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Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
May 2018

Lady Janet Larson - Grand High Priestess

Motto: Na Wahine Malama (The Women Who Care)

High Priestess



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Ladies, it's May already and Grand Council is just around the corner! I am looking forward to representing our Court in Honolulu. It will be a fun, exciting week and I'm sure photos will be taken. Make sure you check Facebook every day for the most recent happenings.

Take a minute and look over the fundraising plans by the Ways & Means Committee. They have some new and exciting activities for us this year. There is an Opportunity Drawing at our November Court Meeting for \$500 Cash. I call it "Christmas Cash" – just in time for the holiday season! Don't miss the Pampered Chef party on June 16th. This is a great way for us to get together during the "dark" months, and there will be food!

Another fun event this summer is an Ice Cream Social with Daughters of the Nile Qadesh Temple #35 on August 19th from 1-4pm at 808 E. Missouri Ave, Phoenix. Queen Cyndy Lowry and I are looking forward to seeing everybody and have some fun before the meetings start in the fall. Spend time with old friends, meet some new friends, and who doesn't like ice cream!

I will miss seeing all of you during the summer, and hopefully you can attend the events we have planned. It will be good to see everybody before Cornfest! I wish everyone a fun, safe summer.



**Rainbow Smiles and
Yellow Roses,**

Lady Mary Lou Burger

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***Class of 2018-2019
Kris's Hearts of Gold***

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



Officers' Offerings

Princess



Hello Ladies,

It's hard to believe that it's already May. We are going to have some fun this year. Hawaii for Grand Council, getting to see all of our wonderful friends and making new ones. Coming up in September is our Western Area Unit meet in Washington state.

Something tells me that this summer is going to be really hot. So stay inside as much as possible. Travel to the high country if you're able. Please watch out for and take care of each other this summer. If you need anything from me please let me know.

Owl be seeing you,

Lady Janet Massey

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Associate Princess



Howdy Ladies,

I am so excited to be your Associate Princess. Things have been crazy hectic, I have moved to Chandler. I hope to see everyone at the meetings, and upcoming functions. Please remember to reach out to our new members.

I handed out instructions for the Court Project at the April Meeting. We are making Club Foot Brace or Bar Pads for infants. These pads are easy to make and will prevent the children from conking themselves on the head with a metal bar. Take a look at this website for more info: <https://diyshowoff.com/2015/05/01/dig-club-foot-brace-cover/> It is easy so everyone can do it and you don't need to sew. If you weren't at the meeting no worries I will have them all year or I can also email or mail it to you. Any items for the kids will be welcome. I will be sending items to Salt Lake and San Diego. Thank you in advance for your love and support for my coming year. If you need me you can call me or email me.

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

Lady Debbie Jones

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First Ceremonial Lady



"The Caring Lotus Ladies," my class name, have as their Egyptian Symbol the Lotus Flower. Anyone who has ever had the opportunity to observe a lotus flower emerging from a pond cannot fail to see the beauty of this exquisite plant. The flower always looks so clean and pure against the background of the murky pond. The ancient Egyptian scholars observed the lotus supposedly retracting into the water at the night, and emerging afresh with the Sun the next day. The Egyptians, therefore, associated the lotus flower with the sun, which also disappeared in the night, only to re-emerge in the morning, a rebirth of sorts. However, in actual fact, the lotus slowly emerges from the pond over a three day period and then blooms in the morning until mid-afternoon. Because of this phenomenon, the lotus came to symbolize the Sun, the creation and rebirth.

As our High Priestess has informed the units, our ceremonial dates are in jeopardy due to other events at the Shrine Center. Lady Mary Lou and I will be getting together soon to figure out a plan for Ceremonials and the associated membership teas. We will keep you posted as soon as we know what's actually happening.

As this is the last Cactus Chatter until August, I hope everyone has a marvelous summer. Be safe and enjoy. Remember to Live, Laugh and Love along the way.

