It was a beautiful day to support participants in this important ride.

Members of our Grand Court visited the Grand Courts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida and had a wonderful time. The Amaranth Trail certainly does make enjoyable friends. Our Grand Officers enjoyed lots of fraternal visits too, attending the Virginia OES Grand Chapter, the Grand Commandery, and the Grand Assembly of the Virginia IORG.

We have various fundraisers for diabetes research going on, like our service activity, sales, meal donations, 'pie in the face', etc. Virginia is passionate about finding a cure for this dreadful disease!



PGRM HL Julie Gansler, PGRP SK Ed Gansler,
PGRP SK Robert Pagani, HL Cindy Pagani, AGM HL
Ange Malmquist, GC HL Billie Moe, GRM HL Kim Erner
At the Tour de Cure



GRM HL Kim Erner and PGRP
SK Rich Nochisaki at our axe throwing event



GRM HL Kim Erner, PGRP SK Rich Whidden,
and PM HL Ellen Garrabrant at VA OES Grand Chapter



PGRM HL Andrea Baez throwing a 'pin in the face' of
GRP Ray Baez for diabetes donation!

Past Supreme Royal Matron H.L. Bizzy Herbolsheimer

Thank you to the members of the Order of the Amaranth!

Dear friends,

What an amazing journey this has been. A thank you to each and every member of the Order for the fabulous past four years of my journey. This has truly been an adventure of a lifetime. I can only hope that I have lived up to your expectations and truly hope that I have moved this Order forward for many generations to come. I personally want to thank the Heralds and Guardians, the Illuminators, all my committees that worked so tirelessly, my executive team, my line officers, my mentors, Sir Knight Richard, and my family. I could not have done this alone - it took everyone to make this past year so successful.

I am truly grateful and blessed to have served this organization as Supreme Royal Matron. Don't forget to plan your work and work your plan, remembering that CS Lewis said, you can not go back and change your beginning, but you can start where you are and change your ending.

Let us all start each day with a positive outlook, working to better ourselves and our amazing Order to ensure its success for the future.

Celebrate every day!

In Amaranth Love and Service,
HL Bizzy, Past Supreme Royal Matron



Heralds and Guardians at Supreme



My Family



Supreme Officers - The Illuminators



Over \$635,000!



What an amazing year!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

H.L. Miranda Peruso, DSRM, Chairman

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

The Leadership Training Committee was asked by the Supreme Royal Matron, HL Marsha Weidinger, to share information about important leadership traits during their training on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Committee members HL Robin Fridy (PA), HL Andrea Baez (VA), and SK Doug Kilgore (PA) provided insights and examples pertaining to the six traits featured: integrity, empathy, vision, accountability, adaptability, and communication. We asked participants to take a self-assessment so that they could rate themselves on each trait and determine which one they could work on in the coming months. The presentation deck is available as a handout on the Supreme Council website for those who were unable to attend in person. It can be found in the members only section. Just a reminder that anyone can access that portion of the website using the secret word as the password.

The Committee looks forward to offering assistance and guidance throughout the year when requested. We are hoping to schedule Zoom calls to offer members an opportunity to learn and grow together. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or need the committee's help at mperuso@gmail.com. When emailing, please note Leadership Training in the subject line.

Supreme Itinerary		
August 2025		
August 1	Bluebonnet Court #3	SRM
August 2	Yellow Rose Court #4	SRM
August 2	Central Lakes Court #20	SC
August 9	Caloundra Court #12	SC
August 9	Idaho Unity Meeting	SRM
August 14-16	Grand Court of Louisiana	SRM
August 15	Royal Victoria Court #1	SC
September 2025		
September 6	SAM/SAP Reception	
September 11-13	Alaska Grand Court	SRM
September 19	Wichita Court #11	SRM
September 20	SC Reception	
September 22	Dogwood Court #3	SRM
October 2025		
October 2-4	Grand Court of Iowa	SRM
October 9-11	Grand Court of Wisconsin	SRM
October 16-18	Grand Court of North Carolina	SAM
October 17-18	Grand Court of Illinois	SRM
October 25	Silver State Court #5	SRM
November 2025		
November 1	Pineland Court #6	SRM
November 6-8	Grand Court of New Mexico	SRM
November 13-15	Grand Court of Alabama	SRM
November 22	SAC Reception	
February 2026		
February 12-14	Grand Court of Virginia	SRM
February 19-21	Grand Court of Colorado	SRM
February 21-22	Grand Masters Conference	SRM
February 26-28	Grand Court of California	SAM
February 26-28	Grand Court of South Carolina	SRM
March 2026		
March 12-14	Grand Court of Oregon	SAC
March 13	Lily of the Valley Court #12	SRM
March 16	Heritage Court #13	SRM
Marh 19-21	Grand Court of Washington	SC
March 19-21	Grand Court of Georgia	SRM
March 26-28	Grand Court of Connecticut	SRM

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