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Tea Time Tidbits



Welcome back! Summer flew by and though it was only a couple months, I trust it was both productive and fun. SK Donald and I continued our travels this summer, adding many bright pages to our memory book!

In June, it was an honor to speak at the Eastern Star 129th Grand Chapter “*Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow*” Session in Erie. Congratulations to HL Marcia Holland, PRM of Oakdale Court, and Michael E. Byers who were installed as the new WGM and WGP, respectively. SK Donald and I were delighted by the large contingent of Amaranth members in attendance. Thank you all for your support of both of our Orders.

In June, we journeyed to Pittsburgh, PA, for a week at the Amaranth Supreme Assembly, where the “*In His Time*” session radiated Pennsylvania pride. Congratulations to HL Susan Patchin, (P)SRM, for your ritual work and masterful management of the session's business—you made us all immensely proud! A heartfelt thank you to HL Miranda Peruso, Supreme Lecturer, for your guidance in the ritualistic work. HL Emily Moyer, as Supreme Associate Conductress was exemplary—we eagerly anticipate your contributions to Supreme Council in the years ahead.

The culmination of the session was the Installation of new officers. It was a joy to see HL Elizabeth Herbolsheimer, SRM and SK Richard Marsh, SRP installed on Independence Day. Pittsburgh put on a fabulous firework display that evening to celebrate! We were so proud of our PA Supreme Officers that were installed that evening: HL Emily Moyer, SC; SK George Ullrich, Supreme

Trustee; SK Karl Forsberg, Supreme Warder; and HL Miranda Peruso, ADF Board of Directors. Enjoy the new Amaranth year.

After Supreme Assembly, the Grand sessions of our youth began. SK Donald and I were welcomed at PA's Rainbow's Grand Assembly. Despite the heat in the Jaffa Shrine, the evening was beautiful, showcasing the floor work and drills that our Rainbow girls do so well. It was a particularly nostalgic evening for me, as it marked my first visit since attending my last Grand Assembly as an active Rainbow girl. Thank you to HL Helen Snedden, Supreme Inspector and Supreme Service and Miss Amanda DeJesus, (P)Grand Worthy Advisor, for your hospitality and friendship!

Next was PA DeMolay's Convention in Harrisburg. I was honored to bring greetings at the Saturday morning business meeting. Thank you to all the members of Amaranth who came! Congratulations to Brothers Kenton Green, State Master Councilor; Chris Misko, Deputy State Master Councilor; and Ian Bellamy, State Scribe. We hope you have an amazing year in your offices!

August brought the long-awaited "Stirrup the Tea" Horse Race, and the excitement was palpable as the horses lined up at the gate. It was fun to wear my best fascinator and cheer on the action. Though none of my horses won (I suspect they're at the glue factory by now), it was a day filled with wonderful socializing, spirited betting, and delicious food. Many thanks to HL Shelley Krall and her committee for their efforts in making the event so successful!

Thank you to the Grand Court of Virginia for hosting the Friendship meeting in Manassas at the end of August. The picnic, meeting, dinner, and farewell breakfast were all wonderful. Special thanks to HL Andrea, GRM; SK Bill, GRP; and the members of Destiny Court for their warm hospitality and enduring friendship to all of us from Pennsylvania!

I miss the long summer days as we head into fall. The scent of pumpkin spice (I'll be grabbing that *Starbucks PSL* ASAP!), the vibrant fall foliage, and the chance to visit more Courts all bring a sense of anticipation. I'm eager to reconnect with our members after the summer break. I cherish our time together and deeply appreciate the warm welcome you always extend at your meetings.

Thanks to the Courts that have hosted our Official Visits thus far: Juniata Valley, Victory, Lansdale, Willard-Waterman, and Rose Croix. We were impressed with your ritualistic work, fundraising efforts, and especially your friendship. I want to thank those who helped create the historical displays at your meetings. I

could have spent hours looking through everything. SK Donald took many pictures for me so I can look back through them all.

In September, please join us for our “Wonderland” murder mystery weekend in Elizabethtown. Alice is eager to welcome you with a cup of tea, and I know the committee has planned many exciting activities and fellowship. You won’t want to miss it!

