



*GOLDEN STATE NEWSLETTER
GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA
ORDER OF THE AMARANTH*

2024 November Edition

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SERENITY COURT

Happy Holidays everyone

Our November 19th meeting will be a busy night- it will be our Advance night. HL Joji Sayo GAM and SK JD Hammett GAP will be there Reveal their officers from Serenity Court for their year. WE will be having a Friendsgiving Meals – if you are Planning on coming, we **Absolutely need a RSVP** to HL Rebecca Darrow email: darrowrebecca@yahoo.com or phone cell 310 p23-6200 text ok. Cost of the meal is \$10.00

We will be meeting on the 3rd of December, that will be our Christmas Meeting. Holiday colors. There will be a meal, cost \$10.00.

We are in the process of planning an AXE Throwing event with more details to follow.

On March 29, 2025, Golden Crown and Serenity are having their Installations at Beach Cities Lodge 1535 Artesia Blvd Manhattan Beach, CA . Golden Crown will be in the morning and Serenity in the afternoon and a refreshment between the Two Installation.

HL Rebecca Darrow PRM Serenity Court #25

California Amaranth Golden State Newsletter

Article Guidelines The deadline is the 15th of each month preceding the date of issue for news items and photographs.

I begin working on the newsletter immediately. **NO LATE ARTICLES.**

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(Please do not include pictures in the body
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GOLDEN CROWN

Greetings from Golden Crown Court!

Happy Fall Y'all!

In September at the Queen Christina, Golden Crown member HL Rondel Bezner, Grand Conductress, announced that her selection for Grand Associate Patron is none other than Golden Crown' member SK Connor Bezner. How exciting to have this young and enthusiastic member chosen for this honor! We know that both HL Rondel and SK Connor will be working together for the good of Amaranth promoting fun and enthusiasm for Grand Court.

Congratulations HL Rondel and SK Connor!



A very special congratulations to our member, HL Beki Lane, who is Grand Guardian for California Job's Daughters International. Several members attended her October reception in Buena Park. She's out of this world and we are so proud of all she has accomplished leading JDI in 2024.

Golden Crown held its annual advance night on September 19th. Our advancing officers performed beautifully, and we are so proud of them. Golden Crown Court will be in very capable hands for our 2025-2026 year! At that same meeting HL Joji, GAM and SK JD, GAP announced Golden Crown's HLs and SKs who will be part of their 2025 Believers Grand Family.

Congratulations all!

Our November meeting will be held on November 21st with 6:30pm potluck and 7:30pm meeting. Fall colours are encouraged and bring canned food for The Midnight Mission.

Join us at Christmas Is on December 8th at Citrus College. Everyone is welcome to attend. Reach out to our Court Secretary SK JD Hammett to purchase your tickets. Also, our Global Greetings Fundraiser is in full swing this month. If you would like to purchase a greeting, please reach out to any of our members. Deadline to purchase greeting is November 25.

Thank you to everyone who supported Step Out Walk in Long Beach on October 26. It's so great to be together in the community bringing awareness to ADF and having fun!!

November Events

11/7 Golden Crown Court Zoom 8:00 pm

11/21 Golden Crown Court Meeting

7:30 pm "Thanksgiving" - Bring canned food.

ALL MONTH- Global Greetings purchase

See you soon!



EUREKA COURT

*“Always be a first-rate version of yourself, rather than a second rate version of someone else.”
Judy Garland*

Greetings Honored Ladies and Sir Knights of Eureka Court and California Order of the Amaranth.

Welcome to Fall. Soon we will be back to standard time. Then we will all have to adjust our inner clocks. And just maybe the heat may finally be gone for the year.

Eureka Court had a successful Official Visit. The two-day event is one that we look forward to each year. Beginning on Tuesday evening September 24, we invited friends and members of Amaranth to join us on the Madaket Sunset Cruise of Humboldt Harbor. It was well attended as in the past. Grand Royal Matron Cindi Tabrisky and Grand Royal Patron Elmer Grospe and their traveling companions joined our local members. Even though the fog decided to join the cruise a fun time was had by all. Cindi remarked that she had been waiting two years to enjoy this adventure. She missed the year that her husband was here, and he raved about it.

On Wednesday, our regular meeting night was full. After practice and brief snacks everyone joined us in the Lodge Room. In addition to the Official Visit of the Grand Officers, it was also an initiation for Salena Glass. What a great experience for her to be initialed with several Grand Officers and even one Supreme Officer assisting in the ceremonies. Serving as pro-tem officers for the Initiation were GRM Cindi at Conductress, GRP Elmer at Prelate, Leslie Routt as Associate Matron, Lito Viray as Musician, and Supreme Faith as Faith. Grand Truth sat as Truth and Grand Page was Marshal in the West. Our own PGRM Donna Kennard was Marshal in the East. What a special lineup of officers.

