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High Priestess

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Cactus Chatter

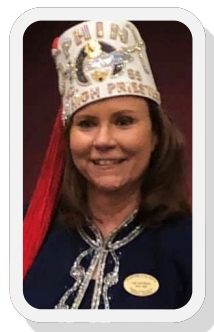
Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
MAY 2019

Lady Kristine Sheridan - Grand High Priestess

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

High Priestess

Hello Ladies,
I would like to start off by saying thank you so much for a wonderful installation. We had quite a turn out in the audience. We had several special guests; The Grand Second Ceremonial Lady Linda Figler, the Deputy Grand Master Greg Vasquez of Free and Accepted Masons of



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Arizona and his lady Debbie and Potentate of El Zaribah Shrine, Ken Neusch. The food was fantastic and we had such a different wide variety it was absolutely amazing.

So next on the list we have grand Council from **May 12th to the 18th** in Richmond Virginia I hope you all have your reservations in. Every year I go I learn a lot and have a really great time getting to know all the ladies from around North America.

Please put in your calendar a change to May's meeting that it will be on **Tuesday, May 28 at 7 PM**. We have the Corn Fest at El Zaribah over the summer **August 24-25**. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. The circus will be **September 6-8** out at West World. If you would like to help out please let me or Jane Sheldon know that way we can get you on the list for volunteers. Our first meeting back after the summer break will be **September 23 at 7pm**. The Grand High Priestess official visit will be **October 7th** that will also be our monthly meeting. Let's have a great summer.

Inspirational quote:

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." - St. Jerome

Owl be seeing you,

Lady Janet Massey

Class of 2019-2020
Lynda's Phantoms of the North

Motto: "Laugh when you can,
Apologize when you should,
Let go of what you cannot change."

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Howdy Ladies. I am so excited to be your Princess! Congratulations to Lady Janet High Priestess for a wonderful installation. Congratulations to Lady Maria Parrish being installed as our Mushroom! Grand Council is just around the corner and I know it will be fun. I will be watching for flights to Alaska for our Western Area Meet. To our new ladies, please do try and come and participate in our activities. We have wonderful ladies and our clubs and units ROCK! I wish everyone a safe and great summer.

Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs & Kisses, from your Woman of the West!

Lady Debbie Jones

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Associate Princess

A new year has begun and I am excited to announce our Court Hospital Project for 2019-2020. I have worked closely with Nathan Clark, at the Salt Lake City hospital in determining their needs for a monetary project. The Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning Department always has great need as it provides not only customized wheelchair services, but also includes position mapping for continued "fit" of the patient, and maintenance and repairs on the equipment.

In addition, Salt Lake City technicians and staff are addressing a problem with mobility for infants and toddlers who are lacking mobility on their own. They have developed a prototype chair using a commercially available "Bumbo" seat. The Bumbo seat has been modified with a base, wheels, a toggle driver, and a front tray to help these smaller kids without limbs become mobile and more independent.

Here is a report from the mother of the child using the prototype chair:

"Maria is absolutely loving her new chair! She has wanted to be in it all day. She is already navigating the hallways pretty well. The extra room in front is turning out to be a great tray. She used it for driving her stuffed bears around and even helped me make lunch by driving items from the fridge to the counter where I was working. We also discovered the chair is the perfect size to fit under her little floor/ bed table, so she can drive right up to play on her iPad. I can tell already that this chair is going to be a life changing addition for her to be so much more independent at home. Thank you so much for all the work you put into this project and for letting Maria be your first tester! It is going to be such a blessing to her and so many other kids in the future!"



In addition to monetary donations, with an attempt to raise \$6,000, we will be collecting goods for the Salt Lake and Mexico City hospitals. Toys, coloring books, games, blankets, gift cards in any denomination, and the usual items you have all generously donated over the years, are welcome! For the May 28, 2019 (TUESDAY) meeting, let's try having an old-fashioned underwear march!! Bring any type of **white** underwear for the march. Let's start the year off on the right foot.

If you are unable to attend Court and would like to donate goods, please contact me and I'll be happy to pick them up or find a way to get them to Phoenix, if you are outside of the area.

If you would like to participate in the Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning Project and can't attend Court, you may send your check, made out to Sphinx Court #65, to Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder, 1550 N. El Camino Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281-1426. Be sure to make a memo on the check for the Court Hospital Project.

Congratulations to all of the new Court and Unit/Club officers. I wish you all a most successful year.

"Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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Officers' Offerings

Recorder

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******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.

