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GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
ORDER OF THE AMARANTH*

2024 December Edition

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**SERENITY COURT**

Happy Holidays everyone

We will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, that will be our Christmas Meeting. It will be a Holiday theme colors Red, Green and Blue. There will be a Dinner before at 6 and the cost is \$10.00

Serenity is doing a See Fundraiser for the court. Just go on to the Serenity Facebook page click on the flyer and right above it is the link to ordering from See's. The nice part about this page is that you can order gift cards from See's. Think about how convenient that is.

Our meeting in Jan is on the 21<sup>st</sup>. and our Feb meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

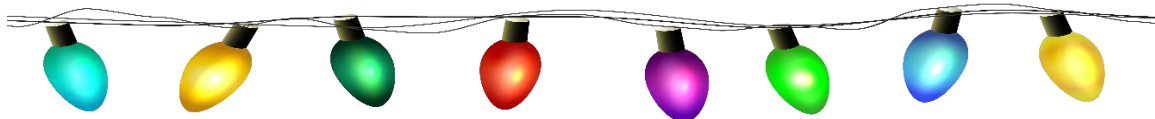
Then we will see each other at Grand Court.

Everyone have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving

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.**  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: [activitysheet@caamaranth.org](mailto:activitysheet@caamaranth.org)  
 Do Not send your article from a conversational stream (Articles become hard to see and get lost). **Please only put the name of your Court (or committee) in the subject line.** Articles are easiest to cut and paste when emailed as a word doc or a GOOGLE DOCUMENT.  
**Email your pictures and FLYERS as a jpg attachment.**  
 (Please do not include pictures in the body or your article unless saved as a jpg file)



## GOLDEN CROWN

Greetings from Golden Crown Court!

Happy December!

Our October meeting was a blast thanks to our fun members! We held a costume contest, thanks to SK Thumper, and challenged our members to have some fun. Well, they did not disappoint. Our costume winner was HL Vanessa in her darling unicorn outfit. We had plenty of challengers, but Vanessa won hands down. Plus, we had lots of laughs and lots of fun.

Step Out Walk in Long Beach was a great time. The day was a bit foggy, but that didn't dampen our enthusiasm at our booth. We handed out crown headbands, sugar free candy and water and talked about the great research that Amaranth funds provide. We cannot wait until 2025 to participate again.

We were so fortunate at our November Zoom gathering to have ADF President HL Charlene Tucker join us! She shared the good news about our 5 research grants and what is in store for 2025. Thanks, Charlene, for joining us! At our November meeting we had a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck with HL Vickie in charge. She did a great job planning and decorating! So awesome! We also collected food items and socks for The Midnight Mission. Our members are so generous and we cannot thank them enough!

In December we have a large group going to Citrus College's Christmas Is. This is an event that our members and friends look forward to every year. Plus, we get to hang out and relax with each other. Such good times! Join us for our December Zoom on December 5!

See you at our December events!

December

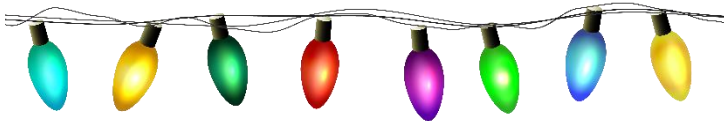
12/5 Golden Crown Court Zoom 8:00 pm

12/8 Christmas Is

12/19 Golden Crown Court Meeting 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm Potluck Theme: Holiday







## EUREKA COURT

Christmas

~ Anon

Every time a hand reaches out  
To help another....that is Christmas  
Every time someone puts anger aside  
And strives for understanding  
That is Christmas

Every time people forget their differences  
And realize their love for each other  
That is Christmas

May this Christmas bring us  
Closer to the spirit of human understanding  
Closer to the blessing of peace!







