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Honored Lady Emily Moyer, Supreme Royal Matron
Sir Knight Ernesto Sayo, Supreme Royal Patron
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SUPREME ROYAL MATRON

H.L. Emily Moyer

I would like to share my acceptance address with you. It expresses my hope and vision for the Order of the Amaranth this year. I truly believe there isn't anything that we can't do. Our members are resilient, tenacious and focused and I'm proud of our ability to adapt and work toward a bright future.

My acceptance address:

With deep humility, I accept the office of Supreme Royal Matron. I take great pride in the achievements of the Order of Amaranth, recognizing how valuable our contributions are to society, our local communities and those searching for a cure for diabetes. Our Order represents our home, built upon a foundation of love, goodness, mutual respect, tolerance, and compassion. Yet, like any home, our Order requires renewal and renovation. Through innovation, we will renew, renovate and implement essential changes, securing a strong and lasting future.

Change is often the first step toward progress. Every journey begins with a single decision to move forward. Embracing transformation, no matter how challenging, allows us to grow and unlock new possibilities. It is through times of uncertainty and adaptation that we discover our true strength and resilience.

Growth often requires courage—to step away from the familiar and into the unknown—but each bold choice we make shapes the story of our Order. Remember, each small step we take today builds the foundation for the brighter future we seek. The path to progress is paved with patience, determination, and a willingness to learn from every experience. No matter where we are in our journey, I believe in our capacity to evolve, thrive, and create lasting positive change.

Each of us has the power to contribute to change by actively engaging in our Order's initiatives and embracing new ideas. Whether volunteering for projects, offering constructive feedback, or supporting fellow members, our individual efforts collectively drive progress.

Through our willingness to learn, participating in discussions, and encouraging others, we foster an environment where positive transformation thrives, ensuring that our Order continues to grow and serve our communities with compassion and purpose.

Quoting Mahatma Ghandi "Be the Change that you wish to See in the World". We hold the vision for the Order of the Amaranth in our hands. We are responsible for our own future. We are the keepers of our principles, and we are the leaders of change.



SUPREME ROYAL PATRON

S.K. Ernie Sayo, Jr.

June 24, 2026, a very memorable day. That was the day I was officially installed as Supreme Royal Patron, accompanying HL Emily Moyer, the Supreme Royal Matron.

It was a humbling experience because I know I could never reach this esteemed position if not for the trust, support and confidence of three wonderful individuals, HL Emily, SK Allen and HL Sarah Ann; of my immediate family, Joji, Loneca, Jess and Pat; and my extended family, YOU, the members of our Organization who welcomed me, supported me, gave me advice wholeheartedly, coupled with plenty of hugs, love, kind words and handshakes.

I will always be grateful and I Thank You all.

Now, the real work begins. My wife, Joji and I planned to travel with HL Emily, but until Joji's treatment can be started and set, we have been admonished by her Oncologist to refrain from travelling and I had to stay by her side. I am hoping and praying that my extended family in various Grand Courts and SCJ courts that I will miss attending will understand our predicament and dilemma. Know that even if we are not present, our hearts and thoughts and well wishes are with you. It is a temporary setback but soon, we will be back on the road again. For now, please be patient with us, as you have always been. God Bless and Safe Travels.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE MATRON

H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights –

It seems like each year passes quicker than the one before. We have just completed the Annual Supreme Council Assembly, and I was blessed and thrilled to be elected as your Supreme Associate Matron. This year will be an amazing year – can't wait to see all the excitement as we fulfill our passion of raising money for Diabetes research.

The Explorers and Fascinators are a wonderful group and with our Supreme Associate Patron, S.K. Richard Whidden, we continue to prepare for the upcoming installations to the individual and state thrones. Royal Matron and Royal Patron (SCJ) and Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron (Grand Courts) are in the process of planning their years. Such an exciting time.

As the 2027-2028 officers are announced we hope everyone will be thrilled, surprised, and excited.

To all the members of Amaranth, thank you again for your never-ending support. Let's keep learning and growing together. When I was Grand Royal Matron in 1992-1993 I had a theme – Together in Unison We Can Make a Difference. Let's make that difference.

All of my love.





SUPREME ASSOCIATE PATRON

S.K. Richard Whidden

Supreme Council in St. Louis was a tremendous experience. The week was filled with enjoyable chats with so many of you and it provided me with a greater appreciation of the members we have from around the world. I am looking forward to meeting more of you in the future.

I am honored and thankful to be elected Supreme Associate Patron. I would like to thank the members for the trust they have placed, and the support they have given me. I am looking forward to serving Supreme Council with H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers, Supreme Associate Matron.

It was wonderful to meet in person many of the Fascinators and Explorers (Grand Associate Matrons and Patrons). I look forward to working with them over the next few years. My thanks to the Fascinators and Explorers for the kind gifts of a boutonniere holder and card holder.

The Supreme Associate Matron and Patron's Reception will be in Alexandria, Virginia on September 19. There is an excellent ceremony the day before (September 18) where the Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Whether you have seen the ceremony many times or it is your first visit to that Hallowed Ground, the experience is profound.

God bless you all and I hope to see you exploring the Amaranth trail.



SUPREME CONDUCTRESS

H.L. Claudia Wilms

Hooray our days are sunny, warm, and longer and the nights are warmer with longer hours of daylight. The temperatures are rising as we look forward to summer. Our Honored Ladies and Sir Knights have gathered to listen to the reports of the current year, hear the fruits of our labors, and renew old friendships from far and wide.

Our Supreme Council year has come to a close with Honored Lady Marsha and Sir Knight Bill at the helm and their core of Officers. They have traveled far and wide for the good of our order. Now it is time for those who have served this Supreme Council to sit back, relax, and review their golden book of memories.

As we embark on a new year, with a new administration, we will set our goals high for ourselves and our membership. Our vision for the future of our order will be centered on a growth in

membership, Courts, Grand Courts, and the funds we raise for our philanthropy. Yes, our goals are lofty but not unattainable. If we work together as a cohesive body we will meet or exceed our goals. Working together is progress but it also develops friendships while producing a certain amount of joy and a feeling of accomplishment. We will glean a working relationship with those we come in contact with. As we work together, we will transform ourselves, even with our own personal limitations, into a collective body with many talents and strengths.