Following the ceremonies of the Initiation, Special Escort was held with the following honored guests: Grand Royal Matron H.L. Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Patron S.K. Elmer Grospe. Appointed Supreme Officer H.L. Susan Amersehii, Supreme Faith Past Grand Royal Matrons and Patrons – H.L. Leslie Routt, H.L. Donna Kennard, S.K. Lito Viray Grand Truth H.L. Norma Viray, Grand Page H.L. Anna Leah Grospe H.L. Liz Lorig, Deputy Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Tricia Coombs, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

Our next meeting October 23rd will be Advance Night, with H.L. Joji Sayo, Grand Associate Royal Matron. The Elected Officers will advance to the Office they will be holding during the next Grand Year. Jo Anna Matlock will be doing the work as Royal Matron, and Michael Biesen as Royal Patron. We hope many of our members will be present for this event. H.L. Joji may share some of her thoughts for her Grand Year. We are ready and happy to get this meeting behind us. Whew!

Looking Forward:

November 20th – Our Thanksgiving meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, as per our By Laws. We know that many of our members will be preparing for their own family gatherings. On the date of our normal meeting. At our Oct meeting we will be talking about plans for Thanksgiving with more information to follow.

December 18th – Again, for December we will hold our meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, as we think some of you (or most or all of you) will want to be with your families and not on the highways. The 4th Wednesday is Christmas Day. We will have some discussions at the October meeting for details. Come with ideas of fun, food and frolic,

Also, begin looking forward to Grand Court. It will be just around the corner after our December meeting. It will be held in Visalia this year. Have you started to make your plans to meet in Visalia in February? Details from Grand Court should be coming out soon, so get your plans made.

Eureka Court is always open and welcoming of any members who wish to join us. And new members will be welcomed with open arms. If you find yourself moving into the northern area of the state, we are here for you. And if you find yourself traveling in this area, just reach out and get information to visit. We always enjoy visitors. Contact any member for information. Enjoy the fresh ocean air in Eureka/Arcata. HL Margaret Richmond is Royal Matron and Elizabeth Carter-Lorig is Secretary.

Respectively Submitted. HL Kathy Smith, Scribe.

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.



MISSION BELL COURT

The 7th Official Visit of Honored Lady Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Elmer Grospe, Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of California Order of the Amaranth last October 11, 2024 at Mission Bell Court No.156 held in Evergreen Masonic Center at Riverside, CA. With H.L. Sorrelle Williams, Royal Matron and S.K. Mark St. John, Royal Patron, Supreme Officers, Grand Officers, Honored Ladies and Sir Knights.



Honored Ladies and Sir Knights Order of the Amaranth at the 80th birthday celebration of Honored Lady Erlinda Aglubat, Deputy Grand Royal Matron of Beehive-Sacramento Court No.85 with her family and friends at Pat O'Brien Community Center in Sacramento, CA last October 12,2024.



GRAND ROYAL MATRON, H.L. CINDI TABRISKY

HL's and SK's,

Joe and I are honored and blessed to have you all in our lives. May this holiday season bring love to your heart, health to your body, peace and joy to your home and time with family and friends throughout this holiday season.

TTFN and always remember to "always be humble and kind" Tim McGraw
HL Cindi Tabrisky, GRM 2024



GRAND ROYAL PATRON, S.K. ELMER GROSPPE

Honored Lady Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Elmer Grospe, Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of California Order of the Amaranth at the One Hundred Fiftieth Annual Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star "Shine Like the Stars" Legacy Tour on October 16,2024 held at Visalia Convention Center in Visalia, CA.



On September 24, 2024, Eureka Court No. 109 Order of the Amaranth sponsored a Madaket Harbor Cruise and tour around Eureka, CA.



Official Visit of Honored Lady Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Elmer Grospe, Grand Royal Patron at Eureka Court No. 109 Order of the Amaranth held at Six Rivers Masonic Temple in Arcata, CA on September 25, 2024. With H.L. Margaret Richmond, Royal Matron and S.K. Michael Biesen, Royal Patron, Supreme Officers, Grand Officers, Honored Ladies and Sir Knights. We initiated and welcomed H.L. Salena Glass to the Order of the Amaranth. Celebrated September birthday celebrants H.L. Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron and H.L. Anna Leah Grospe, Grand Page.