**BEEHIVE SACRAMENTO COURT NO. 85**  
**OCTOBER 2024 ACTIVITY REPORT**

Beehive Sacramento Court #85 Stated Meeting on October 26, 2024 was presided over by HL Peggy Glander, RM, and assisted by SK Brian Doshier, RP-Pro tem . Beehive Sacramento Court celebrated the Halloween and brought numerous "Back to School Supplies" for donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children—No. California.



**HALLOWEEN**



**GREETINGS TO**  
**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY**  
**CELEBRANTS**

**HL ERLINDA AGLUBAT**  
**AND SK BRIAN DOSHER**





**BEEHIVE SACRAMENTO COURT NO. 85**  
**NOVEMBER 2024 ACTIVITY REPORT**

Beehive Sacramento Court #85—ADVANCE NIGHT on November 16, 2024. The Advancing Officers are: RM- HL Marylou Calalang, RP- SK Bert Calalang, AM- HL Rhuena Bautista, and Conductress- Zenaida Dumlao. This occasion was graced by the presence of the Grand Associate Matron, HL Joji Sayo and Grand Associate Patron, SK JD Hammett, PSRP and accompanied by SK Ernie Sayo, Jr, DSRP, HL Carolyn Manry, DSRM, HL Rondel Bezner, Grand Conductress and HL Sue Ann Shamas, Grand Associate Conductress, and Black Diamond Court members (HLs Jacinta Cabrera, Priscilla Baclig, Bridgette A. Najjar, Shella Guevarra; Sks Orlando Baclig, Jay Guevarra and Bill Nichols). Our deepest thanks to all pro tems for their valuable assistance during the initiation ceremony.



ADVANCING RM AND RP: HL MARYLOU CALALANG AND SK BERT CALALANG WITH HL JOJI SAYO, GAM AND SK JD HAMMETT, GAP.

Beehive Grand Officers appointed for 2025-26 were announced by HL Joji Sayo and SK JD Hammett: HL Annette Segura, DGRM, HL Norma Viray, AGL, SK Lito Viray, Chief GCA, HL Peggy Glander, Grand Truth. Other appointed Grand Officers who were not present are HL Anna Leah Grospe, Grand Historian and SK Elmer Grospe, DGRP.





Please help support Beehive Sacramento Court in this Fun Pasta fundraiser for our Diabetes Research Philanthropy. Every penny earned goes to this important cause.

This is a flash sale for a few weeks as the company closes for the holidays in mid-December and sales after our deadline of 12-15-24 will not be processed. The company will be back at work 01-06-2025. We plan on having another sale mid-winter for those who would like holiday shaped pasta for Valentine's Day, etc.

All products are made in Tennessee, U.S.A. and have a shelf life of 2 years.

All orders over \$65 receive free shipping and our group earns 40%!! Consider combining your order with a friend or placing a group order to take advantage of the free shipping and get some holiday shopping done early. They have pasta for everyone: holidays, sports, animals, gourmet, gift sets, even soups & chili.

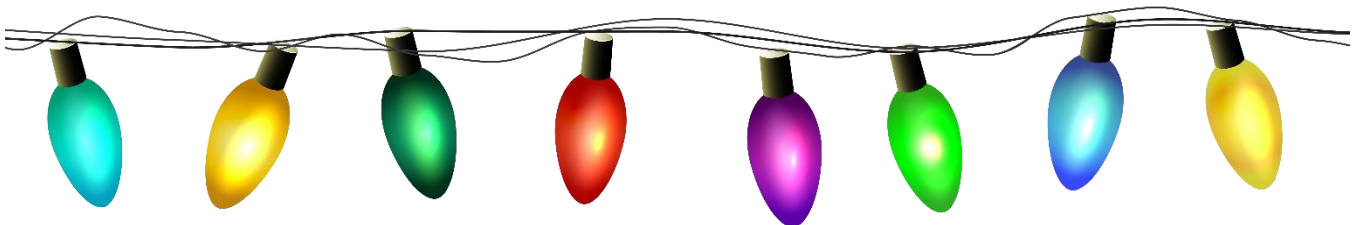
Fundraiser ends 12-15-2024.

Use this link to place an order and please share it far and wide.