With our shared vision for the future of our organization, our members will be fueled by a collaborative approach, while working with one another, which will promote a morale booster, as they gather together to work on a common task. It is often said it takes a village to raise a child but it also takes that same village to accomplish our goals and those of our Vision Committee that lie before us. To quote Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much more."

If you think about it, one only needs to pledge to work together for the good of our Order, as it only takes a few Ladies and Gentlemen to start a new court to grow our membership. Is it possible that we can be that village that works together to start new courts? In turn we each will benefit from the friendships we will form and Amaranth will grow allowing the membership to gain and prosper for the work which lies before us to find a cure for Diabetes. I say let's be that single village that begins the development of a new court and nets us new members.

LET US PLEDGE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORDER OF THE AMARANTH.



SUPREME ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS H.L. Cheryl Kuritz

Cheryl's Notes from the Crossroads!

I am truly humbled by your kindness and support at our Supreme Council Assembly. I am sending you this first message as your Supreme Associate Conductress. I am here for you, the members. As I visit with you, please introduce yourself and let us get to know each other.

My first week has already started with work for one of our subordinate courts. This is truly a learning on-the-job situation. I hope to complete my tasks with efficiency and care.

Now we settle into the heat of summer in my home of Indianapolis. The temperature is into the 90's here, which is a little warmer than usual. I hope that everyone is remembering the safety

steps for heat. Drink water, use sunscreen, and use caution to perform energetic work! You are very important to all of us.

I am listening while I write this message to the first sounds of fire crackers going off in the neighborhoods around us. What a celebration we will have for our 250th anniversary as these United States. What a privilege to live in a country that provides us with the rights to worship, to speak, to protect our family....the list goes on. If you consider some of the events of history that have happened in these 250 years, it is amazing the trails that our forefathers blazed. Phrases pop into my mind such as We The People, When in the course of human events, and We hold these truths to be self-evident. Their concept of an experiment of creating a republic, a joining of independent states, is still here after so many years.

I salute all who have fought for our freedoms here and abroad. You are my heroes. You have stood at the greatest moments of history at places like Breeds Hill, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh, the Alamo, and Little Big Horn. On the beaches of Gold and Sword, Iwo Jima and the rice fields of Korea and Vietnam. We cannot forget those currently serving in the Middle East and around the world.

Next we will enjoy the harvest of our farmers and enjoy the bounty and joy at the county and state fairs. We are a collective people of workers, dreamers, leaders and visionaries. We are truly blessed!

I hope that you will be able to attend the reception in Indianapolis on September 26. Please remember to get your reservations to SK Tony Kuritz. A copy of the invitation is available on our website and Facebook pages. Safe journeys and may a song be in your heart, a smile on your lips and a twinkle in your eye!

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
Susan Dishart
Amaranth Liaison

For over 85 years, the American Diabetes Association® (ADA) has joined forces with the best researchers, scientists, professionals, and generous people to advance our shared vision of a world free from diabetes. You have been a partner for over 45 of those years and it is my honor to thank you for your partnership. And as you are guided by the lessons of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity, the American Diabetes Association is guided by four pillars: Research, Advocacy, Education and Connection. These pillars are our NorthStar to provide the absolute best resources for everyone affected by diabetes and obesity as well as for the health care teams who take great care of them.

100% of your donations go to finding a cure for diabetes with your gifts to research projects. The ADA has invested more than \$963 million dollars in research. Amaranth has been a partner with

over \$19 million of those dollars. We know how hard you have worked for these funds: your time walking in your community, making jelly, hosting theme dinners, bowling tournaments, car shows and so much more. You share your creativity and passion to help others and in turn you pull your funds together to make a tremendous impact on diabetes research; to make life better for people you love and people you do not even know.

I was recently at a research event and met Dr. Laura Alonso. Your generosity funded her research on beta cells ten years ago. She wanted to let you know that she remains incredibly grateful for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. for funding her research lab as an early career scientist. That work helped launch her research career, providing the initial support not just for the research advances she has published since then but also for the training of multiple PhD students, medical students, and early-career PhD postdoctoral scientists. Amaranth has built such a strong foundation of science through your support.

The ADA had the honor hosting your Amaranth Diabetes Foundation President, Miranda Peruso, past Supreme Royal Matron Bizzy Herbolzheimer and ADF member Dee Barger at our recent Scientific Sessions in New Orleans. They were able to meet some of the researchers they are funding, including a new researcher working on diabetes retinopathy Dr. Amritha Seetharanman from the University of Tennessee. Over 12,000 people gathered to share information and innovation and work together to help people living with diabetes. 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. Everyone reading this message knows someone impacted with this terrible disease.

The American Diabetes Association CEO, Chuck Henderson just shared his thanks for your dedication to research, "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."

With your continued support, working together, we will find a cure for diabetes.



AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H.L. Miranda Peruso, President

The 128th Annual Supreme Council Assembly, “Make A Difference” has been completed. Congratulations to H.L. Marsha Weidinger, SRM, and S.K. William J. Haas, SRP, for your tremendous leadership and successful conclusion to your year.

At the opening session, we presented a check to Elizabeth Dunn, Chief Development and Revenue Officer, and Susan Dishart, Planned Giving Officer, for the American Diabetes Association in the amount of \$561,027.22. With this amount, we have now raised \$19,736,572.19 for the ADA from the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. We were honored to receive one bequest this past year from Jimmy Knutson of the Grand Court of Colorado who chose to leave a legacy to continue the work of the ADF.

We were excited to celebrate Grand Courts who achieved new milestones during the 2025-2026 year:
Florida - \$750,000
Colorado - \$500,000
Wisconsin - \$250,000

For the first time, we presented the Individual Distinguished Service Award to one of the twenty-five Unsung Heroes that were nominated throughout the year. H.L. Mary Keithline of the Grand Court of Colorado was recognized for her exceptional service and commitment to raising funds for the ADF. Congratulations, H.L. Mary!

In 2025-2026, we continued using a direct online donation link so that our members could make gifts and share easily. We raised nearly \$10,000 from this initiative alone. Here is the donation link for you to have, share, and use: <https://donors.diabetes.org/page/Amaranth>.

