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Tea Time Tidbits

As we turn the page in our history book, we celebrate a new Amaranth year. This is not just a passage of time but a significant milestone that reflects our growth, achievements, and the unwavering commitment of our members.

My heartfelt congratulations to HL Robin and SK Doug. Your dedication, hard work, and leadership have been instrumental in guiding the Grand Court of Pennsylvania through a successful year. Thank you for your service.

It's hard to believe summer is almost here! I always look forward to summer as a time to spend some down time with family and friends.

This will be a busy time, with several important events on the itinerary. I look forward to seeing many of you at Supreme Assembly in Pittsburgh; on our trip to Salem, MA to discover "When Witches were in Salem"; and at the "Stirrup the Tea" horse race in August. I know that we will make many happy memories at these events.

For our new Amaranth year, I am excited to introduce the "Pageturners Passport", a symbol of our shared commitment to our charity, and the spirit of adventure. This passport signifies more than just travel ... it represents the official events of the year, the meaningful connections we make, and the cherished moments along the way. Be sure to purchase your passport and collect the special stamps on the Amaranth trail!

As you use your Pageturners Passport to navigate through your journeys, you may find opportunities to stop for a cup of tea. Savor the moment and build lasting memories with those you meet.

These simple pauses allow us to reflect on our progress and appreciate the beauty of our shared experiences.

As the clock strikes afternoon, the scent of freshly brewed tea fills the air, mingling with the aroma of anticipation. Tables adorned with delicate China and dainty pastries await eager attendees, promising a respite from the whirlwind of the outside world.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and healthy summer, and please find time to enjoy a cup of tea! "A Poem for Tea" expresses my wishes for each of you ...

When the world is at odds And the mind is at sea Then cease the useless tedium And brew a cup of tea

There is magic in its fragrance There is solace in its taste And the laden moments vanish Somehow into space.

The world becomes a lovely thing There's beauty as you'll see All because you briefly stopped To brew a cup of tea.

Until our next issue, remember...

"Life is like a cup of tea...it's all in how you make it!"

Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GRM

Reading the Tea Leaves

Tea leaf reading or Tasseology is a fortune-telling method that uses tea residue in the bottom of the cup to predict what the future will bring to the tea drinker. No need to read tea leaves to know that you have exactly what you need to succeed in brewing the perfect blend...your RITUAL.

I realize that reading your Ritual for fun might not be your *cup of tea* but I'm here to provide that extra spoonful of sugar to

participate in this challenge...an invitation to attend the Grand Banquet (gratis) for the member with the highest score. Second place will earn two stamps for your Passport and third will earn one stamp. Monday night at the banquet, HL Amy will *spill the tea* about the member whose *perfect blend* of answers was *full to the brim* (24 points available not counting bonus questions)

In practice today, *reading the tea leaves* is the process of noticing subtle clues combined with intuition and experience. If you feel confident in your knowledge steeped in years of meetings, you can email your answers identifying the question number and if you are correct, earn one point per question.

If you and your friends want to turn this into the Great Teapot Trivia Showdown, I'm here for all the tea. Go down the tea trail and show your source (page number, paragraph, small print, speaker, etc.) and I will give you another point, making each question worth two points.

Now don't let your nerves get you into hot water...the first round is weak tea.

- 1) Does the presiding officer rap the gavel between orders of business?
- 2) When is the only time the Royal Matron deposits her own jewel?
- 3) Who places the stand used to hold the ballot box?

SK Donald, GRP likes to remind me that details matter ... so to earn an extra point, submit the answer to the example question I asked when explaining this quiz at the School of Instruction and mark it as "BONUS"?

Email me at slkrall@comcast.net and put QUIZ 1 in the subject line. I will need your answers by July 31 to be eligible to win. All with a green ritual are eligible to play. I can't wait to tell HL Amy (and all of Grand Court) in my report how contestants steeped themselves in knowledge and poured out answers like a perfectly brewed cup of tea.

Shelley Krall
Grand Lecturer

Messages from the Light

Hello Honored Ladies and Sir Knights.

Our Grand Court, Elections, and Installation of Officers is

over. Congratulations to HL Robin and SK Doug on a wonderful session.





We started our year with the Official Visit to Juniata Valley and the Grand Courts of New Jersey, New York,

and Florida. May was a busy month for traveling.

The Grand Court of Florida was held in Daytona Beach which was a new experience, and we were able to do some sightseeing while we were there.