<https://my.funpastafundraising.com/2024-fall-beehive-sacramento-court-no-85-order-of-the-amaranth/peggy-glander>

If you have any questions, please contact H.L. Peggy Glander at 530-345-0743 landline. Sorry, no cell reception at my house, but text to 530-570-2113.

Thank you for your support,  
Beehive Sacramento Court, No. 85





## Anchor Court

**8th 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 at Anchor Court No. 94 in Consuelo Masonic Center Escondido, CA held last November 16, 2024.**

**With Honored Lady Janice Hardy, Grand Secretary, Royal Matron and Sir Knight Joseph Tabrisky, Sr., Deputy Supreme Royal Patron, Grand Lecturer, Royal Patron, with the Supreme Officers, Grand Officers, Honored Ladies and Sir Knights.**





*GRAND ROYAL MATRON, H.L. CINDI TABRISKY*



"The year has turned its circle,  
 The seasons come and go.  
 The harvest all is gathered in  
 And chilly north winds blow.  
 Orchards have shared their treasures,  
 The fields, their yellow grain,  
 So open wide the doorway  
 Thanksgiving comes again!"  
 "Trees adorned in splendid  
 Hues of orange and gold  
 Autumn days grown shorter  
 North winds turning cold  
 Knowingly creation  
 Seems to be aware  
 God's promise of the seasons  
 Is proof that He is there  
 Verily creation  
 Invites us to recall  
 Now with a grateful heart  
 God has supplied it all."

GRAND ROYAL PATRON, S.K. ELMER GROSPÉ

175<sup>th</sup> Communication of Grand Lodge

Grand Court of California Order of the Amaranth booth with Honored Lady Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Elmer Grospe, Grand Royal Patron at the 175th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California was held last October 25 and October 26, 2024 in San Francisco, CA.



Grand Master's Dinner Banquet at Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, CA. With Most Worshipful Ariel Cayanan, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines with his lady Pam Cayanan.





# 99<sup>th</sup> Grand Guardian Council of CA Job's Daughters International

Honored Lady Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Elmer Grospe, Grand Royal Patron of California with the Honored Ladies of Order of the Amaranth at the 99th Grand Convention of the Grand Guardian Council of California Job's Daughters International held at DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Modesto, CA on November 14, 2024.



With Most Worshipful Mike Salazar, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of California.



H.L. Anna Leah Grospe, Grand Page,  
S.K. Elmer Grospe, Grand Royal Patron,  
H.L. Beki Lane, Grand Guardian of California  
Job's Daughters International,  
H.L. Cindi Tabrisky, Grand Royal Matron,  
H.L. Sharon Brooks, Royal Matron of Loyalty Court No.38,  
H.L. Donna Fairchild, Grand Representative to  
Massachusetts, and  
H.L. Patricia Schilder, Assistant Grand Lecturer.



## Grand Associate Matron

### *Grand Associate Matron*

November was loaded with Advance Nights, with four Courts: Crescent Court (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>); Black Diamond Court (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>); Bee-Hive Sacramento Court (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>) and Serenity Court (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>) holding it. I must say that they were great and memorable experiences especially for "The Believers" Team with the revelation of the 2025-2026 Grand Officers and Committee Members. We still have four more Courts to go, which are:

1. Mission Bell Court: Dec. 13th
2. Loyalty Court: Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>
3. Anchors Court: January 18, 2025, and
4. Fremont Court: Feb. 1, 2025

If you are in the area, please come and support these Courts and the Members, you'll never know, you might be of help in filling some stations. That's what Amaranth is all about, we are here for each other in times of fun and in need.

Wow! Here we are getting ready to celebrate Christmas and Hanukah! I wish everyone a "Blessed Merry Christmas" or "Happy Hanukah". May your Holidays be filled with love, peace, & joy.