Grand Court of California Order of the Amaranth Queen Christina Gala at Los Angeles Zoo last September 28, 2024. Congratulations to S.K. Connor Bezner, Royal Patron of Golden Crown Court No.2 who was the "Chosen One" of H.L. Rondel Bezner, Grand Conductress who will accompany her to the throne for the Amaranthine year 2026-2027. We also celebrated the birthday of S.K. JD Hammett, Past Supreme Royal Patron and Grand Associate Patron of California.



Grand Associate Matron

I can't believe the year is almost over. Where did the time go? It is surely true that time flies when you are having so much fun. Indeed, we are having a lot of fun attending the GRM's OV and Advance Nights of various Courts.

As for the Advance Nights, so far, we have attended the Golden Crown and Candlelight Courts and soon the Eureka Court on Oct. 23rd (before this article is published). It is a privilege and honor for us as Grand Line Officers to be invited by the Subordinate Courts to witness the line Officers performing their duties as the Advancing Officer. Our role as Grand Officers is there to support and help in every way we can if assistance is needed

As mentioned in my previous article, SK JD and I have been using the Advance Night as our platform to announce the 2025-2026 Grand Officers and Committee Members belonging to the respective courts. We are just overwhelmed with joy and filled with gratitude knowing that we have such dedicated and supportive Members, and for that I must say that the California Grand Court will continue to thrive for as long as we have the love for our members and our beautiful Order. Working together as a TEAM we will accomplish our goals and continue our quest to fight diabetes.

The month of November has one of the most important Holidays to celebrate, the Thanksgiving Day. It's the time to reflect among ourselves that we must be thankful for all the blessings that God bestow upon us. These precious gifts are: the gift life, our health, our families, our home and so many countless blessings. "THANK YOU GOD"
Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, from our family to yours.

Let love, kindness and compassion dictate our actions and help this world become a better place to live.

With Amaranth love,

HL Joji R. Sayo, GAM





Grand Associate Patron – SKJD Hammett

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON

Hello HEs and SKs!

It won't be long now until we gather around our tables with family and friends and give thanks for all of our daily blessings.

As we approach Thanksgiving season let us recall all of the blessings that we have received and all the things that we offer in thanks. Take the time to think about all you have been blessed with and I know you will be surprised how long this list will be. I know I am thankful for the Order of the Amaranth. Our beautiful Order has given me a family that is irreplaceable. I give thanks for each of you and how you have enriched my life since our paths have crossed.

Thank you for your continued acts of kindness toward me and the members of the Order. Isn't it really easy to be kind? You don't know how you may impact a person with your random act of kindness. There's a blessing that you can count that you are a kind and caring person that shares kindness. Thank you all for being you and for all you do for our members and our Order.

Let's see what other things I can be thankful for. Well, I am thankful that USC has won at least 1 football game this year (it's going to be a long football season); thankful to all the HEs and SKs who have accepted floor appointments or committee appointments for HE Joji and my 2025-2026 Amaranth year; I am thankful for my health and the opportunity to continue to fly the friendly skies of SWA (come fly with me and I will give you a bag of free snacks!!); I am thankful for my family of the heart that accepts and loves me in spite of my faults (like I have some -LOL!); I am truly thankful that by the time you read this the elections will be over; oh, my goodness the list goes on and I am overflowing with thanks.

In closing I would ask that during this season spend some time alone and reflect on how blessed you truly are.

I wish you and yours the most blessed and happy Thanksgiving. The best advice I can give you is "Gobble til you wobble" and oh yes before you sit down for Thanksgiving dinner you might want to put on your sweat or stretch pants and go to it.

Love and blessings to you all.

JD



GRAND CONDUCTRESS, H.L. Rondel Besner

Gobble gobble gobble! November is a time to remember our veterans. Thank those who have served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces. They fight for our freedoms, and we thank you for that. You make being an American look like art. You all rock!!!

November is also a time to be thankful. What are you thankful for? I am thankful for all the people in my Golden Crown Court. They are amazing. They use their talents to make Amaranth an amazing place to be. They work hard to help others and raise money for diabetes as well as ways and means. They go out of their way to travel as much as they possibly can.

I am thankful for all of you. Go out and see your family, including the family you choose. Thank them for how they contributed to your life. Bring them something fun like memories and photo books. How about making a thankful tree? On each leaf of the tree, write something you are thankful for. Put it on a wall and by the end of the month your tree should be full of blessings. Let me give you one: I am thankful for my Amaranth family who allow me to be me.