We welcomed H.L. Meta Nay of Virginia and S.K. Dale Holmen of Wisconsin to the Board and welcomed back S.K. Karl Forsberg of Pennsylvania. We thank H.L. Gwen Rochette of Connecticut and H.L. Dee Barger of Alabama for their service.

This year’s Supreme Diabetes Coordinator is S.K. Brian Wheeler from Washington. He has lots of great ideas on how to raise funds for the ADF. Please contact him at bk.wheeler@me.com or (425)530-1162 to purchase pins, pendants, bracelets, magnetic brag rags or challenge coins.

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, June 23, and the following officers were elected to serve in 2026-2027:

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

We are looking forward to a fantastic year together with H.L. Emily Moyer, SRM and S.K. Ernesto B. Sayo, Jr., SRP.

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GRAND COURT OF ALABAMA

H.L. Betty Cox, DSRM

Reporter

I am pleased to report that 11 Members from Alabama were able to attend the Supreme Session In St. Louis, Missouri. Thanks to all who were able to make that trip.

It is really paying off for Montgomery Court #17 to hold their once a month Dinners at various Restaurants in the area and invite Non Members to attend as on July 14th they will be holding an Initiation for 2 New Members as a result of this project.

Mobile Court has been busy with our projects of donating Clothing to one of our Local Churches and food to another Church, as shown with the pictures. We will also be holding a Purse-A-Palooza and a Bingo before the next Issue for Diabetes. There were several of our Members who just enjoyed a Wonderful Meal and fellowship with the Masons of our Lodge as they Installed their Officers for the coming year.

Hope to see many of you at our Grand Court Session Lakepoint Resort State Park in Eufaula, Alabama from November 12-14,2026. We would also invite you to arrive early on November 11th to attend our Wednesday Picnic Buffet featuring Fried Chicken, Fried Catfish and all the Good Southern Trimmings. Information is available on the Alabama or Supreme Website.



Front Row: Betty Cox, Llene Cox, Patricia "Pat" Wood, Amy Matthews, Patsy Shirley, Hilda Bedsole, Suzanne Walker.
Back Row: Douglas Sawyer, Brenda Patrick, Brett Matthews, Mary Ann Sawyer, Robert Mayer, Don Bedsole

GRAND COURT OF ALASKA

H.L. Victoria Ault, PSRM

Reporter

All our Grand Line was at Supreme Assembly to see H.L. Elizabeth Schefers installed as Supreme Standard Bearer. H.L. Elizabeth is Alaska's Grand Conductress and her proud father is our Grand Royal Patron S.K. Jerry Pinion, PSRP. Our Grand Associate Conductress Diane Wood, H.L. Carol Addison Lippert, S.K. Richard Moulden, S.K. Del Militare and H.L. Victoria completed our Alaska members there.

PGRM Sandy Thompson Wallace placed her name in for Supreme Associate Conductress. This is the first time she has considered attempting to fill the office. We hope she will put her name in again.

Grand Royal Matron Wanda Pinion and Grand Royal Patron Jerry Pinion spread the word for their September 11-13 Grand Session. They are H.L. Emily Moyer and S.K. Ernesto Sayo's "Go-Getters".

SRM Marsha Weidinger conducted an excellent session. Attendance was high. S.K. Ernie did a splendid job filling in for SRP Bill

Haas who had to remain at home with an infection.

Installation was beautiful. SRM Emily and SRP Ernesto begin their Supreme visits right away, visiting Ontario, Canada courts in early July. SRM Emily has organized a cruise to Alaska bringing many Amaranth members to Alaska Grand Court in September. Quite a few have never been to Alaska. Several will be filling Grand offices for GRM Wanda.

GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA

H.L. Dorcas Aunger, PRM

Reporter

California had it's Grand Court Session in February, and for the first time in 128 years of Grand Court, we have a Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron from the same family. HL Rondel Bezner was installed as Grand Royal Matron and her son, SK Connor Bezner was installed as Grand Royal Patron.

California was well represented at Grand Bethel this year, and was delighted to see HL Jennifer Manfredi of Golden Crown Court, be installed as Grand Bethel Junior Custodian.

The Supreme Council Assembly drew a fairly large delegation from California again this year. During the informal opening Bible Ceremony, HL Susan Amirsehhi served as HL Faith.

Then in the assembly we honored Supreme Associate Patron, SK Ernesto "Ernie" Sayo, Supreme Trustee, SK Richard Marsh, PSRP, and Supreme Lecturer, HL Judy Payne. At the Installation of Officers, we had SK Ernie Sayo, Supreme Royal Patron, SK Richard Marsh, PSRP, Supreme Trustee, and HL Joji Sayo, Grand Marshall. SK David Bezner presented the American Flag during all ceremonies.

The Official Visits of the Assistant Grand Lecturers and Deputy Grand Royal Matrons are now mostly completed and Memorial Ceremonies have been held. The Official Visits of the Grand Royal Matron have begun.

On May 24, Golden Crown Court held a Walk-a-Thon at Rosemead Park. Those walking got sponsors, and all proceeds were for ADF

Welcome to our summer activities. Some of our courts are dark during July and/or August, but Amaranth is still busy.

July 11 was a Paint with Friends event. Members got out their watercolors or oils, and with professional guidance, painted a Georgia O'Keefe masterpiece.

July 18 will feature the Safari Adventure North, with proceeds to Grand Court Ways and Means.

August 8 will be a "Pokeman Adventure", with Grand Court Ways and Means reaping the profits.

August 22 will be the Queen Christina Gala at the Redlands Masonic Center. With an Arabian Nights theme, and a Persian dinner. This will be the revealing of the "chosen one" for the Grand Conductress.

August 26 - Beehive Sacramento Court will hold a Hawaiian Luau benefiting ADF.

Looking ahead, the Grand Court of Wisconsin has invited the Grand Court of California to their "Dunking for Diabetes" project at their Grand Court in October. Our DSRP, SK Norm Perkins, will be participating. How many will be able to make him "Splash for a Good Cause, ADF"?



GRAND COURT OF COLORADO H.L. Lula Ellsworth Reporter

A most sincere congratulations to the newly elected, appointed, and installed Supreme Officers to the Supreme Council Order of Amaranth! We are excited for the new year!

