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Lady Kristine Sheridan - Grand High Priestess

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

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High Priestess

Ladies, it has been quite a year! We have welcomed 7 new members, with an additional 13 candidates to be initiated in March. We have had parties, a fantastic USO-themed dance, and the camaraderie of our members at all the events we attended during the year. Our Officers are getting ready for the coming year, and I



want to congratulate Lady Maria Parrish on being elected 2nd Ceremonial Lady. You are starting a journey that will bring you joy and occasionally drive you crazy, but you will always be amazed by the Ladies of this Court.

We belong to a very special organization. I once heard a Grand Officer describe her involvement in LOSNA as doing God's work, not only in the support of the Shrine hospitals and patients, but also in the support that we give each other. I totally agree. The support we give the Shrine hospitals allows them to improve the quality of life for each patient not only through medical treatments, but through the emotional support they give the patients and their families. Being part of an organization that can change lives like this is a privilege. Being part of a group of caring and compassionate women like our Court is not only a privilege, but a blessing. We are there for each other, good times and bad. There is always a hug, a smile, or a shoulder to cry on when things get tough.

I want to thank everyone for their help and support this past year. This year the motto of Grand High Priestess Kristine Sheridan is "Together We Make It Work". Each member plays a part in making Sphinx Court successful, thriving, and productive. This past year I have been able to see everyone working together to accomplish that. I am honored that I have been able to represent Sphinx Court for the past year.

Rainbow Smiles and Yellow Roses,

Lady Mary Lou Burger

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Hello Ladies,
Thank you all for your help and support this year. Sphinx court has a wonderful group of ladies. Congratulations to the newly elected officers I know you all are going to do great things. I'm looking forward to seeing your happy wonderful faces at the installation of officers on 14 April 2019 at 4pm. If you need anything from me just let me know.

Owl be seeing you, *Lady Janet Massey*
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Associate Princess

Howdy Ladies,
I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. If you missed the Clown Travel Fund Raiser you missed some good food and a good time. There were some great costumes. Please remember the Travel Fund Raisers are for everyone who gets the opportunity to travel. If you can't make it, please considering giving a little something. March is going to be busy with our Ceremonial welcoming 13 ladies. Way to go Lady Marsha! This year is quickly coming to an end. If you need me you can call me or email me

Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs & Kisses, from your Woman of the West!
Lady Debbie Jones
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Recorder

ROSTER CHANGES
NONE

*******NOTICE*******

If you would like to have your email address in the next Court roster, please send an email to Linda at lkcurry1@cox.net from the address you would like included giving permission to publish it.

*******2018 DUES ARE \$25.00 AND WERE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2018*******
*******2019 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND ARE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2019*******

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Officers' Offerings



First Ceremonial Lady

The spring Ceremonial is rapidly approaching! The Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Ceremonial luncheon will be following the meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Fiesta Room. The menu is ground beef taco bowls with options of rice, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese and sour cream and salsa, iced tea and water, and lemon bars for dessert. The cost is \$15 per person. RSVPs are a must and have to be made by noon on Friday, March 8, to me via phone or email as listed below. Please plan to attend as we welcome 13 new members into our Order. Due to an event on Friday night, we will be setting up the luncheon room on Saturday morning starting at 8:00 a.m. The Clowns are assigned to help, but if you are available, we'd appreciate the assistance.

There was a Volunteer Fair held at The Van Buren in downtown Phoenix on February 10. The weather was actually lovely, although chilly in the morning. It was very well attended by people seeking volunteer opportunities around the Valley and 25 ladies were interested in what we do. They were given the membership brochure and they provided us their names to be included in future teas. It was a day spent talking with the community and sharing the ideals of LOS.

I will also be attending Arizona Grand Chapter's Fiesta Day on March 2, at the Masonic Center in Sun City, where Eastern Star has booths for food, books, baked goods, even used formals and MUCH more. The event is open to the public and I will have membership brochures and sign-up sheets in hopes of garnering interest in our Court and LOS. I hope to see you there.