When you travel this fall, be sure to pack your Amaranth passports for our upcoming itinerary events—we have plenty of special stamps waiting for you! If you missed any, we’ll be handing out the missing stamps at Elizabethtown, so don’t forget to bring your passport when you pack!

Until we meet again, I wish all of you the beauty that comes with the arrival of fall.

Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall as expressed in Mathilde Blind’s poem titled “*Autumn Tints*”:

<i>Strew the garden ways,</i>	<i>Far away, on hilly slopes</i>
<i>Hollyhocks and sunflowers</i>	<i>Where fleet rivulets run,</i>
<i>Make a dazzling blaze</i>	<i>Miles on miles of tangled fern,</i>
<i>In these latter days.</i>	<i>Burnished by the sun,</i>
	<i>Glow a copper dun.</i>

<i>Marigolds by cottage doors</i>	<i>For the year that's on the wane,</i>
<i>Flaunt their golden pride,</i>	<i>Gathering all its fire,</i>
<i>Crimson-punctured</i>	<i>Flares up through the kindling</i>
<i>bramble leaves</i>	<i>world</i>
<i>Dapple far and wide</i>	<i>As, ere they expire,</i>
<i>The green mountainside.</i>	<i>Flames leap high and higher.</i>

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

Warm days and cold tea embody the summer for many but when the days grow shorter and cooler (hopefully), it's a reminder that our subordinate courts are meeting again after going dark for July and August.

What better way to refresh your familiarity with our ritual before your fall meeting than with an easy review (and some friendly competition with amazing prizes)? If you let the teapot boil dry on Quiz 1, here's another opportunity to brew your perfect cup.

So put the teapot on, get your ritual out and answer the next three questions. Remember, you earn two points for giving both the correct answer and location by providing the page/paragraph. You can still earn one point for submitting only the correct answer.

- 1. Can the sentinel be excused from balloting by unanimous consent?**
- 2. After the National Anthem is sung, when do those that faced the flag resume their original position?**
- 3. If using flowers during initiation, where do the attendants stand as the line approaches?**

Email me at slkrall@comcast.net and put **QUIZ 2** in the subject line. I will need your answers by October 31 to be eligible for points. All with a green ritual are eligible to play.

Did you attempt to brew the perfect responses to the last set of ritual questions? Below are the questions and answers from ...

Quiz One.

1. Does the presiding officer rap the gavel between orders of business?
 - a. No. Page 9, paragraph 4
2. When is the only time the Royal Matron deposits her own jewel?
 - a. After Uncrowning. Page 123, paragraph 7.
3. Who places the stand used to hold the ballot box?
 - a. Associate Patron. Page 61, 2nd paragraph from bottom of page.

Shelley Krall, Grand Lecturer

Messages from the Light

Hello Honored Ladies and Sir Knights.
I hope everyone had a safe and restful summer.

We ended June with our friendship



exchange with VA/NJ/PA at Rose Croix Court. It is always pleasant to have our counterparts join us. The meeting and mini-golf were very nice.

HL Amy and I brought greetings at the Grand Chapter

Order of the Eastern Star Session. Our own HL Marcia Holland

from Oakdale Court took over as Worthy Grand Matron for Pennsylvania. It was a new experience for me, and I enjoyed the opening session.

We attended the Supreme Council Session in



July. Congratulations to our own HL Susan Patchin for a great session ... we were Pennsylvania proud. HL Amy and I were able to sit in the front row as members of HL Susan's jurisdiction. I

enjoyed sitting next to HL Carol Addison GRM from Alaska. She is Secretary of our Heralds and Guardian club board, and I am the treasurer.



After installation of new officers on Independence Day, Pittsburgh had fireworks which were a very nice touch ... especially being able to watch them from our hotel room. Congratulations to HLs Emily Moyer, Miranda Peruso, Maryann Cooper, and SK Karl Forsberg on your positions for the coming year. We welcomed our Supreme Mom and Dad ... HL Bizzy Herbolsheimer, SRM, and SK Richard Marsh, SRP.

Next was the DeMolay Convention where our son Ian was elected State Scribe, followed by my first visit to Rainbow Grand Assembly at Jaffa Shrine ... talk about hot!

