

Tennessee Amaranth
Newsletter
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FROM THE THRONE

HL Donna Jo Jones, GRM

My, how this year has flown. I can't believe Grand Court is only a month away. If you have not sent in your registration and meal reservations, please do so as soon as possible. I hope to see everyone there. We are busy working to get everything ready for the "Reach for the Stars" Grand Court Session.

Come on Wednesday night for "Painting with a Twist". If you have never done this, you cannot imagine how much fun you will have and also have a beautiful painting to take home to remember Grand Court. Believe me, if I can end up with a painting that looks similar to the example, anyone can.

If you are a floor Officer and have not notified me about being at Grand Court, please let me know, as I need to fill vacant positions.

Don't forget the School of Instruction at Peace Court on March 9 at 10:00 a.m. They will also have an initiation at their meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone for all the support you have given to SK Lou and myself this year. I will never forget what a wonderful time I have had being your Grand Royal Matron this year.

TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More.

FROM THE THRONE

SK Lou Scherf, GRP

It seems like a great crescendo is about to happen with a Scottish Rite Reunion, a Grand Lodge Session and the Grand Court of Tennessee all on the immediate schedule.

Shortly, this year of Grand Court will be concluded and a new cadre of officers will be elected, appointed and installed.

We, each one, need to be prepared to aid, assist and encourage the leaders of the Order of Amaranth, especially in Tennessee. Several members are sick or injured and need us to ask the Great Healer to attend and comfort each case.

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve and enjoy the past year. Please attend Grand Court and participate in the fellowship and fun. It has been satisfying and enjoyable serving with HL Donna. She has kept the Order on an even keel and making progress.

Matthew 25:37-40. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, "Lord, when saw we Thee as hungered, and fed Thee, or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in, or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?"

And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it to unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." {KJV}

FROM THE WEST

HL Amy Jones, GAM

Congratulations to all of the Courts' new officers. I am so excited that we have 2 first time Royal Matrons this year: HL Sandy Mahaney of Peace Court #10 and HL Linda Piatt of Christina #4. We wish them all the best for a great year! Grand Court is only a month away so please get your meal and room reservations made before it's too late. HL Donna and SK Lou have been very busy planning Grand Court. Don't miss out

on all the fun! Remember, this is your Grand Court and it needs your support. I hope everyone is as excited about Grand Court as I am; SK William and I are looking forward to seeing everyone there. If I can assist your Court or you, please let me know. Remember to “Find FUN (Fellowship, Unity, Nobler Deeds) in everything you do”. Have a wonderful Spring!

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime either by email: grmgrp2020@gmail.com, or call or text me at (865) 659-5004.

FROM THE SOUTH

HL Anna White, GC

Congratulations to all the 2019 Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons. I want to thank each Court who asked me to participate in their Installations; it was my pleasure to serve wherever needed. It was so exciting to participate, especially to be part of the Installation of two “first-time” Royal Matrons, HL Sandy Mahaney of Peace Court and HL Linda Piatt of Christina Court. It was truly wonderful to be part of the creation of their pages in our history.

I also want to thank HL Sandra Hall for asking me to serve as Coronating Matron at her Installation. This was my first time to serve as Coronating Matron and I was so humbled to have the honor of serving in that capacity at Parthenon Love Court.

As we approach Grand Court, I have been considering the ‘duties’ of the Conductresses and my interpretation of our duties that goes deeper than the words on the page. I also see that we should Encourage and Inspire members to attend the proceeding and participate as this is **“Our Grand Court.”** Let’s look at it; this has been a very good year for Tennessee Amaranth – we have grown, we have reasons to be grateful and celebrate with our friends the hard work and leadership of our Grand Royal Matron, HL Donna Jones, and our Grand Royal Patron, SK Lou Scherf. Let’s take time to do that! Have you made your reservations yet? There is still time to do that. I hope to see you there and keep Reaching for the Stars!

FROM THE NORTH

HL Cindy Brooks, GAC

It has been an exciting winter, with weather spinning from summer to Siberia in 2 days, then folks looking for an ark to be built. Despite that, I was thrilled to visit Painting with a Twist (PWAT) and bring home my very own sunset to remind me of the fellowship with my friends as we raised money for Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. My thanks to our GRM, HL Donna, who has let me ride with her on our art expeditions and to other travels.

Our Court initiated two new members and other Courts are also pending initiations. That adds to the excitement as we prepare for Grand Court and to get our reservations in ASAP. I was able to visit several Courts, serving in some way at each. I was happy to attend SC Grand Court and have plans to attend our School of Instruction, GA Grand Court, the SAC Reception and CT Grand Court before I check in at Gatlinburg.

As we all finalize our reports and get them in to HL Rita, I hope we all have safe travels and see each other soon. Have a blessed and happy late winter and spring will be here soon!