Lady Marsha Young, First Ceremonial Lady

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Officers' Offerings



Second Ceremonial Lady

Okay, my first outing as your 2nd Ceremonial Lady is in the books. Now, for next month. The menu hasn't been finalized but we will probably have Hawaiian chicken on a bed of rice, but this I will send notice of when I have the menu completed. I will not have returned from Hawaii in time for the next court meeting which will be on May 21, moved because of Memorial weekend. Lady Debbie McKelvey has volunteered to 'chair' the dinner for me. Please contact her with any changes of your attendance for dinner by May 14! She will be on a cruise right before court so please email her at slyfoxphpstamps@gmail.com only as she will not have cell service.

We did have 6 people not show for dinner with no notice received by me. This not only wasted food that was prepared, but I will be sending notices out to those individuals requesting payment for their dinner after the final bill is received from the Shrine. So, please, next month, let Debbie McKelvey know ASAP when you know if you are not able to attend the dinner on May 21st.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Second Ceremonial Lady
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Recorder

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Wishing all Sphinx Court

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



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Unit and Club Happenings

Sphinx Patrol

Hello Ladies!

There is one last Patrol meeting on May 1st until we return in September. Also, in May we will go to Grand Council in Hawaii and I can't wait! Then we'll be back home for our last Court meeting for the season on May 21st.

I would like to thank all of my sisters in LOS for all the heartfelt cards I received for the passing of my father. It means a lot to me.

Everybody have a safe and fun summer!
Yours in faith,

Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain

Clowns

The Clowns have made changes and are moving into a busy spring and summer. Lady Andria Granado, President; Lady Pam Wade, VP; Lady Marsha Young, 1st CL, Secretary and Lady Donna DiCola, Treasurer. With a President named Bubbles we are expecting an effervescent year.

Our calendar starts to fill this time of year with requests for Clowns to face paint throughout the year, so if you are considering, now is the time to ask.

April and May we will paint to support Teachers and the Liver Foundation. We have several work days planned to work on our costumes and accessories while supporting each other and socializing. Fabric and feathers, food and frivolity, oh we do have fun!

You are all in our thoughts as you face new days. Come to a Clown meeting and have some fun with us!

Lady Pam Wade, Vice 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

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our projects last year towards our traveling with Mary Lou to Hawaii. Your support helped us tremendously towards our goal. Be sure to support the newest travel unit, the Clown Unit. We will be performing a new dance while we are there. This is being put together by our new committee.

On April 17th, we had our official visit and installation of officers. It was a nice evening with a great turnout. Our next meeting has not been set yet as we will schedule it along with the court ceremonial which is pending at this time. When we have the date, we will advise through the emails and Cactus Chatter. Everyone enjoy themselves as we are heading into the summer and stay cool.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Greeters Unit

The Installation of the Court and all the Units was a great time for all involved and now we start the new year. The Greeters had so much fun at the Old Spaghetti Factory that we have decided to have our next meeting there again. We have had to move that meeting into August due to all the activity happening in September, so our next Unit Meeting will be on August 18th at 11:30am at The Old Spaghetti Factory on Central, South of McDowell Rd.

We are planning some type of a fun "Unbirthday" party during the summer, probably sometime in July. Still working out the details, so information on this will be sent out by the Chatter Update emails or by calls. I promise, it will be a fun time and everyone is always welcome to join us!!

I know that those who are planning on going to Grand Council in Hawaii are getting ready and can hardly wait! I am sure we will all have a great time! Safe travels to all. I know that any of our ladies that are having health issues would appreciate us all giving them our prayers and good wishes for a speedy recover!

Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

The Director Staff and all of the Units are getting ready for Grand Council in Hawaii. We have decided to do a walk on, since we don't have enough dancers and drummers attending this year, but it will still be a fun time for all!

