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High Priestess

*Arvida K. Curry*  
Recorder



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
November - December 2021

Lady Kate Kalmbach - Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Care, Be Kind, Love, Smile and Laugh."

## High Priestess

Welcome to fall, Ladies! Seems like just a month ago we were assembling in the beautiful park for Installation, and yet, here we are halfway through the year! It has been a busy six months.

The Ways and Means Committee

had an extremely fun and successful craft building event on October 10. We thank the Ladies, their families and friends, and the Shrine Ladies who attended. It was a different event than we've done recently where we hoped to gather and have fun, but it was so much more. The silent auction items were all lovely and they raised \$325. The entire event brought the Court over \$1,100 due to the donations of supplies from the W&M members and the generosity of the attendees. I am so awed and grateful for the support of our Ladies. THANK YOU for a fun day.

Ways and Means Committee also hosted a Norwex Party on October 23 where the products were demonstrated by our own Lady Debbie Jones, PHP. Products could also be ordered online which helped us have a very successful party. Thanks to Lady Mary Lou Burger, PHP, for once again allowing us to use her community's dining room. It was a fun day! Thanks to all who attended or purchased online. Your support to our Court is greatly appreciated.

We have Ceremonial coming up on Saturday, November 13, 9:00 AM upstairs at the Hunters Paradise Lodge room. There will be no luncheon this time due to a rental in the building. We are grateful to Hunters Paradise for letting us their room so we could keep our original date. We will make up the missing lunch to our new members sometime in the future. Please plan to attend to help us welcome our new members. Practice for those involved is Tuesday, November 9, with pizza and salad at 6:00 PM, then our setup and practice will start about 6:30 PM

Due to the Ceremonial date on November 13, we will NOT meet on our regular day on Monday, November 22. Our December meeting will be held on its regular date of December 27, the Monday following Christmas. We will honor our Past High Priestess on that night.

The longer period between meetings will be a blessing for me personally as I will have total hip replacement on December 1. I have been limping along since long

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## Officers' Offerings

before Installation, so I am ready to get it fixed! Some of the planned Christmas parties may be held without me because of it, but I know you'll have tons of fun without me. Unfortunately, I cannot set the schedule, so we'll just deal with what we've got!!

I wish for each Lady to have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, love and thankfulness for the many blessings we have in our lives. I am thankful for Sphinx Court #65 and the fabulous Ladies who belong there. You have made my life richer with friendships and an active way of life. May you all have a joyous Thanksgiving!!



**Your Caring Lotus Lady,  
Lady Marsha Young, HP**

**Phone: 623-266-6099, Email: [caringlotuslady2122@gmail.com](mailto:caringlotuslady2122@gmail.com)**



### Princess

Happy Fall. So enjoying this cooler weather; being able to have the doors and windows open and letting in the fresh air. I love this time of year and being able to travel to see the fall colors changing.

Speaking of travel; May 2022 is Grand Council in Seattle and round trip airfare at this time is running from \$211-\$276 through Google flights (I used May 15-20 for my search) and Southwest is not available yet, but the end of April shows \$376. I don't have the exact dates yet as the info hasn't been sent out, but this is the time frame I was told before. I know the Seattle court had some changes so we will wait for them to get us the exact info, so this is only estimated dates.

Keep well and look after each other.

**California Bear Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley Princess**

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**SAVE THE DATE  
January 21, 2022**



### Associate Princess



It's so great to be busy with Sphinx Court activities and events again.

Fundraising for our court special project is in full swing and we've been blessed with many generous donations. At our October meeting we had a "Drop Your Drawers" underwear donation drive. I'm grateful for all who contributed and am happy to take additional collections at the November meeting.

We will also be doing our annual Christmas Card that will be published in the January Cactus Chatter. Please stop by my station to make a donation and send your holiday wishes to all the members of Sphinx Court. Or, if you are unable to attend a meeting but want your holiday wish included in the Christmas Card, please let me know.

Congratulations to our new members and wishing you all the best of holidays!

**Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess**

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## Officers' Offerings

### Recorder

#### ROSTER CHANGES

Lady Ardith Elmore, PO Box 1062, Pinetop, AZ 85935-1062

\*\*\*\*\*2021 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND ARE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2022\*\*\*\*\*

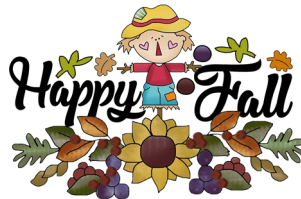
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mail to c/o Linda Curry, 1550 N El Camino Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281-1426

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**



### First Ceremonial Lady



It is hard to believe just how fast this year has gone by. In September we had our fall membership tea which was a great success with three ladies who will be initiated on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. at the Shrine. The fall ceremonial will be held in the Hunter Paradise lodge room. Then it will be Thanksgiving and we start December. There are many Christmas parties planned by the units. Also, the Children's Christmas party will be put on this which is always a fun filled time.