"That of all days is the most completely wasted in which one did not once laugh."
Chamfort (1741-1794)

Live every moment, **Laugh** every day, and **Love** beyond words

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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Second Ceremonial Lady



Hello members and friends,

At this time, I sit in Laughlin Nevada having breakfast before we check into our hotel for our round of meetings followed by my family reunion Sunday. The Court dinner for February was beautifully handled by Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP. and Elections were held that same night. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year as your 2nd Ceremonial Lady and look forward to what new and exciting adventures the Court has in store for me in the upcoming year.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45

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Ginny Fain

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SPHINX PATROL

Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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

See any Patrol member

Unit and Club Happenings

Clowns

Whew! The race is over. We completed the Travel Fund "Be Our Guest" fundraiser dinner and fun night. It was colorful and had some Disney Magic attached. The costumes were creative and so much fun. The activities were sweet and colorful and the 1st place trophies were totally Clown. Ceramic balloon animals! Different foods in different 'Lands' gave something for everyone. Yummy!

The Clown of the Year ballot has been collected and the officers elected. Mechelle Gaines – President-elect, Holly Nichols – VP-elect, Marsha Young – Secretary again, Donna DiCola-Treasurer again. Our Installation will be April 19th at the National Guard Armory.

Clowns are different than civilians. Not just colorful costumes, ruffles and wigs. The faces they all wear are a part of them, a combination of what they see and perceive, their talents and it is always progressing. They each have a persona that is a joyful part sometimes hidden in daily life. I hope you have a little Clown in you. I hope you let your joy out every day. Joyfully,

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

Happy spring! It has been a see-saw time of year. Hope everyone is warm and comfy and safe and healthy. The installation of officers for Ceremonial Pageantry will be held on April 17th at the Shrine with dinner available off the menu before in the Red Fez room at 5:30pm. Come and see our officers installed at 6:30pm.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Greeters Unit

Hello ladies! Wow there has been a lot happening. The next Greeters meeting will be on April 20th, and we will be having a special election at that meeting to fill 2 of our offices. This meeting is also our installation and OV and we hope you all attend. Location to be determined. Look for further information about this.

It has been a joy to be your president and I thank you for all your support.

Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President

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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

Director Staff

At our last meeting we elected our officers for 2019-2020. They are Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP—Chief, Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP—Assistant Chief, and Lady Patty Bandhauer, PHP—Secretary. We will have to elect a new Treasurer before our Installation that is planned for April 17th at the Shrine. More details to come.

Last month the ladies of Director Staff had another "gathering" to make fleece blankets for local chemo patients. This time we made a special one for Lady Dorothy Netherton, PC. We hope she will enjoy it as much as we enjoyed making it.

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

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The Past Highs would like to again extend our thanks to Lady Bobbie Balthazor, PHP, for allowing us to meet at her home on short notice. Our next meeting will be our Installation and meeting on April 18, 2019. That is the 3rd Thursday, location to be determined. I will get invites out to all the Past Highs when we get that information. Our newly elected Officers for 2019 – 2020 will be Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President; Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Vice President; Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Secretary and Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, Treasurer. We had our first reading of our proposed Rules and Regulation changes on February 20, 2019 and we will read and vote on them April 18, 2019 at our next meeting.

Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President

Sphinx Patrol

Hello Ladies,

We had our elections last month. Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2019: Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Captain; Lady Mechelle Gaines, Lieutenant; Lady Maria Parrish, Secretary; and Lady Betsy Sale, Treasurer. I'm so happy that all of you wonderful ladies stepped up to fill the offices in Patrol.

A big congratulations to all the newly elected Court officers and a special shout out to our own Lady Maria Parrish as 2nd CL! Hope you all have a great year.

A big shout out to the Lady Clowns for a outstanding fundraiser for the Travel Fund. The food and costumes were great!

