

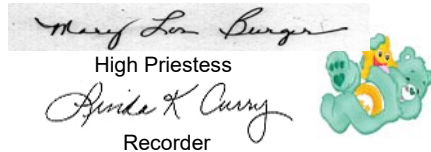


Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
August/September 2018

Lady Kristine Sheridan - Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Together, we can make it work!!"



High Priestess

Recorder

High Priestess

Ladies, summer is just about gone! It's still hot outside, but our Fall Events are starting soon!

The much-anticipated *CornFest* will be held on Saturday August 25th and Sunday August 26th in the Shrine Auditorium. LOS Sphinx Court will have a table at the event on both days. I will send out by email a



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sign-up sheet with time slots for our members to cover the table. Any Court Member can be at the table to talk to prospective members, and to be a part of the Sphinx Court's support of El Zaribah Shrine. Be sure to wear your LOS, Shrine, or Hospital tee shirts! If your Unit or Club would like to sell merchandise at the LOS table, let me know what you plan to sell and when you will have your unit members covering the table.

The Court's biggest event of the year is the *Official Visit of the Grand High Priestess*. Lady Kristine Sheridan will be visiting our Court on Saturday September 1, 2018. We will be having a Luncheon for the Grand High Priestess at 11:00am, and the Court Meeting will start at 1:00pm. She will be coming to Phoenix from the Tucson Court, and will be leaving us on Sunday to visit the Las Vegas Court. Yes, the High Priestesses have explained to Lady Kristine about the hot weather and the fact that most of our members do not return to town until after the Labor Day Holiday. But Lady Kristine has a schedule of court visits to complete, and logistically this is when we fit in. So if you are in town on September 1st, please make plans to attend our Luncheon and Court Meeting! To make a reservation for the Luncheon, call Lady Kathy Kelley at (480) 797-9601.

The Court will be holding its *Fall Membership Tea* on September 16, 2018 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Fiesta Room at the Shrine. If you have been talking to anyone about the work our Court does to support the patients in the Shriners Hospitals, or the good times we have socializing while we work, please get their contact information to Marsha Young so she can send them an invitation. And let's all plan to attend the Tea so we can show our guests that we are a committed group of women working for a cause we all believe in. And yes, we are a fun group of women too!

Also scheduled in September is the Shrine Circus on September 7th-8th-9th, the LOS WAQUM Meet in Seattle on September 20-22, and our LOS Court Meeting and Dinner on September 24th. We are going to be very busy.

In early July I had a health scare when an angiogram turned into a stent and a hospital stay. I am recovering and actually feel better than before the procedure. I want to thank all of you for the cards, prayers, and good thoughts you sent my way. When I talk about Kind, Compassionate, Caring People, I always think of the women of this Court. I am grateful to have all of you in my life.

Rainbow Smiles and Yellow Roses,

Lady Mary Lou Burger

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It will be great to see everyone again and I can't wait to hear about your travels and adventures over the last couple of months. There are some events coming up at El Zaribah that if you would like to bring your friends, family, and neighbors to that would be great. The first one is the CornFest a little arts and crafts fair held at the Shrine on 25-26 August 10am-4pm. The Shrine Circus out at WestWorld our lady clown's really get to work face painting September 6-9.

Coming up in September 20-22 is our Western Area Organized Unit Meet in Washington state. I hope you all got your registration in because you will have to pay the late fee after 1 August. The air fare has dropped down to \$200 on Alaskan Airlines. So if you are wanting to go it's not too late. The men clowns had a project over the summer and put together a coloring book. It has the ladies in it as well. They are asking for a \$5 donation. If you would like more information or would like to get one just let one of the lady clowns know. I hope to see some new faces out at some of our upcoming events. If you need anything, please let me know.

Owl be seeing you, Lady Janet Massey

Phone: 480-861-8209, Email: jfmassey52@yahoo.com

Associate Princess



Howdy Ladies!