Our May meeting is planned for May 2nd and by the time you read this it will probably be in the books. So plan on attending in September so we can plan our trip to Washington for the 2018 WAQUM.

Stay cool this summer and I hope to see you at the Court functions planned in June and August.

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

PHP Club

The Past High Priestess Club's next meeting will be September 19th 7:00 pm at El Zari-bah Shrine. We will order off the menu for those who wish to eat before the meeting. The Past High Priestess Club voted to once again to help Gift of Mary's Shelter with the Fill-a-Purse project. Ladies Trish Whalen, PHP and Iris Colbert, Jr. PHP have graciously agreed to be Chairmen of this project so you can get your purses to them if you wish to help out the shelter.

We wish all the Officers and Members safe travels to Grand Council in Hawaii. We send get well wishes to Lady Fern Livingston, PHP; Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP and her hubby Noble Lyman Hatch. We hope you are all feeling better soon.

Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President



**We wish everyone a
Happy Mother's Day
from the
Past High Priestess
Club**

SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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

See any Patrol member

Committee Reports

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 3-31-2018	250
Affiliated	1
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-1
Suspended	<u>0</u>
Membership @ 04-30-2018	<u>250</u>

Sunshine Report

3/31— Liz Castronovo passed
 4/4—Lillian Ryan moved to a new home.
 4/13—Lou Ann Speas lost her dad.
 4/16—Lynn & Lyman Hatch both had surgeries
 4/19—Fern Livingston hospitalized and surgery
 4/19— Genice Carrol having some health issues.
 4/23—Suzanna Kimball fell at court.

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. The bar is right behind you for your game time libations and they are end seats. 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.

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 Lady Linda DuBois, PHP**

Fun Upcoming Happenings

Sphinx Court #65 Ways & Means 2018/2019



SAVE THE DATES!

May 2018 – November, 26, 2018
Opportunity to win \$500 Ticket Sales
Get yours to sell from the Units!

May 2018 – February, 2019
Coins for Court—Request a Can

June 16, 2018, Saturday
Pampered Chef Party, Noon to 2pm
808 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014

August 2018—December 2018
Yankee Candle Sales (online)

November 3, 2018, Saturday
GALA EVENT!

December 21-24, 2018
Holiday Gift Wrapping

February, 2019 – T.B.D.

Sphinx Court Events

2018

May 12-19—Grand Council, Hawaii
May 21—Court Meeting
June 16—Pampered Chef Party
Court Fund Raiser—Noon to 3pm
808 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix
Aug 19—Ice Cream Social w/Nile 1 to 4pm
808 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix
Aug 30—Court Setup/Practice—GHP OV
Aug 31—Court Meeting—GHP OV
Sep 16—Membership Tea
Sep 24—Court Meeting
Oct 13—Paint Party—Travel Fund
Oct 19—Ceremonial Setup/Practice
Oct 20—Ceremonial Court Meeting
Nov 3—GALA EVENT—Court Fund Raiser
Nov 26—Court Meeting

2019

Jan 13—Membership Tea
Jan 28—Court Meeting
Feb 22—Ceremonial Setup/Practice
Feb 23—Ceremonial Court Meeting
Mar 16—Steak Fry—Travel Fund
Mar 25—Court Meeting

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MAY – 2018

- 1 Sphinx Patrol—7pm
- 2 Director Staff—7pm
- 10 Clowns—7pm
- 12-19 LOS Grand Council—Hawaii
- 21 Court Meeting**—Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting, 7pm

JUNE—2018

- 16 Pampered Chef Party**, 12-3pm
808 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014

AUGUST—2018

- 19 Ice Cream Social**, 1-4pm
808 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014
- 25-26 CornFest—Sphinx Court Table
- 30 Court setup/practice for GHP OV
- 31 GHP OV**—Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting, 7pm

SEPTEMBER—2018

- 1 GHP in town
- 16 Membership Tea**, 2pm
- 24 Court Meeting**—Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting, 7pm