Eighteen Colorado members attended Supreme Sessions. We've had rave reviews about the event. HL Mary Wilkes Jr. Past Grand Royal Matron and SK Lyle Wilkes Jr. Past Grand Royal Patron, thank you for leading CO Grand Court last year, helping us reach a new milestone and earning the most per member donations to A.D.F. Colorado \$500,000. Congratulations and thank you all!

The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and Amaranth Diabetes Association were pleased to announce 2026 the recipient of the Individual Distinguished Service Award to HL Mary Keithline of CO.

Thank you, HL Marsha Weidinger, J.P.S.R.M. and SK Bill Hass J.P.S.R.P. for a very successful 2025/2026 year! We are all so proud of the work you've done!

Colorado members had the most exciting "Bridgerton Masonic Family Tea" A Murder Mystery in July. August 15th will be our Annual 5K ADF walk!

Our GRM Kristine Tucker and GRP Dana Fairchild have been getting Amaranth noticed! With travels on the Amaranth trail. Accompanied by GAM Kim Fairchild, GAP Jason Deselms, and other CO members. Fraternal visits to Job's Daughters Grand Sessions, Rainbow and DeMolay Grand Session, Reception for International Master Councilor of DeMolay – Thomas Goodwin. Participated in Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service. El Jabel Shrine Masonic family night and dinner, to name a few.

Colorado held its School of Instruction with HL Jacque Cann, Grand Lecturer.

Colorado members attended the 49th Annual Grand Court of Philippines. GRM Kristine Tucker. GRP Dana Fairchild. GAM Kim Fairchild.

Visits to out of jurisdiction Grand Courts by CO members have included CA, IA, MO, AZ, NM, TN, IL, AK. Amaranth hospitality is awesome!



Susan Dishart, Planned Giving Officer
SK Lyle Wilkes Jr. PGRP. Mary Wilkes Jr. PGRM
Elizabeth Dunn, Chief Development and Revenue Officer.



HL Kim Fairchild, Grand Assoc. Matron of CO. SK Dana Fairchild Grand Royal Patron, and HL Kristine Tucker Grand Royal Matron, CO. Photo from visit to Grand Court of the Philippines



Mary Keithline, DSRM

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

Florida is beaming with pride for the donation of \$19,029.20 to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation at their annual session May 2026 with HL Beth Strayer and SK Chris Van Duyne presiding at their Life Is An Adventure Session.

A new year has begun! Don't Dream It, Be It Session" with HL Margaret Woody, GRM and SK Sean Stenson, GRP, as our newly installed leaders. We have some new faces in our elected officers. SK Russ Beechley, Grand Associate Patron, HL Carol Stansbury, Grand

Associate Matron, HL Debbie, Grand Associate Conductress. HL Linda Schreiner, PGRM-VA was elected and installed as Grand Court Secretary. HL Beth Strayer, PGRM as 5 year Grand Trustee, HL Cathy Edson, PGRM, Grand Commissioner, HL Betty Cox, PGRM, Grand Commissioner, HL Julie Guilsdorf, PGRM-AL, Grand Commissioner.

HL Margaret and SK Sean attended their first major event at Florida Grand Lodge, Orlando, FL May 24-26, 2026. Amaranth had a table at Grand Lodge promoting our organization and a display. The annual staircase picture is included.

A lot of exciting happenings is planned this year and all of Florida is excited to hear about the plans.

We are off to a good start with major fundraising plans in the works with our annual Poker Run for Diabetes to be held in November and Daytona Beach Court is the sponsor and others planned later on in the year.

Let's take an important peek back a few months. Five of our Courts welcomed new members by initiation or affiliation, with Acacia Court No. 10 initiating 5 new members. Guelda Cress Court No. 29 welcomed 3 new members and Daytona Beach Court is growing also. Treasure Coast No. 76 initiated 2 new members, one of which is a 5th generation Amaranth member of the Woody family with great-great grandmothers on both sides. HL Kristalin Giammarco, daughter of HL Leslie Woody and HL Lauren Giammarco, and granddaughter of SK Charles Woody, PGRP and HL Margaret Woody. GRM, along with HL Raquel Andrews, Kristalin's friend.

1st generation was the great-great grandmothers HL Hannah Teppe and HL Boots Gruber

2nd SK Jim and HL Lois Woody and SK Roy and Faye Hendrickson

3rd SK Charles and HL Margaret LaGrange
Woody
4th HL Leslie Woody
5th HL Kristalin Giammarco



HL Lauren Giammarco, HL Margaret Woody, GAM,
HL Kristalin Giammarco, SK Charles Woody, PGRP, HL
Leslie Woody, PRM



Florida Amaranth at Grand Lodge 2026, annual staircase
picture. 1st row: HL Athena Mock, GAM, SK Fred Pisaki, HL
Margaret Woody, GRM, SK Russ Beechly, GAP
2nd row: SK James Patterson, PSRP, HL Cecilia Hemphill,
PGRM, HL Debbie Maust, GAC, HL Cathy Edson, DSRM,
HL Carol Stansbury, GC, 3rd row: SK Charles Woody, SK
Robert Leonard, RP and HL Karen Leonard, RM, HL Winnie
Jeyes-Weeks 4th row: SK John Gray, PGRM, HL Valerie
Tooma-Gray, PGRM

GRAND COURT OF INDIANA H.L. Sandy Sills, PGRM Reporter

Indiana wrapped up their year with HL Lynn Shoulders and SK William "Bill" Shoulders as our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. Indiana gave checks totaling \$16,293.69 for diabetes. For those unable to attend our Grand Court we made over \$3,000 at our Murder Mystery dinner. We also gave each youth group \$910.00 as their special project for the year. Indiana loves our youth organizations. We thank HL Lynn and Bill for their year of service. Indiana is pleased to have HL Cory Cutsinger and SK Doug Dewy as our newly installed Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. They have many fun activities planned for us this year.

We will be attending an Indianapolis Indians game as a fundraiser for Diabetes. They are off and running representing us at many Masonic functions.

Indiana is so proud to have HL Cheryl Kuritz elected to the position of Supreme Associate Conductress. We look forward to supporting her, on her way to the Supreme East. Please come and visit us here in Indiana.

