



# Grand Council Gazette

Seventh Edition of the Grand Council Gazette

Lady LaDonna Seger, Grand High Priestess



**Happy Holidays  
And Happy New Year  
From**



**The Grand Executive Board**

*Believe*





You know summer is over when the neighborhood kids are back in school and school buses come up and down your street. It is an exciting time of the year for the children. I was able to visit the Memorial for the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995 when I was there for the Mid States Unit Meet. This was my fourth visit to the Memorial. It still is an emotional visit. There were many children killed in the bombing. I ponder how the children should be able to be "kids" and free to play like all of the other children.

It makes me feel good when I think about what Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America does for the Shriner Children's Hospitals and Outpatient Clinics for Children. Children come to the hospitals and Outpatient Clinics with hope and leave with a smile and better physical body than when they first arrived. Some of the children go through years of treatment and multiple surgeries so they can be like the other kids. The kids who come to the Shriners Children's are not like other kids, they are SPECIAL - they are Shriner Kids forever.

Our Courts work hard to provide funds and items to the various Shriners Children's facilities through the many different fund raisers. I encourage you to visit a Shriners Children's hospital or outpatient clinic. You will not be the same as when you go in then coming out you will understand WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!!! We each are needed to make our wonderful Organization successful. Success for the Organization and Courts means success for Shriners Children's. Make a commitment to be more active in your Court meetings and events.

I want to thank the Courts I have visited for their Official Visits. It was a wonderful, interesting, and fun journey. I am looking forward to visiting the remaining Courts.

Butterfly Hugs and Paddington Bear Love,  
Lady LaDonna Seger  
Grand High Priestess

### ***Sunshine Unit Meet***



Lady LaDonna,  
GHP,  
Not only the  
Grand High  
Priestess,  
She is also the  
Chief for the  
YMCA

**Lady Roberta Ensor  
Grand Associate Princess**

Hello Ladies! This has been a busy year for my Class, Roberta's Rising Phoenix's, both within our Courts and in our Class. Our monthly Zoom Meetings have given us a chance to get to know each other, handle class business and learn. Each month we cover a different topic. We have delved into building Agendas and Budgets, discussed Roberts' Rules of Order, explored the Bylaws and Ritual, the Book of Instructions, Honorary Aides, Audits and making Amendments. In doing this, we are preparing to be the best High Priestesses we can be and I am continuing to learn new things right alongside my Ladies.

I loved getting to see all the Ladies from all the Courts at Grand Council, Imperial and at the Unit Meets. The hugs really brightened my day and the shenanigans kept me on my toes! For my Class and all our Courts, I hope you continue to spend time getting to know each other and form strong friendships. I also hope you continue to form strong partnerships and teams within your Courts, strengthening communication and friendships. In the coming year remember to take time to use your imagination and have fun. Keep your light shining bright to guide yourself and others, and most of all continue to learn and grow. Let us together, celebrate our remarkable uniqueness.

With Phoenix love and a warm Dragon hug,  
Lady Roberta, Grand Associate Princess  
Roberta's Rising Phoenix



***I made myself a snowball, as perfect as could be,  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet, and let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pajamas, and a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away, but first, it wet the bed!***

**Lady Valarie Byrd  
Grand 1st Ceremonial Lady**

***Seasons Greetings from your Grand First Ceremonial Lady,***

I pray that everyone has had a blessed 2024. I know I am beyond blessed.

This year, my daughter, Lady Bailay Byrant and her husband, blessed me with my fifth grandchild, Ophealia Rose. She is just perfect.

I also, have had the opportunity to travel some with Lady LaDonna, Grand High Priestess, I will treasure the memories we made together. She is such an amazing Lady, with a very big heart for doing what she truly enjoys.

With Unit Meets wrapping up, I sure hope everyone was able to attend at least one. I was able to attend two this year. Being able to be among our members and my First Ceremonial Ladies made my attendance truly rewarding. Thanks to all who showed me such wonderful hospitality during my visits. I love visiting and being surrounded by the fantastic ladies of our order. I was honored to be the Grand Directress for Mid-States Unit Meet this year for the hostess Court, Rehema No. 109, Oklahoma City, OK. This Court has only been a court for four short years, they capitalized on hosting MSUM and I must say they knocked it out of the park. Congratulations, Rehema Court for taking on the many challenges of hosting a Unit Meet.

To my beloved First Ceremonial Ladies, it has indeed been a pleasure getting to know each of you a little better on our monthly ZOOM calls. If you are a First Ceremonial Lady in your Court and are not attending these monthly ZOOM meetings, please reach out to either me at (918)693-4375 or email: [grandhawk2728@gmail.com](mailto:grandhawk2728@gmail.com) or our Class Secretary, Lady Carol Schulz, (216)389-3759 or email: [carolmschulz@gmail.com](mailto:carolmschulz@gmail.com). We have been having quarterly Business Meetings and then Social Meetings in between the business meeting. We meet the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 P.M. CST. Please try to join our meetings if you haven't already or have not attended one recently.