**Lady Marcia Cherry, First Ceremonial Lady**

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### Second Ceremonial Lady

We did it. Fall has arrived, cooler temperatures, sweater weather, the hustle of the holidays, the question of what to wear to the one and only holiday party we will attend HA-HAHA, and some much needed time with family and friends, new and old.

I would like to Congratulate and Welcome our newest members. We are all very excited that you have joined us, and we are here to help you and answer any questions you may have. You will hear many times, if you haven't already heard many times, "You get out of LOS what you put into it".

As 2nd Ceremonial Lady, I am responsible for the court dinner prior to our monthly meeting. The cost is \$12, dinner begins at 530pm, and our meeting begins at 7pm. Be on the lookout for an email reminder or two to RSVP to me if you or your spouse would like to join us for dinner.

Upcoming Court Dinner:

Nov - NO DINNER, as Ceremonial is our monthly meeting for November.

Dec - Lasagna with meat sauce, Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Salad and Dessert. RSVP deadline, Dec 17th.

Reminder, you are responsible for the cost of your meal if you are a NO SHOW.  
Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

**Lady Mechelle Gaines, 2nd Ceremonial Lady**

**Phone: 719-229-9226, Email: emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com**

## Unit and Club Happenings

### **Ceremonial Pageantry**

Our next meeting will be announced at our October Court meeting.

We are looking for walkers to use. If you have any please let me know.

***Lady Jane Sheldon, President***

### **Clowns**

The Clown Unit had a spooky fun OV potluck dinner in October. Lady Marsha High Priestess went trick or treating for gift cards to donate to the hospitals.

Our upcoming Clown Unit meetings held at the Shrine will be November 11th and January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Holiday Party on December 11th beginning at 3pm in the clubhouse where Lady Trish Whalen PHP lives.

We will be at the Parades in Winslow November 20th and Florence November 27th.

Be thankful this Thanksgiving and enjoy the wonderful holiday season, peace to all.

***Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President***

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



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



### **Director Staff**

**Fez Cases \$30**

**Stabilizers \$8**

**Can Cozies \$3**

**Ginny Fain  
480-345-9819**

### **Director Staff**

The next Director Staff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The OV scheduled for that day has been changed to happen in January. So dinner will be available in the red Fez Room around 5:30pm and the meeting will start at 7pm.

Please put Sunday, 12/05/2021, on your calendar. Director Staff is celebrating Christmas with a gathering at the home of Judy Lough starting at Noon. Lunch will be a pot luck with ham as the main dish. Judy will be sending out invitations soon with all the information. Director Staff members should check with Judy on pot luck dishes so we have a good variety. More information will come out in the Cactus Chatter update.

Our January meeting on 1/5/2021 will be our High Priestess OV. Stay tuned for more information about that and invitations. We'll be updating everyone via Cactus Chatter Update.

***Lady Karen MacDougall PHP, Chief***

### **Greeters Unit**

Ladies: Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. – place TBD. We are looking forward to the Ceremonial on November 13th and also to escorting our High Priestess off the floor after the ceremonial as part of our responsibilities as the working unit for the Travel Fund. The date of our holiday celebration has not yet been decided but as we have done in the past, we will have it between Christmas and New Year's. So, date, time and place is TBD at this time. Happy Holidays to all!

***Lady Andie Lacombe, President***



### **SPHINX PATROL**

**Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00**

**LOS Frisbee Fans  
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00**

See any Patrol member

### **Sphinx Patrol**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 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. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Lady Maria's house. We will firm up our plans at our October and/or November.

***Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain***

### **Past High Priestess Club**

The Past High Priestess Club will be meeting in November on the 17th at 5:30 PM at El Zaribah. We will meet for dinner at 5:30 in the Red Fez Room and the meeting will start at 7:00. This is the Official Visit of our High Priestess Marsha Young. The Line Officers are also invited to this meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

***Lady Mimi Bohlman PHP, President***

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**



***Past High Priestess Club***

### **CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS**

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

***lkcurry1@cox.net***

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 y'all!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit  
Janet LaBell PHP, President @ 602-552-4266  
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com



NOVEMBER - NO DINNER  
Cereimonial, November 13th, 9am

DECEMBER COURT MEETING DINNER

December 27th, 5:30pm

Cost: \$12

Menu: Lasagna with meat sauce, Vegetables, Garlic  
Toast, Salad, Dessert

**RSVP Deadline: December 17th**

[emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com)

719-229-9226

### **NOTICE**

If you would like to have your email address in the next Court roster, please send an email to [lkcurry1@cox.net](mailto:lkcurry1@cox.net) from the address you would like included giving permission to publish it.