No trip to Daytona Beach would be complete without a visit to the iconic Daytona International Speedway. Known as the "World Center of Racing," the Speedway is home to the legendary Daytona 500, the most prestigious race in NASCAR. Unfortunately, we could only drive-by with a stop in the gift shop.

After Speedway, a trip to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse offers a serene contrast. A short drive from Daytona Beach, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse stands as Florida's tallest lighthouse and one of the most well-preserved in the nation. Built in 1887, this historic beacon has guided countless mariners safely along the Florida coast.

The lighthouse and its museum provide fascinating insights into the life of a



lighthouse keeper and the maritime history of the region. Also featured are beautifully restored keepers' dwellings and outbuildings, offering a glimpse into the daily lives of those who maintained the lighthouse. The tranquil setting and historical significance make it a must-visit destination for history buffs and those seeking a peaceful retreat.

Daytona Beach, with its blend of historical significance, thrilling experiences, and community-focused events, offers a diverse range of attractions. From the noble traditions of the Grand Court of Florida, Order of the Amaranth, to the adrenaline-pumping excitement of the Daytona International Speedway, and the serene beauty of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, visitors are sure to find something that captivates their interests. Each destination provides a unique perspective on the rich tapestry of culture, history, and excitement that defines Daytona Beach.

Finally, an inspirational quote for you: "Life is a collection of moments. Mindfulness is beautification of the moments." Amit Roy

Remember the past, experience the present, and dream of a future without diabetes!

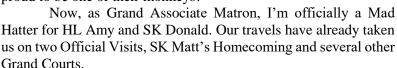
Sincerely and fraternally, *Donald A. Bellamy*, GRP

Postcards from Paradise Falls

Hello Adventurers!

As I write this, I'm on an adventure at Ohio Grand Court and what a fun time I'm having with the traveling flock.

I can hardly believe it's been a month since Grand Court. If you haven't congratulated HL Robin and SK Doug on how wonderfully they ran our session, do so! I was so proud to be one of their monkeys!



Spring is a busy time for adventures, travels, and planning. SK Matt and I are starting to make lists and finalize our decisions so that we can add our page to the Pennsylvania Grand Court history book.

This attitude of adventure can and should be used when thinking of what we can do for our Courts and Amaranth as a whole. If we don't learn from our history—keeping what works and discarding what no longer does—we will never grow and succeed. Each of us can ponder that and see what can be done to bring an attitude of adventure to our Courts.

With Love, Stacy Anthony, GAM

Campfire Chats



A new Grand Court year is upon us, and itinerary events are well underway. Each day, I continue to be honored and humbled to be able to represent Pennsylvania Amaranth as the Grand Royal Patron and sincere gratitude to HL Stacy for inviting me on this adventure. I look forward to

visiting courts, making new acquaintances, and serving this Grand Court in every way that I am able.

A few weeks ago, Lancaster Court hosted my Homecoming, welcoming me back to the court after receiving my new title. I've been to a bunch of these events over the years and was wholly unprepared for the humbling experience on the receiving end. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to Lancaster Court for making that day exceptionally special.

The logo for my term will be the campfire. Campfires represent a lot of things to different people ... warmth, safety, nourishment, and fellowship, to name a few. There are many parallels which can be drawn from the symbolisms of Freemasonry and campfires. I will include here what I based my remarks on at my homecoming, I will leave it to you to draw any final conclusions and would love to discuss this with any who may be interested as Stacy and I travel the state.

"Allow me to draw a parallel between the art of building campfires and the cultivation of fraternity among us. Both endeavors require patience, skill, and a deep understanding of the elements at play.

"Just as gathering wood and kindling is the first step in constructing a campfire, so too is reaching out and connecting with others the foundation of building fraternity. We gather our resources, whether they be sticks and logs or shared experiences and common interests, to fuel the flames of friendship and camaraderie.

"Next is careful arrangement of the wood, placing each piece strategically to promote optimal airflow and combustion. Similarly, in fostering fraternity, we must be deliberate in our efforts to create an environment where everyone feels valued and included, where everyone contributes to the collective warmth and light.

"As the fire ignites and begins to grow, we must tend it with care, adding fuel when needed and tending to the flames to keep them burning brightly. Likewise, in nurturing fraternity, we must invest time and effort in maintaining our connections, offering support and encouragement to one another through both good times and bad.