As I am writing this article, we are preparing for the friendship exchange with VA/NJ/PA in Manassas, Virginia.



On August 28th HL Amy and I look forward to celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary.

We will then be on the trail to Elizabethtown Weekend and hope to see you all there.

Finally, an inspirational quote for you:

“The choice to love is the choice to connect – to find ourselves in the other.” ...Bell Hooks

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

Sincerely and fraternally,
Donald A. Bellamy, GRP

Postcards from Paradise Falls

Happy End to Summer Adventurers!

As is becoming the custom, I'm currently on an Amaranth adventure to attend the SAM/SAP Reception Knoxville, TN.

This summer has absolutely flown by between our Grand Court activities in June and Supreme Assembly in July. I was then off to Rainbow Grand Assembly in Altoona and Supreme Assembly for Rainbow in Hampton, Virginia. I was able to reconnect with our Pennsylvania Amaranth family for the Horse Race August 3rd.



I thought SK Seth and I would have a quiet August, but Mother Nature had other plans. The tornado in Harrisburg primarily hit our neighborhood, Bellevue Park. We are incredibly blessed that we had no damage to our house, but a tree along our curb was hit by another tree and came down right in our front walk way. Thank you to HLs and SKs who checked in on us and offered to help.

I hope each of you had an enjoyable and safe summer. For those who faced challenges, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm very much looking forward to getting back on the Amaranth trail in September and getting to see more of you!

With Love,
Stacy Anthony, GAM

Campfire Chats

Matt Green, GAP, is still camping.



Steps Making Heartfelt Memories



It has been a very busy year being a Grand Line Officer, Royal Matron and traveling around the state and beyond. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Now preparing to travel to for reception for HL Marsha Weidinger, Supreme Associate Matron, and SK William Haas, Supreme Associate Patron; then Grand Court of Alaska, Official Visits and of course E-town weekend. Can't wait to see you all and catch up with everyone.

As Chairman of Grand Court Ways and Means, I am reminding you to get your tickets for money prizes to be drawn at the GRM and GRP Luncheon. Also, purchase some of that delicious coffee from Whiff to be distributed at my luncheon on October 26th.

Time to go and get ready for the next steps along the road of my second year. Time is fleeting and I want to be ready to cherish each moment. This isn't just my journey ... it is our journey. It takes a huge village to make a Great Grand Court.

Remember, many people will walk in and out of your life leaving footprints on your heart. CELEBRATE LIFE!!

Love Always

Shirley Naulty, GC

Tales of the Sand Dollar

Hello My Amaranth Friends,

Seems like yesterday I was writing my first article for the "*Keystone Keynotes*" and here we are again. I hope everyone had a good summer and tried to stay cool during the warm days.



It was nice to see so many of our members at Supreme Council in July, and about 60 people at the jurisdictional breakfast. Congratulations to our Supreme officers who did a beautiful job and those who got elected or appointed to their respective offices.

We just had the horse race. It was a beautiful day for friendship and fellowship and raising money for our charity. This starts the kickoff for the fall and there are exciting things planned, from friendship exchange in Virginia at the end of August, to honoring our own HL Emily Moyer SC. We look forward to hearing whom she has chosen to accompany her to the Supreme throne.

We have some official visits in September and October, and I hope to meet and see many people over the next couple of months.

I want to invite everyone to my homecoming November 9, 2024, at Rimrock Masonic Temple Stroudsburg PA.

I leave you with this thought:

*Stroll along the sand dollar shore with your feet in the sand,
waves lapping over your toes, soon you will find a sand dollar
meant for you. Held within are 5 magical dove shapes, each
releasing an energy gifted from the ocean:*

Radiance, Freedom, Nature, Beauty & Peace.

Hope to see you on the Amaranth trail.

In Amaranth Love and Service
Melody Newhard-Kirk, GAC

Travels from the Ark

Where has the summer gone!?!?
It's been a hectic, challenging, enjoyable Amaranth year and summer didn't allow for relaxation. However, when you're with Amaranth friends, who needs time off? I was delighted to attend a small part of Rainbow Supreme Assembly, Baytown Court in TX, Louisiana Grand Court and the reception for Marsha Weidinger, SAM, and Bill Haas, SAP – all before Labor Day!