Indiana is also very proud to be the home of the Supreme Watchman of Shepherds, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Randy Snyder, who is very active in Amaranth also. He served as Grand Chaplain last year and Grand Historian this year. Plus he serves on committees also. We have many things to be proud of here in Indiana. So make sure you add Indiana to your bucket list to attend Grand Court in June of 2027. We look forward to extending our Hoosier Hospitality when you arrive.

GRAND COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS H.L. Donna Hamilton, PRM Reporter

Since we did not submit an article for the first quarter, I thought I'd give an update on what we have been up to so far this year.

January started out with the Diabetes Committee's Hockey Night at the Worcester Railers. This has become an annual fundraising event for our jurisdiction. HL Kaitlin Jessee, our Diabetes Chairman, has been making the rounds in local Lodges to drum up support.



HL Chris Hogan, GC, Trax, HL Kathee Jessee, GAM, HL Lisa Hunt, RM of Algonquin Court, SK Marty Hogam, Gr Trustee



SK Rob Jessee, PORP, GAP, HL Kaitlin Jessee, PRM, Diabetes Chair, Wor Evan Fisher, Master of The Henry Price Lodge)

In February, a number of members traveled with our Grand Royal Matron, HL Debbie and Grand Royal Patron, SK Frank to the Grand Court of South Carolina. It was great to leave a huge snowstorm in our rear view window!



(Lto R: HL Bizzy Herbolzheimer, PSRM, HL Debbie Warner, GRM, HL Carol Burke, PGRM, SK Frank Burke, PGRP, GRP, HL Meredith Hart, PGRM, HL Amy Waggenger, PGRM)

March saw all Courts hold the annual Installations of Officers. A large contingent of MA members traveled to Connecticut on March 26th & 27th to visit with and support our family to the South.



(LtoR: SK Ricardo Gonzalez, PRP, SK Rob Jessee, PGRP, GAP, HL Mimi Gonzalez, PRM, HL Debbie Warner, GRM, HL Carol Burke, PGRM, SK Frank Burke, PGRP, GRP, HL Donna Hamilton, PRM, HL Chris Hogan, GC, HL Amy Waggenger, PGRM, SK Marty Hogan, G Trustee)

April found us preparing for our own 100th "It takes a Village" Grand Court Session. The weekend's highlight was the Friday Night 100th Jubilee Banquet honoring our Supreme and Grand presiding Officers.



RW Paul R Gaudet, Jr. Grand Warden and acting Grand Master addressing our Thursday evening informal opening. SK Paul is also a Past Royal Patron of Algonquin Court #19.



HL Kathee Jesee and SK Rob Jessee, newly installed GRM & GRP and their 2026 – 2027 Grand Officers.)

May was Memorial month. Many thanks to all the members who traveled to assist their sister Courts in filling Officers so that the ceremonies would go smoothly.

Our Grand Court Ways and Means Committee continues to work monthly Meat Raffles at a local Chinese restaurant. We sell tickets for the raffle rounds and any profit above the cost of the meat is ours. We have made as much as \$800.00 a night for a few hours work. This project goes a long way to meeting our annual operating budget.



Our GRM, HL Gebbie Warner and Grand Associate Patron, SK Rob Jessee taking a turn at Karaoke

Rounding out the first half of 26, members of the Grand Courts on Massachusetts and Connecticut attended Supreme Council in St. Louis, MO



(L to R: HL Gwen Rochette, SK Bill Lott, HL Barbara Lott, HL Mimi Gonzalez, HL Debbie Warner, SK Fred Bowe, HL Candy Bowe, SK George Herbolsheimer, HL Erica Bowe, HL Bizzy Herbolsheimer, HL Lynn Greenwood-GRM-CT, HL Kathee Jessee, GRM-MA, SK Robert Jessee, GRP-MA, SK Martin Hogan, HL Chris Hogan, HL Lyn Herbolsheimer, SK Stephen Britton, HL Joy Kenen, HL Kathy McDaniel, HL Alica Britton, HL Meredith Hart, HL Donna Hamilton)

GRAND COURT OF NEW MEXICO

H.L. Amy Wilds

Reporter

Hello from New Mexico, everyone. We completed our official visits at the beginning of June, and I'm pleased to say they went well for our courts. We are dark for July and will meet again for the initiation of two new members in La Mesa Ct. #3 in Albuquerque. Please help me welcome Rose Sedillo-Dever and Isabel Gonzales. This is exciting news for New

Mexico because it shows we are building our membership and after them we are looking at bringing in at least 5 more by middle of next year. We are small but we are strong and growing.

I also cannot believe that New Mexico Grand Court is coming up November 5-7th at the Sheraton Airport in Albuquerque, NM. This year Session is "LIGHT UP THE WORLD" and HL Kathryn Jost has some fun things planned for this year. If you are interested in attending New Mexico Grand Court please email HL Amy Wilds at Amy.Wilds@comcast.net, and she will be more than happy to get you information for this session. The Friday night banquet is "GET YOUR KICKS ON 66" to honor the 100th anniversary of Route 66 where part of it is Central AVE in Albuquerque. And our GRM would like people to dress up in the 20's and 30's ERA. We hope to see everyone in the LAND OF ENCHANTMENT for our Annual Session

GRAND COURT OF NEW YORK

H.L. Cheryl Hackett, GAC

Reporter

May 2026 found us in Auburn, NY for the "Inspire to Make an Impact" Grand Court Session. We conducted business, renewed friendships and made new friends. We look forward to another year under the guidance of our GRM and GRP H.L. Amy and S.K. Chris Siegel. The 2027 Session will again be in Auburn, NY, May 13-15, 2027. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to H.L. Fe Saquibal, who was awarded the Unsung Hero Award in NY.

Queen City Court #3 members have been regularly preparing and serving dinners to the different lodges and concordant bodies in the

Erie District. Here you see S.K. Ed Tromble, H.L. Linda Cook, S.K. West Proctor and H.L. Cheryl Hackett getting ready to serve a dinner to attendees at a Lodge Installation.

Excelsior Court No. 7 recently had a Sip & Paint Night and Juneteenth Celebration and are planning a Family Skate Day in July.

New York is planning a Retreat Weekend in November 2026. The agenda is yet to be disclosed, but it is usually a great time, with some work and some fun and lots of fellowship!

We wish to congratulate all the newly elected and appointed Supreme Officers! We look forward to working with you!





