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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

Howdy Ladies. Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. The Patient Christmas Party though small was wonderful! Lady Katrina and Illustrious Sir Dana did a wonderful job! There were a lot of helpers and I was able to



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hang out with the Clowns. The kids in their vehicles looked happy and excited.

Last year was a crazy mess! My year started out different so I an ending my year different. I decided since there is not much going on we would do one last newsletter for my remaining year. I have a few more items to attend to before I pass the torch.

January we will draw for the opportunity basket and it is the Patrol OV. I am looking forward to my Official Visit with the Patrol Unit. They were the first Unit I joined. February our meeting is back to its normal day and don't forget February is ELECTIONS! Have you thought about running for the Line? February is election month and I am excited to see who is interested in becoming our next Second Ceremonial Lady. Please reach out to me if you are interested. It is a wonderful journey and I promise you won't be disappointed. Who will be our next 2nd Ceremonial Lady?

March has the Shrine Crab Feed which will be a great time and good food if you have never gone. It is crazy to think my last meeting will be March 22nd! I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little bummed not being able to get together for one meeting. Our Court meetings will ZOOM for January, February and March. At my last meeting I sure would like everyone to sing my High Priestess Song. I did the words myself. I will send it out to everyone so you have it.

Please don't forget to help our Associate Princess with the Court Project, it really is so important. I want to congratulate, in advance, the new Officers of Sphinx Court #65 for 2021-2022. I wish for a great year for you all. Congratulations, also, to our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Keith Seplak, his Lady Teresa and all the newly elected Divan Officers of our wonderful Shrine!. I pray for a great year for them and that 2021 keeps us all safe and healthy and back to some sense of normal. Bring it 2021!

I want to thank each and everyone one of you. We have the best ladies in our Court! Your love, support, guidance and even your shoulders when I needed them, where so much appreciated. I hope I served you all proud. It has been an honor being your High Priestess through this crazy time.

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

Lady Debbie Jones

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2021 and we sure hope it is better than 2020. I extend my congratulations to our High Priestess, Lady Debbie Jones, for handling an unbelievably bad situation with dignity and grace. I know it was not the year she had planned, but the business got done and we stayed together and even had a few laughs. Lady Debbie, we commend you on a job well done and know you will take us out in style, too!

Since this Cactus Chatter will be the last one until April, I will pass along some upcoming dates for the Court. Mark your calendars for Installation of Officers on March 27, 2021. We have no idea what it will look like...virtual, normal, outside, ???, but the date should be stable on the calendar. More information will be communicated as we get closer.

At this time, Grand Council is still being planned for May 23-28 in Tucson. Of course, so much can change between now and then, but we will hope for the best. Also, mark June 1 in pencil on your calendar for the Official Visit of the Grand High Priestess. Sphinx Court will be Lady Kate Kalmbach's first visit and will be directly following Grand Council, assuming all happens as scheduled. We are expecting visitors who will stay after Grand Council and we will have a lot to do to be ready. I, personally, am looking forward to being active again, so let's hope we are allowed to reassemble soon!

My hope for you all is a joyous and prosperous 2021! Best wishes to you and yours.

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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Associate Princess

I am hoping for a brand new year for all and that your wishes come true. Mine is for things to be able to return to normal (!?!?!?!?) whatever that means in your life. My world is missing the hugs and smiles in person. The last year was a cautious one for us, and hopefully with the new year, things may loosen up and I will be able to see the smiles and receive hugs in person again soon.

To date we have received \$2713 in donations toward the hospital project for the Spokane Hospital Motion Analysis Program to help diagnose and develop the treatment for our Shrine children's walking problems. We are only \$387.00 away from being able to assist two children; as this program costs the hospitals \$1550.00 per child. Just think of the New Year wishes for those children and our ability to help them.

I want to thank everyone for all their donations so far. This month we received memorials from Lady Andie Lacombe and Lady Debbie McKelvey. Memorials were received from the Clown Unit, Greeters Unit, and the PHP Club. We also received from Lady Marilyn Castleman and Lady Iris Colbert on behalf of the PHP club. Finally, Lady Linda Curry's donation in lieu of Christmas Cards. Thank you ladies and club/units.