Hope you are all managing to stay cool this summer. WOW, what a busy and crazy summer and it is about to get crazier. We have so many things coming up and I hope to see you all there. Corn Fest on 8/25 & 8/26. Best darn corn around if you have never had it, you won't want to miss it! Our Grand Officer will be here the end of August. Please make an effort to come to our meeting and meet our Grand Officer. The Circus is September 7th thru the 9th. We will be traveling to our Western Area Meet in Seattle 9/20 thru 9/23. It should be a great time. Be on the lookout for our next Membership Tea. Make sure to get those names to Lady Marsha Young. I can't wait to see everyone at all our upcoming events.

***Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs and Cowgirl Angel kisses,
from your Woman of the West!***

Lady Debbie Jones

Phone: 480-292-1034, Email: djlosna2020@yahoo.com.



First Ceremonial Lady

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary has many definitions for the word CARE, both positive and negative. But for my purpose here, these are the definitions that fit the best: "to feel interest or concern; have a liking, fondness or taste; to be concerned about."

My Grand Officer, Lady Kate Kalmbach, has as her theme the word CARE. To her, it has two meanings: **C**herish **A**nd **R**espect **E**ach Other and **C**hildren **A**re **R**eason **E**nough, CARE for the Children, CARE for our members, Care for your Court, CARE for our Order. CARE! What wise words from a very kind, respectful and respected Lady.

The Court's membership tea is rapidly approaching on September 16, at 2:00 PM in the Shrine Fiesta Room. The invitation to our prospective ladies has been written, yet my list of names to contact is stagnant. Please send me your list of prospective members as soon as possible. I will be contacting the unit leaders by mid-August to discuss the food selection. I do hope you'll plan to attend and introduce yourselves to our prospective members. Remember, first impressions last a lifetime!

Let's CARE for our Court by helping it to grow!

Lady Marsha Young, First Ceremonial Lady

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Officers' Offerings

Second Ceremonial Lady



Hello to everyone. I hope all had a safe and eventful summer. The meal for the GHP visit will be a luncheon for \$15.00 at 11:00am before the meeting at 1:00pm. Reservations are a must, so please call or email me before August 24th. At this time I do not have the menu as I do not have the list available for the lunches, but wanted to get this out to you so you can start planning on being there. An email will be sent out when I have finalized the menu. Regular dinners will return in September so be sure to let me know for both the GHP luncheon and the September dinner if you are attending/not attending

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley
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Recorder

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ATTENTION:

*******2018 DUES ARE \$25.00 AND WERE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2018*******

Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65
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 Your self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your dues card is greatly appreciated.

Lady Linda Curry, PHP
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Divan & Ladies

Nobles & Ladies

Wishing all Sphinx Court

Members a wonderful 2018 and the very best for years to come.



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Unit and Club Happenings

Clowns

Clowns are multi-tasking this year to a higher degree. We are the Travel Unit this year so the next Grand Council will have Clown hospitality. We have a couple of fun events planned through this year that you won't want to miss. First... We have an opportunity for you to win 4 box seats at a Diamondback baseball game. We will draw the winner at the Corn Fest in August. Just think how popular you will be when you win! Followed by the next event on October 13th and it will be Spirited. Mark your calendar.

There are a few new Clowns this year. We are excited to have them and we are either helping or confusing them with the many options that are available to them. Being a Clown is a very creative process and there are many parts to ponder. It is all so much fun! The Unit planned several work parties through the summer. We are trying new recipes out on each other at these events. After our first 'party', I find this is a delicious success. Being a Clown is wonderful!

Lady Pam Wade, Vice President

PHP Club

I hope everyone has been staying cool this summer. Our next meeting is September 19, 2018 at El Zaribah Shrine at 7:00 pm. We will have dinner in the Red Fez room before for those wishing to order off the menu. I know some of our ladies will be headed to WAOUM and can't attend the meeting and we hope you ladies have a fun time.

Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President

Clowns like to smile,
We laugh all the while.
Balloons are our trick
And, face painting is slick.
So give us a call
And we'll entertain ya'll!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
Andria Granado, President @ 480-510-2806
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Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry has nothing on the schedule coming up, so I am going to instead promote the upcoming Shrine events: August 25-26 is the CornFest at the Shrine. Lady Iris said she saw corn growing that were taller than the van that she and her noble were traveling in, so the corn served with the lunches should be good and sweet. Come and see the crafts and vendors at this sale. Also, September 7-9 is the Shrine Circus at WestWorld in Scottsdale.