Thank you to everyone who made my reception so very special. Pennsylvania members go above and beyond in support,

encouragement and love. I appreciate each member and thank you for all you do to make my journey easy and enjoyable!

Looking ahead, I'm excited at the endless possibilities for our Order. We have many reasons to be proud, work in our communities and Courts to promote the values of Amaranth. If we ever wondered when we should "market" ourselves and what we have to offer, the time is now! Let's toot our own horn, talk about our support of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and serve others.

The energy, excitement and enthusiasm you feel when you come together to plan and execute ideas, goals and objectives need to be part of our everyday life. Meet with other members for coffee, ice cream or lunch. Let's talk about our goals and plans beyond the Court room. Let's socialize and make Amaranth a bigger part of our daily routine. After all, aren't the friendships we make one of the most impactful parts of being a member?

I hope you each have a wonderful fall season. Return from the rest and relaxation of summer to the energy of autumn. I look forward to being with many of you over the next few months to talk and innovate and work for the betterment of Amaranth.

Think Pink!

Emily S. Moyer, SC

Supreme Assembly ... P.S.

I thank each one of the wonderful, loving members of the Grand Court of Pennsylvania, for all that you did to help me look good at the 126th Annual Supreme Council Assembly in July. I am truly blessed and privileged to be a member of this Grand Court.

It was my desire to make the Supreme session an event that people would enjoy attending. From all the reactions, I think that was accomplished.

The words "Thank You" do not express how grateful I am to refer to you as family. I am honored to know every one of you.

Thank you again.

Susan Patchin, PSM

Jeanette Court #25

I hope this has been a good summer for all my Amaranth friends. As I write this newsletter, I'm looking at our burned-out lawn. The garden is getting watered every night.

I missed May's deadline, so congratulations to our own HL Pat Ankney for being installed as Grand Faith. HLs Pat Ankney, Carol Pocratsky, Darlene Heitman and I traveled to Supreme Council in Pittsburgh. HL Susan Patchin, (P)SRM and SK Mel Fossell, (P)SRP, had a great session. We were all busy, had fun and made a lot of new friends.

We were happy to initiate two candidates at our June meeting. They are a welcome addition to our court. Jeanette Court held our Bingo Basket Party on Aug 10th. This is our main fundraiser. We always have fun planning and working on this event.

Our Official Visit is on October 12th and we would love to see our members in attendance. It is always an honor to have our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron visit our court.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Amaranth trails soon.

June Sharp, DDGRM
Court Reporter

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, got 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 Best Wishes to Emma.

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

Well, good news from myself ... after being asked by RM Lois Zerby, and much consideration on my part, I am now RP for our court in 2024-25. Hopefully, I can make our court proud!

We have no upcoming activities planned, but our 100-year anniversary celebration is being considered.

GRM and GRP visit to our court in June went very well and a pleasant time was had by all who attended. Our side lines were filled and it brought smiles and tears to our eyes.

On August 3, the Horse Race was a big success. Fun, fun, fun, a lot of yelling and screaming was heard through Mechanicsburg, coming out of the Masonic Temple. The big 50/50 wins were also lucky for some members

I heard the GRM (Amy) say all her horses were headed to glue factory. We agreed that one truck could haul hers and mine!

Food was delicious and we all had a chance to visit with friends and members we don't always see.



Try to stay cool ... what a terrible hot dry summer we have had. Then came the big rain storm, 6 inches in Mechanicsburg!

I am sure we will welcome the cool and beautiful days of Autumn, see you in September

In Amaranth Love,
HL Gweneth Mongelli, Court Reporter

Lansdale Court #65

Greetings!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer and are looking forward to resuming our meetings in September.

We had a Ways and Means fundraiser on June 17, at Texas Roadhouse. There were approx. 25 – 30 members in attendance with their families and friends. We raised \$94 ... thank you to everyone who participated. We are planning an additional night out for the fall and then we will be selling gift cards for the holidays.

