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High Priestess

Arinda K. Curry

Recorder

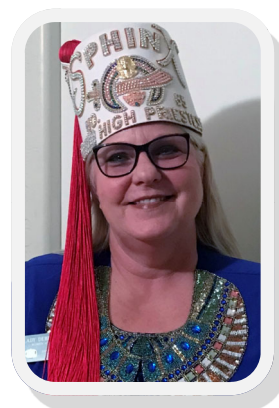


Lady Patricia "PC" Mabray, Acting Grand High Priestess, GR, PGHP

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

High Priestess

Happy Halloween Everyone! I can't believe Fall is here already. I love this time of year. The holidays are right around the corner and soon it will be a new year. I don't know about you all but I am ready for a New Year.



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Congratulations to all the newly installed officers. The Zoom meeting went pretty well, all things considered. I want to thank all the ladies that participated in the meeting. Since the Shrine is open and slowly moving toward the new normal we will have our October meeting at the Shrine. There will be no dinner before the meeting. I understand that everyone is still nervous, but all precautions will be followed and we will have the necessary cleaning done and PPE. Please if you are not feeling good do not come to the meeting and remember everyone will need to wear a mask.

I am hoping that we will have our Membership Tea in December. So please get your names to Lady Maria. We need to work on Membership even more than before!

Thank you to all the Units and Clubs for assisting the Court this year. Continue to send in your taxes. I will have the opportunity basket at the October Meeting and all meetings until we do the drawing in January. There will also be some cool things for the holidays coming from our Ways and Means Committee so be sure to keep your eye out for the announcement.

Our Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP has stepped down from being our Sunshine Chairman and as you all know our Lady Linda Dubois, PHP was her Co-Chairman. Lady Linda has volunteered to be the Chairman. Thank you to the ladies who reached out to me showing interest. Please continue to stay safe and remember if you need anything or just want to talk I am here.

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

Lady Debbie Jones

Phone: 480-292-1034

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

I am really looking forward to a time we can meet in person. I have missed sharing the fellowship and friendship with the Ladies of the Sphinx Court. I hope everyone remains healthy and unscathed by the virus at hand. Flu season is rapidly approaching, so get your flu shots and try to remain healthy.

I extend my congratulations to the new unit leaders who have now been installed. It was sad to not be able to attend the installations, but I know the units will thrive under the new leadership. Please let me know if I can be of any help to your unit. If by chance you do not already belong to a unit, I do hope you will consider doing so. The units are where the "magic" happens, where you make new friends, do the hands-on work of the Court, and learn more about our wonderful Order...and have FUN! The relationships made here are special. You may contact any of the unit officers for more information.

My official duty as travel coordinator is officially a bust for WAOUM since it was cancelled. Grand Council will be in Tucson on May 22-28, 2021. When the time comes, we'll make sure everyone who desires to attend will get there—and back home.

It is a known fact that each time you smile, you benefit your health & happiness So, keep smiling!

"All women are princesses, it is our right." *Frances Hodgson Burnett*

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Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

Phone: 623-266-6099, Email: marsha.young@cox.net



Associate Princess

Good day to all you ladies,

I am hoping all is well with everyone still. We may be heading downhill in this current trial we are all living. Stay ever vigilant and keep up the good work protecting yourself and your family. Looking forward to Lady Debbie's zoom meeting this month and seeing some smiling faces I have missed.

Last month, I wrote about the Court project I have chosen for the Spokane Shrine Hospital. The Motion Analysis Center helps provide important information to the doctors in order to be able to determine the best course of action for the children with mobility issues. They currently anticipate approximately 200 such studies by the end of the year, with roughly 15,000 visits per year in their outpatient clinic. Any donations towards the appx \$1,550.00 cost should be sent to Lady Linda Curry and notate it is for the Court project. The children and I thank you in advance. Coronavirus does not stop the children from needing assistance and any donation of any amount helps.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

Phone: 480-797-9601, Email: kathy.kelley2@cox.net

Recorder

Roster Changes

Brenda Wilkerson, 10914 W Meade Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351-1526

******2020 DUE CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE******

*******2020 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND WERE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2020*******

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

Phone: 602-619-4313, Email: lkcurry1@cox.net

Officers' Offerings



First Ceremonial Lady

Is anyone else ready for 2020 to come to a close? I'm not usually a big fan of New Year's Eve but if I could fast forward and ring in the new year right now I would.