*I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
May 2024 end with lasting memories and good cheer  
and the beginning of 2025, be full of rewarding blessing.*

Hawk Hugs and Cheshire Cat Smiles,  
Lady Valarie Byrd, Grand First Ceremonial Lady,  
PHP Aaba Court No. 4, Tulsa, OK





**Lady Kim Cook**  
**Grand 2nd Ceremonial Lady**



Greetings from the Grand Second Ceremonial Lady, Lady Kim Cook. I am so excited to be asked to provide some information on the Salty Anchor Crew! We have a great group of Anchors across the US, Canada & Mexico. We are receiving new Crew members all the time.

Welcome to our newest member, Lady Kirsten Andersen from Zem Zem Court #85, Lake Worth, FL. She is going to be a great addition to our Crew. I have also heard that we may be getting another Crew member from Alaska.

If you are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Lady of your Court and we have not spoken, please reach out to me. I would love to talk and get to you know you better. I am always just a phone call/text/email away. We have a Facebook page and we are always share cute pictures of cows, goats, donkeys and more! Let me know if you are a 2<sup>nd</sup> CL and you are not on the page, so we can add you. You can also reach out to our Crew President, Lady Gwen Keller from Dendarah Court No. 10. We also use our Facebook page to keep everyone up to date on Sunshine and other information.

I was able to attend Mid-States Unit Meet this year in Oklahoma City, OK. I met 4 more of my Salty Crew! I stayed and traveled with Lady LaDonna, GHP to two Courts and was able to meet another member of our Salty Crew! I am so thankful for each of you and can't wait to meet y'all face to face and not over the phone or in a little square box via Zoom!

We will start our Zoom socials again after the first of the year. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the evening time. Be on the lookout for an email from Lady Gwen for that information. I look forward to seeing what the next few years bring!

Salty Kisses & Pirate Hugs  
Lady Kim Cook  
Grand Second Ceremonial Lady



***The Best Present***

- The best present in the world, can't be bought at the mall.*
- The best present in the world, isn't a bike or ball.*
- The best present in the world, can't be caught like some bugs.*
- The best present in the world, is simply a loving hug.*



Submitted by  
Lady Sandy Newby, PGHP



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**"HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN"**

FROM DENMARK TO MEXICO CITY



Lady Pia Frandsen from Demark, a member of Nefertiti Court No.84, and her husband, Noble Sven Bremer, High Priest and Prophet of Emirat Temple, travelled to Mexico City recently to visit the Shriners Children's Hospital and make a donation to the Casa @ Family House.

They met Lady Norma Gurza, P.H.P., Sekhmet Court No. 111 and her husband, illustrious Sir Billy, P.P. of Anezh Shrine Temple, along with other Ladies and Nobles of Sekhmet and Anezh. Lady Pia said they were "spoiled" by their new friends. Lady Pia joined Sekhmet Court while there.



Lady Pia, Noble Sven and illust. Sir Wilhelm "Billy" Neizer.



Lady Pia & Noble Sven



Ladies ---- Pia, Alma and Norma and their husbands



Lady Pia, Noble Sven and Dr. Marian Gonzales, Hospital Administrator



The Ladies of Sekhmet, Lady Pia & Grand Tall Cedar Gabriel Nishizawa



Lady Pia, Noble Sven and Fezzy get to know one another!



Somehow not only for 🎄 Christmas  
 But all the long year through,  
 The joy 🎁 that you give to others  
 Is the joy that comes back to you.  
 And the more you spend in 🙌 blessing  
 The 🦌 poor and lonely and sad,  
 The more of your ❄️ heart's possessing  
 Returns 🌟 to make you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 – 1892)

Submitted by  
Lady Jan Hiebert, PGHP

For the 8th year in a row Arami Court #101 entered their "secret" recipe chili in the Wichita Wagon-master's Chili Cookoff, held annually in downtown Wichita, KS. The chili is prepared and served by numerous Ladies of the Court in the "Charities" division. Set up is at 5:30 a.m. with prizes announced at 3:30 p.m. The event began with in excess of 50 gallons of chili. Two lines were set up to ladle chili into 2 oz. cups as quickly as physically possible. The event draws approximately 10,000 attendees. (Yes, those are boat paddles being used to stir the chili.) It's a great way to get LOS in public view. Purple was the color of the day as the Ladies and the "Trailers" were all decked out in purple shirts and the tables were covered in purple. For the fourth time the judges awarded a prize to Arami Ct. - this year, 3rd place which garnered \$250. Plus, Kroger/Dillons awarded a prize of \$50 for the display of Kroger/Dillons products. Another super year for our prize winning chili!



**Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America**  
**Mission Statement**

*Promotes fun fraternal fellowship and  
philanthropic endeavors supporting  
Shriners Hospitals for Children  
and community-based charities.*



Submitted by  
Lady Jan Hiebert, GT1-Y, PGHP

Arami Court #101 of Wichita, KS recently hosted their annual Trash Bag Show. This year the theme was "Horror Show". About 140 guests attended.

