



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
December 2018—January 2019

Lady Kristine Sheridan - Grand High Priestess

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

*Mary Lou Burger*

High Priestess

*Aminda K. Curry*

Recorder



## High Priestess

Ladies, we have come to the end of another year! We've traveled to Hawaii and Seattle, raised money at fun events, and have been active in events with other Masonic groups. Through the generosity of our Units and Clubs, our Court has been able to donate money and equipment to the Hospitals. It has been a busy, exciting year!



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I would like to thank all of our Ladies who helped to make this such a successful year.

As we come up to the end of the year, I hope you all have a happy and joyous Holiday season with your families and friends. May your New Year be prosperous and carefree. And let's all recommit ourselves to our work for the Shriners Hospitals and our patients, and the success of our Court.

**Rainbow Smiles and Yellow Roses,**

**Lady Mary Lou Burger**

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»»» NEW YEAR «««  
NEW MOMENTS  
♥♥♥ NEW ADVENTURES ♥♥♥  
NEW LESSONS  
NEW MEMORIES  
»»» NEW CHALLENGES «««  
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

## Officers' Offerings



Hello Ladies,  
 Congratulations to the new ladies who have joined our organization. Please visit the units and get more information about what each of them do for Sphinx Court. I hope everyone's holidays were wonderful and that you got to spend quality time with your families. As we get closer to Grand Council, please let us know if you need a packet. The airfares are still running about \$340 to \$450 depending on when people are wanting to leave. If you need anything from me just let me know.

### Princess

**Owl be seeing you, Lady Janet Massey**  
**Phone: 480-861-8209, Email: jfmassey52@yahoo.com**



### Associate Princess

Howdy Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! As we come to the end of 2018 I want to wish you all the happiest of Holidays and a safe and Prosperous New Year. I want to thank everyone who has helped me with my Special Project this year and all the wonderful donations. Thank you for signing our Christmas Card. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Unit Parties. Congratulations to Lady Mary Lou our High Priestess for a great Ceremonial.

For the January meeting I would like to do a Hat and Scarf collection. Thank you to the Directors Staff for their generous gifts and the money for 2 new wheel chairs for the Salt lake City Hospital. Illustrious Sir Dave Polner will be delivering 2 boxes of goodies to the children in Salt Lake this month. Please do try to come to the court meetings; it is always so nice to see everyone. Happy New Year !

**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.**



### Second Ceremonial Lady

Hello members and friends,  
 We are looking at the end of an old (and trying for some) year and on the horizon is a new year. I have had a dinner reservation vacation, but that will be ending with the January meeting meal. Remember, our dinner prices have changed to \$12.00 per a vote of the court, and the January meal will be Turkey. Hope everyone is not 'turkeyed' out! Our February meal will be Spaghetti with meat sauce and that is my final meal to schedule. I hope you have enjoyed my choices. Your changes will have to be to me by January 20th, so that on the morning of the 21st, I can give my final count for the dinners. Hoping everyone is enjoying the holidays and the gatherings, and that everyone is healthy!

**Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley**  
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If you are not receiving emails from the Cactus Chatter Updates list, please contact Linda Curry, PHP to be added.  
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# Officers' Offerings



## **First Ceremonial Lady**

Welcome to 2019! Happy New Year, dear ladies!! It is hard to believe another year has already gone and another has seamlessly taken its place. I must be getting old for the years to fly by like they do. I wish you all the happiness and joy that a new year promises; best wishes to all!

The Court's spring Membership Tea is fast approaching on January 13, 2019, at 2:00 PM, at the Fiesta Room in the Shrine. The units have been notified of their assignments and invitations have been sent. We hope to see you there as we introduce our prospective members to our Order. It is to be a day of "Spring Flowers and New Beginnings" which is our theme for the day. I do hope you'll attend as we make a first impression on our prospective new members.

The petitions will then be read at the Court meeting on January 28, 2019, where an interview committee will be appointed. Balloting will then follow at the February 25 meeting. Our spring Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 PM. A luncheon to honor our new members will be held prior to Ceremonial at 11:00 AM. The cost will be \$15 per person.

Remember to **CARE**: Cherish And Respect Each other and Children Are Reason Enough!  
**Live** every moment, **Laugh** every day, and **Love** beyond words.

***Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,  
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## **Recorder**

### **A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

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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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# Unit and Club Happenings

## Clowns

Another year comes to a close in a whirl of color and paint. Face painting at the many Christmas parties held for our Shriner children and our Military families as well as Mesa Police families and anywhere else we could fit in. New brushes were a treat to find in our stockings. Our Clown Unit is also growing and evolving to keep up with the times and take us to new levels. Oh, the fun and excitement of a new outfit, design mastered, and a smiling child! And did you see the photos of our parade participants?