On August 23, we had a funeral service at the LuLu Shrine Center for SK Harry F. Speth, Jr., PGRP. Our Grand Royal Matron and Patron participated in the service along with PGRMs, PGRP and PSRM. Thank you to all who attended. SK Harry was very active in our court until he moved to Texas with his daughter, Barbara. He loved Amaranth and was always ready to help the Courts in our area wherever needed. He was a total gentleman and will be missed by everyone.

In September we will be balloting on the petition we received at our Official Visit in June, as well as the Official Visit of our DDGRM.



To all members who are having health issues we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and wish you a speedy recovery.

In Amaranth Friendship,
Karen Hettel, DSRM

Sarah E. Collins #86

As summer winds down, we will have our annual picnic at the home of Barbara and George Ullrich, PSRM and PGRP.

Reminder ... Milwaukee Pretzel fundraiser is ongoing until September 9th. For questions or to place an order, contact HL Kristina Bellamy, RM at Kristina.Bellamy@gmail.com or 609-350-5676

Wednesday, September 18th, our Court will host an Ice Cream Social at Tacony Masonic Temple from 6-8 pm. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Make checks payable to Sarah

E. Collins Court #86 and mail to HL Barbara Ullrich, 6945 Torresdale Ave., Philadelphia, 19135 or Venmo to 610-212-6508 with “ice cream social” in the message.

Save the date: Official Visit of the GRM and GRP on November 20th. Hope to see you at our upcoming activities. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

In Amaranth love,
Marion White, Court Reporter

Dr. J.M. Hyson Memorial Court #106

During the summer break, there were a few activities that members attended. At the end of June, a couple members went to Supreme Council. It was very interesting and we loved seeing members from across the U.S. and beyond!

At the beginning of August, our District Deputy Grand Royal Matron, HL Betty Deal, conducted a mini-School of Instruction. We were given some questions about ritualistic work to answer and discuss. It was so much fun and very informative.

We also had a picnic in August at HL Maryann Cooper’s house. We had delicious food and a wonderful social time!

Now, after this much needed break, the members of Dr. JM are ready to get back to work for Amaranth.

Roxy Maugans, GRep, Georgia

Dorothy Lim Memorial Court #110

Saturday, August 10, was a beautiful day for a picnic. Members of Dorothy Lim #110 gathered at the pavilion outside our building on Rimrock Drive in Stroudsburg.

Betty Hunsberger, RM, provided watermelon, cake, and beverages, and Jennifer Chilmonik, PRM, made chocolate brownies. (If you haven't tasted Jennifer's baking, you're missing something.)

We are having a "bakeless bake sale" for our Grand Court Charity project. Our secretary, Pat Kelly, sent out the flyers just a few weeks ago, and already the donations are coming in. Amaranth members are truly generous.



Our October meeting, Tuesday, October 15, will be Friendship Night. As has been our custom for many years, we have invited the Grand Families of Connecticut and New York. The Monday evening before, our usual rehearsal night, will be a fun night of games and snacks.

Saturday, November 9, will be the Homecoming of HL Melody Newhard-Kirk, Grand Associate Conductress. As mentioned previously, it will be held at the Rimrock Masonic Center in Stroudsburg. Social time will begin at 11:30a, luncheon at 12:00N, and meeting at 1:00p. Reservations are \$35, payable to Dorothy Lim Memorial Court, #110, sent to HL Barbara Saslo, PRM, by November 1; further information is available on Facebook. We hope to see you there.

Jan Jacobus, PRM, Court Reporter

Juniata Valley Court #121

Our Court was honored to host the first official visit of H.L. Amy Baxter-Bellamy, GRM and S.K. Donald A. Bellamy, GRP. Our guests were welcomed with a dinner prior to the meeting. We were so very thankful to our friends from Jeannette Court #25 and Lancaster Court #70 who traveled to serve as pro-tem as officers. Amaranth friends are the BEST!

Two members were initiated into our Court in June.

Some of the members of our Court were busy at Supreme Council. HL Miranda Peruso showed her knowledge as Supreme Lecturer. The Supreme Officers did well in their ritual work as instructed by HL Miranda. She filed her name and ran as a member

of the Amaranth Diabetes Board. She won and then was elected Secretary. She will, also, be serving as Supreme Diabetes Co-ordination & is on the SRM's Executive Board.