The evening started with a unique, gourmet meal complete with themed appetizers and dinner. The food tables were decorated with skeletons, spiders and other "scary" things. Check out the photos.

Dinner included, among other things, homemade chicken pot pie complete with chicken feet popping out of the crust, a molded jello ring embedded with dentures, and skeleton head cakes. It was a delicious and amazing spread!

After dinner the guests were entertained by a myriad of LOS members, Potentate, Past Potentates, Divan members and Rainbow Girls who modeled their "spooky" fashions made of trash bags. There were some very creative costumes. "Maleficent", our very own Lady "Phil," was the first place winner. The Queen of Hearts and the traffic cone was also winners.

Finally, there were quite a few opportunity-to-win Halloween-themed baskets which were donated by units and individuals.

All in all, it was one of our best fundraisers (big money). It was a "howling" good time!









# Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America

<https://www.ladiesorientalshrine.org>



Please take some time to go on the website for more LOSNA Information

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Grand Council Session 2025

May 18 - 24, 2025

Kansas City, Missouri

Hosted by Tarrara Court No. 83

### Grand Council Session 2026

May 10 - 16, 2026

Orlando, Florida

Hosted by Kismet Court No. 86

## 2025 Unit Meets

### WAOUM - Western Area Organized Unit Meet

September 18 - 20, 2025

### GLUM - Great Lakes Unit Meet

September 26 - 28, 2025

### MEUM - Mideast Unit Meet

October 3 - 4, 2025

### MSUM - Mid-States Unit Meet

October 17 - 19, 2025

### SSUM - Sunshine Unit Meet

October 30 - November 1, 2025



# ***Grand Council Silent Auction***

## ***Request for Donations***

***Kansas City, Missouri***  
***Monday Night May 19, 2025***

This Silent Auction has been an ongoing and very profitable fundraiser for our Grand Council General Fund. As in the past, we would be very happy and thankful to receive any and all donations to this project from our very talented and giving ladies.

Should you wish to offer an item to the Silent Auction please contact me, Lady Jan Hiebert, GT1Y, PGHP, at her email: [grandexplorer@att.net](mailto:grandexplorer@att.net) with details of what the item is, and how it will be transported to Grand Council, and when it will arrive. Should the item need to be shipped, we have Grand Officers willing to receive them and drive them to Kansas City, MO, saving the receiving charge from the convention hotel.

As always, the members of your Grand Executive Board of Directors look forward to seeing our ladies at Grand Council and working with them to ensure the future of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America.

More information will be in the next Grand Gazette.



Ladies, We would like to share your special events with everyone also. Please let us know if you have events, with pictures, you want to share.

Please forward them to me at [diane.wehmeyer2@gmail.com](mailto:diane.wehmeyer2@gmail.com)

or

Lady Valarie Byrd at [grandhawk2728@gmail.com](mailto:grandhawk2728@gmail.com).



# Dendarah Court No. 10 111<sup>th</sup> Ceremonial January 24 – 25, 2025



Yellow Tassel 1/24/2025    Ceremonial 1/25/2025    Formal Dinner 1/25/2025

### Holiday Inn and Suites

2735 Carronade Dr., Perrysburg, OH 43551

Hotel Reservation Deadline 12/23/2024

Call: 567-331-8900 Request rooms blocked for Dendarah Court (Code: DendarahJan25)

Book Online at: [DendarahJan25](https://www.holidayinn.com) IHG.com (Holiday Inn Express – South Perrysburg)

Standard King or Double Queen \$139    King Suite \$169

### Yellow Tassel

1/24/2025    \$50.00    No Fez    Social 6:00 p.m.    Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Plated dinner - Choice of Fettuccine Alfredo w/ chicken or Fettuccine Marinara w/ meatballs  
House Salad, Cake, Coffee, Iced Tea  
Vegetarian or Gluten Free available

### Saturday Lunch

1/25/2025    \$30.00    Soup and Salad, Cookies, Coffee, Iced Tea

### Formal Dinner

1/25/2025    \$55.00    No Fez    Social 6:00 p.m.    Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Plated dinner – Choice of London Broil or Bourbon Glazed Salmon  
Spring Salad, Green Beans, Red Skin Potatoes, Brownies, Coffee, Iced Tea  
Vegetarian or Gluten Free available

### LaDonna's Paladins

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name and Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ US/Canada

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow Tassel: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Fettuccine Alfredo w/chicken \_\_\_\_\_ or Fettuccine Marinara 2/meatballs \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Formal Dinner: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ London Broil \_\_\_\_\_ or Bourbon Glazed Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Food restrictions (including Vegetarian and GF) \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Lady Alaina Graves, 1<sup>st</sup> CL c/o Jennifer Bickford, 1214 Caldwell Rd., Bradner, OH 43406  
alaina\_2314@yahoo.com    419-494-2885    Reservation deadline 1/8/2025

Check payable to: Dendarah Court No. 10

Attested by:



*LaDonna K. Seger*

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Lady LaDonna Seger, GHP

*Janet Larson*

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Lady Janet Larson, GR, PGHP