Our lives are as full as our hearts. The coming months are filled with fun events. Join us for the fun.  
The Clowns wish you a year of abundant JOY!

***Lady Pam Wade, Vice President***

## PHP Club

The next PHP club meeting will be held February 20, 2019 at El Zaribah. Wow it is getting closer and closer to 2019. Sunshine news if you have not heard Lady Mary Lou Salyer, PHP was scratched by her dog and had to go to the ER; she is home recuperating. Lady Dorothy Stanfield, PHP has shingles and is home. Lady Geniece Carroll, PHP is home and doing a little better each day. Get better ladies we miss you all. Sad news, Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP lost her sister Nancy. Our hearts and prayers go out to Lady Trudy. I hope you ladies have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

***Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President***



### ***CACTUS CHATTER PRICES***

Personal Ad or Message - 1 Issue \$10.00  
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Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

## Greeters Unit

Hello to all and hope everyone is having a great holiday season. The Greeters Unit will be ending off 2018 with our Holiday Party on December 29th at the Colbert residence. Luncheon Party starts at 11:30 am and we will have some fun events to be enjoyed. All are welcome and bring your spouse, if you can. Please just send your RSVP to myself or Iris so we can make sure we know how many to plan for. Have a wonderful holiday season and if I don't see you by the end of the year, then I will see you in 2019. Happy holidays to all.

***Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President***

**SPHINX  
NO. 65**



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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**



**Merry Christmas  
From  
The PHP Club!**

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  
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com



## Unit and Club Happenings

### Director Staff

I hope everyone is having a healthy and happy holiday season! The Director Staff has already had their holiday party and a lot of fun and fellowship was had by all. Thanks to Sharon Harrison for the beautiful centerpieces that a few lucky winners got to take home!

Our next unit meeting was moved and will be held on January 9th. Dinner is at 5:30pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. Be prepared for Dance Practice after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend, so we are hoping some of our newest members will come to visit and check out our unit!

Happy New Year to all and we hope to see you soon!

**Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,  
Asst. Chief**

### Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting will be February 4th and will be the OV for the unit. It will be held at the Shrine and the time will be sent out on Cactus Chatter Update, but it is the 'usual' time. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the holidays find you healthy and happy going into the New Year.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President**



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### Sphinx Patrol

Hello Ladies! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I would like to welcome the new ladies that just joined us in LOS and I hope that you will visit all the units and get active with us.

Our Christmas party this year was at the home of Lady Bobbie Balthazor and what a great time we had! Thank you Bobbie for inviting us into your home. I would also like to thank all the ladies that made it to the Florence parade. I wish I could have been able to be there, but I had to work :o(.

There is no Court meeting in December, so I will see you in January. Due to the Shrine being closed on Tuesday, January 1st, the Patrol meeting will be held on January 8th. All are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30pm, practice at 6:30pm and our meeting at 7pm.

On behalf of the Patrol ladies, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happier New Year, love you all!

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

## Director Staff



Fez Cases \$45  
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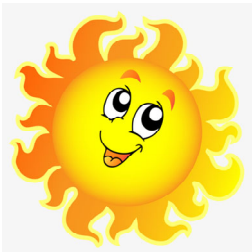
## Committee Reports

### Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 10-27-2018	248
Affiliated	0
Initiated	+6
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-1
Suspended	<u>0</u>
Membership @ 11-17-2018	<u>253</u>

### A "thank you" from Dorothy Stanfield

Wow! My birthday present was the shingles. Really, the birthday cards and get well cards were! Ladies, I can't thank you enough for all you do. It is greatly appreciated. Love and good health to you and yours, Happy Holidays!



### Sunshine Report

11/7—Beverly Houser, in nursing facility  
 11/11—Mary Lou Salyer, wounded by her dog  
 11/11—Dorothy Stanfield, had shingles  
 11/28—Dorothy Cameron, car accident  
 12/7—Debbie McKelvey, neck surgery

Ladies, Linda Curry, PHP, will be sending out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Karen MacDougall, PHP, will be her back up. If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Linda or Karen so we can get the word out to our members.

**We need help with the Sunshine Report!**  
**If you would like to help gather information and send out cards, please contact Karen!!**

### 2018-2019 Travel Fund Events

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all you wonderful ladies! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

The Clowns are excited to be traveling next year with Lady Janet! So with that being said we need to raise more money! Our next fundraiser will be on Saturday, February 16, 2019. I will be sending information/tickets to the Units very soon! It should be a "Magical" night to remember!

