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Celebrating Life



Four months into my GRM year with two Official Visits completed. Supreme Council was even more exciting being there as GRM and with my son Howard and so many Go-Getters from various states. It was made even more special as I presented HL Emily's carry piece to her for her Coronation walk. She looked like a beautiful princess.

I was excited to represent Grand Court of PA at the installation of the Order of the Eastern Star, giving remarks that reflected our need for teamwork. Their Grand Chapter ran at the same time as our Supreme Council, so I got home in time to make it to their installation. Enjoyed my time at Rainbow Grand Assembly. HL Deb Kehr and I were there for the entire assembly and it was beautiful. The girls did a fantastic job, had some fun, initiated six girls and installed new officers and adult leaders and our SK Karl Forsberg was installed to the Board. It was also a pleasure to attend the meeting, installation and luncheon of the DeMolay along with SK Howard. Christopher Misko did a fantastic job as all the guys did.

I will plan to visit Job's Daughters as their summer function is at the same time as VA, NJ, PA friendship weekend in Manassas, VA. Before long, it will be September and my calendar is filled for months but I know

that my travels will take me to see all of you with your smiles and hugs.

Don't forget to get your Kickoff for Charity cards from your Court Representative. Don't worry, if you purchase your cards after the season started, note the date and you get the first couple of games by default. Remember, Celebrate Life by putting a smile on your face, a song in your heart and dance your way to beautiful memories.

Love Always
Shirley Naulty, GRM

Hear That Thunder



Summer is surprisingly almost over as we approach through August when I write this. Over the summer I have been promoting the Grand Court Charities and spending time with family and vacationing.

After 2 official visits, 2 Grand Court visits and 2 Homecomings along with 8 grand officers that had to be installed before going to Supreme Council, we were rocking along.

Supreme Council in St. Louis, MO came up next at the end of June where HL Emily Moyer was installed as Supreme Royal Matron and SK Ernesto Sayo Jr. was installed as Supreme Royal Patron. It was a good time spent getting to meet up with the other GRMs & GRPs in person from other jurisdictions as well as the new supreme officers. As Fall comes in, I'll be coordinating the installation of 12 Supreme Officers in PA at some of our visits. We went to the PA DeMolay conference in July and were happy to see how the young men were doing.

As we get back to work this fall, we will have many more official visits, homecomings, E-Town weekend, the Ride & Dine charity event and don't forget the NFL Charity cards for those of you who are football people. Choose the wins and losses of either the Eagles, the Steelers or grab one for both teams and somewhere around Thanksgiving, I'll be releasing a playoff bracket for the post season.

Remember to get out there in the community and have fun and show everyone who we are. It's the best way to attract attention and gain new members. I'll see you in my travels. In closing: Let us all work together as a Thundering Herd as we stampede toward that day when Diabetes is just a memory!

Howard Naulty, GRP

Tales of the Sand Dollar

Here we are in August and where did the time go since my last article.



I want to thank those who attended my homecoming in May. It was a beautiful day. I attended the Homecoming for HL Linda as she takes her first step to the Throne. I was then off to Supreme Council, in St. Louis Missouri. What a wonderful day to see our own HL Emily Moyer crowned Supreme Royal Matron.

By the time you read this I will have attended Multi State in Manassas VA, Ride and Dine, The SAM/ SAP reception in Alexandria VA, The Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Victory Court, official visits and Elizabethtown weekend. Michael and I are busy working on our year and putting together officers, committee members and finishing touches on our Itinerary.

We hope you all will help us make our dreams come true and serve on a committee or as an officer, because together everyone achieves more. And if we do that for our beautiful order, we will have a strong Grand Court and find a cure for diabetes. Take time walking on the beach and listening to the waves. I hope to see you all on the Amaranth trail.

Remember B E A C H:

Believe **E**xemplify **A**chieve **C**harity **H**ospitality

In Amaranth Love and Service,
Melody Newhard-Kirk, GAM

The Grill Master Quarterly



Here we are in the middle of summer and we are getting ready for the busy fall Amaranth season. I hope that everyone has had a safe summer and had your fill of hamburgers and hot dogs. I hope your local courts took the opportunity to gather round the grill for some good food and fellowship. We at Lancaster Court #70 took advantage of a hot summer day for our picnic.

The summer has not been all fun and games, I was in attendance with many other PA Grand Officers for the Constitution of a brand-new court in New Jersey. My passenger princess and I are gearing up for the trip to Manassas Lodge in VA for their friendship weekend, always having a great time! For those who do not know, Lancaster Court #70 moved over the summer, as the Lancaster Masonic Center was sold. Our Court moved to Manheim Lodge, in Manheim PA.

