



Maria L. Parrish

High Priestess-elect

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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
April and May 2023

Lady Linda Figler, Grand High Priestess

Motto: Turn on your Heart Light, let it shine for all the world to see and always be your own kind of beautiful.

High Priestess-Elect

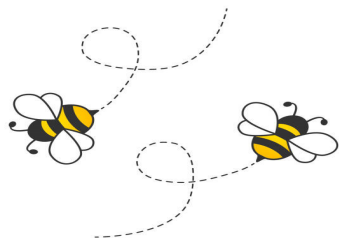
I am deeply honored and humbled to have been elected your High Priestess. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility and know that I look forward to working with each of you to ensure that Sphinx Court continues to thrive.

The Installation will be beautiful. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. And a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our new Aides, Officers, Unit & Club Leaders and Committee Members. It takes a lot of passionate women to make Sphinx Court great and I know you are up to the challenge.

It will be a very busy spring! Our first meeting is on April 24th, Grand Council is the week of May 14th in San Diego and our May meeting will be right after that on 22nd. Please also mark your calendars for September 9th as this will be the Grand High Priestess Official Visit. There will be a casual dinner on September 8th. This also means that there will be an audit in late-August. As the OV is prior to our first meeting in September, please make note of the dates.

We are also planning some exciting Court fundraisers. One is an "Estate" Auction. We would like to offer about 100 lots/items and would appreciate donated items. I will be accepting donations at in April and May and if there is a good response we will hold the auction over the summer. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional details including suggestions for what to donate. We will also be kicking off a special Opportunity that will run all year.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage everyone to join us for dinner prior to our regular court meetings. Dinners are at 5:30pm and cost \$15. Lady Dennice Dunaway will be coordinating the meals this year and Lady Lou Ann Speas is working with the Shrine on some fresh and delicious new menu items. The Shrine will not prepare food for less than twenty people and we are gravely close to going under that number. Please consider joining us for our dinners if you are able to as they are quite fun and a great way to meet and connect with our members.



Thank You Again,
Lady Maria Parrish, High Priestess, Elect
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Princess-Elect

I am looking forward to our installation on April 8th. I know Lady Maria has some really great events planned for 2023. May will be here before you know it. Grand council has some really fun things planned for us. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Princess, Elect
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Officers' Offerings



Associate Princess-Elect

Congratulations to our newly installed High Priestess, Lady Maria, the court officers, unit officers, and members! A huge shout out to our mushroom, 2nd CL Lady Dennice; the fun you will have and the friends you will meet along your journey. I would like to thank the Court for your confidence in me to continue making a colossal mess; while having fun cleaning it up. I am super excited to see the many ways we will come together to help our court grow, and aid the children at Shriners Children, and those in need within our community, this year.

The first meeting is quickly upon us, and I am positive, everything will go as it should; after all, there is strength in numbers, and we are here to help each other. By the way, did I hear a bunch of chatter about the upcoming Grand Council; who is attending what, rooming together, and most importantly who is riding together? My mind starts racing with the endless amount of stuff that can be taken by car vs plane, but don't fret, something will be forgotten at home on the counter; exactly where you put it, to not forget it. Oh, how can I forget to mention that we are anxiously awaiting the unveiling of Lady Dennice's class information.

Now, on to the real reason you are reading my article, this year's Court Project. This year, I have chosen to work with the Salt Lake City Facility and their orthopedic and prosthetic department, AKA POPS Department. We will not be contributing to just one project; we will be able to provide to many different projects: shoe inserts, braces, and artificial limbs (both arms and legs), to the children in need. The clinic in Salt Lake City has the honor of assisting and providing 200 prosthetics and 5,000 orthotics to the many children in need yearly. I look forward to working with everyone this year, and I can't wait to see what we, as a Court, can do for each other, the children, and our community.

THANK YOU in advance, for your love, support, and guidance this coming year!!

Lady Mechelle Gaines, Associate Princess, Elect

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Recorder **ROSTER CHANGES**

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Madge Spencer – need address

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP

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Officers' Offerings



First Ceremonial Lady-Elect

Hello Ladies! I want to thank all of you wonderful ladies for your support for me last year as 2nd CL. Now begins a new chapter being your 1st Ceremonial Lady. If any of you know of any ladies who would like to join or know more about our wonderful organization let me know. Please give me names and addresses so I can send them an invitation to our next Tea.

I'm looking forward to going to grand Council this year to meet my new Grand Officer, Lady Roberta Ensor, Grand 2nd CL, and see my class sisters again. I'm glad to see we have quite a few of our ladies going to Grand Council this year. We will learn a lot and have lots of fun.

Congratulations to our line Officers! I'm looking forward to working with all of you this year. May the force be with you!

Lady Lou Ann Speas, 1st Ceremonial Lady, Elect
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Second Ceremonial Lady-Elect

Hearty congratulations to all our new officers. Many thanks for your support as I look forward to an exciting new L.O.S. year.

