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High Priestess

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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
March 2020

Lady Lynda Stone - Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Laugh when you can, apologize
when you should,

High Priestess

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to all the new ladies.
I'm glad you joined our organization.
Please get out and visit the Units and
see what they're all about. If you
join one or four you will have a great



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time. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Sphinx Court! I wish you love and success in your new positions.

I hope you enjoyed the Paint and Sip. Seeing the creative side of everyone was a lot of fun. The opportunity to own \$500 has been canceled due to a lack of ticket sales. Please mark on your calendar that the Directors Staff will be doing a Fashion Show on March 8th to benefit the Court Travel Fund. So come on down to the Shrine, have some lunch and shop for a new outfit or two.

I will have a special presentation for the past High Priestesses at March's meeting. Please join me in honoring them. This is my last article as High Priestess. I just wanted to thank all of you ladies for the support this year. I couldn't have done it without all of you. If you need anything please email me or call me.

Owl be seeing you!

Lady Janet LaBell

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Howdy Ladies,

I can't begin to thank you for the trust you have given me by electing me as your High Priestess for 2020/2021. I am truly humbled. Thank you in advance to all my Officers, Elected and Appointed, for your help this coming year! I can't believe how fast 5 years has flown by!

Congratulations to Lady Janet LaBell for an awesome Year! She will be a tough act to follow. Congratulations, also, to our Second Ceremonial Lady, Lady Marcia Cherry!

Installation Practice will be March 22nd at the Shrine. I will have your Court outfits to pick up. The price is \$10.00. I love them and I hope you will too! Installation of Officers will be March 29th at 2:00pm. Please invite your family and friends so they can see what a beautiful organization we all belong to. The Paint and Sip was so much fun! Flights for Canada are ranging from \$460.00 to \$650.00 on various airlines and arrival locations. Until next time...

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

Lady Debbie Jones

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Associate Princess

Spring is around the corner and soon the citrus trees will be in full bloom and fragrance. Not particularly nice for us allergy sufferers, for sure; but, a very pleasing welcome to spring. With spring comes rebirth and a new year in the Court as we congratulate our old officers on a job very well done and welcome the new corps with eager expectation.

As I close out the hospital project this year at our last meeting coming in March, I am humbled and awed by the generosity of our Ladies. A lofty goal was set and we are within grasp of reaching it. You have all taught me that together, even in small portions, we can accomplish much, sharing kindness and doing good deeds for others. Thank you for your support. You are amazing Ladies!

Who knew? "On average, we forget 80% of what we learn any given day. "Who knew? "An unbelievably rude waiter at Oscar's Tavern in New York so unintentionally amused Muppet creator Jim Henson and *Sesame Street* director Jon Stone, that he inspired the creation of Oscar the Grouch."

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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First Ceremonial Lady

First, let me start by thanking everyone for all their assistance this last year. It has helped me tremendously and I am looking forward to what the next year brings. Congratulations to all the new officers as they move into their new positions. Lady Maria Parrish will be taking over the duties of the Membership Teas and Ceremonial meals. This last Ceremonial saw us bring in 4 new members and boy are they excited to get started. Make sure you say hi to them when you see any of them at the meetings and help them get to understand 'why we do that'. We did have a couple ladies that couldn't make the Ceremonial and we hope to see them at the next one. There is a Tea scheduled on Sunday April 19 at 2 pm, so get your information to Lady Maria Parrish. Again, thanks for all the support.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Officers' Offerings

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A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Second Ceremonial Lady

Congratulations to Lady Marcia Cherry on her election as 2nd Ceremonial Lady. I am happy to pass the baton and am confident that Lady Marcia will be a great success in her new position. I also want to welcome our new ladies. Sphinx Court is a really special place and I know you will bring new ideas, energy, camaraderie and fun to our organization.

Our next meeting will be held on March 23rd. Dinner (Taco Salads) will be served at 5:30pm. If you are on "the list" and unable to attend, please let me know. If you would like to join us and aren't on "the list", RSVPs are due on Sunday a week prior to our meeting. For the March 23rd meeting, RSVPs are due on March 15th.

This year has been such an incredible journey. I physically moved a few feet from the sidelines to the 2nd CL seat on the floor. My respect for the effort it takes to facilitate a meeting or Ceremonial event has grown substantially. My admiration for those who came before me and who managed to balance everything with grace and style has grown extraordinarily. My desire to continue on this path and serve Sphinx Court and LOSNA to the best I am able has grown exponentially.

Thank you for placing your trust in me and thank you in advance for your support in the new year.

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady

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Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Elections were held in February and our offices will be filled by the following ladies: Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, as Chief, Lady Mechelle Gains as Assistant Chief, Lady Bobbie Balthazor, PHP, as Secretary and Lady Mary Lou Burger, PHP, as Treasurer. Congratulations Ladies!

Welcome to our newest members! We hope you will join us at our next meeting on March 4th when we will be honoring our Past Chiefs. We meet in the Red Fez Room for a no-host dinner at 5:30pm and our meeting starts at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to all the newly elected Court Officers. We are wishing you a wonderful year and, as the Travel Unit, we are looking forward to traveling with Lady Debbie Jones, HP Elect, to Canada for Grand Council!