We are scheduled to have a Membership Tea on December 6th. Like everything else this year it will have to be different than prior years so I'm starting to research the safest ways to serve food and drinks. I will be sending a Save the Date card to a few ladies whose names I've received so please let me know if there's anyone you would like added to that list. Invitations will go out in mid-November since so much could change between now and then.

It was absolutely fabulous to see members of the Patrol Unit in person at last month's meeting. I also enjoyed seeing our awesome Clowns during their virtual meeting and installation. Congratulations to all the new Unit and Club officers!

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Until then, please stay safe, stay healthy and stay strong!

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady
Phone: 602.956.9639, Email: mariaparrishh@gmail.com



Second Ceremonial Lady

This has been a long spring and summer. But things are looking up. I would like to share a few things with you about the class of 2024. We are LaDonna's Paladins and our Class symbol is the Sarenre – The Dawn Flower. We have had several Zoom meetings getting to know each other. We are all hoping to be able to meet in person next year in Tucson.

While court still has not been able to meet in person yet – we are getting together via zoom. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady
Phone: 480-620-9570, Email: mscherry317@gmail.com

Dear Sisters in LOS:

Thank each of you for all of the cards, messages, calls and love we have received from you during this past few months. You are the best.

There will be a memorial for Norm on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 2pm at the Scottsdale Masonic Lodge.

Iris Colbert
 Trish Whalen
 Kathy Kelley

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 Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

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Your 2nd Ceremonial Lady, Marcia Cherry, is no longer a Mushroom!
Introducing.....

The LaDonna's Paladin's 2024-2025

Symbol: Sarenrae (Sair-in-ray) The Dawnflower

Egyptian Symbols: The Ankh for Life, The Pyramid for Strength

Prayer: The Celtic Prayer

Motto: "BELIEVE in yourself and you will be unstoppable"

Scripture: Mark 9:23—"All things are possible to those who BELIEVE"

Slogan: "If you BELIEVE in something, BELIEVE in it all the way." - Walt Disney

Colors: Cranberry, Sapphire Blue, Emerald Green, Antique Rose, Navy Blue, Dark Turquoise, Silver, Bittersweet Chocolate, Cooper Rose, Coral Pink, Amethyst Purple

Flowers: Yellow Roses, Geraniums, Star Gaze Lilies, Honeysuckle, Gardenias, Lilacs, Daisies

Good Luck Symbols: Buckeyes, Guardian Angels, Butterflies

Birds: Robins and Hummingbirds

Fun Stuff: Hippos, M&Ms, Antique Merry-Go-Rounds, Chocolate

Fun Characters: Paddington Bear, Eeyore, Fairies, Pumbaa, Timon

Animals: Tennessee Walker Horses, Black Labs, Toy Chocolate Poodles, Rainbow & Brown Trout

Collectables: Quilts, Cows Parade Cows, Stuffed Bears

Toys: John Deere Tractors, Trains, Fishing Poles, Muscle Cars

Songs: Amazing Grace, Boot Scootin' Boogie, Hakuna Matata, How Great Thou Art, Humble and Kind, I Believe, I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas, If I can Dream, Little Red Riding Hood, Old time Rock and Roll, Pontoon, Sloop John B, What a Wonderful World, You'll Never Walk Alone

Class Grandmother: Lady Jan Hiebert, PGHP

Advisor: Lady Diana Schmitz, PGHP

NOTICE OF VOTE TO BE HELD AT OUR REGULAR COURT MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at El Zaribah Shrine Center

The Grand Executive Board has given permission to the subordinate Courts to change the current Ritual. Motions will be made to potentially make the following changes with discussion and vote to follow.

- Change to Ritual Page 98 - Princess charge to use "Our God" in place of "Allah"
- Change Ritual Page 182-3 - HP to use "Our God" in place of "Allah"
- Change the "Easterner's Prayer" as follows:
When recited (not sung) "Allah" may be change to "Our God".
When sung it must remain as is.
- An alternate prayer may be adopted - see below.

"Amen, we say to close the day
The sands have stilled and the palms have lost sway.
As we have done for those in need, we also
Do for thee, we only ask that all will see.
We end our day and the Lotus sighs that
What we have done will please thine eyes
"Amen, we say to close the day.

Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The Past High Priestess Club finally met and installed the officers. They are President - Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP; Vice President- Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, Treasurer- Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP and Secretary—Lady Mary Lou Burger, PHP. Our thanks to Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, who was the installing officer. We are looking forward to High Priestess Debbie Jones, to finally get her year up and running with her first meeting Monday September 28.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18th. More information next month.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President



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Clowns

Keep on being a clown!

The clown meetings are scheduled for the Second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. October 8th will be our OV with our High Priestess, Lady Debbie Jones. And in November it will be on the 12th. We will keep you updated if the meetings will be in person or virtual remote.

Congratulations to our installed Clown Officers ...

President: Lady Mechelle Gaines
Vice President: Lady Nancy Beffel
Secretary: Lady Holly Nicholls-Swartzel
Treasurer: Lady Donna DiCola

Please keep smiling under your masks ladies and stay safe and healthy.

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President



Happy Halloween!

Past High Priestess Club

Greeters Unit

Ladies: Hope this finds everyone well and staying cool. When will the temperature ever drop below 100 degrees. Between the virus and the heat, we've been hit with a double whammy this year. I am certainly looking forward to the cooler days to come.

We had our installation of officers outside at my house on Saturday, September 5th. It was a little warm, but, despite the heat, Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP did a great job installing the officers. Thanks Lady Lynn! Gifts were sure plentiful. Afterwards, we had a light lunch and had the opportunity to sit down and actually speak with each other in person. It was very nice to be able to do that.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 7th at 11:30 a.m., place still TBD and will also be the Official Visit of our High Priestess, Lady Debbie Jones. All are welcome! Glad to hear the news that HP Lady Debbie got thru her knee surgery okay – we all wish her a speedy recovery. !

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

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

Director Staff

Hi Ladies! Congratulations to the newly installed unit officers. We hope the ladies who were able to attend our last meeting at the Shrine, had fun and enjoyed the safe distancing fellowship. To the ladies whom were not able to make it to the last meeting, WE MISS YOU and hope to see you at our October 7th meeting.

Did someone say dance? Has everyone been practicing their dance steps around the house? Before we know it, a few quick practices will have been had, and it will be time to perform for the Court. Don't forget, we will also be starting the blanket project, once we can safely do so.

Have a spooktacular month, and continue to stay safe and healthy.

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
sphinxcourtclovnunit@gmail.com

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



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

**SPHINX
NO. 65**



Contact: Andie Lacombe
602-329-2015
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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**

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 and place will be coming soon. Will advise via the Cactus Chatter Update emails. Until then be safe and healthy!!!!!!

Lady Jane Sheldon, President



Sphinx Patrol

The Sphinx Patrol will be meeting on Tuesday October 20th. Practice at 6:16 pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. If you want to eat at the shrine they will need a minimum of 20 people. I'm sure they will have 20 people but please call at least one week prior to double check that the Red Fez room will be open for dinner.

We are going to try to have a practice. Our routine can still be performed, but we will be further apart and if you want to wear gloves I will bring some.

We have several fundraisers that we are going to be doing for the Travel Fund and look forward to the Courts support. The one is going to be an opportunity to win a basket of wonderful Scentsy items. Another one is going to be a Pampered Chef event with Debbie McCarthy. She has done several of these for the Court and we really appreciate her doing this for us. The window for sales will be November through December. We have a couple of other things coming up so please stay tuned for further information.

We would also like to welcome our newest member. Lady Bernadette Rezak. We are excited to have you and look forward to marching with you, soon.

We would love to see all of you at our next meeting. Stay safe and see you soon.

Lady Janet LaBell, Jr. PHP, Captain

Coming in November... Pampered Chef Party To benefit the Travel Fund! Presented by the Sphinx Patrol



An online Zoom event is planned for early November where everyone will be able to participate in the fun! If you need a catalog and don't want to order online, don't worry, we have you covered!

An Opportunity to own a basket full of Pampered Chef products is also in the works.

More details will be coming soon.... STAY TUNED!!

Sphinx Court # 65 Funeral Information

It is the privilege of our Court to provide a LOS Funeral Ceremony at any member's funeral or memorial. To better assist the LOS Funeral Director and our officers, please provide the following information, and give this form to the Court Recorder.

It is my desire to have the LOS Funeral Ceremony as part of my funeral or memorial. I understand that my family will have the final decision after my passing, and it is my responsibility to have made arrangements in writing, so my family can carry out my wishes.

Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Family or contact
Name _____ Phone _____

Special requests for the LOS Funeral
Director _____

Signature

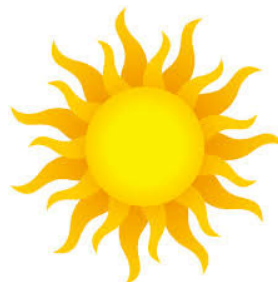
Date

Committee Reports

Membership @ 08-31-2020 235

Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-1
Deceased	-7
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Membership @ 09-27-2020 227



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From the Funeral Director....

Ladies:

Did you know that all of you are entitled to an LOS memorial ceremony? Please check whatever funeral arrangements you have made, even if it is just instructions to your family members, and be sure that you inform them that there is an LOS Funeral Director appointed each year by the High Priestess. Ask them to please call her as soon as required, to make arrangements for our beautiful LOS funeral ceremony. Our ladies are honored to perform this ceremony and as you know, do a beautiful job. Also, Please send a copy of the Funeral Information Sheet you will find in this issue of the Chatter, to me.

You can email me at: iriscol81az@aol.com or send it to my address in the Court Directory.

Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, 1 Year Trustee

Sunshine Report

Since we last met we have lost the following Past Grand High Priestesses:

Lady Cathy Palumbo 2002-2003
Lady Annette Lesser 1995-1996
Lady Judith Cline-Junkins 2008-2009

09/23—Lady Debbie Jones, Knee Surgery
09/22—Lady Judith Cline-Junkins, PGHP—
Passed

This month Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, has assumed the position of Sunshine Chairman. A big Thank You goes out to Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP, for her years of service as the chairman.

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda with a call or text to 602-743-3955 or send her an email to linda3492@cox.net. She will send cards and get the word out to our co-chairs Lady Linda Curry, PHP and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP.

Lady Linda Curry, PHP, sends out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Lady 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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Court Ways & Means

W&M Holiday Gift Wrapping!

Please mark your calendars for December 18, 19th and 20th for holiday gift wrapping. Additional information and sign up sheets will be available at the October Court meeting.



W&M Committee: Lady Andie Lacombe,
Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP, Lady Kristi Antall
and Lady Blair Murphy

2020-2021 Ways & Means



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100% of Lady Debbie's commission will go back to the Court.

Santa Letter Order Form

Have your little munchkins receive a customized letter from Santa Claus this year —\$5.00 per letter includes mailing. Orders must be received by November 20th as Santa is very busy this time of year and wants to make sure he gets his letters out to all the children before Christmas. Your little ones will begin receiving their letters after December 1st.

Please make your checks payable to Sphinx Court #65
And mail the completed form and check to Andie Lacombe
11523 E. Adobe Road, Mesa, AZ 85207

Or

Bring your completed form and your check
To the next "in-person" Court Meeting

Child's Name _____

Child's Address _____



Court Ways & Means

2020 Personal Income Tax

Calling all members of Sphinx Court #65. This is a fun way to raise funds for our Court and involve all members, especially those who aren't able to be at meetings but want to make a donation.

Directions: Multiply your number on each line by the value indicated, enter that amount on the line to the right, total up at the bottom and send in your check. Thank you for supporting our Court!

Your Age ____ @ \$.15 = ____
 # of Years you have been (or were) married ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Years you have lived in your home ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of People living in your house ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # 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 = ____
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 # of Computers in your home ____ @ \$.50 = ____
 # of DVD/CD players ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Kindle or Nook Readers ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Years a member of LOS ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Offices held in LOS ____ @ \$.25 = ____



Name: _____ Total Taxes Due: _____

Thank you for supporting our Court!

Please either give this completed form to Andie at Court with your payment or send this completed form along with your payment payable to Sphinx Court #65 for taxes due to:

Andie Lacombe 11523 E. Adobe Road Mesa, AZ 85207

Opportunity to Own

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 SEPT 29, 2020
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

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

NOVEMBER—2020

11/04 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
11/07 Greeters Official Visit TBD, 11:30am
11/12 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
11/17 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
11/18 PHP Club Official Visit, 7pm
11/23 Court Meeting, 7pm
11/28 Florence Parade, 9am

DECEMBER—2020

12/02 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
12/06 Membership Tea, 2pm
12/10 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
12/15 Sphinx Patrol, 7pm
12/18-20 Gift Wrapping
Court Fund Raiser
12/28 Court Meeting, 7pm