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

Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65

mail to c/o Linda Curry, 1550 N El Camino Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281-1426

Your self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your dues card is greatly appreciated.

Lady Linda Curry, PHP

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First Ceremonial Lady

Good day ladies;

The court installation was a wonderful day and I am looking forward to the year under the auspices of our new High Priestess, Lady Janet Massey. Our membership tea is on the calendar for September 21, and I will have more information coming. I am looking forward to Grand Council in Richmond Virginia with my Women of Valor class. I hope our mushroom, Maria Parrish, has fun at Grand Council learning about her class. Everyone have a wonderful summer and we'll see you back in court.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Second Ceremonial Lady

Congratulations to all our new Court, Unit and Club officers. I know this is going to be a great year for each of you and Sphinx Court!

Keeping it light as we head into summer, the menu for the Tuesday, May 28th Court

Dinner will be Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken, rolls and a dessert. The cost is

\$12. **Reservations are due to me no later than Monday, May 20th.** Anyone RSVPing after this date will be placed on a wait list with no guarantee. If you are on the permanent list I only need to hear from you if you will not be attending. The same deadline applies.

Safe travels to everyone headed to Grand Council!

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady - Elect

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CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS

If you are not receiving emails from the Cactus Chatter Updates list, please contact Linda Curry, PHP to be added.

lkcurry1@cox.net

Unit and Club Happenings

Clowns

Summer is fast approaching and now is the time for the Clowns to come together to prepare for the coming year. We have scheduled a few "work" parties for the summer months; the first happening June 22nd at Lady Holly's home in North Phoenix. An email will be sent closer to the date with her address and directions.

If there are any clowns needing to practice face painting techniques or clown makeup, mark your calendars for July 13th at Lady Trish's NEW home (email will also be sent closer to the date).

Let's all take a moment to congratulate our High Priestess for a successful installation but also for being the CLOWN of the YEAR!! Way to go PJ!!

Soon, we will be parting ways to spend time traveling, seeing family and trying to stay cool. FEAR NOT...the clowns will be working hard on their clown stuff and anticipating smiles from the crowds!

Lady Holly Nicholls-Sworzel.
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
Mechelle Gaines, President @ 719-229-9226
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com

Director Staff

The Installation of Officers and pot luck was a delicious success! We elected Lady Mary Lou Burger as Treasurer and we were all installed by Lady Bobbie Balthazor, PHP, to the tune of the Saguaro Cactus. You had to be there!

Director Staff is continuing our latest project of making fleece blankets for local chemo patients. Our next gathering will be on June 5th at the Shrine Center at 6pm. We'll also be having dance practice that night. If you want to help with the blankets, come on down and don't forget your scissors.

We will be the Traveling Unit in 2020 and fund raising has started for the Travel Fund. We are planning some interesting events, so be sure to check the Cactus Chatter Update over the summer for details.

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,
Assistant Chief

Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry held their installation of officers on the 15th of April with a full corps of court officers in attendance. It was our newly installed High Priestess, Janet Massey's first visit (not to be confused with her official visit). We will be attending Grand Council in Richmond Virginia during May and have several ladies attending. We will be wearing out black pants, white blouses and court vests. Ceremonial Pageantry is dark for the summer months. Our next meeting will be in September, watch your Cactus Chatter for information.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

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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

Be A
Lady in Red
Join the
Ceremonial Pageantry



Contact **LADY JANE SHELDON**
480-710-5975

Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

We had a lovely Installation of Officers in April and welcomed our newest member, Lady Mary Lou Burger, Jr. PHP, to our Club. At the meeting we also voted to continue the "Fill a Purse" project and we hope the ladies of the Court will join in.

Congratulations to Lady Janet on a very nice Installation and terrific 1st Meeting!

Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President

Wishing the new officers of the Court and Units a *MAGICAL* year!



**From:
The Past High
Priestess Club**



Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45
Stabilizers \$8
Can Cozies \$3
Ginny Fain
480-345-9819

SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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

See any Patrol member

Greeters Unit

Hello Ladies: We had a nice number of ladies attend our meeting, installation and High Priestess Lady Janet's first Official Visit on Saturday, April 20th. Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP performed a very lovely installation of the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. I have been installed as President of the Greeters at Court and will now also finally be installed at our next regular meeting in August. It has been a long process. Our Official Visit was very nice with good food and fun with gift bags everywhere. We also increased our membership by one with Lady Alice Saunders joining our ranks. Welcome, Alice!