The Court has a membership event on the calendar for September 16, so, get those names in to Marsha Young, 1st CL.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Greeters Unit

Hello to all! Hope everyone is doing their best to stay cool in this heat. Sorry to say that the timing did not work out this summer for the Greeters to get together for our Unbirthday Gathering. Maybe I will make it up to everyone at our Christmas/New Year's Party on December 29th.

Our next Unit Meeting will be early on August 18th at 11:30am at The Old Spaghetti Factory on Central, South of McDowell Rd, due to all the events coming up in September. We have lots to talk about as the Corn Fest will be the next weekend, Aug 25th and 26th and Grand High's OV will be coming up the weekend after that on Sept 1st. Then there is the Shrine Circus the weekend after that on Sept 7th to the 9th. We need to make sure we are supporting all of these activities, especially the Circus, as that is a major event for our Shrine Men. Then on September 16th we will have the Membership Tea. Please make sure to provide any Prospective Members information to Marsha Young, so we can have a good turnout. Please stay cool and hydrated in this Arizona Heat. Prayers to both those family members who have lost loved ones and any of our friends or family that are having health issues.

Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

I hope everyone had a great summer! Calling all members! We need your help to setup the Fiesta Room for the GHP OV Luncheon. Meet us on August 31st at 6:00pm to get done quickly. The next day is the GHP OV starting at 11am.

The Director Staff will be meeting on Wed., Sept. 5th, at 7pm—join us for dinner at 5:30pm. At the meeting we need to do some planning for the up coming Membership Tea on Sept. 16th and our trip to Western in Washington this year. Please plan to attend!!

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Asst. Chief



Director Staff

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GREETERS

Court and Unit Name Tags
Choice of Red or Blue Ink
Magnetic Name Tag - \$12.00
Pin Back Name Tag - \$10.00
Unit Bar - \$6.00

Sphinx Patrol

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is having a great summer and staying out of the heat. The GHP OV will be on September 1st and the Patrol is in charge of setting up the Court for that event. We need everyone to help, so meet at 6pm on August 31st so we can get it done quickly. We will also have a marching practice after the Court is set up, as we have been asked to perform at the OV. Hope to see you there! It is always a nice event when our GHP comes to our Court.

Don't forget that Western is also in September. I hope everyone has a great time in Washington, it is a pretty and green state. Karen MacDougall, PHP, will be acting as Captain of the Patrol as I will not be able to attend this year. Any questions about WAOUM, please contact Karen. Yours in faith,

Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain

SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

LOS Folding Fans
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

See any Patrol member

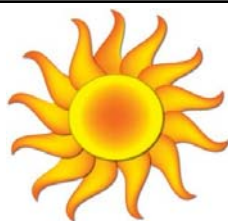
The PHP Club welcomes
**Grand High Priestess
Kristine Sheridan**

for her Official Visit!

Committee Reports

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 5-31-2018	250
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-2
Suspended	0
	0
Membership @ 08-15-2018	<u>248</u>



Sunshine Report

5/8— Marge Lindblad in hospital/pneumonia
 5/17—Phillis Lineback lost her husband recently
 6/2—Ginger Enloe lost her husband, John
 6/15—Vera Ingermann just turned 100
 7/2—Pal Almy in hospital 5+months due to foot partially amputated.
 7/22—Ginger Enloe passed
 7/23—Paula Weber surgery
 7/26—Bert Petterson's husband had surgery
 8/8—Paula Weber had hip replacement
 8/8—Marcia Cherry had surgery

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, so she can get the word out to our members.

Be A
Lady in Red
Join the
Ceremonial Pageantry



Contact LADY JANE SHELDON
480-710-5975

2018-2019 Travel Fund Events

The Clown Unit is traveling to Virginia in 2019! We are excited to be traveling for Sphinx Court and accompanying our Princess, Lady Janet Massey, shortly after she assumes the position of High Priestess! It will be a fun time for all and with the Clowns doing the planning, who knows what fun we'll have!

We have some fun events planned and hope our dates get to remain on the calendar. On Saturday, October 13, 2018, we have a Paint Party planned. We face paint, but this is a whole new level of fun! On March 16, 2019, we have a steak fry planned with a twist thrown in.