"And just as a well-built campfire draws people together, so does the cultivation of fraternity create a sense of unity and belonging among us. Around the campfire, strangers become friends, and friends become family. Similarly, through the bonds of fraternity, we find strength in our shared experiences and a sense of belonging that transcends boundaries.

"So let us approach the task of building both campfires and fraternity with intention and dedication. For in both endeavors, we find warmth, light, and the comfort of knowing that we are never alone. Thank you."

Once again, thank you to all the Amaranth members for placing your trust in me. The responsibility weighs heavily on my shoulders and will endeavor to meet your expectations.

Talk to you all soon, Matthew Green, GAP

Steps Making Heartfelt Memories

I can't believe that the first year has ended and that I am now Grand Conductress. It has zoomed by, and everyone was right when they told me this would happen.

I have enjoyed traveling this year to several Grand Courts and look forward to more. I also plan to attend as many youth functions as possible. It is great making new friends and getting ideas from these many encounters.

This is one of the best experiences I have ever known and disputes the saying that you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

I am not perfect and don't profess to be but will strive to give my all to every step. My pace is getting faster as my duties increase but I take it as a challenge to do my best. Each member makes this journey a pleasure and I strive to make you all proud for I cannot do this alone ... I need you all on the team.

I cannot wait to meet and greet everyone as a new year of new steps and memories begins.

Love Always *Shirley Naulty, GC*

Tales of the Sand Dollar

Hello My Amaranth Friends,

Congratulations to HL Robin Fridy, PGRM, and SK Douglas Kilgour, PGRP, on a beautiful session at Grand Court. Best wishes to



HL Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GRM, and SK Donald Bellamy, GRP, as you assume the Grand Throne. I look forward to traveling with you this year.

What an exciting time it is in our courts, at the beginning of a new Amaranth year. I am humbled and honored to have been elected your new Grand Associate Conductress at Grand Court and look forward to meeting you in my travels and learning from those who have journeyed to the Grand Throne ahead of me. This is the history of our order and there are many valuable lessons we can learn from. The members in our local courts also have a wealth of knowledge to share.

I would like to invite everyone to my homecoming November 9, 2024, at Rimrock Masonic Lodge in Stroudsburg, PA. More details will be coming soon, and I would love to see you there.

In Amaranth Love and Service *Melody Newhard-Kirk* GAC,



Travels from the Ark

What an exciting time of year! Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and the sun is staying out later and later. It reminds us that spring is here and



summer is right around the corner. I always feel that we go into Grand Court in the winter and come out in spring. It's the same thing with Supreme Council. We go to Supreme Council in spring and come out in Summer! And this year, especially, we come out and it's Independence Day, with the Installation of Supreme Officers and fireworks in Pittsburgh. I hope you can attend some part of Supreme Council. It's so close to home!

The past several months I've travelled to Virginia, California, South Carolina, British Columbia, Washington, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and, of course, Pennsylvania! Each Grand Court is special and unique. Some begin Wednesday night, while others start their Informal Opening in the daytime Thursday. We all support the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, but the fundraisers have been interesting, and some are quite entertaining.

If you have the opportunity to travel to another Grand Court, it is worth the trip. You meet wonderful people from all over the world! I hope to see you at Supreme Council and that you have a restful summer!

Thanks for all you do for Amaranth, the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and me. I appreciate the support!

Think Pink! *Emily S. Moyer, SAC*



Corinthian Court #35

Our RM, Toni, and RP, Tina, represented our court at Grand Court. Committee Appointments came home with tickets & information to help with the Grand Court expenses and Charity.

We have done a couple of projects to help with monthly rental fees, etc. One new project used the May Calendar ... for each date selected, you donate that amount. EX: the 1st- pay \$1; the 18th - \$18; the 31st - \$31, etc.

Our other project was a 12" Hoagie Sale with traditional meats & cheese along with pickles, onions, & lettuce. Very tasty!

Good News ... Emma Holderbaum, who in the fall will be entering her Junior year at Slippery Rock, received a Youth Scholarship at Grand Court. She is the daughter of HL Carla and SK Rob Holderbaum and granddaughter of HL PJ and John O'Neill. Congratulations and Blessings to Emma in all her endeavors.

Speaking of good news ... HL, PJ O'Neill was appointed Grand Prelate. We know she will give us Blessings along with Wisdom and Encouragement.

Amy Movic, PRM Court Reporter

Willard Waterman Court #54

Greetings and Hello!

We are looking forward to the 2024/2025 year with PGRM Lois Zerby as our Royal Matron. We do not have a Royal Patron yet, but our members have been good filling in.