We have some yummy new dinner options planned, which we hope you will enjoy. Meals will still be \$15 and for you light eaters, please feel free to bring a to-go container if you would like. This will help us keep the program of dinners working for our enjoyment. It is always nice to visit with our sisters, dining together prior to meetings. And as always, we need your reservation in advance. The meal for the April 24 Court meeting will be fajitas. Please let me know if you prefer chicken or beef, reserve by April 14. The May menu will be the Caesar salad with grilled chicken. Reserve by May 12th please. If you'd like to be on the permanent meal list, I'll be happy to sign you up.

Again, I appreciate the trust you have placed in me with this position of 2nd Ceremonial Lady. You have my assurance that I will faithfully carry out all duties required as a member of the Sphinx Court #65.

Lady Dennice Dunaway, 2nd Ceremonial Lady, Elect
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LOSNA FOUNDATION DONATIONS MADE

As many of you will remember, Sphinx Court made sizable donations to the LOSNA Foundation to be used to benefit "the kids." I am pleased to announce that more donations have recently been made to that mission.

\$10,000 was presented to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City from a directed donation.

\$25,000 has been sent to Shriners Children's Twin Cities for their adaptive bike program.

\$25,000 went to Victory Junction, in Randleman, North Carolina. This camp was created by the Petty family, who is famous in the NASCAR sport, to provide barrier-free transformational experiences to children with complex medical conditions and their families through year-round programming. This donation is dedicated to Shriners patients who are referred by three Temples in the area.

\$25,000 was sent to Camp Ytiliba (Ability spelled backwards) at Shriners Children's Ohio.

\$5,000 has been sent to Shriners Children's Chicago for their Build-A-Bear Closet where it will supply at least 50 bears along with their outfits to the program.

The Foundation is also working on a couple of fundraisers so they may continue their work for "the kids." Stay tuned to hear more!!!

Lady Marsha Young, PHP - LOSNA Foundation Board Member

Sphinx Court # 65 Funeral Information

It is the privilege of our Court to provide an 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 Person:
Name _____ Phone _____

Special requests for the LOS Funeral Director:

Signature _____ Date _____

SPHINX COURT #65 ESTATE AUCTION

When: Summer, 2023

Where: Online

Benefiting: Sphinx Court Ways & Means—2023/2024

Details: Sphinx Court will be holding an online Estate Auction. It will be a true auction with no minimum starting bids. We encourage all our Ladies to donate a few items if you have anything to clean out. Please note: we are NOT accepting large furniture or clothing donations.

Donation Ideas: Crystal, Glassware, Fine China, Artwork, Kitchenware, Antiques Collectibles, Jewelry, Décor Items, Small Appliances, Persian Rugs, Holiday Items, Figurines, Musical Instruments, Corningware/Pyrex, Tools, Records, Dolls, Comic Books, Coins, Pottery.

Donation Drop Off: Please bring your donations to any Court event in April or May. Or Contact Maria Parrish at 602-956-9639 or mariaparrishh@gmail.com to arrange for drop-off or pick-up. Thank you!



Unit and Club Happenings

Clown Unit

Spring has sprung! The Lady Clowns want to welcome all of our new members. We are also excited for the installation of our new High Priestess, Lady Maria Parrish. We just know everything will be amazing.

Our next Clown meeting is April 13th, and it includes the installation of our new officers. All are welcome to attend at 5:30pm for a no host dinner in the Red Fez Room with dessert provided. Lady Denice Dunaway is our new President, Lady Emy Bartula is our new Vice President, Lady Marsha Young, PHP is our Secretary and Lady Nancy Beffel is our Treasurer. We thank you ladies for serving in these positions.

We have 7 Lady Clowns traveling to Grand Council in May, and they are all excited. The Clowns will be this coming year's Travel Unit. Fair warning: look out for some fun activities (we put the fun in function) in the near future. I'm sure us clowns will get up to no good this summer, crafting puppets, costuming, and of course, making up like we always do. Have a great summer!

Lady Emy Bartula – Vice President, Elect

Sphinx Patrol

Welcome to Spring from the ladies of the Patrol Unit. Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month. We have practice just before the meetings at around 6:15 PM, if you are interested in joining us, please stop on by. We also have dinner in the Red Fez room off of the menu.

We would just like to say congratulations to all of the new Court members. We would also like to say congratulations to the new officers that will be installed in April. We hope that your upcoming trip to Grand Council will be memorable and fun.

Lady Janet LaBell PHP, Captain, Elect

Cactus Chatter Editor

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP
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Ceremonial Pageantry

Congratulations to our new members. We hope you will visit all the units and choose one that fits your likes. Ceremonial Pageantry will have installation of officers on April 27, 2023.

We are looking forward to performing at Grand Council in San Diego, Ca in May, with our new High Priestess, Marie Parrish, we promise to make your first trip a memorable experience.

Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary

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



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

Greeters

Congratulations and welcome to our new members of Sphinx Court! We hope you take the time to visit all of the units to determine which, if any, are the right fit for you.