I know that HL Melody is diligently working away on the business of our year, I don't know how she keeps it all straight.

Just a few friendly reminders about upcoming events, the GAP homecoming is 10/10/26 and will be at the new home of Lancaster Court #70, Manheim Lodge, 30 South Linden St., Manheim Pa 17545. Etown weekend is on 9/25-27/26 this year, always a good time. The GAM/GAP luncheon is on 11/21/26 at Oakryn Hall, Nottingham PA. I hope to see you all there! Don't forget to RSVP!

Hope to see you all soon, by the grill.

J Michael Stoner GAP

Stories from the Shoe Closet



The last few months have certainly been busy—and filled with opportunities for fellowship, friendship and fundraising for Amaranth!

In June, I had the pleasure of attending Supreme Council in St. Louis. It is always wonderful to reconnect with Amaranth friends from other Jurisdictions, share ideas rather than reinvent the wheel and celebrate the traditions that unite us.

July brought another special opportunity as I traveled to New Jersey to witness the Constitution of Clarksboro Court #55. It was exciting to witness such an important occasion and to see a new Court begin its journey.

Back home in Pennsylvania, our Ways and Means Committee has also been busy. Our Ways & Means Raffle is officially underway! Be sure to look for the committee's sign-up sheets at your September and October Court meetings. With four great meat packages up for grabs, we hope everyone will join in the fun and help make this fundraiser a success.

As summer winds down and our Courts return to their regular meetings, I look forward to seeing everyone throughout Pennsylvania. Thank you for your continued friendship, enthusiasm and support. There are plenty more stories to tell, and I'm looking forward to sharing them with you!

In Amaranth love and service,
Shelley Krall, GC



Seeds of Kindness

I hope everyone had a great summer and got a little time to relax, enjoy family and friends, and just recharge a bit. Now that we're moving into fall, it's a nice reminder that every season brings something new. A chance to grow, reflect, and appreciate the friendships that make the Order of the Amaranth so special.

Let's hang on to that summer warmth a little longer while we step into fall with kindness, caring, and hope. Sometimes it really is the small things—a smile, a helping hand, or a few encouraging words—that make the biggest difference. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and continuing to enjoy our time together.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall filled with friendship, joy, and plenty of good memories.

In Amaranth Love & Friendship

HL Linda Forsberg

Grand Associate Conductress

Lansdale Court #65

The month of September means we are getting back into our meetings with ours being the very first one. Our court was quiet through the summer, but lots were traveling.

Some of our members were able to attend Supreme Council in July to see HL Emily Moyer installed as Supreme Royal Matron!

In October, we will welcome HL Shirley Naulty, GRM and SK Howard Naulty, GRP on the occasion of their Official Visit to our court. There will be a dinner before the meeting at 6pm. The annual Boscov's Shopping Day is also coming up at the end of October. Many of our courts participate in this and it usually turns out to be a nice profit. Please support all the courts that take part. As we know this is an excellent way to shop for Christmas. We hope to see you all soon in our travels and please be safe.

In Amaranth Love,

Michelle Finisdore, PRM

Lancaster Court #70

Well, it is time for school and the continuation of a new Amaranth year. Lancaster Court is seeing a new year in many ways. We have not only new leaders but a new meeting place! We have moved from Lancaster to the Manheim Masonic Lodge, No.587, at 30 S. Linden Street, Manheim, Pa 17545. Another change for us is we will be meeting at 7:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Our temple in Lancaster was sold so we had to find a new home.

Please be sure to come to Manheim on October 10th for SK J. Michael Stoner's, GAP, Homecoming! We won't want you to miss a minute of this special event! Reservations with title and \$40.00 are due by September 26 to HL Kimberly Stoner, RM
26 West Chestnut Street, Quarryville, Pa 17566
We look forward to seeing you in Manheim in October!

Marlene Arnst,
Court Reporter

Amy F. Schmitt #104

In June we had a whooping wonderful time where we honored HL Linda Forsberg on her homecoming there were lots of sunflowers and cowgirl boots. We are proud of our new Grand Associate Conductress.

Our court had two swimming parties and picnic at the Keaton/Rodgers resort at our July picnic swim party with our friends where we had a wonderful time socializing and enjoying some good food.

Our August picnic and swimming party we will be doing a craft and will be welcoming the girls and some prospects from Morrisville Assembly #107, IORG. Our friendly way to bring our court together with our youth and future members we all hope. In September we will be having initiation where we will be initiating two new members. We are very excited and looking forward to welcoming these ladies we will also be having a rehearsal dinner to socialize with each other while enjoying a some good food a special time to relax before getting back to work.