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

HL Barbara Hall, PSRM

It’s hard to believe that it is almost time for Grand Court. The year has flown by. HL Donna and SK Lou have served us well. I’m looking forward to watching them preside!

All of our Grand Court Projects have done very well this year. Thanks to all those who contributed in any way to our Grand Court Ways and Means, Diabetes and Youth Scholarship Projects. There is still time for contributions to be made – they must be in my hands on or before March 27.

If you have not made your reservations for Grand Court, time is running out. Please send them in. If you have lost your information, the forms are on our Website. Ads for the Program Book will also be appreciated – \$40 for full page, \$25 for half page and \$15 for quarter page.

Send the ads with your check to me by March 20.

If you are coming to Grand Court, I hope you will consider coming in on Wednesday and joining us for “Painting with a Twist” on Wednesday evening. These reservations also come to me. For a fee of \$40, you can paint a beautiful picture (Sunrise over Mt. LeConte). Enjoy the fun and fellowship, and eat PIZZA. We do need to know in advance if you are planning to join us, as I must let “Painting” know how many will be participating so they can bring enough supplies.

Thanks again to all who have made this a very successful year for Grand Court.

FROM THE GRAND TREASURER, EMERITUS

HL Wanetta C. Rutledge, PSRM

Hello from Colorado. As I write this, we are digging out from the snow storm that we had over the weekend. My sister got more snow in Colorado Spring than we got here in Pueblo. Temperature wise, it is COLD. However, the sun is out bright and pretty, so if you are in the sunshine, it is warm. I was able to attend Colorado Grand Court and enjoyed it, but the best part was being able to visit with HL June and SK Bill Haas. It was really great seeing them. I have plans to attend Tennessee Grand Court in April. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart. A smile is a sign of joy, a hug is a sign of love, a laugh is a sign of happiness.

CHRISTINA COURT #4 NEWS

HL Sue Gregory, Reporter

A New Year has arrived and we are happy and blessed with it.

Congratulations to our first time New Royal Matron, HL Linda Piatt, and SK Albert Piatt as Royal Patron. Thanks to all who celebrated with us at the Installation at Christina Court. We

started the day off with a spectacular and sumptuous meal prior to the Installation. The Installation was simply beautiful with colorful emerald colors. We were blest to have visitors from other Courts to help assist with the Installation. It was a pleasure to welcome and have the Grand Royal Matron and Patron and other Grand Officers with us during this special event. The evening ended with a beautiful reception with cake and the fixin’s.

The New Year for HL Linda will start off with a Ceremonial at our March meeting; we are initiating two new members. I hope you make plans to come and be with us to have a great time. We will make you feel welcome and at home.

The Grand Court Session is here upon us; let the fun begin! As we work diligently this year, we are going to have an exciting and fun filled year. Christina Court invites you to our Court meetings, which is the fourth Saturday in each meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Volunteer Masonic Lodge. We look forward to seeing you. May this year bring you health, peace, love and happiness!

PARTHENON LOVE COURT #9 NEWS

HL Beverly Potts, Reporter

Parthenon Love Court #9 continues to grow – in more ways than one! Some of our newest members, SK Glenn and HL Kayla Sparks are expecting their first child, Nora Jade Sparks, in the next few weeks. We are all excited to welcome this new family member to our Court. Corinthian Lodge #8 has expressed the desire to help us with a baby shower. Since it so close to Nora’s arrival, the date of the shower will be sometime later in April.

Our Court will be initiating three new members at our April 6 stated meeting (for sure, this time!). RM Sandy Hall could use some help with this, so if you are able to come out and help, please let HL Sandy know. We eat at noon and our meeting is at 1 p.m.

On February 16, the Masons of Corinthian Lodge honored the ladies and spouses of our

Court with a special Valentine's Brunch. There was an impressive spread of munchies and the dining room was decorated with red table coverings and vases of roses. After the meal, Worshipful Master Duane DeVault gave a speech and thanked the members of the Amaranth for all they have done for the Lodge. He then presented each lady present with a red rose! It was a memorable day and we are so blessed to have Masons who support us.

I hope to see everyone at Faith Lodge for the School of Instruction and, of course, Grand Court Session in Gatlinburg in April.

Always remember the past with fondness, the future with anticipation, but cherish today. It is a gift, that is why it is called the present.

SUNRISE COURT #20 NEWS
SK John Harmon, Reporter

Installation of the 2019 officers was held at the January meeting. HL Cindy Brooks and SK John Harmon were installed as Royal Matron and Worthy Patron. They hope to have some growth this year. Our next stated meeting will

be held on March 18 at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Grand Court at Gatlinburg in April. Sunrise Court is proud of our own HL Donna Jo Jones who will be serving as Grand Royal Matron.

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO GRAND COURT WAYS AND MEANS.***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

HL DONNA JONES, GRAND ROYAL MATRON

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