HL Patricia Pavlik oversaw Credentials and did her work accurately. SK "Stoney" Pavlik brought his sound equipment as he was asked to be in charge of sound for the meetings and dinners. All the work done was done well.

Many ritual changes and amendments were made ... some approved, some rejected. You will get them as soon as the Supreme Secretary can make the changes.

Our granddaughter, Madeleine Peruso, was initiated into the International Order of Rainbow for Girls at Grand Assembly. Her family is so proud!

We enjoyed the Horse Races on August 3rd & had some winners.

Hope to see you on the Amaranth trail this fall. Next up is the Supreme Conductress Reception and then Elizabethtown weekend. Looking forward to seeing you!

"There are friends, there is family and then there are friends that become family." ... Unknown

*Eva M. Gresko, Grand Truth
Court Reporter*

Sincere apologies for the inadvertent omission of HL Eva's article in our June issue! The info has been incorporated here... *Wendy*

Wm. A. Knecht Memorial Court #144

'Tis the season of fall equinox and the day when we officially tip from summer into fall. Here in central PA there are already signs of fall, if you slow down enough to look My fall wreath is already adorning the front door. But first we will recap our summer...

July is always a busy month for our court as we held our Annual Picnic at Spangler Grove along pristine Penns Creek with 24 members and family members in attendance. We brought a



variety of delicious dishes to share and held our Past Officers Meeting at the conclusion of the picnic. A lovely time was experienced by all members!!



Our members were all ready for DeLong Fair, held July 22-27 where we operate a Funnel Cake Stand each year to raise money to fight Diabetes. We had a good weather week with “some” rain and really high temperatures. Many of our members and extended family

worked the stand and raised lots of revenue to fight diabetes.

A few years ago, the court decided to hold a monthly craft gathering for members and invited guests. This month 10 members came and had a fun time. Judy Garmin and Judy Mellott hosted the event and provided materials for us to make bookmarks, window ornaments and other items using stickers/dried flowers, etc., to complete our projects.



Break out that cornucopia and fill it with small pumpkins and gourds, dried wheat and more. Place some corn stalks and straw by the front door. Maybe YOU are ready to collapse into fall as we all prepare to move in our regular meetings for Amaranth. Summer was a busy season. Lots of go, go, go and if you are trying to figure out HOW to rest, how to give yourself permission to rest without feeling guilty about it then rest in your “chair” when you are traveling to Amaranth meetings and luncheons or simply supporting the Amaranth program, we all love. See you all soon on the Amaranth Trail!!

Kay Trick, Court Reporter

Rose Croix court #147

On Saturday, June 22nd, friends from New Jersey, Virginia and Pennsylvania gathered in the hottest day of the year so far for the 17th annual mini-golf outing for diabetes research!!!

For the first time, we did it at the Lower Bucks Masonic Lodge under the trees (mostly). Eighteen holes were set up and we did a shotgun start so we all finished around the same time!! After golf, we had lunch, won door prizes and enjoyed social time!!



Thanks to those who support our events!!

Wendi Wiley

Events Coordinator

Oakdale Court #150

During the summer months, the members of Oakdale Court continued to participate in Amaranth activities for Supreme Council, Grand Court and our own Court.

Members provided transportation from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport to the Wyndham Grand Hotel for those attending Supreme Council and then took them back to the airport for their return flights. This was accomplished with the assistance of drivers from Steele City DeMolay. Tammy Tomascin, RM, arranged this as a fundraiser for the Court and it was very successful.

At Supreme Council, SK Scott Krall, PGRP was installed as Deputy Supreme Royal Patron and we were given a petition for the niece of Jason Craig, a speaker during the Informal Opening of Supreme Assembly.

In early August, HL Shelley Krall chaired a horse race to benefit the Grand Court Charity Project. This event was well attended and the most successful horse race to date.

Amaranth wasn't the only activity keeping our members busy this summer. Many Oakdale Court members are active in Pennsylvania Rainbow and fifteen of our members attended Grand

Assembly in Altoona. Some were active participants and others were there to show their support for our youth.

Oakdale Court is proud to congratulate HL Helen Snedden, PRM and Supreme Inspector in Pennsylvania, on her appointment as Supreme Service for the ensuing term.

