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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona

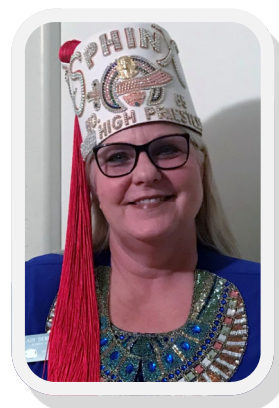
September 2020

Lady Kate Kalmbach, GP—Grand High Priestess, pro tem

Motto: "Women of the West Stay Strong Together so we can Help Others."

High Priestess

Howdy Ladies! WOW what a year we have had. Definitely will go down in the books for sure. I want to thank everyone for staying safe and keeping in touch. As far as I know we are all safe and healthy.



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I am looking forward to the Unit and Club installations. Please reach out to me with your dates. Sphinx Patrol is done and I have The Greeters September 5th. Congratulations to the newly installed Patrol Officers!

With this year being so short I want to thank everyone who has sent in their taxes and purchased the opportunity tickets for the gift basket. If you haven't gotten your tickets, do so soon as we plan to pick a winner in January! A BIG Thank you to my Ways and Means Committee. We have a few more things coming down the line so stay tuned.

Now down to business. Per Illustrious Sir Dana Dobson, the Temple will be open starting in September. With everything going on and me having surgery on September 23rd, we will be having our September 28th Court Meeting with ZOOM. I will get the meeting information out to everyone 2 weeks before the meeting. I know some of you are still uneasy about gatherings and I feel this is the best way to have our meeting. This will once again go down in the books!

I want to give all the Units and Clubs a heads up... If we are able to have a meeting in October or November, I would like all the Units to perform since we did not get to perform in Canada for Grand Council or in Tucson for Western. I am looking forward to seeing as many faces as possible! Thank you ALL again for your love and support.

Raggedy Ann Hugs & Cowgirl Angel Kisses from your Woman of the West,

Lady Debbie Jones



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Officers' Offerings



Princess

What a summer we are having! Not only has Covid-19 totally changed our world, but Arizona has been hot as you know where! At least we are used to not much activity in the summer due to the heat, but the mental affect of the coronavirus has been lousy, to say the very least! I do hope you have managed to stay well and out of harms way.

I send my thanks to those who have called to check up on me and to those who took my calls when I checked up on you! It is wonderful to be a part of an organization that cares about its members. I do hope you know that if you need anything I can help with, you will let me know.

It was sad to hear that most of the unit meets are being cancelled. I know it was a tough decision for Oasis Court to cancel the WAOUM, but in this uncertain time, it was the best decision, in my humble opinion. Hopefully, we can look forward to Grand Council in Tucson next spring.

To the Shrine office staff and Divan, particularly Lady Jane Shelton, I send my heartfelt thanks for your assistance in getting my calendar dates for 2021-22 placed on the Shrine calendar. Things can certainly change, but at least we have a target to shoot at! What you do to keep the Shrine working efficiently is greatly appreciated. Thank You!!

Ladies, I look forward to seeing you again when it is safe. I know people are afraid members of fraternal organizations will not come back when we can because we are now out of practice, but I do not believe that. I think we will come back even stronger to enjoy the fellowship and friendships we have built and to continue our support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Our Masonic Family is a way of life, one which we have nourished and enjoyed, and we will continue...even through the bad times.

Be like a pineapple: Stand tall, wear a crown, and be sweet on the inside.

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,
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Recorder

Roster Changes

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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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Associate Princess



Whew, what a year this is becoming! Who knew that masks would become a regular piece of clothing as much as your socks or shirts. I hope everyone that got the Shrine's mask pattern from me, found it to be easy to follow and make. Please send me any counts of masks that you have made and donated so I can keep record of this. For anyone else that might want this, let me know and I will email it to you.

