

Tennessee Amaranth
Newsletter
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FROM THE THRONE

HL Donna Jo Jones, GRM

Here we are in September. Where did the Summer go? My time as Grand Royal Matron is flying by; it seems like only yesterday that I was crowned. I have been busy with meetings and attending fund raisers and enjoying every minute of it.

SK Lou and I have two remaining Official Visits, Charity Court #17 on September 29th and Sunrise Court #20 on November 17th. We hope to see you at one or both meetings.

If you have not purchased your tickets for the Vol baskets or the quilt raffles, please contact HL Victoria Dyer. The drawings will be at the OV at Charity Court.

Remember to “Reach for the Stars.”

Dreaming big or the impossible is what many of us do. Things may seem hard but one should never underestimate their own power and keep on reaching the goal. In the history of the world, there have been many people who were dreamers, and at one point, it was impossible for them to achieve it. All you need is to identify your inner strength and keep trying.

“Reach for the Stars,
Spread your Wings and Fly.
You never know what
You can do ‘til you Try.”

FROM THE THRONE

SK Lou Scherf, GRP

HL Sue and I hurried to return to Roane County from Supreme Council before July 1st, as I gave

the tribute to our flag at the Sunday Worship Service. Two other veterans participated in this patriotic flag presentation.

Several Grand Officers have been installed and also, the remaining Supreme Officers. The installing ritual is improving and this is a good preparation for April!!!!

The corn boil was a time of extended work for a good cause. Making funds is only part of the benefits, as fellowship, mutual effort for achieving success and feeling of “well done” are all positive results.

The bowling tournament was very uplifting, as the DeMolays and Rainbow girls were having a terrific afternoon of competition and fellowship. We need to do more to engage these young people with the great lessons of Masonry (this includes Amaranth, Eastern Star, White Shrine and Daughters of the Nile.)

Initiations are still on the schedule. The impressions from the Ritual are important, as this is what introduces Amaranth to people who are looking for more Light. How we revere the Holy Bible is a sign of reverence in all our Rituals. Opening, Closing and conferring the Degree are all moments when we can recall our relationship to the LORD, and He provides instruction in The Holy Word.

It is a delight to visit all the Courts of Tennessee and I am preparing to visit a couple of other Grand Courts and the multi-state meeting in Alabama. This clod hopper is having a great year!!

FROM THE WEST

HL Amy Jones

It is really hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is on its way. I'm looking forward to the leaves changing and colder weather.

In July, SK William and I attended Parthenon-Love Court's Official Visit and the DeMolay Conclave. At the end of July was the corn boil, although the attendance was down, but we still made \$650 for Diabetes. We really appreciate everyone who came out to eat and especially those who came out and helped with the event. Thursday night's corn shucking was fun and went quickly with the extra help this year. Our "Roll for a Cure" Bowling Tournament for Grand Court was a great success. We really appreciate all Courts and members who donated baskets, made donations and came to bowl. Our "Painting with a Twist" in August had 29 people register and raised \$700 for Diabetes. We need to support all these functions as they are not just fund raisers, but a great way to promote our Order and keep in touch with one another.

September 19th will be Charity Court's Official Visit with Grand Royal Matron, HL Donna Jones, and Grand Royal Patron, SK Lou Scherf. Please make plans to join us if you can. They still have several fundraisers to come and Homecoming in November at Sunrise Court.

I am sending Get Well, Sympathy and Thinking of You cards to our Amaranth family. Please keep me informed if you know someone who needs a card. (Don't worry if you think I have already received the news. I would rather get the info multiple times than miss someone). Call me at 865-659-5004 or email me at amy@doublejtn.com.

We all need to work together to keep our Order moving forward and growing, but we also need to remember to have FUN (Fellowship, Unity, Noble Actions) along the way.

FROM THE SOUTH

HL Anna White, GC

The Autumn season often causes us to turn inward both physically and mentally – the warmer days of summer are gone, and the chill of winter is on the horizon; skies are turning gray, daylight hours are rapidly diminishing.

In Autumn, temperatures cool, plants begin to grow dormant, animals prepare for the upcoming colder weather and we celebrate annual harvest festivals that culminate in Thanksgiving in the United States. Thanksgiving is an historical celebration with a spiritual dimension associated with Homecoming and giving Praise for what has been bestowed upon us. As we approach this Autumn season, let us all be thankful for each and every blessing that we have. I am thankful for all my Amaranth friends and family.

FROM THE NORTH

HL Cindy Brooks, GAC

It has been a busy few months as I settle in my duties for Grand Court. I have enjoyed the Official Visits, missing Parthenon-Love due to a previously scheduled trip, and am looking forward to the Homecoming visits to Charity and Sunrise Courts. The trip to Supreme Council in Arizona followed a visit to Rainbow Grand Assembly, where I was thrilled to see Sister Sierra Todd serve as Grand Worthy Advisor. I was Mother Advisor when she was initiated at Old Hickory Assembly and was able to see her older sister, Reanna, serve as Grand Worthy Advisor before her as well. There was a nice group of Amaranth Honored Ladies present, with several of us leaving at 0-dark thirty for our flights to Tucson. There, I got to sit with my counterparts and watch the election of HL Stella Joyner, who named us her Keystones.