V. Lynne Engleka, GR, Court Reporter

Youth Organizations

Pennsylvania Rainbow

Dearest Amaranth Friends,

Hello! My name is Jeanette Remaly and I am Pennsylvania Rainbow's Grand Worthy Advisor for 2024-2025.

This year I challenge Pennsylvania Rainbow to “Escape the Ordinary,” which is my motto. This is not a one-time event but a continuous journey. It requires a willingness to step out of our comfort zones, explore the unknown, and embrace change. My mascot is

Scooby Doo, who is an excellent example of how to “Escape the Ordinary.” Scooby often is frightened but he “Escapes the Ordinary,” to help his friends solve the mystery.

My colors are “For Real Teal” and “K-9 Corral.” The symbols are Disco Balls, Lava Lamps, and Peace Signs. My flower is the Daisy. The song is “Shining Star” by Earth, Wind, and Fire. My bible verse is 2 Timothy 1:7 “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” Rainbow is getting ready for a groovy year as the theme is inspired by 70’s Disco.

In addition to our state charity, “My Stuff Bags,” I have chosen this year’s charity as The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in honor of my life long best friend, Nour. In her mid-teens she was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia which is a genetic, progressive neuromuscular disease. The MDA raises money for people who have neuromuscular diseases. Any money the MDA



raises goes to research, treatments, technology, and to support families who are affected. If you are interested in donating to this charity and would like this year's state pin, (which is a super cute alien in a rainbow spaceship) please feel free to find me at any event. The pin is \$5 and all proceeds go to the MDA, which I also accept extra donations for.

I challenge everyone reading this to “Escape the Ordinary.” You might just discover something about yourself you never knew!

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Jeanette Remaly, Grand Worthy Advisor 2024-2025

Job's Daughters

The Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund is a not-for-profit charity incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska and registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt charity.

The HIKE Fund is the continuing philanthropic project of Job's Daughters International. It is fully staffed by unpaid volunteers from throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of the Fund is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing losses between the ages of newborn and twenty years whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially. An estimated 100 children are provided with hearing devices each year. Pennsylvania Job's Daughters is actively involved with our philanthropy.

Last year our Daughter HIKE coordinator, Delaney Stains, raised over \$3,100.00 by having a “History HIKE “walk around Gettysburg and “penny wars” between the Bethels in Pennsylvania. Our HIKE Daughter coordinator, Alexys Scott continued the “penny wars” this year and was able to raise over \$3,300.00 for our charity. At our annual Supreme Session in Omaha, Nebraska in July, it was announced



that Aleyxs was the top daughter Internationally to raise funds this year. We are extremely proud of Aleyxs and everyone who supported her project.

Our 2024-2025 Daughter HIKE coordinator will be announced during our formal opening ceremony at Rally on August 24, 2024. The Daughter selected had to complete an application including why they wanted to be our Daughter HIKE Coordinator and list a few projects they would like to host during the upcoming year. Watch for the update on which Pennsylvania Job's Daughter will be our HIKE representative and kindly support her projects.

HL Melinda K Culp
Jurisdictional Guardian Pennsylvania Job's Daughters



Upcoming Events

September 27-29

Elizabethtown Weekend

September 28 – School of Instruction (Balloting,
Initiation)

October 17-19 – Grand Court of North Carolina

October 26 – Grand Conductress Luncheon

November 9 – Grand Associate Conductress Homecoming

November 16 – Grand Associate Matron /
Grand Associate Patron Luncheon

December 7 – Grand Royal Matron / Grand Royal Patron
Luncheon

OFFICIAL VISITS

September 26 – William A. Knecht Memorial Court #144

October 10 – Lancaster Court #70

October 11 – Corinthian Court #35

October 12 – Jeannette Court #25

October 14 – Pound Party, Dorothy Lim Memorial
Court#110

October 15 – Dorothy Lim Memorial Court #110
CT/NY Friendship Exchange

October 28 – Amy F. Schmidt Memorial Court

November 1 – Oakdale Court #150

November 2 – Farrell Court #120

November 20 – Sarah E. Collins Court #86

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