GRAND COURT OF OHIO

H.L. Roxanne York

Reporter

At the Grand Court of Ohio, Order of the Amaranth, 103rd Grand Session held at the Berea Masonic Temple, H.L. Cheryl Richter – GRM & S.K. Robert Esarey presided over the Session. We were honored to be inspected by SRM – Marsha Weidinger. Honored Lady Janet Teschler of Royal Court #42 in Ashland, Ohio was installed as the Grand Royal Matron for the 2026-2027 year. Sir Knight Floyd Styer of Akron Court #5 in Akron, Ohio was installed as the Grand Royal Patron. The Sparkle & Shine Luncheon had a guest appearance by Al E. Gator as M.C. for the day.

The theme for the year is Sparkle & Shine for Ohio Amaranth. Our motto “Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You”. Colors: Silver & Gold. Flowers: Peony & Hydrangea; Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6. Emblems: Crowns, High Heels, Flamingos & Alligators. Our statewide service projects for the year include the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation, The Ohio Masonic Communities, and Youth Scholarships. Our watchwords for this year are Faith, Family & Friends.

We are looking forward to traveling the great state of Ohio and sparkling and shining for Ohio Amaranth this year. We hope to see you all in our travels.





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

Let Your Service Shine

We are so excited to welcome a new core of officers under the care of HL Sara Eccard, Grand Royal Matron and SK Ridge Smith, Grand Royal Patron. They, along with their officers, were installed at the end of May and have enthusiastically hit the ground running to bring light and joy to our State. Many travels have already occurred, and HL Sara and SK Ridge are making Oklahoma Proud.

Summer in Oklahoma usually means travel and connection. We've already had several visits with our Oklahoma Youth at their sessions and traveled to St Louis for the Supreme Council session where our own Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron represented the over 20 members from Oklahoma in attendance. We had such a wonderful time and were excited to connect with new and old friends. We cannot wait to see where the travels take us next.



HL Sara Eccard, GRM and SK Ridge Smith, GRP, Supreme Council 2026

GRAND COURT TENNESSEE

H.L. Cindy Brooks, DSRM

Reporter

It was thrilling to complete the Constitution of Magnolia Court #21. It has been about 20 years since our last Court was formed and the Grand Court Officers did a lovely job, led by our GRM, HL Brenda Campbell, and our SRP, SK Bill Haas. Our GRP, SK Randel Totty, did not officiate as he is a member of Magnolia and was installed with his wife, HL Brenda, as RM and RP of the new Court. We also welcomed HL Dee Bennett and SK Chris Bennett, GRM and GRP of Kentucky.

Our prayers are with our Junior PSRM, SK Bill, who was grounded by his doctor from traveling to St. Louis. We remain very proud of his work, his friendship and the strength of his character.

HL Marsha, now Junior PSRM, did a marvelous job at Supreme and has been a dedicated leader of our Order. Your devotion and knowledge is greatly appreciated. The Tennessee group enjoyed a nice pizza party with her on Tuesday. We are very proud of you and looking forward to seeing you back in Tennessee!



GRAND COURT VIRGINIA

H.L. Becky Eagleson, PRM

Reporter

Summer brings travel and fun in the sun for H.L. Ange Malmquist, GRM, S.K. Clancy Nidell, GRP and Virginia Grand Court. In May H.L. Ange and S.K. Clancy attended the Grand Courts of New Jersey and New York and extended greetings to the Grand Commandery and Eastern Star Grand Chapter.

Several members of Virginia Grand Court attended the Supreme Council Assembly in St. Louis, MO. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to H.L. Andrea Baez, Supreme Lecturer and S.K. Richard Whidden, Supreme Associate Patron. June closed with H.L. Ange and S.K. Clancy bringing greetings to the IORG Grand Assembly. Continuing to support our Masonic Youth in July, they brought greetings to Jobs Daughters

International Grand Session and the DeMolay Conclave.

While in St. Louis some members enjoyed a tour of the St. Louis Arch. We enjoyed attending a Fredericksburg Nationals baseball game, only our uniforms were our favorite pajamas! We had ample time to catch up with old friends and make new friends during the Mid-Atlantic Tri-States Association weekend with North Carolina, South Carolina & Virginia Grand Courts, and Multi-State weekend with New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Virginia Grand Courts. We hope all of our Amaranth family have safe travels and fun in the sun this summer.



Most of VA group at Supreme Council Assembly – Left to Right: HL Lisa Elliot, GC; HL Sherry Whidden, PGRM; HL Ange Malmquist, GRM; SK Clancy Nidell, GRP; HL Meta Nay, PGRM; HL Billie Moe, GAM; HL Sharon Sampell, PRM; HL Luann Sprouse, PGRM; HL Cherry Costis, PGRM; SK Bill Costis, PGRP; HL Reinhilde Kneuppel; SK Richard Whidden, PGRP; HL Ann Bailey, PGRM; SK Richard Nochisaki, PGRP; HL Julie Gansler, PGRM; SK Wolfgang Kneuppel, PGRP; HL Anita Nochisaki, PGRM; HL Andrea Baez, PGRM.

GRAND COURT WASHINGTON H.L. Lori Hanson, PGRM Reporter

Washington had over 20 members at Supreme Council in St. Louis! What a wonderful time we had! Along with attending and participating in all the sessions, we made excursions to local restaurants, the Budweiser Brewery, the St Louis Arch and a riverboat cruise. Many of us were able to stay for the school of instruction and Leadership class.

The Leadership Class was inspiring; SK Seth Anthony engaged us all. We were divided into four groups to discuss Amaranth's Strategic Plan. In our small groups, we were very active in discussing ideas to carry out our specific part of the plan. I walked away with three new ideas I can act on by the end of summer.

Which brings me to what Washington is doing to promote Amaranth. Last year Grand Court voted to give a \$500 scholarship to any court who applied with a plan to promote their court and engage possible members. Washington has 16 courts, each shrinking in their own way. So we set aside \$8000 to help courts increase membership. The only rule was that the money was not to be used for fundraising and needed to be a promotion for membership. Courts are really getting creative! Grays Harbor Court was the first to use the money, setting up a booth at a county event and giving chances to win a \$100 gift card. Of course, you'd have to leave your contact information.... For the last three years we have been determined to get into the communities. We have instituted an annual 5K Walk for Diabetes; we proudly display our banners in parades and at public events. We wear our Amaranth shirts. We carry petitions.

