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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
April and May 2022

Lady Kate Kalmbach, Grand High Priestess

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

High Priestess

Dear Ladies of Sphinx Court 65,

As I start to write this article, I find it is the hardest article that I have had to write in all the years of writing articles for the Cactus Chatter from... the Greeters Unit, Ceremonial Pageantry and even the past



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4 years as I traveled the chairs towards the East.

At the February court meeting, I was elected to the position of High Priestess for the ensuing year. What a great honor it is to be able to serve the court and its members as your High Priestess. I am excited for the future and all that we will be able to accomplish together.

So, hard you say? Yes, how to start this article: (esp. for a second time as my computer lost my first draft) while working on lists; talking to members for committees or officer positions; organizing, planning and hoping that everything will work out as planned (best laid plans of mice and men....); it has been a wild ride. I find myself lying in bed at night making lists of what I need to do the next day; even one night getting up in the middle of the night to send some emails just so I could get some sleep. (I see you nodding as you read this)

Okay, here goes my list of activities. First; the Court installation, April 16 at El Zaribah Shrine at 2pm with pictures at 1pm, courtesy of Noble Allen Nichols and his wife, Lady Christine. I want to thank them for the pictures and Ceremonial Pageantry with the Greeters units for the reception afterwards. I am hoping to also be able to have the installation on Zoom for those that are not comfortable in going out in public. This information will have been sent out via Cactus Chatter update email. I spoke with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, F&AM at the Tucson court installation, and he and his wife will be in attendance as well as members of the Shrine Divan. There is also a practice on Thursday April 14 at 6pm for all officers, installing and inviting officers. I will be providing dinner.

Second, the upcoming Court meetings are April 25 and May 23. Wow! Time is moving so fast already. It will be exciting to see what Lady Lou Ann Speas has in store for our meals. Be sure to get your reservations in to her.

Lastly; I am happy to be representing the court in Seattle at Grand Council in May. I have attended Grand Councils many times, but the one thing I am most excited about is the Unit Drills. I have participated many times, but watching from the East is so exciting. I am looking forward to traveling with many of our court members, and request those that are traveling to give their information to Lady Jane Sheldon so she can make up our room/phone contact sheet for everyone.

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Officers' Offerings

In the new court roster you will see the list of my class information. We are the Women of Valor class of 2022, with some interesting items: like blue-footed bobbies (ask me about this one); toads and witches, and hairy snouted hog to name a few. I have chosen the heart, poppy, octopus and golden bear from the list, but love them all. You will see our colors reflected in the court tops. A big thank you to all that have accepted my request to hold an office or be on a committee. I can not do it without all of you!

Turn on your heart light, let it shine for all the world to see and always be your own kind of beautiful!



***Octopus Hugs,
Lady Kathy Kelley, High Priestess***

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Princess

Congratulations to Lady Kathy Kelley on becoming our new High Priestess. You've worked so hard toward this over the past few years and I know you'll do a great job. And, what an exceptional crew that you get to work with! Congratulations to all our new Court and Unit/Club Officers and a huge shout out to Lady Lou Ann Speas on becoming our 2nd Ceremonial Lady. I also want to thank the members of Sphinx Court for trusting me to serve as your Princess this year. It's been a fantastic journey thus far and I look forward to what the future holds.

Welcome to all our new members. You have joined a really special organization and a great group of ladies. Like most things in life, you get back what you put in so I hope you will get involved and attend our monthly dinners/meetings so we can all get to know each other better.

Finally, I want to thank all the units, clubs and individuals who so generously supported our special project this past year. When I picked a project and set a lofty fundraising goal we were still in the throes of the pandemic and not able to meet in person. Just over a year later, our meetings are back on track and we met the goal! As you know, the special project was to raise funds for compression therapy bandages and garments for burn patients. I know Shriners Boston will be as thrilled with our donation as I have been to be a part of it. Thanks again to all who helped make this happen.

Safe travels to those headed to Grand Council and wishes for a healthy and cool summer to all.

***Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess
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Associate Princess

Congratulations to all Elected officers for 2022-2023. Time has a way of going by so fast. I am looking forward to another wonderful year. Sphinx court had our Spring Ceremonial on 3/19/22. At that time, we had six new ladies join us. Congratulations! The upcoming year is filled with many fun things. As Associate Princess I have the honor to pick the Court project. For 2022-2023 I have chosen the Adaptive Bike program. This program gives a child a bike that is adapted to their needs. It allows them a way of riding that they may have not been able to do without it. It aligns with the philosophy of treating the whole child – it helps kids be kids.