Get out to the many Advance Nights and Official Visits. They would love to perform their ritual for you. They might even ask you to fill in and be one of them. Travel! Amaranth is more fun when you get out there. Be like a leaf and fly!

Stand Tall,

HL Rondel Bezner Grand Conductress



Name: _____ Date: _____

I LOVE FALL

- Acorn
- Apple
- Autumn
- Chestnut
- Cider
- Cobweb
- Fall
- Football
- Gourd
- Halloween
- Harvest
- Hay Bale
- Hayride
- Leaves
- Maize
- November
- Nuts
- October
- Pumpkin
- Quilt
- Rake
- Scarecrow
- September
- Sleet
- Thanksgiving

ACROSS

1. They fall from trees.
6. Popular autumn sport.
7. Jack-o-lantern gourd.
8. The 10th month of the year.
10. The gathering of crops.
12. The fourth Thursday in November.
15. Might be patchwork.
16. Seat at a square dance (two words).
18. Leaf gathering yard tool.
19. They are roasted on an open fire.
22. Halloween decoration made by a spider.
23. The 9th month of the year.
24. Decorative squash.

DOWN

2. Oak tree's fruit.
3. October 31st.
4. Honeycrisp.
5. Also known as corn.
6. The season that follows summer.
9. Fun activity on a farm.
11. Drink made from apples.
13. Used to keep birds off of crops.
14. The 11th month of the year.
17. Another word for the fall season.
20. Semi-frozen rain.
21. What squirrels often gather.

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GRAND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS, H.L. Sue Ann Shamas

HLs and SKs,

Happy Thanksgiving! Just think Christmas and Hanukkah are just around the corner. Where has this year gone?

OVs and Advance Nights are in full swing. I have been traveling to as many as I can. I love seeing the members.

This month I am going to try to write down each day what I am thankful for. Maybe you could do the same thing. Day 1: I am thankful that I have found Amaranth. The people are amazing!!!! So, try each day this month to think of something to be thankful for.

Ladybug love,



HL Sue Anne Shamas

Grand Associate Conductress





November

Beehive Sacramento

7 Mary Ann Villanueva
 9 Marsha Lee
 27 Erik Arazia

Black Diamond

1 Jacinta Cabrera
 1 Nene Cuenco
 1 Alfonso Gordovez
 5 Tito Cuenco

Fremont/Black Diamond

19 Janet Harrison
 19 Judy Harrison

Candlelight/Black Diamond

6 Susan Amirsehhi

Candlelight

28 Cathy Rogers

Crescent

5 Mario Fernandez
 10 Nimfa Fernandez
 12 Vemelyn Macareag

Eureka

7 Margaret Richmond
 8 Dolores Wright
 15 Mary Graves-Cruz
 20 Anne Dann
 26 Kayla King

Golden Crown

5 Karen Mann
 6 Nola Risney
 9 Vanessa Cano
 16 Robert Kirklin
 20 Ramona Cantrell
 24 Jill Cordes
 28 Tova Gottesman
 28 Al Turek
 29 Kalykn Knoll

Golden Crown/Candlelight

6 Lindsay Cross

Fremont

4 Alfretta Cooper
 4 Armida Ruth
 19 Anne Base
 23 Kathleen Erskine

Loyalty

2 Beth Burns
 3 Brenda Hays
 4 Betty Daniel
 5 Jerry Now.in
 9 Jan DeMassey
 10 Vicky Swing
 17 Dana Nelson
 17 Brian Schilder
 19 Mary Ellen Dunbar
 21 Betty Thomas

Mission Bell

2 Marilyn Gilbert
 2 Charles Jenkins
 2 Kelly Padilla
 10 Barbara Dudeck
 15 Wanda Preuss Pinion
 25 Ina Barrett

Serenity

2 Lynda Derby
 4 Marganne Kingdom
 6 Marilyn Shockency
 10 Diane Wood
 17 Mary Davidson
 27 Charles Ross
 28 Shirley Miles

Serenity/Fremont

15 Bruce Wilkinson

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Hosted by Black Diamond Court #165

October 26, 2024

@ Pittsburg Lodge: 185 School St., Pittsburg, CA 94565

@ 6:00pm

\$50 Adults

\$25 Minors (13-17 y.o.)