Many of our members will be traveling to Grand Council in May and we all look forward to renewing friendships with the ladies from other Courts.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 15th at 11:30 am at Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix. This meeting will be our installation of officers and the Official Visit of our new High Priestess Lady Maria Parrish. We will be serving a light lunch. Please let me know if you will join us. Hope to see you then.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

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.

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Congratulations to our new officers elect, Chief Lady Judy Lough PC, Assistant Chief Lady Jane Sheldon PC, Secretary Lady Bobbie Balthazor PHP, PC and Treasurer Lady Mary Lou Burger PHP. Our next meeting will be held on **April 12, 2023** at the Shrine temple, this will be our installation of officers. We meet for dinner at 5:30 and meeting at 7:00 PM. Room to be determined. We invite our newest and all members to attend. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Lady Judy Lough by text or call at 602-828-8555 email to jlough@cox.net.

Welcome new members to our court, we hope that you check out each unit and find one that you will enjoy. We normally meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the temple and have dinner and social gathering at 5:30 with meeting starting at 7:00 PM. April is the exception for installation and December we have a Christmas/Holiday gathering.

We have some new projects for the upcoming year, so stay tuned. Director Staff has always been a working unit, and Indians dancers so all new members check us out!

Our unit is practicing a new Indian dance that should be fun. We are possibly going to Grand Council in May to perform, so come check our unit out. **May 6** is our meeting prior to **Grand Council in San Diego California May 14-19 2023.**

Lady Jane Sheldon, PC, Asst. Chief -Elect



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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**

Past High Priestess Club

Congratulations to all the new Court Officers and Aides. We are looking forward to a great year with our High Priestess elect, Lady Maria Parrish.

The Past High Priestess Club also welcomes our newest members. Please attend as many functions as you can and find a Unit that you enjoy.

Our Next PHP Club meeting will be held at the Shrine on April 10th at 7:00 pm. We'll be having a Pot Luck around 5:30pm. You will be hearing from Lady Iris Colbert, PHP about that.

**Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,
President-Elect**



**Welcome to our
New Members and
Congrats to all our
New Officers!!**

**Past High
Priestess Club**

**SPHINX
NO. 65**



Contact: Andie Lacombe
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GREETERS

Court and Unit Name Tags
Choice of Red or Blue Ink
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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
Lou Ann Speas, President @ 480-510-2896
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Committee Reports

Membership @01/23/2023 213

Correction	0
Initiated	9
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-1
Deceased	-3
Suspended	-8

Membership @03-25-2023 210

Sunshine Report

03/18—Lady Aileen Randleman, Seriously Ill
 03/11—Lady Marilyn Castleman— pacemaker put in
 03/07—Lady Becky Renfroe's brother—has leukemia.
 03/03—Lady Stephanie Goss's mother—passed.
 02/28—Lady Pam Wade's husband, Jack—passed
 02/27—Lady Kay Hoover's stepson—passed.
 02/22—Lady Mary Bystricky had a son, Matthew James.
 02/16—Lady Dorothy Stanfield, PHP—Toe Surgery
 02/17—Lady Carol Shepard, PHP—husband Bob—passed
 02/17—Lady Renate Sweat—out of hospital after corrective surgery.
 02/16—Lady Mary Hammer's husband, Fred—hip surgery.
 02/09—Lady Neva Thompson—passed.
 02/06—Lady Gloria Leppert—passed.
 01/27—Lady Trudy Mullins—hospitalized with dehydration.
 01/15—Lady Donna Yorston, PHP—surgery
 12/16—Lady Pat Russell— passed.

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda Curry, PHP at 602-619-4313 or email lkcurry1@cox.net. She will send out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, is her back up. Lady Kacy Baxter and Lady Taime Bengochea will be sending out cards.



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Calendar of Events for 2023 — UPDATED 03/26/2023
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

April—2023

04/06—Installation Practice—5:30pm

04/08—Installation of Officers—1pm

Pictures at Noon

04/10—PHP Club Installation—7pm

Pot Luck at 5:30pm

04/12—Director Staff Installation—7pm

04/13—Clowns Installation—7pm

04/15—Greeters Installation/HP OV—11:30am

Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri

04/18—Sphinx Patrol Installation—7pm

04/24—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm
Meeting at 7pm

04/27—Cerem. Pageantry Installation, 7pm

May—2023

05/03—Director Staff Meeting —7pm

05/11—Clowns Meeting —7pm

05/13-05/20—Grand Council—San Diego

05/22—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm
Meeting at 7pm

05/23—Sphinx Patrol Meeting —7pm

September—2023

09/06—Director Staff Meeting —7pm

09/08—GHP Casual Dinner—Hold the Date

09/09—GHP OV Meeting—Hold the Date
09/14—Clowns Meeting —7pm

09/19—Sphinx Patrol Meeting.—7pm

09/20—PHP Club Meeting—7pm