The Court project this year is the Motion Analysis Program at the Spokane Shrine Hospital. This is for patients experiencing mobility issues and is a 3-4 hour study. During this time they study the pressure the feet place, the child's gait along with muscle activity, among other tests to determine the best course of action. The cost of this procedure is approximately \$1550.00 per child/test. The hospital tests in the range of 200 children each year.

I have chosen this project as I feel that we can best serve the children by helping with the diagnosis and therefore the avenue for their future. Please send any donations for this project to Linda Curry and mark it for the Court Project. Unfortunately at this time of no meetings, I am not able to show you or speak more on this to further inform everyone about the program. I will be sending out a flyer separately but in the meantime, if you have any questions, let me know and if I cannot answer them, I will get an answer for you.

On a final note, thanks to the members, and their family, who have reached out to my family at this time with your calls, cards, and food, always the food! It is so comforting to read your notes and to see in the minds eye, the warm wishes you send to us. God bless you all.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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First Ceremonial Lady

It's hard to believe we've been cooped up since February without the opportunity to meet or see each other. Like everything else, our plans for a Membership Tea and Ceremonial are up in the air but if you do know someone who you would like to invite to a future event or even a virtual event, please let me know.

On a personal note, this summer has been full of ups and downs. My step-father and late mother's husband of 40 years passed away in July. I couldn't say goodbye properly or help my sister Suzanne with his end of life care or now cleaning out their home to sell it. On a happier note, my daughter Camille was home from college for an unexpected six months. It was bonus time that we aren't likely to have again so it was really special. Alas, this past Monday she moved into an off campus apartment with friends for the fall semester. Steve and I continue to work from home and have been able to escape to his family cabin in Pine several times for a much needed change of scenery.

I hope each of you and your families are doing well and successfully navigating these challenging times. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay strong!

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady

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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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Personal Ad or Message - 1 Issue \$10.00

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Make checks payable to Sphinx Court and send to:
Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

Officers' Offerings



Second Ceremonial Lady

I hope this finds everyone doing ok and staying safe and well. There is a chance the Shrine will be open in September. If that happens there will be a limited number of people allowed. I believe the number will be 50. Food service is still uncertain and I am already receiving emails asking to be removed from the dinner list at least for the time being. I have spoken with the HP and Debbie agreed that for September and October we will not be having dinners. In November and December we will revisit the dinners.

This has been a year of change and learning for everyone. I am glad the numbers are going down. While the wearing of the face mask is really getting old it seems to be working. I have seen some things that are concerning. Security guards at the entrance of hospitals, and grocery store just to name a few places. There also, have been some really funny sites. The man in OfficeMax wearing a pair of hot pink men's underwear as a facing covering. Please stay safe while we are apart.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady
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Unit and Club Happenings

Greeters Unit

Ladies - hope this finds you well. We will be having our installation of officers (officers only) on Saturday, September 5th with Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP as our installing officer. Our next regular meeting (hopefully) and Lady Debbie's OV will be on Saturday, November 7th, time and place to be determined. Will get more information out when available. Stay well, practice social distancing and please wear your masks!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



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Past High Priestess Club

Here's to NEW BEGINNINGS!

PHP Club

The Installation of Officers will happen on September 23rd. The place and time will be announced later. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 602-738-3628

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President

Clowns

Keep on being a clown!

We may not be together, but we still like to clown around. Our Installation of Officers will be 7:00pm Thursday, September 10th ... not sure yet if it will be online or in person. We just have to be safe.

Put a smile on under your masks and give long distance hugs.

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President



Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45
 Stabilizers \$8
 Can Cozies \$3
 Ginny Fain

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

I hope everyone has been safe and healthy, and is making the most of a very trying time. The Installation of Officers is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd, at the Shrine. We also hope to find a way to get back to putting our rested fingers to work making blankets for the cancer patients, and gathering for unit exercise AKA perfecting our dance skills.

I know everyone is looking forward to sharing stories, laughter and hopefully tears of joy, along with elbow bump greetings instead of hugs.