I really appreciate the information I get from my Amaranth family. As I've traveled, I have been greeted with hugs, friendship, help and advice. There is humor and encouragement in abundance. Many thanks to all of you for your support. I hope we all support our Order through our Courts and through our Grand Court projects.

See you along the roads!

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

HL Barbara Hall, PSRM

We are doing great on our Diabetes Fund-Raisers. The Bowling Tournament was a great success and we have had two sessions of "Painting with a Twist". The next "Painting with a Twist" will be held on November 16, 2018, at the Farragut location (same as always). The picture is on their website and you can register at any time. We had quite a few non-members at our last session and hopefully that will be the case again; in fact, the Pastor of my Church signed up. All you have to do is tell people what we are doing and where the proceeds are going and invite them to come and have fun with us. HL Mary Martha Somers is working on "Christmas in the Smokies" and hopefully we will have that information soon. I still have Bears that you can adopt for \$10. I will have them at the next two Official Visits. They would make a nice stocking stuffer for your kids or grandkids.

Enjoy these last couple of weeks of Summer – 'cause cooler weather is on the way – and before you know it the Holidays will be here!

CHRISTINA COURT #4 NEWS

HL Anna White, Reporter

TIDBITS FROM CHRISTINA COURT #4

We were so excited to have HL Dot Bird back at our August meeting; everyone was so happy to see her. She really brought her bright smile back to our meeting.

HL Louse Smith is doing better. I have talked to her and she told me that the cards she has received have really lifted her spirits. Keep her in your prayers and if you think about her, drop her a card or a call.

I am so happy to report that SK Gordon Ford is finally on the road to recovery. He has a final appointment with the doctor at the end of September and will be able to return to work after being off all summer.

Everyone please keep HL Marsha Weidinger and her family in your prayers. HL Betty Raines is worsening daily and SK Del is having a difficult time seeing Betty in this condition. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

On a lighter note, I have been crafting again and will have a table with some of my wreaths at the Fall Festival scheduled at the Alhambra Shrine on September 15th. I am certain HL Rita will have more information about this. All of the proceeds from sales at my table will go to Youth Scholarship.

PARTHENON LOVE COURT #19 NEWS

HL Beverly Potts , Reporter

Our Court is having a wonderful year, settling in to our new location and adding 8 new members so far! We so appreciate all the visitors who have come to assist in our installation and several initiations. We still have one candidate, but it looks like we may have to hold a special initiation to get the job done. She will not be available for the first Saturday in September or October.

Letters have already been sent out to the membership for the second reading of our new Rules and Regulations, so that we might finalize our merger. Having done that, we will be voting in September to change our November meeting, since that is Christmas in the Smokies. We ALL want to attend that. It is always so much fun. We took family members, including our 7-year-old grandson last year, who really had a good time. Think about that as a Christmas present!

Hope to see you on the Amaranth Trail!

SUNRISE COURT #20 NEWS

Sunrise's September meeting will be September 15, 2018. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon with our meeting to begin at 1:00 p.m. at Mosheim Lodge Hall; 1825 Main Street; Mosheim, TN.

The Official Visit of our Grand Lecturer is tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2018. The Homecoming of our Grand Royal Matron will be November 17, 2018. We hope you will be able to attend these meetings.

SHINING LIGHT APPRECIATION AWARD

It's not too late to order your Helpful Bear. The certificate can be modified to meet your request. Think outside the box and give someone a special gift for ONLY \$5! Please make your check payable to Grand Court (for Ways and Means) and mail to HL Pam Kirthlink, 136 St. Andrews Drive, Knoxville, TN.

FROM THE EDITOR:

This newsletter contains the articles that I received by September 5. The articles for the next newsletter are due by November 5.

Reminder to Royal Matrons: Please appoint a reporter for your Court and let me know who it is. Thanks.

ARTICLES FOR THE November / December ISSUE OF TENNESSEE AMARANTH NEWSLETTER ARE DUE NO LATER THAN November 5TH. PLEASE SEND THEM TO:

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FOR A \$5 DONATION, YOU CAN HONOR THIS SPECIAL PERSON.

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HL PAM KIRTHLINK
136 SAINT ANDREWS DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37934.***

***PLEASE MAKE YOUR \$5 CHECK PAYABLE TO GRAND COURT OF TENNESSEE.
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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Helpful Bear Appreciation Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Court And #: _____

Briefly explain what actions or traits led to this nomination

Nominated by: _____



What a special way to honor or remember someone with a Christmas Ornament and for only \$5.00! We will be taking orders, and they will be guaranteed delivery to the purchaser. This will be a Grand Court Ways and Means project. While they will not be on display at Grand Court, you will have the honor of presenting the ornament to that special someone or to a family member of someone that has passed. This will be a year-round project, so please complete your order at your convenience. This is a good way to help our Grand Court's operating expenses.

Purchaser's Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

ORDER:

In Honor of _____

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Please make your check for \$5.00 payable to TN Grand Court, and mail (along with the order information) to HL Pam Kirthlink, 136 St. Andrews Drive, Knoxville, TN 37934. Or, you can hand deliver to her. Her phone number is (865) 966-1039, and email is kirthlinkp@tds.net.

Thank you for your participation in this project.



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IF IT WASN'T IN THE FIRST BASKET, IT MAYBE IN THIS ONE.
LET'S TAILGATE BEFORE THE GAME
TICKETS \$5 OR 5 FOR \$20. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE
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