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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
May 2021

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

Congratulations to all the Unit Officers who have now been duly installed. It was a pleasure to attend your meetings and enjoy the camaraderie expressed by the unit members. Please know my "door" is always open; if you need anything, please do not hesitate to let me know.



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Best wishes for a successful and fun year.

The schedule which was laid out over a year ago has been bumped around a bit. Since Grand Council falls on our Stated Meeting night, the meeting was planned to move to May 17; however, we **no** longer have access to the Shrine on that day, so we have had to move the May Stated Meeting to **MONDAY, MAY 10** at 7:00 PM. There will be **NO** dinner before this meeting.

As you know, the Grand High Priestess will be visiting Sphinx Court right after Grand Council on Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 PM at the Shrine. It will be a Special Meeting without business, so please plan to join us!! Lady Mechelle Gaines, 2nd Ceremonial Lady, is negotiating the meal we plan to have prior to the meeting. Lady Mechelle will need RSVPs and she will be notifying the Court of her requirements as soon as they are firm with the Shrine.

Wednesday, June 2, we will have a social night out with the Grand High Priestess somewhere near Paradise Valley Mall. Details are still being developed, but we will have more information at the May 10 Stated Meeting and via Cactus Chatter updates. Stay tuned for a fun night out.

Court and Unit books will be audited on May 20 before we leave for Grand Council. Please make sure your books are balanced with the Secretary and Treasurer each month, and that minutes are properly recorded, including all motions. Timing requirements are hard to meet since Grand Council takes up a week right before the Official Visit and Sphinx Patrol meets late in the month. We will make it all work with the cooperation of all involved.

Corn Fest will be held on August 21 and 22 at the Shrine. The Court is planning to have a table at the event. If any of the units would like to participate, please let me know. The quilt will be on display along with other items for Ways and Means. It will be a fun couple of days!

Our first Membership Tea will be held Sunday, September 12 at 2:00 PM at the home of Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP. Please give the names of Ladies you recommend to Lady Marcia Cherry, 1st Ceremonial Lady, so she can contact them with the details.

Happy Mother's Day to our beautiful and caring Ladies! "A mother is clothed with strength and dignity, laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness." —Proverbs

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



Your Caring Lotus Lady,

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Happy Spring into Summer! I am looking forward to Grand Council in Tucson and getting together with 28 of my classmates from around the country. And speaking of Grand Council, if anyone needs a ride there or back, let me know and I will make it happen. My husband and I have a trip planned for our first real vacation in June. Hoping everyone stays healthy.

See the Cactus Chatter for the Court projects and support Lady Marsha with her fundraisers. The quilt that is the current one is absolutely beautiful and worth the cost of the opportunity ticket. Stay happy and healthy. Please watch out for your friends and family.

Bear Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley Princess
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Associate Princess

Congratulations to Lady Marsha on a successful first meeting. It was fantastic to be able to meet in person and see everyone again.

I'm really looking forward to attending Grand Council later this month. It's a beautiful property and having the convenience of being able to drive to Tucson is really nice. We expect a great turnout from my Karen's Classy Cars classmates and I'm really looking forward to reconnecting and getting to know them all better.

I am completely blown away by everyone's support of the Court Hospital Project. What a great way to kick off the year! As a reminder, many of the hospitals aren't accepting donations right now because of Covid and the stockpile of items that they have ready to distribute. I plan to check in with them over the summer in hopes that we can begin collecting items again starting in September.

The year is off to a great start! Thanks again to everyone for your continued support,

Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess
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Roster Changes

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Officers' Offerings



First Ceremonial Lady

Congratulations to all the new officers. Looking forward to getting back to in person meetings. It will be great to meet everyone at the Grand Council in May. We have a great start for the upcoming membership tea in September. So please continue to email me with any ladies that you would like to invite. I have a really good start so thank you all for the help to make this wonderful event.

Lady Marcia Cherry, First Ceremonial Lady

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Second Ceremonial Lady

What a wonderful meeting! It was so great to see everyone, catch up and watch the hustle, bustle as we came together for yet another successful first meeting. Just as we are getting our feet wet, before we know it, we will be on summer break; however, there are a few housekeeping things we need to take care of before we run away. The May meeting we will not have dinner. Our first dinner will be the GHP Visit, on June 1st. The meal, \$12.00, will be Sliced Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables and dessert. **Please RSVP (email, call or text) by May 15th, as the permanent dinner list does not apply for this meeting.** We need a minimum of 20 RSVP's in order for the dinner to be a go. Also, it is time to update the permanent dinner list. **Please email, call or text to confirm/add/remove your name on the list.** Friendly Reminder, if you are a NO SHOW for dinner, you will still be responsible to pay for your missed meal. Don't forget to get your RSVP's in.

Lady Mechelle Gaines, 2nd Ceremonial Lady

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Did you miss the Installation of Officers??



Ways & Means Opportunity

The Ways & Means Committee is pleased to announce our first Ways and Means fundraiser. We are having an opportunity to own a quilt that measures 92"x92" (about the size of a full bedspread or a queen/king comforter) and is made of 100% cotton fabric and batting. The quilt was machine pieced and machine quilted by our High Priestess, Lady Marsha Young.

The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Each Unit will have tickets available to purchase and Lady Donna DiCola will be handling sales at the Court meetings. If you are unable to attend Court, never fear, you can still obtain tickets. Just contact Lady Donna or any of the Ways and Means Committee and we will arrange to get you entered. The drawing will be on March 20, 2022.