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

*Happy Hanukkah - Merry Christmas - Happy Winter Solstice - Happy Whatever Season You Like  
Happy New Year and happy whatever you celebrate!!! Do it with love and joy in your heart.*

*We have finished Thanksgiving, and I hope that you paused and thought of the many blessings that you have in your daily life. Thanksgiving is that special time when we take time to give thanks. I have so many things to be thankful for and one of the main things is being a member of Amaranth and having all of you in my life.*

*Now we move on to the holiday season of Christmas and Hanukkah! I can't wait for the week of Thanksgiving as I begin putting up our holiday decorations. Ok I am one of those people that has to decorate everything. If you come to visit us and sit too long, I will decorate you.*

*I love taking my holiday decorations out. I have so many special ones and each one carries a special memory of loved ones here and those that are no longer with us. I take time to recall each one that is so dear to me. It doesn't make me sad it makes me so happy that I have such wonderful memories.*

*The "Sounds of the Season" are playing while I go about the task of decorating. I can even be heard singing!!!! Maybe that is not such a good thing, but I have fun.*

*Once the decorations are up it is time to start the holiday baking. In our home I make not only sugar holiday cookies but sugar free as well. Love the smell of freshly baked cookies  
- love the taste even more.*

*Then we move on to writing the holiday cards. It is not uncommon for me to write over 100 cards. Hallmark cards love me - I think I am their best customer.*

*As we move into this special time of the year, take time to spend with your family, friends and your family of the heart. Be sure to let them know what a blessing they are to you.  
I wish you the happiest of holidays and very happy, healthy prosperous New Year.*

*In closing I want to share this fun "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with you. Growing up in NM we always added it to our holiday reading along with the traditional reading.*

*Love, hugs and prayers  
JD*





# Merry Christmas

## THE NOCHE BEFORE CHRISTMAS



'Twas the noche before Christmas and all through the casa,  
 Not a creature was stirring-Caramba! Que pasa?  
 Los ninos were tucked away in their camas,  
 Some in long underwear, some in pajamas,  
 While hanging the stockings with mucho cuidado  
 In hopes that old Santa would feel obligado  
 To bring all children, both buenos and malos,  
 A nice batch of dulces and other regalos.  
 Outside in the yard there arose such a grito  
 That I jumped to my feet like a frightened cabrito.  
 I ran to the window and looked out afuera,  
 And who in the world do you think that it era?  
 Saint Nick in a sleigh and a big red sombrero  
 Came dashing along like a crazy bombero.  
 And pulling his sleigh instead of venados  
 Were eight little burros approaching volados.  
 I watched as they came and this quaint little hombre  
 Was shouting and whistling and calling by nombre:  
 "Ay Pancho, ay Pepe, ay Cuco, ay Beto,  
 Ay Chato, ay Chopo, Macuco, y Nieto!"  
 Then standing upright with his hands on his pecho  
 He flew to the top of our very own techo.  
 With his round little belly like a bowl of jalea,  
 He struggled to squeeze down our old chiminea,  
 Then huffing and puffing at last in our sala,  
 With soot smeared all over his red suit de gala,  
 He filled all the stockings with lovely regalos-  
 For none of the ninos had been very malos.  
 Then chuckling aloud, seeming very contento,  
 He turned like a flash and was gone like the viento.  
 And I heard him exclaim, and this is verdad,  
 "Merry Christmas to All, and Feliz Navidad!"



## GRAND CONDUCTRESS, H.L. Rondel Besner

Ho Ho Ho! What is Santa's favorite fruit? Sugar Plums. Hahaha. Sugar plums? That reminds me of the Nutcracker Ballet. How about you? The ballet reminds me of when I was a little girl and performed in the ballet, I was one of the Russian dolls. Those were the days.

The holidays are a time to reflect on everything that has happened over the year. It makes you appreciate your family you are born into and the family you choose. This past year I've been very blessed. My family has been busy traveling, they've been rewarded for their many accomplishments, and have spent some time hanging out. We've traveled, we've played and visited family and friends. I've been blessed to have traveled to Grand Courts and Supreme Sessions as well as multiple receptions, including when SK Ernie was announced as my Supreme Mom's choice. I was blessed to have JD as my chairman for the Queen Christina at the zoo where I was able to announce SK Connor as my chosen one.