***Lady Marcia Cherry, First Ceremonial Lady
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A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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 Lady Theresa Bouldin, 2093 N Santiana Pl, Casa Grand, AZ 85122-6357, Tele #803-443-5440
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 Tele #520-518-1014
 Lady Laura Reilly, 302 Armitage Way, Chino Valley, AZ 86323-7155, Tele 801-718-2963
 (PHP Iris Court #47, Salt Lake City, UT and dual member)

Roster Changes

Lady Jerrilee Antunes, 1694 W Glendale Ave, Apt 350, Phoenix, AZ 85021-8953
 Lady Mimi Bohlman, 941 E Elliot Rd, Unit 122, Gilbert, AZ 85234-8170
 Lady Yvonne Graham, 2175 N Chilean Ave, Casa Grande, AZ 85122-1312
 Lady Ada Pope telephone #940-256-0445
 Lady Lori Ward, 207 Ledford Dr, Gastonia, NC 28056-8728
 Lady Sue Ann Lieber prefers to be called Suzy with Suzy spelled this way.
 Lady Ann Range is in assisted living in Tucson. Need address.

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

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP

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First Ceremonial Lady

A new year is upon us, CONGRATULATIONS to Lady Kathy, the court officers, aides, unit officers and members of Sphinx Court. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the ladies whom recently joined our wonderful organization and are beginning their LOS journey; we are all very excited for you to discover all the fun things we do and how we help the children and our community.

As the month of May quickly approaches, the countdown and final preparations are underway for Grand Council in Seattle, and playtime during the summer months; but, before we know it, our Fall Membership Tea will be here. Stay tuned for more information on the date, time and location of the Tea and Ceremonial. P.S. I know you will be busy enjoying all of your fun summer plans, but don't forget to send me the names of your friends and ladies you have met or will meet during your travels, so they can come see who we are, what we do and what fun we have! CHEERS to a fun and successful year!

Lady Mechelle Gaines, 2nd Ceremonial Lady

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



**Contact LADY JANE SHELDON
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NOTICE

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

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Second Ceremonial Lady

The first thing I would like to do is thank all my sisters for your support. I am a little scared running on the line, but I believe with your encouragement and help we will get through this. What a journey this is going to be! Hope all of the ladies going to Grand Council are ready to have fun and fellowship, I know I am. The court dinner for April is beef stroganoff, baby carrots, salad, rolls/butter, desert, ice tea and May dinner is Chicken Taco bowl, Ice cream, and Tea. Reservations are due five days before the Court Meeting. If you would like to be on the permanent list for the dinners please let me know, if you just want to eat with us on nights you wish, you can call me, text me, or email me. Remember if you make a reservation and do not call, or email me and let me know you want to cancel you will be charged. The reason for this is the Shrine charges us for the counts we put in. CONGRATULATIONS to all the ladies that have been elected to their positions, aides, Unit leaders Thank you all.

Lady Lou Ann Speas, 2nd Ceremonial Lady
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**Some new
faces you'll
see around
Sphinx
Court!**

WELCOME!!



**Janet Mielke won the quilt!
Smiling with her daughter.**

**Past Chiefs Night
Director Staff Unit**



Paint and Sip Results!



Unit and Club Happenings

Clowns

Our next Clown Unit meeting will be 7pm Monday, April 18th (date change). Janet will bring Pizza for dinner. We will be installing our new officers President Lou Ann Speas, VP Andria Granado, Treasurer Nancy Beffel and Secretary TBD. Then join us for our May 12th meeting (second Thursday of the month). Sorry no meetings in June, July, or August.

Six Lady Clowns will be attending Grand Council in May and have a walk-on with the Ceremonial Pageantry Unit.

We voted for Clown of the Year at our March meeting ... who will it be? We'll find out at the April meeting!

Congratulations to the new LOSNA members, please visit us at one of our upcoming Clown meetings.

The Prescott Parade will be Saturday, July 2nd and the Shrine CornFest is August 27th and 28th.

Have a super Spring and enjoy every day clowning around.

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President

Greeters Unit

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 24th after 2p.m. at Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix. This meeting will be our High Priestess's first Official Visit and our installation of officers. We hope you can join us.

We will be performing at Grand Council proudly wearing our new "outfits" and we will also be introducing our new routine. We will also be hosting a hospitality room - days and hours not determined yet. If you will be attending, please stop by - we would love to see you.

Our "Un-birthday" party is back! Please join us for our un-birthday party on Saturday, July 16th at 11:30 a.m. also at Madison Gardens 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix for a break from the hot summer. Still working on a theme for the party but I promise it will be fun. We have had great turnouts in the past so we hope you can join us for good food, friendship, games and lots of fun.

Hope everyone has a great summer - stay well, safe and cool!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Ceremonial Pageantry

Congratulations to the new officers of Sphinx Court #65, and a job well done by the previous officers.

Ceremonial Pageantry will meet on ~April 22, 2022~, this will be our installation of officers. There is a fish fry on this date, so let's all support the Shrine and have dinner before our meeting.

Being the travel unit next year we will announce ways and means at the next court meeting. Dance practice will be announced at a later date.

Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary

Sphinx Patrol

We welcome the new members and hope all of you will visit our unit and consider joining us. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at El Zaribah. It will be our installation of officers. Our May meeting will be on May 11 because our regular meeting night conflicts with Grand Council. All of our meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served in the Red Fez room from the menu prior to the April meeting and May's dinner will be with the men prior to their stated meeting. Let's try to arrive for dinner early enough to have time to practice our marching prior to the meeting.

Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain

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Director Staff

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Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

What a busy Spring. Another Great Ceremonial and now looking forward to a new core of officers. Congratulations to Lady Kathy Kelley, High Priestess elect, and all of your officers. We are looking forward to another great year, as Lady Marsha our Junior Past High Priestess has had.

There were 6 candidates initiated on March 19th, and Director Staff wishes to invite each of you to our next meeting, on April 20, 2022 which will be held at the Shrine Auditorium at 7:00, pm. This will be the Installation of the newly elected Director Staff officers: President: Karen MacDougall, PHP, Assistant Chief: Iris Colbert, PHP, Secretary: Bobbie Balthazor, PHP, Treasurer: Mary Lou Burger, PHP. We hope to see you then. Director Staff members, let's see if we can't beat the March group of 16. We will have our May Meeting on Wednesday May 4, at 7:00pm.

Best wishes for each of you reading this newsletter. We wish for health, wealth and happiness. Have a wonderful summer, and hope to see you in the fall. God bless you all.

Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, Assistant Chief

PHP Club

Congratulations to the Court for a wonderful Ceremonial, and welcome to all the new members, please take advantage of the invitations to visit each Units. Also, congratulations to all of the new Court Officers. We look forward to your year. If you need us for any reason, please call any of us. We will do our best to be of assistance.

We are looking to induct our soon to be Junior Past High Priestess, Lady Marsha Young at our next meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2022, Location to be determined.

Have a wonderful summer, and for those of you who are unwell, we wish you health and happiness.

Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, President

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**

Travel Fund Projects

Our year of working is over and we really had a great time. Now we are looking forward to traveling to Grand Council with our new High Priestess. Thanks to all of you who supported every one of our fundraisers. Our last fundraiser was on Saturday, February 12th for our Valentine Paint & Sip party which was very successful. The food was great as was the sipping and our silent auction was very successful. Thank you to Lady Andria Grando for her painting instruction and baby sitting and to all the ladies who helped make the day a success.

Lady Andie Lacombe, Chairman

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GREETERS

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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'll!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
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Committee Reports

Membership @ 11-13-2021 218

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| Correction | 1 |
| Initiated | 6 |
| Dual | 1 |
| Reinstated | 0 |
| Demitted | -3 |
| Deceased | -2 |
| Suspended | -4 |

Membership @ 03-31-2022 217

Congratulations to all the new Officers!



Past High Priestess Club

Message from Iris Colbert, Funeral Director:

It was with love and sadness that we performed our beautiful ceremonies for Lady Debbie McKelvie, PHP, and Lady Marge Lindblad. They will be greatly missed.

The following Ladies are the only members who have a funeral request on file. As times change, you may need to update your current information. See or call Lady Iris for the Funeral Info Form.

Bert Allen
 Sherrie Barnes, PHP
 Mary Lou Burger, PHP
 Patricia Cady
 Nonnie Carter, PHP
 Iris Colbert, PHP
 Linda Curry, PHP
 Virginia Fain
 Jean Glover, PHP
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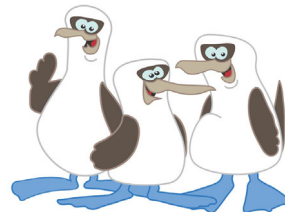


Sunshine Report

03/25—Lady Dorothy Cameron, in hospital
 03/25—Lady Sherrie VanAsperen Barnes, PHP her husband, Clendon, passed
 03/01—Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP—feeling much better after a bout with Covid.
 02/23—Lady Elizabeth Treasure's husband, Bruce—passed
 02/20—Lady Carol Shephard, PHP—feeling poorly
 02/20—Lady Ann Range, husband Conrad—passed
 02/14—Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP—passed
 01/18—Lady Dorothy Mather—out of hospital after a bout with kidney stones
 01/18—Lady Janet Mielke, PHP—feeling better
 01/18—Lady Dorothy Netherton—feeling better
 01/11—Lady Marge Linblad—passed on 1/10

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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Calendar of Events for 2022 — UPDATED March 26, 2022
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

APRIL—2022

04/14—Court Installation Practice, 6pm
**04/16—Court Installation of Officers,
2:00pm—Pictures at 1:00pm**

04/18—Clown Unit Installation, 7pm
04/19—Sphinx Patrol Installation, 7pm
04/20—Director Staff Installation, 7pm
04/22—Cerem. Pageantry Installation, 6:30pm
04/24—Greeters Installation & OV, 2:00pm
Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri
04/27—PHP Club Installation, 7pm
Location: TBD

**04/25—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm**

MAY—2022

05/04—Director Staff Mtg., 7pm
05/12—Clown Unit Mtg., 7pm
05/11—Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm
05/15-19—Grand Council, Renton, WA
**05/23—Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm
Meeting at 7pm**

JULY—2022

07/02—Prescott Parade—contact Clown Unit
07/16—Greeters UnBirthday Party, 11:30am
Everyone is welcome!
Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri

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