Lady Mechelle Gaines, Assistant Chief



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
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Ceremonial Pageantry

Hello Ladies, Hope everyone is healthy and safe. At our last meeting we voted on new officers, they are as follows, Jane Sheldon as President, Jean Glover as Vice President, Dorothy Mather as Secretary and Nancy Beffel as Treasurer., Our installation date has not been determined as of now. Will advise as soon as the Court allows us. Until then be safe and healthy!!!!!!

Lady Jane Sheldon, President

Sphinx Patrol

We have a new line of officers that were installed a few weeks ago. Captain Lady Janet LaBell Jr. PHP, Lieutenant Lady Linda Curry PHP, Secretary Lady Maria Parrish 1CL and Treasurer Lady Betsy Sale. Congrats ladies and thank you for accepting your positions.

The Sphinx Patrol will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, We are working on the details for food and the Red fez room being open for dinner. Due to social distancing we will not be practicing. Our meeting starts at 7pm. We would love to see you at the meeting, if not we will have a Zoom type platform in place. Stay safe and see you soon.

Lady Janet LaBell, Jr. PHP, Captain

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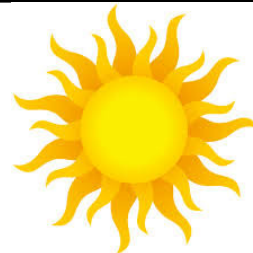
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Committee Reports

Membership @ 04-30-2020 235

Affiliated	0
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Membership @ 08-31-2020 235



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Sunshine Report

- 03/22—Lady Mabel Anderson—passed away
- 05/15—Lady Sharon Harrison—Lost her mom.
- 05/19—Lady Amanda Strong had a baby boy, Zev Ovadia Strong, 6lbs, 12 ozs.
- 05/25—Lady Dorothy Cameron had a heart attack and is recovering from a procedure.
- 06/10—Lady Sue Tice—heart valve repair
- 06/11—Lady Carol Nelson—had a stroke
- 06/14—Lady Theresa Teeple—passed away
- 06/15—Lady Cathy Palumbo, PGHP—passed
- 07/01—Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP—recovering from colon cancer surgery
- 07/10—Noble Norm Colbert—passed away - Wife of Lady Iris Colbert, PHP and Father of Lady Trish Whalen, PHP and Lady Kathy Kelley, Assoc. Princess
- 07/18—Lady Pat Zimmerman—knee surgery
- 07/20—Lady Annette Lesser, PGHP—passed

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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 # of Children ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Grandchildren ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Great-Grandchildren ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Parents Living ____ @ \$.75 = ____
 # of Pets ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Cars you own ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Bedrooms in your home ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Bathrooms in your home ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Televisions ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of cell phones ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Motorcycles you own ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Computers in your home ____ @ \$.50 = ____
 # of DVD/CD players ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Kindle or Nook Readers ____ @ \$.25 = ____
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 # of Offices held in LOS ____ @ \$.25 = ____



Name: _____ Total Taxes Due: _____

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Andie Lacombe 11523 E. Adobe Road Mesa, AZ 85207

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Ladies: Ways & Means is offering an "opportunity to own" a beautiful jewelry set from Kay Jewelers - Blue and White sapphires in a ring, earrings and a necklace in silver. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held in January, so get your tickets today!

See any member of the W&M Committee to buy tickets.



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Calendar of Events for 2020 — UPDATED MAY 3, 2020
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SEPTEMBER—2020

09/02 Director Staff, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/05 Greeters, OV/Inst., 11:30am, TBD
09/10 Clown Unit Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/15 Sphinx Patrol, Mtg, 7pm
09/23 PHP Club, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/28 Court Meeting—Virtual, 7pm

OCTOBER—2020

10/07 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
10/08 Clowns Official Visit, 7pm
10/20 Sphinx Patrol, Meeting, 7pm
10/26 Court Meeting, 7pm