Reminder - the Greeter Unit takes care of ordering name badges and drop down unit bars for all Court members. Magnetic name tags are \$12.00 and a drop down unit bar is \$6.00. Please see me at Court or e-mail me at andie@curtismanagement.biz if you would like to order either.

Our next regular meeting will be on Saturday, August 31st, 11:30 am at Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri in the Community Room. All are welcome. We will also be having our annual "Un-birthday Party" over the summer on July 27th also at Madison Gardens. Please see our flyer in this edition of the Cactus Chatter for additional information.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Sphinx Patrol

The Installation of Patrol officers was a success and everyone had a great time last month. We have changed our meeting day to the third Tuesday of every month, so please come join us on May 21st, for our next meeting. Some of our ladies will be coming back from Grand Council. Hope you have fun ladies!

The Sphinx Patrol put in a letter of intent with the Court last month to travel to Grand Council with the 2021 High Priestess. All units need to participate in any of the Travel Fund Fund Raisers, so stay tuned!

Have a great Summer everyone!

Lady Karen MacDougall, Captain

Committee Reports

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 03-31-2019	245
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	- 1
Deceased	-2
Suspended	-0
Membership @ 04-22-2019	242

Sunshine Report

4/3—Lillian Ryan, passed
 4/3—Almeda Patsy "Pat" Almy, passed
 4/10—Pam Wade's Mother, passed
 4/12—Donna Witmer, pneumonia and is in a rehab facility for a few weeks.

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.



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

FIRST READING April 22, 2019 SECOND READING AND VOTE TO BE May 28, 2019

ARTICLE 1 - COURT MEMBERSHIP & DUTIES

Now reads: The initiation fee for petition to this Court shall be not less than \$65.00, which includes the annual dues of \$25.00. Both the initiation fee and the annual dues must accompany the application for membership. At time of initiation each new member shall receive complimentary meals for ceremonial, a current dues card, copy of the Bylaws, copy of the Cactus Chatter, a membership pin, and a roster. Those initiated between 1/1 and 3/31 will receive, in addition, the dues card for the following year.

Amend to read: The initiation fee for petition to this Court shall be not less than **\$70.00**, which includes the annual dues of **\$30.00**. Both the initiation fee and the annual dues must accompany the application for membership. At time of initiation each new member shall receive complimentary meals for ceremonial, a current dues card, copy of the Bylaws, copy of the Cactus Chatter, a membership pin, and a roster. Those initiated between 1/1 and 3/31 will receive, in addition, the dues card for the following year.

CACTUS CHATTER PRICES

Personal Ad or Message - 1 Issue \$10.00

Unit or Club Ad - Yearly \$45.00

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SPHINX COURT #65 WAYS and MEANS

This year the Ways and means committee is Dorothy Mather, Ramona Cantrell and Lou Ann Speas. Some of the fund raising projects include the opportunity to win \$500. The first drawing will be in November and the second opportunity will to win \$500 will be in March. We also have organizers for sale that Lady Marcia Cherry made. They are great to organize jewelry, makeup, and other little items. They make great gifts for friends and family. They are one for \$15 or two for \$25. We are also going to be doing a 365 pay it forward program. There are a lot of ladies in our court who would love to come and participate in our activities but due to various reasons they are unable to. This helps support our Court and keeps our wonderful organization alive. Everyone can participate and keep Sphinx Court in a forward direction. The form below can either be mailed in or printed out and given to us at the next court meeting. We are also working on the Fry's food community service card. Fry's grocery stores have club cards that you can register Sphinx court to receive money for community rewards.

365 Pay it Forward program

Your Name: _____
If you would like to dedicate your donation in the name of an individual please put their name here: _____
Dollar amount: _____



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of North America

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Calendar of Events for 2019 UPDATED April 28, 2019

MAY—2019

5/01 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
5/09 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
5/11-18 Grand Council in Richmond, VA
5/21 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
5/28 Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm. **(TUESDAY)**

JULY—2019

7/27 Greeters' Un-Birthday Party 11:30am
Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri

AUGUST—2019

8/24-25 Corn Fest—El Zaribah Shrine Center
8/31 Greeter's Meeting—11:30am
Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri

SEPTEMBER—2019

9/4 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
9/6-8 Shrine Circus, West World
9/12-14 WAOUM—Anchorage, AK
9/17 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
9/21 Membership Tea
9/23 Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm
9/25 PHP Club Meeting, 7pm

OCTOBER—2019

10/7 GHP Official Visit, Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting, 7pm