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



- Web Design
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## Committee Reports

### 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 bed-spread 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.



### 2021-2022 Ways & Means



We kicked off our opportunity to own \$500 at the Corn Fest and we are well on our way! If you missed it, we have a lovely Cash Cake waiting for someone. Tickets are just \$5 each or you can get 5 tickets for \$20. What a deal!!

### TRAVEL FUND PROJECTS

Thank you to the ladies who have already sent in their form and donation for the Bakeless Bake Sale - please keep them coming. Our flyer for the cookie dough sales was not ready in time for this publication, we hope to send it out in a cactus chatter update later this month. In January of 2022 we will be kicking off an opportunity to own a "Scentsy Basket" filled with lots of goodies which have been donated to the Greeter Unit by Lady Debbie Jones, PHP - thank you Lady Debbie. In February of 2022 we will be having a "Paint and Sip" party - please look for additional information as that time comes nearer. Thankyou in advance for supporting all of our Travel Fund projects.

**Lady Andie Lacombe, Chairman**



LOS Greeters Unit Court Travel Fundraiser

#### Bakeless Bake Sale

Many is the time I heard you say, I would rather give a 'dollar' than bake today. And so, we are asking you to help, more or less, to make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take to bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake Or send in the amount of money it takes to make a dozen cookies or even a pie

We know you can help us if you will but try.

Quantity	Item	Flavor	Price	
	Cupcakes	Banana	2/\$1.00 12/\$5.00	\$
	Cupcakes	Vanilla/Chocolate	2/\$1.00 12/\$5.00	\$
	Cookies	S'mores	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cookies	Cherry Chocolate	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cookies	Chocolate	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cake	Lemon	\$5.00	\$
	Brownies	Chocolate	12/\$3.00	\$
	Blondies	Butterscotch	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cheesecake	Strawberry	\$10.00	\$
	Cheesecake	Pumpkin	\$10.00	\$
	Pie	Dutch Apple	\$7.00	\$
	Pie	Cherry Cobbler	\$7.00	\$
			Total order	\$

Please send your completed form and your donation payable to Sphinx Court #65 to Andie Lacombe, 11523 E. Adobe Rd, Mesa, AZ 85207 or bring the completed form and your donation to the next Court Meeting.

### **Sunshine Report** **Lady Linda DuBois, PHP**

08/12 Lady Valerie McDonough passed away.  
 09/20 Lady Fran Brook, GHP passed away.  
 09/29 Lady Pat Bandhauer is out of the hospital and doing better.  
 09/30 Lady Karen MacDougall's husband Gale passed away.  
 10/08 Lady Mary Ann Casteel's mother passed away.  
 10/11 Lady Pat Zimmerman's daughter is hospitalized due to COVID.  
 10/14 Lady Gina Baird's husband PP Dave Polner is out of the hospital and in rehab.  
 10/16 Lady Karen MacDougall is feeling better.  
 Lady Trudy Mullins is at home and feeling better.  
 Lady Jean Glover is feeling better and getting out and about some.  
 Lady Debbie Jones's fiancé, Eric, is home from the hospital, still having oxygen issues.  
 Lady Veronica Ann Reece's father had a stroke.

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 linda.claire.dubois@gmail.com. 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.

### **Sphinx Court Membership**

Membership @ 5 - 26 - 21	218
Correction	0
Initiated	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	0
Suspended	0
Membership @ 9 - 27 - 21	218

### **CACTUS CHATTER PRICES**

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### **Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America** **Sphinx Court No. 65 Phoenix, Arizona** **NOTICE OF MEMBER DUES**

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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Current Dues are due and payable on April 1 of each year. If you haven't paid yours, please forward.

The Current Dues for 2021 - 2022 are \$30 per member.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO Sphinx Court No. 65 and mail to:

Lady Linda Curry, 1550 N. El Camino Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281-1426

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### Calendar of Events for 2021 - 2022 UPDATED October 15, 2021

#### **NOVEMBER – 2021**

11/03 - Director Staff , 7PM  
11/09—Ceremonial setup and practice, 6PM  
11/11 - Clown Unit, 7PM  
11/12 - Ceremonial Pageantry, setup  
**11/13 – Ceremonial and Stated Meeting,**  
**9AM - Upstairs in Lodge room**  
**NO LUNCH**  
11/16 - Sphinx Patrol, 7PM  
**11/17 - PHP Club OV, 5:30 Dinner, Meeting**  
**7PM**

#### **DECEMBER - 2021**

12/06 - Director Staff Holiday Party  
12/11 - Clown Unit Holiday Party  
12/12 - Sphinx Patrol Holiday Party  
**12/27 - Court Meeting - dinner 5:30PM,**  
**Meeting at 7PM**