This has been a fun year, and I look forward to spending time at home during the holidays with my family. I wish for you much love during the holidays and don't forget to stay on the nice list. I wish you a happy and merry everything!



Let me leave you with a little Santa joke. What did the elves call Santa when he accidentally stepped on a bag of cashews? A nutcracker!



Giraffe wishes,  
HL Rondel Bezner Grand  
Conductress







### CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.










**Across**


1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

**Down**

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_ to the world!



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## GRAND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS, H. L. Sue Ann Shamas

Hls and SKs,

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone is enjoying the holidays. As the song says, "it is the happiest time of the year".

This has been a busy time for Amaranth. There have been OVs and Advance nights. The Grand line officers have been traveling up and down the state for the last couple of months. There are four more Advance nights, and I think three more OVs. It has been fun to see who will be serving with HL Joji and SK JD. Members of the courts and visitors to the courts have been excited to see who is serving. Besides the Grand Officers, Committee members have also been announced.

December 7<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas party in the south. I hope that I see members from all the Courts on that day. It should be a lot of fun. This is a Ways and Means fundraiser for Grand Court. We need everyone to help with this fundraiser. If we do not have money for Grand Court, we will not be able to have a Grand Court. Also, if you are planning on attending Grand Court in February, we need you to stay at the hotel. It helps pay for our Grand Court. Please try to support the meal plan.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Blessed Holiday season and Happy New Year!!

Angel and Dove love,

HL Sue Anne Shamas, Grand Associate Conductress



**Happy Birthday**



**December**

**Beehive-Sacramento**

17<sup>th</sup> Zenaida Dumlao  
27<sup>th</sup> Theresa Cagampan

**Black Diamond**

10<sup>th</sup> Rosario "Sherrie" Gordovez  
18<sup>th</sup> Marylou Calalang  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Cabrera-Martinez

**Candlelight**

13<sup>th</sup> Theresa Friburg  
13<sup>th</sup> Donna Josue  
18<sup>th</sup> Merribeth Munyan  
31<sup>st</sup> Barbara Anne Logan

**Crescent**

11 Marlene Tagatae  
12 James Bonnin

**Eureka**

29<sup>th</sup> Heidi Quintrell

**Loyalty**

5<sup>th</sup> Eileen Miars  
24<sup>th</sup> Leland Routt  
29<sup>th</sup> Patricia Schilder

**Fremont**

7<sup>th</sup> Rick Cervantes  
18<sup>th</sup> Miguel Olmos  
19<sup>th</sup> Kathi Brant  
21<sup>st</sup> Bonnie Brooks  
30<sup>th</sup> Aurora Pasion  
30<sup>th</sup> Howard Mann  
31<sup>st</sup> Mary Larsen

**Golden Crown**

6<sup>th</sup> Rhea Turek  
13<sup>th</sup> Sandra Alderman  
16<sup>th</sup> Janet Butler  
19 Anita Gutierrez  
27<sup>th</sup> Janice Mann  
28<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Cleghorn  
30<sup>th</sup> Victoria Canfield

**Heritage/Golden Crown**

14 Lillian Worton  
23 Jan Eperson

**Serenity**

19<sup>th</sup> Gladys Sowers  
28<sup>th</sup> Janet Rigney  
30<sup>th</sup> John Star





# 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](mailto: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](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/serenity_court_order_of_the_amarant43/Rhe_Tur1427/candy)