We are planning a sub sale, and I will have some very interesting used books for sale at our meetings through June, for lazy summer reading!

We are looking forward to welcoming HL Amy, GRM, with SK Donald, GRP, for her Official Visit at our June meeting.

Here's hoping that the horse race we are hosting in August will be a big success.

In Amaranth Love,

HL Gweneth Mongelli, Court Reporter

Lansdale Court #65



On Wednesday, June 5th, Lansdale Court welcomed HL Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GRM, with SK Donald Bellamy, GRP, on the evening of their Official Visit. We served dinner before the meeting and enjoyed much fun and fellowship. Heartfelt thanks to all who substituted in a station to help make the

night flow so well.

The meeting was amazing. As Royal Matron, I was super excited to have so many people on the sidelines! I'm pretty sure for escort we welcomed the entire list of officers, except for Appointive Grand Officers from other jurisdictions.

During the meeting I was especially excited to read a petition! This was thanks to HL Amy and SK Donald talking about Amaranth as they do and meeting a lady with Masonic affiliation. After Amy and Donald talked for a while, the petition was handed to her and filled out that night. Hopefully, she will bring friends!

Over the summer, we will be having a fundraising night out at the Longhorn Steakhouse on June 17th.

Warm wishes to everyone for a wonderful, fun and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you on the trail and then in September.

IAL, *Chellie Finisdore*, GRep, S Carolina

Sarah E. Collins #86

Six years ago, HL Barbara A. Ullrich, PSRM and SK George Ullrich, PGRP were elected as the RM and RP of our Court. Little did they know they would serve for 6 years (George 5 years) before they could step down from the East. On Saturday, March 21st, HL Kristina Bellamy was installed as Royal Matron and her uncle/godfather, George Bellamy, Jr. was installed as Royal Patron. In her acceptance speech, she acknowledged her grandparents who influenced her. Congratulations to you both ... we look forward to seeing your plans for the coming year.

Over the summer, we will be accepting orders for Manhattan Pretzels. Watch Facebook as more information becomes available. We are planning a friendship event at Old Village Roastery, Peddlers Village. Details to follow.

At Grand Court in April, our own HL Amy L. Baxter-Bellamy was installed as Grand Royal Matron and SK Donald A. Bellamy became Grand Royal Patron. Our Court is very proud of you and wishes you traveling mercies as you cross the state.

Marion White Court Reporter

Dr. J.M. Hyson Memorial Court #106



On May 13th, Dr. JM had their Official Visit with the GRM & GRP.

It was fantastic to see the sideliners. The Officers performed the Memorial service with solemnity. The ritualistic work was terrific, and we had a fun time.

Everyone enjoyed themselves

with a meal before the meeting and refreshments afterwards, where we were blessed to share a wonderful social time with our Amaranth friends.

Roxy Maugans, GRep, Georgia

Dorothy Lim Memorial Court #110

We held our annual Installation of Officers on Tuesday evening, April 30, 2024. This was not our usual meeting night but was changed due to a conflict with Grand Court. HL Betty Hunsberger, DSRM, was installed as Royal Matron, and SK Brian Kirk, PRP, as Royal Patron.

We are repeating our previously successful pot pie and apple dumpling fund raiser starting this month, through August 31. This summer we plan to have a picnic in the pavilion on the grounds of our Masonic Temple in Stroudsburg; the date is not yet decided.

Last, and most important—and special—we are proud to announce the election of HL Melody Newhard-Kirk, PRM, as Grand Associate Conductress. Her Homecoming will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at the Rimrock Masonic Center, 2720 Rimrock Road, Stroudsburg, PA.

Social time will be at 11:30a, luncheon at 12:00N, and meeting at 1:00p. Reservations are \$35.00, payable to Dorothy Lim Memorial Court #110, sent to HL Barbara Saslo, PRM, 105 Belvidere St., Nazareth, PA 18064-2112, <u>bsaslo@yahoo.com</u>, 610-759-7677, by November 1st. (This information is also on Facebook.) We hope to see you there to honor our HL Melody!

Jan Jacobus
Court Reporter

Farrell Court #120

The new Amaranth year has begun. Several members of our Court made the trek to Lancaster for Grand Court. Congratulations to HL Robin and SK Doug on an impressive year and the job they did to get us through Grand Court. HL Amy and SK Donald, our Best Wishes to you on a successful coming year. You started off running right after Grand Court with your Official Visits and have not stopped.