Free for Kids (12 and under)

Join us for a fun filled night of food, dancing, and games. There will be costume contest for the most beautiful, unique and creative

RSVP to Joji Sayo

jsayo@laconiallc.com

925-325-2934

Proceeds will be for benefit of Black Diamond Court and Grand Court Ways & Means



Grand Court of California

Holiday Party-South

Saturday, December 7, 2024

1:00 PM—4:30 PM

Winter Wonderland

Simi Valley Masonic Center: 1541 Patricia Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93065

\$30 Per Person

Menu: Lasagna, Salads, Dessert & Beverages plus Hot Chocolate & Coffee Bar

****Ugly Sweater Contest, Association Tables, Games, Holiday Gifts****

Bring a pair of festive socks for a sock exchange.

For more information contact Judy Payne (562) 225-6260

Mail RSVP payable to Grand Court of CA by November 30th to

HL Janice Hardy, Grand Secretary

8739 Washington Ave., La Mesa CA 91942

Proceeds will support Grand Court Ways & Means.



**Serenity Court See's Candy Fundraiser
October 15 – December 6, 2024**



Order your Candy at:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/serenity_court_order_of_the_amarant43/Rhe_Tur1427/candy

Or use the QR code below

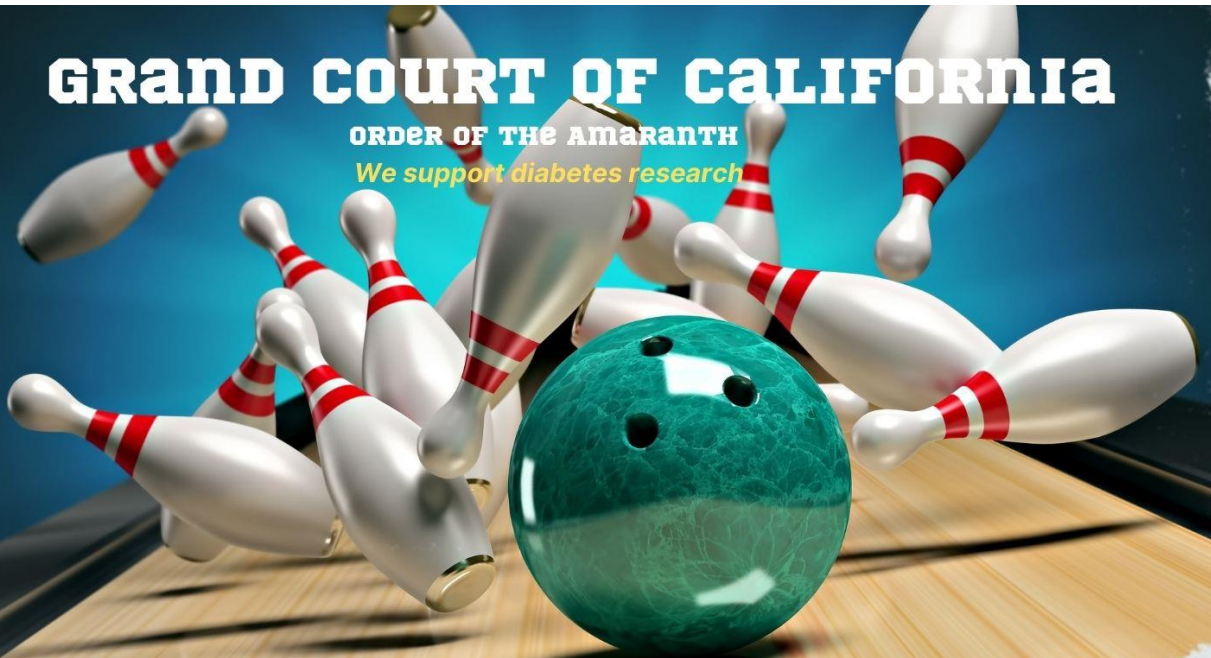


Questions: Call (562) 201 - 9084 or email rtmath@verizon.net

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STRIKE OUT DIABETES

Prizes
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Fun!

Keystone Lanes

11459 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA 90650

Join us for a fun day of bowling on January 26, 2025, at Keystone Lanes. All skill levels are welcome as we bowl and raise funds for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. This event is open to everyone, so bring your family and friends! The donation includes shoes and two games of bowling plus loads of fun!

SUNDAY
26 JAN

1:00PM

DONATION

\$20

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Will Woolard

WOOLARD13@GMAIL.COM

(310) 527-1293

100% of Proceeds benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

HLs and SKs,

Time to make our room reservations for the 2025 Supreme Court Sessions. Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the sessions.

The link to make room reservations for the 2025 Supreme Assembly has gone live.

If you go to the Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth Page, you will see the link and can make your room reservations.

Should you have any challenges please let me know!

JD