In addition to the fundraising events, we also have an opportunity for FOUR DIAMOND LEVEL tickets to the Diamondback game on September 6 when they face the Atlanta Braves at 6:40 PM. The seats have no one behind, so you can stand if you like and move around. They are end seats and beverages are available right behind you for your game time enjoyment! Along with the four seats, there will also be a gift basket, including a Randy Johnson bobblehead!!! Opportunity tickets are \$20 each and the winner will be drawn on August 26, 2018, the Sunday of CornFest. Winner need not be present. See any clown for tickets!

The clowns are also putting together a cookbook called "In the Spirit". If you have recipes that you would like to share, please contact Lady Andria Granado at andria520@gmail.com. We will be assembling it over the summer.

We are excited to be able to represent Sphinx Court and have the opportunity to work with our members to have a successful travel year.

Lady Marsha Young, 1st CL,
Clown Secretary

CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS

If you are not receiving emails from the Cactus Chatter Updates list, please contact Linda DuBois, PHP and she will add you to the list.

linda3492@cox.net
Lady Linda DuBois, PHP

Fun Upcoming Happenings

Sphinx Court #65 Ways & Means 2018/2019



We need your help! Anyone interested in helping with the November 10th GALA EVENT should contact Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, at 623-337-3226 or Lady Maria Parrish at 602-956-9639. Planning meetings are starting in September!!

Your 2nd Ceremonial Lady, Kathy Kelley, is no longer a Mushroom! Introducing.....

The Women of Valor 2022-2023

Symbol: Heart

Egyptian Symbol: Eye of Horus (Healing and strong protection)

Motto: Turn on your Heart Light, let it shine for all the world to see, and always be your own kind of beautiful.

Colors: Black, White, Red, Orange, Magenta, Green, Purple, & Capri Blue

Jewels: Fire Opals, Gold, Rubies, and Pearls

Flowers: Poppies, Daffodils, Red roses, Gardenias, Sweet Peas

Birds: Pelican and Blue-Footed Boobie

Fun Symbols: Clown Fish, Black Cats, Toads, and Witches

Animals: Leopard, Lion, Crab, Octopus, Walrus, California Golden Bear, Wombat, Raccoon, and the Harry Snouted Hog

Songs: Heart Light, My Way, I Hope You Dance, Open the Door by Judy Collins, Can I Have This Dance, No Time At All, No Man Is An Island, Wind Beneath My Wings, Music Of The Night, The River

Class Grandmother: Lady Sandy Newby, PGHP

Class Great Grandmother: Lady Marsha Maxwell, PGHP

Advisor: Lady Charlene Carpenter, PGHP





SAVE THE DATE!

EL ZARIBAH SHRINERS 2018 WALK FOR LOVE*

*** ALL PROCEEDS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2018

LOCATION: EL ZARIBAH SHRINE

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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**Lady Kristine Sheridan
Grand High Priestess for 2018-2019**

***Lady Kris has chosen as the Special Project:*
"YEAR OF REHABILITATION"**

This year's Special Project is the Year of Rehabilitation for our Shriner Children. Personally knowing some Shriner Children, I have gained an appreciation of the importance of helping a child go beyond the surgeries, to develop physically and mentally to their full potential.

The twenty-two Shriners Hospitals offer special rehabilitation programs for the children in their care including, but are not limited to, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language therapy, psychiatric therapy to help a child manage pain, post-traumatic stress and depression and recreational therapy which includes art, aquatic, pet and horticulture approaches. The goal of our project is to provide support of rehabilitation programs across the Shriners Hospitals System. Your donations to this Special Project will be divided equally among the Shriners Hospitals in the United States, thereby supporting the Rehabilitation Programs where ever children in your area receive care.



Shriners' Hospital for Children, Canadian Unit, Montreal will benefit in the Year of Rehabilitation. Because of Canadian Charities Rules the money donated by our Canadian court is required to stay in Canada, so I am working with the Hospital to determine a project that would benefit their Rehabilitation Program this year.

Introducing the New Membership

"SPIRIT TEAM"

If you were not present at Grand Council 2018 in Honolulu, HI, let us introduce you to our newly formed Membership "Spirit team". This group of Past Grand High Priestesses has been appointed to supplement and enhance our membership activities. Their first appearance was in a "Break-out" session on Sunday afternoon, where they entered cheering and carrying our new logo pin "C-2-C".