HL Charlotte Webster has been appointed Grand Standard Bearer, HL Georgia Perkins, Grand Rep to Alabama and HL Deb Scott, Grand Rep to Washington. I am sure a lot of PA members are looking forward to Supreme Council this year since it will be held in Pittsburgh at the Wyndham Grand. Hope to see many of you there. Safe Travels.

Farrell Court had their Annual Easter Pastry sale which, as always, was a great success. We have several craft projects planned in the coming months ... we are sending two kids to Diabetes Camp. The Piston Foundation Race several years ago gave us the privilege to do this. The kids spend a week and always send us great letters and pictures of the time they had while learning more about their diabetes. They make new friends and renew old ones.

Hoping everyone has a great summer. Stay safe ... we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Deb Scott, Secretary
Court Reporter

Wm. A. Knecht Memorial Court #144

Several of our members traveled to HL Robin's Homecoming and had a great time honoring HL Robin and SK Doug as they wrapped up their year, and what a wonderful year it was.

Grand Court was a huge success and everyone attending had a great time honoring Grand Royal Matron Robin and Grand Royal Patron Doug with their year of successes. We kept busy and it surely was a productive session with fun activities and great to see everyone in attendance. Our court provided a large raffle basket for the Chinese Auction with lots of opportunities for the winner of the basket.

Fun Night at Grand Court with members of our court in action.

Our court held its regular monthly meeting immediately following Grand Court with Installation of Royal Matron Kelly Miller and Royal Patron Rudy Ritter and filling all our stations except for Sentinel.

May is pretty, May is mild, Dances like a happy child. Sing out "Robin", spring out, flowers, April went without all her showers, And the world is green \$\$ again. Come out everyone, to the fields. To the meadows, to the woods, For the earth is clean and good and getting ready to be "Doug" with all good crops, especially CORN and rain from above...

And the sky is clear and blue,
And bright May is calling you!
May is pretty, May is mild,
Dances like a happy child,
On a blessed holiday,
Come out everyone, join the play!
Sit with us now and have some tea.
and ready yourself for yet another year of fun!

Kay Trick
Court Reporter

Rose Croix court #147

On Friday, April 19, 2024, Rose Croix Court No. 147, was graced with the presence of HL Amy Baxter Bellamy, GRM and SK Donald Bellamy, GRP. This was their very first Official Visit as the leaders of Pennsylvania's Grand Court. Our Royal Matron, HL Mary Ellen Greiner was beside herself (the Grand Royal Matron is her sister) as were the members of the Court at this visit from these distinguished members.

We are planning many events throughout the year (thank you HL Wendi Wiley) to not only bring the members together for socialization but also to raise funds for Diabetes and Ways and Means.

At the Grand Court of Pennsylvania, HL Wendi Wiley, a member of Rose Croix Court, was awarded the "Unsung Hero Award" for her tireless efforts in raising monies not only for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation but also for local charitable organizations in her community. Congratulations HL Wendi! (Check out below all the events Wendi has planned.)

Submitted in Amaranth Love, Patria E. Saitta, DSRM Court Reporter

Hello Amaranth Friends!!!

We are more than excited to host some fun events in the next few weeks!! We hope that many of you will travel east and join in the fun with us!!

On Friday, June 21st, we are hosting PA/NJ/VA friendship night. There is dinner beforehand. The details are on the flier.

The next day, we are happy to bring back a favorite event...the 17th Annual Mini-golf outing for Diabetes Research!!! We hope that the visitors on Friday night will join in the fun on Saturday. We're hoping to get many non-members there as well. This is a family friendly event with goodie bags, door prizes and good company.

If you want to help but cannot attend on 6/22, please consider sponsoring a hole for as little as \$25!! If you prefer, you can donate a door prize or something for the goodie bags. Thank you for your consideration!

Save this date: September 15th is the bowl-a-thon for diabetes research. More details coming soon!!!

Be safe as you travel across the state and earn the stamps on your passport!! We hope to see you soon!!

:) Wendi Wiley, GMW

Oakdale Court #150



Three of our members attended the Grand Court of New York on March 9,10 and 11, 2024. HLs V. Lynne Engleka, Grand Representative to New York; Shelley Krall, Grand Lecturer and Tammy Tomascin, Royal Matron were joined by twelve members of the

Grand Court of Pennsylvania. We were all very graciously welcomed by New York Amaranth. During the time when the Grand Court was not in session, we had an opportunity to view the famous falls. Some members from Pennsylvania were even able to view the falls from the Canadian side.