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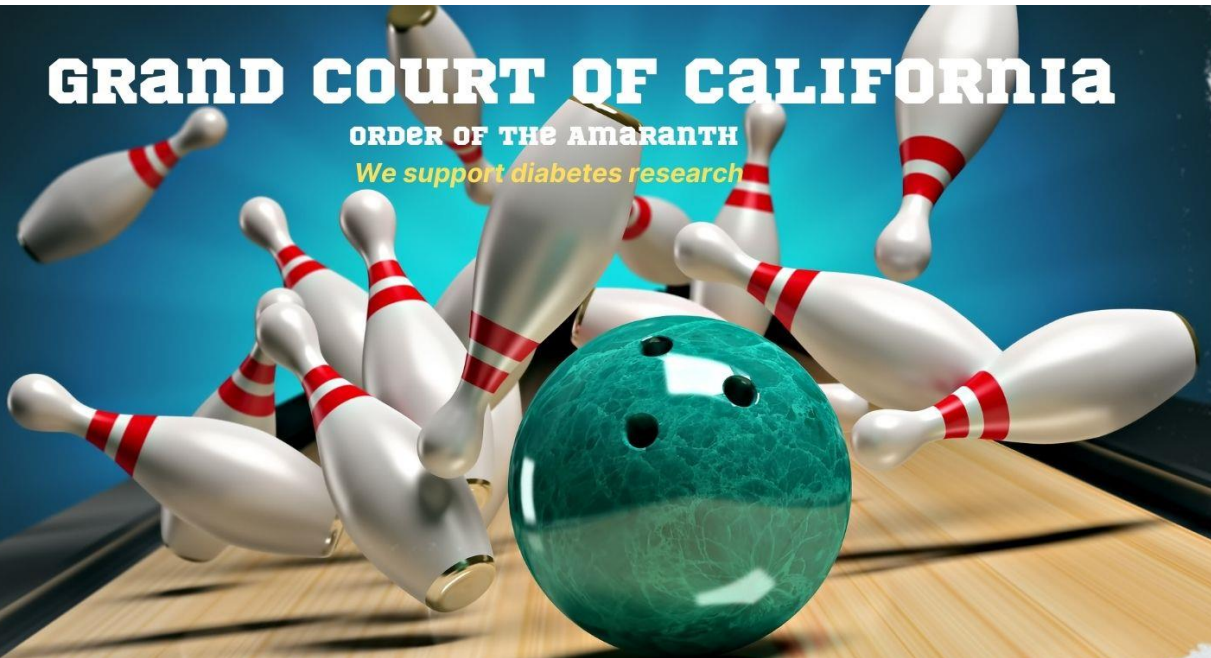
Questions: Call (562) 201 - 9084 or email [rtmath@verizon.net](mailto:rtmath@verizon.net)



# GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

*We support diabetes research*



## STRIKE OUT DIABETES

*Prizes*  
*Vendors*

## FUNDRAISER

*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.*



Golden  
Crown  
Golden  
Crown

## PURSES, PURSES, I NEED PURSES!

HL's: If you have any **NEW** or **GENTLY USED** Purses, you're willing to donate, please contact me. I need them for our upcoming Grand Court Friday Night Fun Night, May 16, 2025! We will be having a Bidding Silent Auction to support Grand Court Maintenance.

I will pay for postage if anyone is willing to ship me their purses in advance for this event prior to May 1st.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this event. Please call me at 714-553-0566.

*Carol A. Stansbury*

H.L. Carol A. Stansbury, Grand Conductress

Member, Carol Stansbury , who by the way is Grand Conductress of FL Grand Court



# Help raise funds at Grand Court for ADF with a donation of a silent auction basket!

Basket donations will be accepted from  
Courts-Associations-Honored Ladies-Sir Knights-&  
everyone else!

Make it fun! Give your basket a theme: i.e. date  
night, beach, movie night, Italian dinner, currency  
castle! The possibilities are endless!

Bring your basket to Grand Court in February.  
100% of proceeds will go to diabetes research!



For more information:

Deborah Winn (714) 514-5663

[debwinn03@yahoo.com](mailto:debwinn03@yahoo.com)



**Grand Court  
Of  
South Carolina  
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Invites you to attend the  
Seventieth  
***“FIRECRACKER”***  
Annual Session

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday  
February 27-March 1, 2025  
The Landmark Resort Hotel  
1501 South Ocean Boulevard  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
Tel (843) 448-9441  
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