I'd love to hear what other states are doing to initiate the Amaranth Strategic Plan!



2026-27 GRM and GRP Banner



WA GRP SK Glenn Ryder at our 5K walk



2025 Veterans Day Parade: HL Sonja Thorkildsen, SK Steve Powell, HL Suzanne Johnson



Grays Harbor Court at the County event: HL Diana Moulden, SK Alan Moulden, SK Louis Sommers

GRAND COURT WISCONSIN

H.L. Larissa Hermans, GC Reporter

It is that time of year where we say congratulations on an amazing year to the Junior Past Supreme Royal Matron H.L. Marsha Weidenger and Junior Past Supreme Royal Patron S.K. William Haas and their officers. We hope that you are doing better S.K. William and you were very missed at the Supreme Assembly. Now we take the time to wish safe travels to Supreme Royal Matron H.L. Emily Moyer and Supreme Royal Patron S.K. Ernesto Sayo Jr. and your officers. We look forward to everything you are going to accomplish this year for this truly amazing organization.

Now here is the information you have all been waiting for.... Wisconsin's Grand Court Session this year is officially on October 8th-10th, 2026 in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin. Our session packet is up and available on our website, <https://wisconsin.amaranth.org/>. On this website not only is our session packet there but so is our link for the hotel website to be able to book a room. Now remember this session is in the home of where that delicious amazing Kringle is from that H.L. LuAnn Hansen is selling for Diabetes research. You can not only come see us but drive a few miles down the road and see where that Kringle comes from!!!

BLUEBONNET COURT NO. 3

H.L. Martha Pengelly Reporter

Bluebonnet Court No. 3 held it's 2026-2027 Installation of Officers on Saturday, April 4, 2026. It was a very beautiful Installation and attended by many friends. Everyone was welcomed by outgoing Royal Matron H.L. Fran Pearson and Royal Patron S.K. Dan Pearson.

The Uncrowning Ceremony was conducted by Uncrowning Matron, Jeanne Milton, PSRM, Marshal in the East, H.L. Linda Jordan, DSRM, Marshal in the West, H.L. Stacy Harris, PGRM, Standard Bearer, H.L. Harriet Tuxhorn, RM, Crown Bearer, H.L. Martha Pengelly, DSRM, Sword Bearer, S.K. Robert Cagley. DSRP

INSTALLATION - Installing Officer, S.K. Dan Pearson, RP, Assisting Installing Officer, S.K. James McAlister, PGRM, Installing Marshal, H.L. Alice Clark, PGRM, Installing Aide, H.L. Stacey Harris, PGRM, Installing Secretary, H.L. Harriet Tuxhorn, RM, Installing Prelate, Nancy Parker, PGRM, Installing Musician, H.L. Kay McAlister, G Charity The Coronation Ceremony was conducted by Coronating Matron, H.L. Jeanne Milton, PSRM, Coronating Marshal, H.L. Alice Clark, PGRM, Marshal in the East, H.L. Linda Jordan, DSRM, Marshal in the West, H.L. Stacey Harris, PGRM, Standard Bearer, H.L. Harriet Tuxhorn, RM, Crown Bearer, H.L. Sara Eccard, GRM, Sword Bearer, S.K. James Parker, PGRP. HONOR GUARD, S.K. James McAlister, Capt, S.K. Floyd Hall

INSTALLED OFFICERS for 2026-2027

Royal Matron, H.L. Mary Wyatt, Royal Patron, S.K. Hobie Henderson, Associate Matron, Margaret Turrentine, Associate Patron, S.K. Gary Dixon, Treasurer, S.K. Floyd Hall, Secretary, S.K. Robert Cagley, Conductress, H.L. Ramona Harris, Associate Conductress, H.L. Terry Chandler, Trustees, S.K. Joe Spencer, S.K. David Chandler, Marshal in the East, H.L. Fran Pearson, Marshal in the West, H.L. Carol Patton, Standard Bearer, H.L. Martha Pengelly, Prelate, S.K. Dan Pearson, Musician, H.L. Tricia Henderson, Wisdom, H.L. Kari Hayford, Warder, S.K. Conner McCaslin, Sentinel, Kenneth Morris

May 31, 2026 - Bluebonnet Court #3 and North Star Shrine #2 had a very nice and fun combined Summer Social Fish Fry. One of our members, Kennith Johnson, makes

several trips a year to Alaska and catches lots of great Halibut fish. He donates and helps prepare the fish and members bring side dishes and desserts. Chef Bob Cagley coordinates all the food and Floyd Hall so graciously furnishes his home. Lots of fellowship, stories, and eating was had by members and friends. We look forward to the next one.

June 2026 – Play practice started for our annual Bluebonnet Court No. 3 Murder Mystery Play in which all proceeds are donated to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. The title of this year's play is THE CLASS OF 57, WHO KILLED THE QUARTERBACK. It will be presented on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Texas Masonic Retirement Community, 1501 W. Division Street, Arlington, TX 76012. A tea with drinks, and cupcakes will follow. Tickets are \$20 but all donations are appreciated and are for a good cause. Hope to see some of you there.

June 24-25, 2026 - Royal Matron, Mary Wyatt, Royal Patron, Hobie Henderson, Margaret Turrentine and Trish Henderson attended the Supreme Council. They had a great time of fun and fellowship and said it was very informative.

August 14, 2026 – We look forward to our Supreme Royal Matron Official Visit.



INSTALLATION OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS

FISH FRY



PLAY FLYER for AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION PLAY

The Amaranthesians Present

THE CLASS OF '57
WHO KILLED THE QUARTERBACK?

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Texas Masonic Retirement Community
1501 W. Division St.
Arlington, Texas 76012
2 p.m. Show, Cupcakes to follow

Proceeds to Amaranth Diabetes Foundation

Featuring: Floyd Hall, Bob Cagley, Brian Cook, Mary Wyatt, Joe Spence, Margaret Jernigan, Norma Adams, Martha Angelle, Bon Pearson, Mike Henderson, David & Jerry Chandler, James Kirkpatrick

Presented by Bluebonnet Court #3, Order of the Amaranth
Tickets: \$20. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.
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Let's Get Up and Go!