The members of Oakdale Court are pleased to have all our elected officers filled, except Associate Patron. We know how lucky we are and hope to continue to grow our membership this year.

We are currently running the Lotto fundraiser again this year. If you see a member of the Court and are asked to purchase a ticket, please support the Court in this endeavor.

V. Lynne Engleka, GR Court Reporter

Youth Organizations

Job's Daughters

Greetings, Honored Ladies, Sir Knights, and friends,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to address you in the summer edition of the quarterly newsletter. My name is Delaney Stains, and I represent Pennsylvania Job's Daughters as Miss Job's Daughter and Miss Congeniality!

First, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your steadfast support of our scholarship fund. Your generosity continues to make an impact on the lives of young women across Pennsylvania, empowering them to pursue their academic aspirations!

I also would like to thank everyone for the invitation extended to Pennsylvania Job's Daughters to participate in the informal opening for the Grand Court of Amaranth. My Sister, Reagan and I were very excited to have the opportunity to promote our order! It was truly an honor, and we are deeply grateful for the warm welcome and encouragement extended to us.

As we look forward to the exciting events ahead, I am thrilled to invite the Amaranth members to join us for the Masonic family picnic on Saturday, June 29th, at 4 pm, at the Legion Woods in Biglerville. It promises to be an afternoon filled with fun and fellowship!

Furthermore, I would also like to invite you to our Rally formal opening on Saturday morning, August 24th at Patton Campus, Elizabethtown.

My goal for this term is to not only promote Pennsylvania Job's Daughters, but also connect with the many other Masonic groups and Youth groups across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania while doing so.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support of Pennsylvania Job's Daughters and girls like me! Together, we continue to make a difference in the lives of young women!

Thank you, so much and Happy Summer!

Delaney Stains,

Miss Job's Daughter and Miss Congeniality 2024-2025

Order of the DeMolay

Pennsylvania DeMolay is excitedly continuing through its 2024 calendar year, with more chapter centennial celebrations. Erie chapter celebrated their 100th anniversary with guests from all over the state returning to gather and recognize the efforts that Erie has been making for so long.

PA DeMolay has also been working hard on their international relations by being active participants in the DeMolay International Mental Health Campaign. Pennsylvania DeMolay is supporting their fundraisers and involving themselves in the committee work to make sure Mental Health advocation is stronger than ever in our chapters.

PA's newest chapter, Centennial Chapter in Downingtown is also making great strides in their development. Centennial will have their first Installation of officers this June. PA DeMolay sends their best hopes and wishes to Centennial chapter and is excited to see where they will go from here.

Kenton Green, State Master Counselor

Pennsylvania Rainbow

I would first like to thank all our sponsoring orders for the many things they do for us. They truly are "born to be leaders". Since Grand Assembly of 2023 to present day, Pennsylvania Rainbow has grown enormously. We have initiated 17 new members into our beautiful order and are very excited to have new members to share our lessons with.

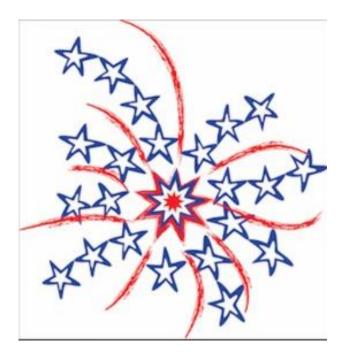
Our state charity, my stuff bags, is at a total of over \$2000; the goal we are trying to reach this year is \$5000. My stuff bags is a charity that provides big blue duffel bags to children in the foster care system filled with age appropriate items. That way the child can have something to call their own when they move from home to home. If you would like to help support this charity, we collect soda/pop tabs. Please feel free to reach out with donations.

More exciting news ... I have been appointed acting Supreme Charity for Supreme Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls to be held in Virginia.

As the year end quickly approaches, PA Rainbow is preparing for Grand Assembly. I'm very happy, but it also gives me a heavy heart that this year has so quickly come to an end. I have learned so many things this year that I will most definitely take with me for the rest of my life.

I hope that many of you will attend our "born to be" grand assembly session at the Jaffa shrine in Altoona Pa July 9-14.

Amanda DeJesus Grand Worthy Advisor of Pennsylvania Rainbow





Remember ... ít's an <u>EVENT</u>, not just a date!

Happy Independence Day to all our members and friends! Please be safe as you celebrate!!