HL Mary Ellen Griener
Court Reporter

Dr J.M. Hyson #106

Dr. J.M. Hyson Court #106 is very happy to announce that they gave their Scholarship this year to H.L. Roxlyn Maugans granddaughter Morgan and H.L. Marcia Longenecker's grandson Aiden.

On August 9 we also had our summer picnic at Pam and Doug's house this year. No one went away hungry with the large collection of covered dishes. There was also a large selection of desserts, I enjoyed the ice cream best. This was a good time for fellowship and everyone had a great time.

Donald Gladfelter
Court Reporter



Dorothy Lim Memorial Court #110

To celebrate summer, a pig roast was held at the Masonic Temple in Bartonsville. Four members of Dorothy Lim Court attended and had a great time.

We have received 3 petitions and will be excited to have initiation at the end of the year.

As mentioned previously, Monday, October 19, we will be holding our tailgate Pound Party—get into the football spirit! The next evening, Tuesday, October 29, will be our Grand Royal Matron's and Grand Royal Patron's Official visit, as well as Friendship night with visitors from Connecticut and New York.

By the time you read this, several members will have traveled to Manassas, Virginia on Friday, August 21st, for a Multi-state Friendship weekend. “Hawaiian attire is highly encouraged” ...this should be interesting! There will be a pork and chicken luau, games and fellowship. We are currently having our usual pot pie and dumpling sale with delivery in September.

Jan Jacobus, PRM
Court Reporter

William A. Knecht #144

Our Amaranth family stayed connected by holding a picnic this summer, dinner out at a different restaurant each month, and by working the annual Montour DeLong Fair making funnel cakes as a major fundraiser.

The beauty of the Order of the Amaranth is that our principles come alive through service. Every fundraiser, every visit to someone who is ill or lonely, every kind word every helping hand, and every moment we spend supporting our Court, or our community, is an opportunity to put our principles into action. Our continuing circle of service, friendship and love endures.

Kay Trick
Court Reporter

Victory Court #149

As our SRM, H.L. Emily travels the world we are so proud of her and all those that attend Supreme Council to be with her. The “Flock” (her traveling companions from Victory told her that she would never travel alone) is by her side, or in this case

behind her as Supreme Page H.L. Stacy and Supreme Crown Bearer H.L. Robin.

Currently there are 37 members traveling with her to Alaska; part of a land and sea cruise then on to the Grand Court in Anchorage. Pictures in the next article.

At the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown there was a **Masonic Group Day held** on Aug 12-13th where all the appendant bodies were represented. Amaranth members from Victory Court were Royal Patron H.L. Pat Dietrich along with our Grand Royal Matron H.L. Shirley Naulty and H.L. Mary Hoch, Grand Representative to Arkansas. Amaranth and Diabetes brochures were available describing those researchers we support and a synopsis of their research.



Thanks to all and safe travels wherever you may go.

Dianne Dean, PSRM
Court Reporter

Oakdale Court #150

Oakdale Court held their annual Bunco on Saturday August 15 at the Masonic Village at Sewickley. HL Jan Maier who lives at the Village arranged for the use of the activities room and provided the drinks, salad and dessert. HL Jennifer Rickert RP organized the event and served as MC during the Bunco.

Thirty-four people from across the state joined us and prizes were awarded for the Most Buncos, Most Wins and Most Losses. In addition to playing Bunco, chances were sold on sixteen baskets provided by the members of the Court. Those attending could also participate in a 50/50 drawing. HL Susan Patchin, PSRM won the 50/50 and donated over half the winnings back to the Court.

The event was successful, and planning has started for next year's event. If you were unable to attend this year, look for the flyer

for the 2027 Bunco. It is a wonderful afternoon of good food and fellowship with friends.

V. Lynne Engleka,
Court Reporter

Youth Organizations **Job's Daughters**

Pennsylvania Job's Daughters held their annual Rally at Patton Campus on August 21-23. Every new season brings new opportunities, and our youth group is stepping into an exciting season of growth, purpose, and renewed leadership. As new leaders take on their responsibilities, we look forward to building a stronger, more united, and more inspiring youth community.

With this new leadership comes a fresh vision. We want our youth group to be a place where young people can grow in confidence, develop their talents, build meaningful friendships, and make a positive difference in their community. Through activities, discussions, service projects, fellowship, and shared experiences, we hope to create opportunities for everyone to contribute.

Adult advisors are always needed to help with our Bethels at the local levels and on committees at the state level. You might find that your experience, talents and gifts can make a difference for our organization.