Collect a **GOLDEN TICKET** every time you visit a Grand Court other than your own. Each ticket will have a positive message, monetary prize or donation made to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation in your honor.



Those collecting 20 or more **GOLDEN TICKETS** will be placed in a drawing for the **GRAND PRIZE** of a free room night at Supreme Council or \$100 Amazon Gift Card.

RAMP - UP! Lecture Series and Quarterly Town Hall Meetings

Rejuvenate Amaranth Members Program – Uplifting People!

Join us via Zoom each month for a motivational, informational, intellectual and sensational discussion on topics that are of interest to our members.

Zoom link will be publicized on the "Order of the Amaranth and Friends" Facebook page and Amaranth.org website.

Non-members are invited to listen in.

RAMP – UP!

SUPREME DIABETES COORDINATOR

S.K. Brian Wheeler

It is my honor to introduce myself as SK Brian Wheeler of Washington State, your Supreme Diabetes Coordinator for 2026–2027. I am deeply grateful to HL Emily Moyer and SK Ernie Sayo for entrusting me with this appointment. Their support, partnership, and enthusiasm have helped shape an exciting year ahead for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and for every Court committed to advancing our fight for a cure.

Together, we have assembled a meaningful and inspiring collection of fundraising items—each designed to help Courts raise money, spark conversation, and keep our mission visible wherever members go.



Fundraising Items for 2026–2027

Each item reflects our shared commitment to diabetes research and the hope we carry for the future. Courts may order directly through me, and I will assist with shipping, quantities, and coordination.

- Rose Lapel Pin — \$5

A beautiful symbol of our Order and our dedication to the cause.

- ADF Lapel Pin — \$5

Featuring the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation emblem.

- Rose Pendant Necklace — \$10

Available with 18-inch or 24-inch gold chains.

- Rose Pendant Bracelet — \$10

A graceful accessory that carries our message everywhere.

- Magnetic Embroidered Amaranth Brag Rag — \$5

Perfect for displaying jewels with pride and convenience.

- Supreme Royal Matron & Patron Challenge Coin — \$20

Featuring the ADF logo and a QR code for instant donations.

If someone is challenged and does not have their coin, they are encouraged to donate \$5 to ADF, a fun and effective way to keep fundraising active.



Why These Items Matter

I truly believe these items will help Courts reach record breaking fundraising totals. They are affordable, meaningful, and designed to spark conversation about our mission. Every pin worn, every coin carried, every brag rag displayed becomes a reminder that Amaranth fights diabetes, and that each of us plays a part.



Supporting Every Court

I am here to assist every Court. All you need to do is send me a message, and I will do everything I can to help you succeed, whether it's coordinating orders, brainstorming fundraising ideas, or helping members access the ADF donation link.

Encouraging members to donate through the ADF online portal is one of the most powerful tools we have. Many employers offer matching donations, which can double the impact of every contribution. If members are unsure whether their employer participates, please ask, or I can help you find out.

Employer matching is one of the easiest ways to turn one donation into two, using funds that companies want to give. It's truly "other people's money" working for our cause.



Looking Ahead

This year, let's challenge ourselves, inspire one another, and raise more for diabetes research than ever before. Together, with creativity, compassion, and commitment we can help our researchers move closer to the cure we all hope for.

Thank you for your dedication, your generosity, and your belief in the mission of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

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Any member carrying an Amaranth Challenge Coin may challenge another member to show their coin.

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- If the challenged member does not have their coin, they are encouraged to contribute **\$5** to the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation (ADF).
- Donations may be made by scanning the QR code on the challenging member's coin or by making a cash or check contribution.

*Carry Your Coin with Pride.
Support Diabetes Research.
Accept the Challenge!*



**\$20
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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ADF



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2026-2027 ADF ITEMS ORDER FORM

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♥ Every purchase helps fund diabetes research through the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. ♥

Orders can be made through your Jurisdictional Diabetes Coordinator
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**Orders and check may be mailed to: SK Brian Wheeler
7816 Beverly Lane, Everett, WA 98203**

ITEM #	ITEM	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
1	 ROSE PIN Beautiful pink rose design.	\$5	_____	\$ _____
2	 ROSE PENDANT NECKLACE Beautiful pink rose pendant necklace. Available in 18-inch or 24-inch lengths.	\$10	Length (circle one): 18" 24" Qty: _____	\$ _____
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4	 ADF LAPEL PIN Display your support for diabetes research.	\$5	_____	\$ _____
5	 AMARANTH MAGNETIC BRAG RAG A convenient magnetic display for showcasing your Amaranth and ADF pins on your dress, jacket, or suit.	\$5	_____	\$ _____
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♥ Support Research • Support Hope • Support ADF ♥

Supreme Itinerary		
August 2026		
August 1	Boise Basin Court #3 Emerald Court #4 Garnet Court #5 Unity Meeting	SRM
August 6-8	Grand Court of Louisiana	SRM
August 12	Baytown Court #1	SRM
August 14	Bluebonnet Court #3	SRM
August 15	Wichita Court #11	SRM
August 22	Silver State Court #5	SRM
August 23	RAMP UP! Town Hall Zoom	
August 29-September 8	Alaska Cruise/Tour with Denali	
September 2026		
September 10-12	Grand Court of Alaska	SRM
September 19	SAM/SAP Reception	
September 26	SAC Reception	
September 27	RAMP UP! Town Hall Zoom	
October 2026		
October 1-3	Grand Court of Iowa	SRM
October 8-10	Grand Court of Wisconsin	SRM
October 16-17	Grand Court of Illinois	SRM
October 22-24	Grand Court of North Carolina	SRM
October 25	RAMP UP! Town Hall Zoom	
October 31	SC Reception	
November 2025		
November 5-8	Grand Court of New Mexico	SRM
November 12-14	Grand Court of Alabama	SRM
November 20	Yellow Rose Court #4	SC
November 22	RAMP UP! Town Hall Zoom	
November 21-December 19	Australia/New Zealand Tour	
November 21	Caloundra Court #12	SRM
November 27	Royal Victoria Court #21	SRM
December 2026		
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December 5-19	New Zealand Cruise	
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