



*The Wild, Wild, West-ern Meet*  
*Sphinx Court #65*  
*Scottsdale, Arizona*  
*Western Area Organized Unit Meet 2017*



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Howdy Y'all,

The Units of Sphinx Court No. 65 invite y'all to cavort with us at The Wild, Wild West-ern Meet in the West's Most Western Town, Scottsdale, September 14 through 16 in the year 2017.

**Hotel:** The newly renovated Embassy Suites Scottsdale located in the heart of Scottsdale is ready and willin' to welcome all y'all to experience our great Arizona hospitality. The hotel is located at 5001 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250, a short 15 minutes from Sky Harbor Airport. Rooms are available at the rate of \$129.00 per night plus tax. This rate is good for up to four people in a room from September 10<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> so that you may enjoy the many sights that Arizona has to offer. Deadline to make your hotel reservation is August 14, 2017. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 480-421 5512, and use these codes: Group Name, 2017 WAOUM/LOSNA and Group Code, WAO. Or use this link iff'n you have one of those there fancy computer things:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SCTESES-WAO-20170910/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/S/SCTESES-WAO-20170910/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

The Embassy Suites Scottsdale has enough space so that all you ladies can have yer own bunk as well as enough meetin' and eatin' rooms to hold everybody. Bunk rooms have a space for livin' and one for sleepin'. Every mornin' you can get free chow made to order and every evenin' you may bend an elbow and have some free joy juice. The Embassy Suites Scottsdale offers internet for your newfangled devices, and even a place for you to exercise, if you've a hankerin' to do so. Each guest room has a parlor big enough for a wet bar, mini fridge, coffee maker, sink, ironing board and iron, and a hair dryer so as you can make yerselves purdy. For coolin' off there are two beautiful cement ponds right there in the middle of things.



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**Airport:** If you've a hankerin' to come in a big flying machine, Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix is your final hoppin' off spot. There are more than 1,100 flights touchin' down daily. The Embassy Suites Scottsdale has **FREE** shuttle rides to and from the hotel around the clock, so when you gather up yer personal belongings at Baggage Claim, look for our Sphinx Court ladies in their purdy denim vests to point you in the right di'rection. If yer a wantin' to take advantage of this free service, we will need to know your flight information at the time you register.

**Food Allergies:** If there's a food that bothers yer tummy, please say so on the registration form and we will attempt to accommodate your request. Grub listins' are included in this package for all meals so you should be able to find those foods you can't eat. Have a look-see on page 6.

**Pre-Registration:** Per the Red Book, pre-registration is required. Registration must be received by August 1, 2017. We are doing something new this year. You can register online using one of them newfangled electronic machines at [www.SphinxCourt65.org/WAOUM17](http://www.SphinxCourt65.org/WAOUM17) after May 1. Ladies' Registration form is on page 10 and the Men's Registration is on page 11.

**Tours and Excursions:** There's lots to see and do in this ol' part of the west so we have a variety of tours including a pre-convention day trip to that big hole in the ground known as the Grand Canyon by way of Sedona. Go to page 7 for the descriptions and information regarding the outstanding Tours and Excursions we have planned for you. The Tours and Excursions form is on page 12.

**Exhibition Drills:** We look forward to seeing all the units strut their stuff at our Saturday afternoon Exhibition Drills. Please remember that any Lady performing must be registered for this Unit Meet. Dues cards will be checked prior to performances. Performance order will be drawn at the General Luncheon on Friday. Music may either be on a CD or flash drive in MP3 format. You may either mail the music in with the completed Exhibition Drills form, bring it to turn in at the WAOUM registration desk in the hotel, or at the Friday General Luncheon. We will have a sign-up sheet for Friday afternoon practice times at this lunch. If your Court doesn't sign-up, a time will not be slotted for your Units to practice. Drill sign up form is on page 13.

**Our Hats Are Off to You:** What a great way to say howdy and how are ya' to yer friends at WAOUM 2017. For only \$5.00 each your friends will receive a beautifully decorated Hat "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" an LOSNA sister or family member. See the order form on page 14.

**Seating Assignments:** There is a Seating Assignment form included in this packet for the Fun Night and the Saturday Business Meeting. Seating assignments for Fun Night and the Saturday Business meeting will be made a whole new way, so be sure to have a look-see at the information on page 17 of this packet.