Our newly install adult leadership for 2026-2027:

Lisa Dingel, Jurisdictional Guardian

Zachary Boyer, Associate Jurisdictional Guardian

Sara Stains, Vice Jurisdictional Guardian

John Lucas, Vice Associate Jurisdictional Guardian

Stephaine Boyer, Jurisdictional Guardian Treasurer

Kim Mellinger, Jurisdictional Guardian Secretary



The Mary Etta Wright Jurisdictional Bethel installed their new officers and representatives for 2026-2027 during Rally. They will be hosting the Supreme Team of Job's Daughters International and holding their first meeting during their fall

weekend at Patton Campus November 20-22. Invites will be sent mid-September. We hope you can join us for a portion or all of the weekend.

If you would like to find a Bethel near you or for more information, go <https://paiojd.org>.

Lisa Dingel, JG

Rainbow

Hello! My name is Piper Anke, and I'm Grand Worthy Advisor for PA Rainbow this year. I'm a rising junior at Seton Hill University, pursuing degrees in Musical Theatre and Spanish. I also serve as a student ambassador, Honors College member, and Student Theatre Activities Council secretary.

My Rainbow journey began when I was very young. With strong Masonic ties, my family encouraged me to get involved. Although my mother and grandmother were Job's Daughters and hoped I would follow that path, the nearest Bethel was too far away. A family friend, Miss Janice Decker, suggested Pennsylvania Rainbow. I joined the Crystal Hearts Pledge Group in Irwin and quickly fell in love with the order. I was initiated in April 2017, the day before my first Patton weekend. Though nervous to be away from home, I felt supported by Miss Stacey, my assembly sisters, and older girls who guided me and inspired me.

My Grand Worthy Advisory journey began as Worthy Advisor of Irwin Assembly #42 and continued through several grand offices, including Grand Representative to Hawaii, Grand Immortality, Grand Love, Grand Faith, and Grand Hope. Along the way, Rainbow sisters and advisors guided me, helped me grow, and gave me friendships that feel like family.

When I ran for this office, I wanted a theme that reflected Rainbow's impact on my life. I kept coming back to



one word: **sisters**. We grow, work, laugh, cry, and stand by one another. Our sisterhood continues long after we become majority members. My hope this year is to celebrate that bond by welcoming new sisters, inviting majority members back, and strengthening the connections we share.

For these reasons, Pennsylvania Rainbow's motto this year is "Forever a Sister." My theme, inspired by my work as a princess performer in Pittsburgh, is Disney's *Frozen*. While training for one princess, I noticed how the story's themes echoed Rainbow's lessons of love, faith, service, hope, and charity.

In *Frozen*, sisters **Anna** and **Elsa**, with help from **Olaf**, **Kristoff**, and **Sven**, discover that one of the truest forms of love is the love between sisters.

My colors are **Blizzard Blue** and **Royal Raspberry**, representing Anna and Elsa. My symbols are **snowflakes** and **reindeer**; my flower is the crocus, Arendelle's winter-blooming flower. My Bible verse is Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, my mascot is **Olaf**, and my song is "You've Got a Friend" by Carole King.

Along with our state charity, My Stuff Bags, I have chosen to support the National PKU Alliance. PKU, or phenylketonuria, is a metabolic disorder with no cure, requiring lifelong management. This cause is close to my heart because my best friend lives with PKU.

An estimated 13,800 people in the United States live with PKU—about 1 in 25,000 births. Because it is rare, PKU receives limited attention and funding. The National PKU Alliance supports research, treatment advances, education, and resources for people with PKU and their caregivers.

This year, I'll sell pins and accept donations to support the NPKUA's mission to improve lives, expand research, and pursue a cure. I hope to raise awareness for this little-known disorder and help those affected by it.

I look forward to serving Pennsylvania Rainbow this year and celebrating the connection that makes us "Forever a Sister."

In Rainbow Love,
Piper Anke
Grand Worthy Advisor 2026-2027

DeMolay

Pennsylvania DeMolay is a youth leadership organization for young men ages 12–21, focused on leadership, service, character, and brotherhood. Through chapter activities, community service, and statewide events, DeMolay helps young men develop skills and friendships that last a lifetime. Pennsylvania DeMolay has 18 chapters through the state with nearly 300 members.

At our Pennsylvania DeMolay Convention in Reading in July, Logan Johnston of Steel City Chapter was elected State Master Councilor. We congratulate Logan and look forward to his leadership this year. Pennsylvania DeMolay sincerely appreciates the support and friendship of the Amaranth and all those who help provide opportunities for our young men to grow and succeed.

DeMolay also offers a program to boys between the aged of 9-11, called Squires. This program is based on the traditions and values of King Arthur and his court – very similar to our Honorable Ladies and Sir Knights of Amaranth. We would love to explore the opportunity to collaboration between the organizations.

If you know a young man that would like to become a member or you would like to become and advisors go to pademolay.org and click on Get Involved.

Mike Larkin
Pennsylvania DeMolay
Executive Officer