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,
Assistant Chief

Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry will have our last meeting of this year on March 22. We will be meeting at noon before the practice for the Court installation of officers. We had our elections of officers at the last meeting. Lady Jane Sheldon was elected to President; Lady Jean Glover, PHP, to Vice President; Lady Nancy Belfel to treasurer and Lady Gina Baird, PHP, to Secretary. They will be installed at our Official Visit on April 6 at 6:30pm at the Shrine.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Sphinx Patrol

Sphinx Patrol had a nice turnout for our Official Visit with High Priestess, Lady Janet LaBell, last month and a fun meeting! Election of Officers also took place and the following ladies were elected: Lady Linda Curry, PHP as Captain, Lady Kay Hoover as Lieutenant, Lady Maria Parrish as Secretary and Lady Betsy Sale as Treasurer. Congratulations to all!

Congratulations go out to all the Court Officers elected for this coming year. We know you will all do a great job!!

A big welcome to our 4 new members! We hope you will join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 17th. We meet for a no-host dinner in the Red Fez room at 5:30pm, do a little marching around 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. Please come out and check us out!

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Captain

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



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GREETERS

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Unit and Club Happenings

Clowns

Howdy Ladies!

WOW, what a year it has been! We held our elections this past month and we welcome some new additions to the cabinet. Lady Mechelle Gains will continue as President, Lady Nancy Beffel as Vice President, Lady Holly Nicholls-Swartzel as Secretary and Lady Donna DiCola as Treasurer. Thank you Lady Marsha for all your hard work and dedication these past 3 years as Secretary. We hope you have a successful upcoming year as Princess.

At our last meeting, we welcomed Ladies Linda Curry, PHP and Dennice Dunaway as new Clowns! Our Unit is growing and we LOVE IT!! Welcome Dizzee and Squeekers, we are so looking forward to teaching you our tricks and antics!

April 18th the lady Clowns will be face painting at the Liver Walk—contact Lady Trish Whalen for details and if you can participate, let us know.

March 12th is our next meeting, with a no-host dinner in the Red Fez room at 5:30pm and meeting to follow at 7pm.

Stay tuned for next month's article. We will be announcing the Clown of the Year, figuring out dates for workshops during the summer and welcoming Lady Debbie Jones as our new High Priestess. Saddle up, it's going to be a fun year ahead!

***Lady Holly Nicholls-Swartzel,
Vice President***

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PHP Club

Congratulations to our High Priestess, Lady Janet LaBell on a wonderful Ceremonial! To the new members Evelyn, Rebecca, Shelby & Michele: WELCOME! We look forward to seeing you at each meeting & our different functions.

Our next PHP meeting will be on Wednesday April 22nd at the Shrine. We'll be having dinner with the men's Director Staff at 5:30 PM with the meeting starting at 7 PM. This will be our Installation of Officers and we'll be welcoming our newest member, Lady Janet LaBell.

Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President



Past High Priestess Club

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers of Sphinx Court!!!

Greeters Unit

Hi Ladies: Congratulations to Lady Debbie on her election as High Priestess and congratulations to all the elected officers - we know you will have a wonderful year. Also a very hearty welcome and congratulations to our newest members of Sphinx Court #65.

We had our election of officers on February 1st and they will remain the same. Myself as President, Lady Gina Baird, PHP, as Vice President, Lady Mary Lou Burger, PHP, as Secretary and Lady Nancy Beffel as Treasurer.

Welcome to Lady Stephanie Goss, our newest member. Please join us for our next meeting (place to be determined) on Saturday, April 4th for our installation of officers and High Priestess Debbie's first Official Visit.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Committee Reports

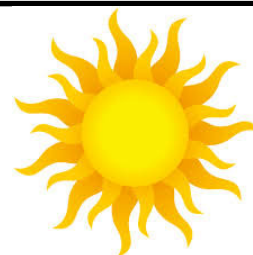
Membership @ 1-27-20	242
Affiliated	0
Initiated	4
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0
Membership @ 02-16-20	246

Sunshine Report

02/17—Lady Julia Cusick—Fell and is in the hospital with skull fractures.

02/21—Lady Sue Tice, PHP—Her husband, Larry, hospitalized with heart issues.

Ladies, Linda Curry, PHP, sends out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Karen MacDougall, PHP, is 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 members.



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Thank you, to all who sent cards, made calls and donations in memory of my sister, Maxine Gregory. It made a difficult time better, knowing people care.

Also, Fred and I want to thank everyone for the many calls, cards and visits during his hospital stay and recovery at home. You are all very special to us.

Thanks again, Fred and Mary Hammer.



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MARCH —2020

03/04 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
**03/08 Travel Fund, Step Into Spring
Fashion Show, 11:30am**
03/12 Clown Unit Meeting, 7pm
03/14 Tucson Installation
03/15 Deadline—Court Dinner RSVP
03/17 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
03/22 Ceremonial Pageantry Mtg., Noon
03/22 LOS Court Installation Practice, Noon
03/23 Court Meeting, 7pm
03/29 LOS Officer Installation, 2pm

APRIL—2020

04/01 Director Staff Mtg/Installation, 7pm
04/04 Greeters OV/Installation, TBD

APRIL—2020, Cont.

04/06 Ceremonial Pageantry OV/Inst, 6:30pm
04/09 Clown Unit Mtg/Installation, 7pm
04/18-19 Audit Court Books
04/19 Membership Tea, 2pm
04/21 Sphinx Patrol, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
04/22 PHP Club, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
04/23 Ceremonial Practice
04/27 Court Meeting, 7pm

MAY—2020

05/03 Ceremonial, 2pm
05/06 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
05/14 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
05/16-23 Grand Council—Canada