God Bless everyone and their families and prayers for a Happy and Healthy New Years.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

Officers' Offerings

Recorder Roster Changes

Edith Nader, telephone number 242-212-34431
Gerry Kesselring, 10518 W Willow Creek Circle, Sun City, AZ 85373-1344
Sherrie VanAsperen, new name, same address: Sherrie Barnes

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP

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First Ceremonial Lady

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. I loved seeing the lights in our neighborhood and tried to put a little extra effort into our decorations to spread cheer. Our daughter was able to come home for a few days at Christmas which brought us great joy. I am so happy to have 2020 in the rearview mirror. Even if the next few months remain challenging there is a light at the end of the tunnel and that gives me hope.

I also want to thank you for choosing me to serve as your First Ceremonial Lady this year. I was looking forward to our membership teas, ceremonials and welcoming new ladies to our Court. Alas, it was not to be. And as disappointing as that has been, it's nothing compared to what our High Priestess endured. Lady Debbie Jones, I am so impressed with how you handled this year. Your poise, adaptability and infinitely positive attitude have been an inspiration to us all. As your year winds down, congratulations on all you have accomplished and thank you for leading Sphinx Court through such a difficult time. Please continue to stay safe, healthy and strong,

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady
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Second Ceremonial Lady

I want to wish everyone an incredibly Happy New Year. I had hoped the Covid numbers would have gone down but that does not seem to be the case. While this is not the year we had hoped for, I want to say what a wonderful job our HP has accomplished. I also, want to say that we had to put on our thinking hats to come up with ideas outside of the box. And we did just that.

I am not sure what February has in store for us, but I know we will make it. I know many of us have had friends and family who have had to deal with Covid19. I hope each and everyone stays safe and before long we will be back together.

This year as 2nd CL was not by the book but I have had the support of so many. I know I am not alone in these different times, but I am thankful for all the support I have been given. I am looking forward to May in Tucson and meeting all the other members of LaDonna's Paladin's 2024-2025 Class.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady
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2020-2021 COURT Philanthropy Report					
Court	Sphinx			No.	65
	Miles Hours	No. of Hours	No. of Articles	Value of Articles	Cash Donations
Nat'l/International Charities					
Disease Organizations ie: Cancer, Diabetes, Heart, etc.					
Red Cross					
United Way					
Ron. McDon. House					
Other					
Local Charities					
Local Food Bank(s)					
Local Shelter(s) ie: Women, Children, Homeless					
Foster Children					
Adopting Family					
Hospitals (NOT Shriners Hospitals)					
Nursing Homes					
Clothing/Article Donations					
Other					
FRATERNAL:					
LOSNA Gr. Cncl or Endowment					
L.O.S. N.A. Foundation					
Shrine Center					
Shrine Circus					
Shrine Transportation					
Other Masonic Organizations					
Masonic Youth Organizations: IORG, IOJD, Demolay					
Other Youth Organizations ie: Scouts, Campfire, Religious					
MISCELLANEOUS:					
Sewing					
Blood (Units)					
Tabs/ Cans – Pounds					
TOTALS	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Value of Hours @ \$20.00 per hr.					
Value of Miles @ \$ 0.14 per mile					
GRAND TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00	0.00

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Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The Past High Priestess Club will be meeting on February 24th for Election of 2021-2022 Officers. Most likely this will be a Zoom meeting and details will be sent out to members so you don't miss it. Congratulations to all the 2020-2021 Court Officers for a very interesting year. And especially to Lady Debbie Jones, HP, for being so positive in these trying times!

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President

Clowns

HELLO NEW YEAR 2021... from the Clown Unit.

Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month. January 14th 7:00pm - maybe virtual? February 11th 7:00pm - OV and elections March 11th 7:00pm

Please stay safe and healthy. We are all wishing to be together again soon!

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President

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Director Staff

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Happy New Year!

Past High Priestess Club

Greeters Unit

Ladies: Happy New Year to everyone! Good ridance to 2020 and good health and luck in 2021. Our holiday party which was scheduled for January 9th has been cancelled.

Our next Greeter meeting which will also be our election of officers will be on Saturday, February 6th via ZOOM. Please look for the ZOOM link at the end of January. Happy New Year!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



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See any Patrol member



Unit and Club Happenings

Sphinx Patrol

The Sphinx Patrol will be meeting on January 19th Tuesday at 7pm. It will be the official visit of our High Priestess lady Debbie Jones. The next meeting after that will be on February 16th Tuesday at 7pm. It will be election of officers. So if you would like to be an officer please attend the meeting. Put your name in the hat. Our final meeting of the year will be March 16th Tuesday at 7pm.