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**General Store:** We have lots of shopping choices for you. We have clothing, jewelry, unique Arizona items, and more for your shopping convenience. Our vendors are just waiting for your business! There might well even be a vendor there with vittles to try.

**Thursday Evening Pre-Convention Get Together:** After your Thursday tours, join us for chow, games, or just sit around and cool yer heels at the Talking Stick Resort and Casino. Talking Stick Resort and Casino is a right nice resort. We will provide transportation, and four fun hours of good food and relaxation. For more information about the resort, visit them on the internet at [www.talkingstickresort.com](http://www.talkingstickresort.com).



**Friday Learning Sessions:** We are trying something new and different. Our Sphinx Court Clowns will be holding a free know how session on applying Clown makeup and just generally a Clownin' Around Workshop from 9 AM to 10:00 AM. See information on page 18.

In fixin' to get ready for Fun Night, the El Tanya Stardusters will teach you how to kick up yer heels after the sun goes down at the Long Branch. Be ready to learn how to sashay around at 10:00 AM and go until about 11:00 AM.

**Friday Fun Night:** Mosey on over to our Night at the Long Branch for what we promise will be filled with fun activities. We have a professional DJ for your evening's entertainment. Be sure to polish your boots and dust off your hats 'cuz we're fixin' to have a Hot Time in Old Town Scottsdale with music, good food, and dancin'. By the end of the party you will be able to dance like your grandchildren do! We even have a plan to raise money for our Grand High Priestess' Special Project. Plan now who you want to see on a Wanted Poster to be arrested and who might pay to get him or her out of jail.

**Men's Activities:** The Cowboy Bunkhouse Hospitality Room is the place for all the registered men to be. There they will find refreshments, fellowship, and information about everything they need to know regarding WAOUM and our activities and events.

**Mobility Assistance:** We are working with One Stop Mobility if you need to rent a mobility assistance device. Of course, you may rent from any company you choose with the understanding that you are responsible for renting the devices on your own. Even though the devices will be delivered directly to the hotel, neither the hotel nor Western Area Organized Unit Meet are responsible for the devices.

Please make your arrangements with them directly:

One Stop Mobility

2822 E. Greenway Road, Suite A, Phoenix, AZ 85032

888-493-0509

Rental rates \$60.00 per day, \$100.00 for 2 days, and \$150.00 3 days

Pre-book 1 week ahead to receive a \$5.00 per day discount, Reference # **WAOUM 2017**

**WAOUM 2017 Program Book:** On page 15 you will find the form to be used for submitting your program ads and photos. Ads must be submitted by August 1, 2017, so that we can produce a beautiful souvenir to remind you of the wonderful time you had in Scottsdale.



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**Open Houses:** The Embassy Suites Scottsdale has a policy that prohibits public advertising of Open Houses. If your Court wishes to have one, you need to plan how to get the word out. We suggest putting together an invitation to hand out at the General Lunch on Friday. Open Houses will be held on Friday afternoon from **2:00 to 4:00**.

**FEZ and 2017 Dues Card:** Wear your fez and bring your 2017 dues card to the Saturday Business Meeting. Your current dues card is required to obtain your registration packet and for admittance into the Saturday Business Meeting. Although we anticipate that there will be no problems with your registration, you might want to bring a copy of your registration and payment, whether submitted online or by mail.

**Scottsdale Weather:** While the daytime September temperatures can be warm, it usually cools off once the sun goes down. Air conditioned meeting rooms can be quite cool, so make it a point to pack a light jacket or sweater. Bring along casual wear for the warm days and beautiful nights under the stars, but remember that you must wear long pants and no jeans, to the Business Meeting.

**Refunds:** The registration fee will be refunded if a refund request is received by August 25, 2017. The refund request form is included on page 19 in this package.

With most Courts being "Dark" during the summer months, it is a good idea to send in your paperwork before your summer begins.

The members of Sphinx Court #65 are very excited and are looking forward to having you join us in the West's Most Western Town at our Wild, Wild, West-ern Meet. We promise to give you a good dose of our Western hospitality Scottsdale Style.

So long Ladies, see you in September at the Wild, Wild, West-ern Meet!

*Bobbie Balthazor*

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