Shriners Hospitals Road Trip!

Illustrious Sir JC Reece, PP, and his Lady and ours, Veronica Ann, have started a road trip to visit at least four of the area Shriners Hospitals. Ill. Sir JC and Lady Veronica Ann graciously accepted the challenge of delivering the goods in kind collected in 2020 just prior to Covid-19 closing all donations at the hospitals.

From Lady Veronica Ann—First Stop, Shriners Hospital in Sacramento, CA:

We were given a very brief and secure tour of the lobby of the Hospital. Alan Anderson, the Director of Development for the Hospital, was very gracious to answer our queries, show us around and give us some materials to take with us, including a Wish List that I will share with HP Lady Marsha.

This was the very first Shriners Hospital for Children that I have visited and we will be visiting FOUR MORE hospitals, if they allow visitors due to Covid 19, this year, unto which I cannot wait! I was so excited and feel so Blessed to have had this opportunity to share with my Beloved Husband.

J.C. and I are thankful for the opportunity to assist Sphinx Court and serve our Shrine Children. Alan and his Assistants were very grateful for the items!



Lady Veronica Ann
with HP Lady Marsha
donation pick up—>

Lady Veronica Ann
delivering the goods!
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Image Credit: J.C. & Veronica Ann
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Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The Past High Priestess Club held their Installation of Officers April 28th and welcomed our newest member, Lady Debbie Jones, Jr. PHP! Our next meeting will be held in September. Have a great summer!

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President

Clowns

Come to our next Clown Meeting on Thursday, May 13th at the Shrine 7:00pm.

We will have a special Clown Class with the Men Clowns at the Shrine on Sunday, May 16th 2:00-6:00pm.

On Saturday, May 22nd at Grand Council in Tucson we will host another fun Clown Makeup Class.

Join us at the Shrine Corn Fest weekend August 21st and 22nd for fun and games!

Look for more info for other activities we add this summer via emails. Then our monthly Clown Meetings will resume on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00pm.

Stay safe and keep smiling!

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President



Have a great time at Grand Council!



Past High Priestess Club

Greeters Unit

Ladies: our next regular meeting will be on Saturday, September 4th at 11:30 a.m. – place TBD. We are excited to announce that we have resurrected our un-birthday party this year and are tentatively planning that event either in July or August. Look for more information in future chatter updates. Safe travels to our members traveling to Tucson for Grand Council.

Congratulations to HP Lady Marsha for a great in-person Court meeting – I'm sure the first of many more to come.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



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Unit and Club Happenings

Sphinx Patrol

Thank you to Lady Bobbie Balthazor, PHP for installing our officers at the April unit meeting. I'll try to learn to control the volume of my new whistle so I don't blow our ears out!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at El Zaribah. Dinner will be served in the Red Fez room from the limited menu. Let's all try to arrive early enough to eat and be ready to practice our marching prior to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Since the Patrol is the traveling unit this year we need to discuss our plans for Grand Council in Tucson which is the week after our May meeting. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain

Ceremonial Pageantry

Well another year has gone by. It seems like they go faster and faster. Congratulations to HP Lady Marsha and all the new officers. Ceremonial Pageantry will have our next meeting close to or in September.

Hope to see you at Grand Council in Tucson and at the GHP OV!

Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary

Director Staff

I am so happy to be back to Director Staff and am thrilled to be Assistant Chief again. I really enjoyed it before and I know I will again. Director Staff has a lot of great members and I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone.

We have lots of great stuff coming up—like Grand Council, which I'm unable to attend this year as personal matters are in the way. BUT, hopefully, this pandemic we've suffered for the past year will finally go away and we can go forward and have lots of fun and will be able to help the Kids as we always have.

Our next meeting is set for May 5th, per the April Cactus Chatter. The plan is to meet for dinner and the meeting at the Shrine if all is well.

We may have a gathering during the summer, so stay tuned to the Cactus Chatter Updates.

Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, Assistant Chief

CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS

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

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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
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Ceremonial Pageantry**



Contact **LADY JANE SHELDON**
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Committee Reports

Membership @ 03-31-2021 213

Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0

Membership @ 04-26-2021 213

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2021-2022 Ways & Means

The Ways & Means Committee has gotten off to a great start this year with lots of ideas for creative fundraisers. The Committee members include Lady Donna DiCola, Lady Andria Granado, Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP, Lady Lou Ann Speas, Lady Pam Wade, and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, as chairman.

We have a lovely quilt made by our own HP, Lady Marsha, that will kick off our fundraising. Check out the details on page 4.

There's an opportunity to own \$500 coming up in the Fall and some surprise activities over the summer, too! So stay tuned and don't miss a thing!

Sunshine Report

04/25—Lady Pat Zimmerman—fractured foot
04/21—Lady Pat Moral—heart valve surgery on 4/29
04/21—Lady Cindy Lowry—husband David, Lung biopsy found melanoma.

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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MAY—2021

05/05—Director Staff, 7pm
**05/10—Court Meeting, 7pm,
NO DINNER**
05/13—Clowns, 7pm
05/18—Sphinx Patrol, 7pm
05/20—Audit—TBD
05/22-05/28—Grand Council in Tucson, AZ

JUNE—2021

**06/01—GHP OV & Special Meeting, 7pm
Dinner at 5:30pm**
06/02—Social Evening with GHP—TBD

AUGUST—2021

08/21-08/22—Corn Fest, Court Booth