We have decided to push our the drawing for the opportunity for the Pampered Chef basket to March. If you would like to get some tickets please let Karen McDougall know. They are 1 for a \$1 or 6 for \$5.

We will be doing virtual meetings for sure until March. I will send out an email with the link each month at least one week prior to the meeting. While this year has been very different please stay positive. They haven't found a cure for COVID but, we still can put together a impromptu zoom meeting just to say hello and visit with each other.

If you would like to come to see the unit and maybe join we would love to see you at the meeting. Stay safe and see you soon.

Lady Janet LaBell, Jr. PHP, Captain

Director Staff

WE DID IT, we made it through 2020, and have welcomed 2021. I hope everyone had a safe, healthy and enjoyable holiday.

Our 2021 adventures will continue with virtual gatherings. The month of February, brings us to Election of Officers. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP for additional information. Our February meeting will be held on February 10th. As the date approaches, be on the lookout for communication with the ZOOM link. Meeting begins at 7pm, with the meeting room opening at 630pm.

March is the final meeting of the 2020-2021 term, the Philanthropy Report is due and Spring-time arrives. Our March meeting will be held on March 10th at 7pm. Please make sure to turn your philanthropy reports in to our Recorder, Lady Linda Curry, PHP, as soon as possible.

As the New Year begins, please continue to stay safe and healthy. We may not be meeting in person, but know we are just a phone call, email or text away if you may need anything, or just want to talk. Before long, hopefully we will be gathering, calendars will be full, and we will need to pencil in time for rest.

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!!!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
Mechelle Gaines, President @ 719-229-9226
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Ceremonial Pageantry

Elections will be held in February.
Please stay tuned for the date, time and place. Stay safe and healthy!

Lady Jane Sheldon, President

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Contact LADY JANE SHELDON
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Committee Reports

Membership @ 10-26-2020	227
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0
Membership @ 11-23-2020	227



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**A BIG THANK YOU
 to all the 2020-2021 Officers**

**and our High Priestess,
 Lady Debbie Jones!**

Sunshine Report

- 01/04—Lady Carole Nelson (Lady Lynn Hatch's mom) is in a care facility with broken hip. Turning 100 years old on 1/9
- 12/29—Lady Sherry Van Asperen, PHP was married to Clinton Barnes and is now Lady Sherry Barnes, PHP
- 12/28—Ruth Johnson, former member—Passed
- 12/24—Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP—brother passed
- 12/17—Lady Andie Lacombe and her Nobel Jim Reid tested positive for COVID
- 12/17—Lady Sue Tice, PHP, had COVID and is seeing a pulmonary specialist.
- 12/12—Lady "Mic" Herman, had a stroke and is in a rehab facility.
- 12/11—Lady Pat Zimmerman, sinus surgery

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda DuBois 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.



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All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

JANUARY—2021

01/06 Director Staff Zoom Mtg., 7pm
01/14 Clown's Mtg., 7pm
01/19 Sphinx Patrol Zoom Mtg. and OV, 7pm
01/25 Court Meeting, 7pm—Zoom

FEBRUARY—2021
ELECTIONS

02/06—Greeters Zoom Mtg, TBD
02/10—Director Staff Zoom Mtg, 7pm
02/11—Clowns Meeting, TBD—7pm
02/16—Sphinx Patrol, Zoom Mtg., 7pm
02/22—Court Mtg/Elections, 7pm Zoom
02/24—PHP Club, Zoom Mtg., 7pm
Ceremonial Pageantry Mtg, TBD

MARCH—2021

03/10—Director Staff Zoom Mtg., 7pm
03/11—Clowns Meeting, TBD 7pm
03/16—Sphinx Patrol Zoom Mtg., 7pm
03/22—Court Meeting, 7pm Zoom
03/27—Court Officers Installation, TBD

APRIL—2021
UNIT & CLUB INSTALLATIONS

04/07—Directory Staff, 7pm TBD
04/08—Clowns, 7pm TBD
04/20—Sphinx Patrol, 7pm TBD
04/26—Court Meeting, 7pm TBD
04/28—PHP Club, 7pm TBD
Greeters, TBD
Ceremonial Pageantry, TBD