The C-2C pin depicts our new logo of "Committed to the Children" and also promotes the thought that our Organization spans "sea-to-sea". These pins will be available later this year to order at a cost of \$2.00 each. Look for the order form in the Official mailing.

The "Spirit Team's" goals are to identify the 'tools' in our membership "tool box", gain insight from you, our members, in ways in which we may make LOSNA more attractive, to link to the Membership Committee, and to develop future means/programs to encourage recruitment and retention of members.

The Sunday introduction session was well received by those who attended. An exchange of ideas was shared between the ladies' present. (See included list)

If you wish to offer any suggestions, or give input/feedback, please contact Lady Sandy Newby, PGHP, Chairman via email at csandy2426@gmail.com or any other member of the Spirit Team.



Membership Spirit Team 2018-2019 **Ideas collected at Grand Council**

Below is the list of activities and ideas which were exchanged between the members who attended our Sunday afternoon session. Thanks to Lady Charlene for collecting this information. Please help me by looking these over and think about how we need to prioritize these and do some goal setting for this year. I don't know if we will be asked to do another presentation but I still want to have some goals and keep our ball rolling.

Members Ideas/Activities:

1. Have casual open membership nights where ladies and men can come together to learn about LOS. Ex: pizza or sub party
2. Unit performances: ask for a table to be used for membership presentation.
3. Holding a balloon twisting class: open to public.
4. Making fund raisers open to the public.
5. Motorcycle runs in conjunction with the Shrine temple Nobles.
6. Participating in a Community Day: painting side of a building for children
7. Local TV appearances: to promote fund raiser, as well as Organization.
8. Masonic Lodge visits: ask to speak with wives
9. Working with temple reorder: asking for new members contract info
10. If you are a "first-line signer" of a petition, stay in contact with the person. Helps to make them feel welcomed.
11. Present members with Certificates of Appreciation for years of membership, i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc. This recognition helps with retention of members. Maybe do at a Ceremonial, so new members know older members are appreciated.
12. If there appears to be no support or relationship with local Shrine Center, go, talk with them and keep trying. Maybe offer to host a meal, assist with a function, offer to help in some way. Little things just may open the door. Making donations to the transportation fund helps to show the Philanthropic support. May donate to some special activity the Temple is having. Anything to encourage a relationship.
13. Wear Court Shirts or attire to functions. People might ask what the logo is, or what Organization you represent. This opens the discussion to promote LOS both locally and nationally.
14. Keep flyer or membership brochure handy to pass out if anyone asks.
15. End each Court meeting with a "Cheer": "This is a great Court..." this leaves members feeling good and positive about their Court.
16. Ask to attend the Shrine Center Ceremonials: speak to the ladies maybe at a breakfast or luncheon. Ask if you can have a membership table in a hallway or back of the room.
17. Ambassador group visits to Masonic Functions.
18. "Girls Night Out" Group: members plan casual "girly" activities such as going to a chick flick", dinner, pay, etc. And invite friends and family to attend. If ladies get to see that the members have fun together, they may be more inclined to think about joining. Helps outside ladies realize it's not all about meetings!

So Spirit team... What do we need to do with this list? Maybe just publish it on webpage? Elaborate on items? Send ideas to each Court? LETS BRAINSTORM!!

Thanks, Sandy.

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AUGUST—2018

- 18 Greeters Meeting, 11:30am,
Old Spaghetti Factory
19 Ice Cream Social, 1-4pm
808 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014
25-26 CornFest—Sphinx Court Table
28 GHP OV—Practice, 630pm
31 Court & Luncheon Setup, 6pm

SEPTEMBER—2018

- 1 GHP OV—** Luncheon, 11:00am
Meeting, 1pm
4 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
5 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm

SEPTEMBER—2018 cont.

- 13 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
16 Membership Tea, 2pm
19 PHP Club Meeting, 7pm
24 Court Meeting—Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting, 7pm

OCTOBER—2018

- 2 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
3 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
11 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
13 Travel Fund—Paint Party
22 Court Meeting—Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting, 7pm