Our "In the Spirit" cookbooks are still available for \$5, they will be available at court meetings or you can ask a Clown how to get a copy!!

Thank you ladies for your continued support.

**Lady Andria Granado,  
Clown President**

El Zaribah Shriners

Potentate JC Reece

Divan & Ladies

Nobles & Ladies

Wishing all Sphinx Court

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



**Be A  
Lady in Red  
Join the  
Ceremonial Pageantry**



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## PLEASE REVIEW:

### **SPHINX COURT #65, LOSNA - RULES AND REGULATIONS PROPOSED CHANGES**

FIRST READING OCTOBER 22, 2018 SECOND READING AND VOTE TO BE JANUARY 28, 2019

#### **ARTICLE 1 - COURT MEMBERSHIP & DUTIES**

##### **Now reads:**

2. The annual dues of this court shall be \$25.00, which must be paid on or before April 1st of each year; one dollar (\$1.00) is a Hospital Fund assessment to be given to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, one dollar (\$1.00) is a Sewing Fund assessment for the use of the Sewing Chairman, eight dollars (\$8.00) is a per capita tax fee on all members paid annually to the Grand Recorder

##### **Amend to read:**

2. The annual dues of this court shall be **\$30.00**, which must be paid on or before April 1st of each year; one dollar (\$1.00) is a **Grand High Priestess's** Hospital Fund assessment to be given to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children **via Grand Council**, one dollar (\$1.00) is a **Sphinx Court Hospital** Fund assessment **to be used for the hospital project chosen by the Associate Princess, ten dollars (\$10.00)** is a per capita tax fee on all members paid annually to Grand **Council LOSNA**.

##### **Now reads:**

3. A member who has rendered outstanding service to the Court may be recommended as a candidate for life membership. The name must be submitted to the Executive Committee first before being presented to the Court. Life membership assessment will be \$10.00 each year. One dollar (\$1.00) is a Hospital Fund assessment, one dollar (\$1.00) is a Sewing Fund assessment and eight dollars (\$8.00) is a per capita tax fee to be paid annually to the Grand Recorder.

##### **Amend to read:**

3. A member who has rendered outstanding service to the Court may be recommended as a candidate for life membership. The name must be submitted to the Executive Committee first before being presented to the Court. Life membership assessment will be **\$12.00** each year. One dollar (\$1.00) is a **Grand High Priestess** Hospital Fund assessment, one dollar (\$1.00) is a **Sphinx Court Hospital** Fund assessment and **ten dollars (\$10.00)** is a per capita tax fee to be paid annually to Grand **Council LOSNA**.

#### **ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

##### **ASSOCIATE PRINCESS**

##### **Now reads:**

2. The Associate Princess shall be the Sewing Chairman,

##### **Amend to read:**

2. The Associate Princess shall be **Sphinx Court Hospital Fund** Chairman.

##### **FIRST CEREMONIAL LADY**

##### **Now reads:**

2. The First Ceremonial Lady shall be co-chairman of the sewing, and shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Function. She shall receive expense reimbursement not to exceed \$100.00 per function from the Court.

##### **Amend to read:**

2. The First Ceremonial Lady shall be co-chairman of the **Sphinx Court Hospital Fund**, and shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Function. She shall receive expense reimbursement not to exceed \$100.00 per function from the Court.

##### **Submitted by the Rules & Regulations Committee:**

**Ladies Linda Curry, Recorder, PHP, Janet Massey, Princess, Debbie Jones, Associate Princess**

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### **Calendar of Events for 2018-2019 UPDATED December 9, 2018**

#### **DECEMBER—2018**

12/29 Greeters Party, 11:30am  
Iris Colbert's House

#### **JANUARY—2019**

1/8 Sphinx Patrol, 7pm  
1/9 Director Staff, 7pm  
1/10 Clown Unit, 7pm  
1/13 Membership Tea, 2pm  
**1/28 Court Meeting** dinner 5:30pm  
Meeting at 7pm

#### **FEBRUARY—2019**

2/4 Ceremonial Pageantry OV, TBD  
2/5 Sphinx Patrol, 7pm  
2/6 Director Staff, 7pm  
2/14 Clown Unit, 7pm  
**2/16 Travel Fund Fundraiser**, 5pm  
Be Our Guest, Costume Party  
**2/25 Court Meeting**, dinner 5:30pm  
Meeting 7pm

#### **MARCH—2019**

**3/16 Ceremonial**, Lunch 11am, Mtg 1pm