Don't forget our next meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday, March 19th. We will be voting on the change to our R&Rs so that we can get these read in Court. Hope to see you all at the Ceremonial on Saturday, March 16th at 9am. Come out and show our new ladies your support! Yours in faith,

Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain

Proposed Change to Past High Priestess Rules & Regulations 2019

HEADING FOR PAST HIGH PRIESTESS CLUB

NOW READS:

PAST HIGH PRIESTESS CLUB

Meeting 3rd Wednesday in the months of April, September, November and February at El Zaribah Shrine Temple at 7:00 PM

WILL READ:

PAST HIGH PRIESTESS CLUB

Meeting the 4th Wednesday for the months of April, September, November and February at El Zaribah Shrine Temple at 7:00 PM

Article VII – MEETINGS

NOW READS:

Meetings are to be held on the third Wednesdays of the months of February, April, September and November. Special Meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, provided such meetings do not interfere with any court event and/or function.

WILL READ:

Meetings are to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the months for February, April, September and November. Special Meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, provided such meetings do not interfere with any court event and/or function.

Rules & Regulation Committee

Debbie McKelvey, PHP – Ex-Officio
Patricia Bandhauer, PHP – Chairman
Bobbie Balthazor, PHP – Chairman
Gina Baird, PHP – Chairman



Committee Reports

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 01-28-2019	250
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-2
Suspended	0
Membership @ 02-25-2019	<u>248</u>



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Ceremonial Pageantry**



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Sunshine Report

2/7—Julia Ayers, Passed
2/10—Martha Ahrens, Surgery
2/28—Iris Colbert's Brother, Passed

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.

If you want your email in the Court Roster, send an email with permission to Linda Curry, PHP—lkcurry1@cox.net

2018-2019 Travel Fund Events

Our last fundraiser was a success! Everyone had a lot of fun and food. If you were unable to attend, it's not too late. Please consider making a donation for the Travel Fund that everyone will benefit from.

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**



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2018-2019 Ways & Means Report

Please don't forget to bring in your filled Coin Cans at the March Ceremonial, if you haven't already done so.

Our last fund raiser of the year is underway and everyone is excited! You must get your check in for the "Pajama Party" by 3/16/2019. Details and the RSVP form can be found on the next page. Be sure to mail yours in today! Questions? Call Karen at 623-337-3226.



**Lady Maria Parrish
Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP**



Director Staff with Dorothy Netherton

Last Court Fund Raiser for 2018-2019 Year is Here!

APRIL 1, 2019



Since this is the last Court fund raiser for the 2018-2019 year, you must buy your ticket/donation by 3/16/2019. Just choose your ticket from the form below, mail your check to Linda Curry or bring your form and check to the Ceremonial on Saturday, 3/16/2019.

NAME: _____ Pajama Party RSVP Tickets—Check Below:

- ☐ **NO, I will NOT attend - Please send \$10**
- ☐ **NO, I want to attend, but don't have pajamas to wear - Please send \$15**
- ☐ **YES, I want to attend, but I don't know WHERE to go? - Please send \$20**

Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65
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Calendar of Events for 2018-2019 UPDATED February 28, 2019

MARCH—2019

3/6 Director Staff, 7pm
3/14 Clown Unit, 7pm
3/12 Ceremonial Practice, 6pm
3/13 El Zaribah Shrine Stated Mtg., 7pm
LOS to deliver stuffed toys
3/15 Ceremonial Set Up, 6:30pm
3/16 Ceremonial, 8am Set Up, Mtg 9am,
Lunch 12:30pm
3/19 Sphinx Patrol, 7pm **(NEW DAY)**
3/30 G.I. Bill Anniversary Parade—Florence

APRIL—2019

4/08 Installation Practice, 6pm
4/14 Installation of Officers, 4pm
4/15 Ceremonial Pageantry Install. 6pm
4/16 Sphinx Patrol, Installation, 7pm
4/17 Director Staff Installation, 7pm
4/18 PHP Club Installation, 7pm TBD
4/19 Clown Unit Installation, 7pm
At National Guard Armory
4/20 Greeters Installation and OV, TBD