

# NEW YORK GCG

*Grand Court of New York  
Order of the Amaranth*



*Grand Royal Matron  
HL Stephanie Storck*

*Grand Royal Patron  
SK Michael Storck*

# Grand Royal Matron

Hello Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!

I hope you have been enjoying this wonderful fall and are ramping up for a glorious Holiday Season! SK Mike and I have been busy, busy, busy and we are enjoying ourselves running all over the State! September saw us visiting Hudson Valley/Capital City for their official visit. A great time was had by all, we were entertained by a fantastic singing group and had a great meeting, made even more special by Royal Matron Nancy's Service dog Nate who was KING of the room. The 19th found us at Queen City's official visit. Our home Court outdid themselves with a fantastic dinner and special program. We absolutely felt the love. The 24th was the Euchre Tournament sponsored by Hamilton Court. We had so much fun honing our Euchre skills and a great amount of money was raised for Diabetes (I won't spoil Hamilton's thunder by announcing it here!) The following weekend found us at our special session /retreat at the beautiful Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. We accomplished a great deal of work, initiated FOUR new members, and had a fantastic Monte Carlo night and Queen Christina's Table. One of our members even went home with a new klty!

October was Order of Eastern Star's Grand Session. We were honored to represent Amaranth and enjoyed sitting in the East with MW Jane Stuart and MW Michael Kessler. October 23rd found us back at Mystic Court to help them initiate 2 new members. We had such a great time! Lots of laughter and hospitality by Mystic members. That brings their new initiates to four! October 29th found us driving the Long Island Expressway to visit Legend Holly Court. The members there were so welcoming. Triangle entertained us with a motion choir and DeMolay did ritual. The dinner and hospitality were fantastic and we enjoyed the meeting immensely. We will be filling out the rest of 2022

with Hamilton and Regal's official visits. Then the planning will begin for our GRAND COURT in May. I hope to see you all there!

Mike and I wish for you the Happiest of Thanksgivings and the Merriest of Holiday Seasons! Enjoy your family and friends and safe travels wherever you may go. I will leave you with this parting thought, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world".

Love to you all!



# Grand Royal Patron

As Thanksgiving approaches and the Holiday Season is about to enter full swing, we should remember our fellow Sir Knights and Honored Ladies who cannot get out to attend meetings. Reach out to them with cards and phone calls. You can make such a difference for them at this Festive Season.

As you know Honored Lady Stephanie and I have been traveling about the State on Official Visits and the lovely Hospitality we have experienced has been something we will never forget. As we have travelled, we have also begun to see Courts initiating new members. Several Courts have initiated new members, and Mystic Court, in particular, has initiated 4 new members. You can do this, but you must reach out to our Youth organizations and our Lodges. Get involved in your Masonic Community and see what happens! We are doing this, so keep up the great efforts!

As I have said in earlier messages membership begins with our local courts. We are here to help, with ideas, with strategic references to Masonic leaders and most importantly with the full support of your Grand Court to do degrees. However, you are the agents of your own success. Your effectiveness will be in direct proportion to your planning and efforts, so let each of us do our utmost!

Be proud of your Order. Attend local Masonic functions so that our associated Masonic Orders know that we are active and vital. Always remember to say with enthusiasm and determination that “AMARANTH FIGHTS DIABETES!”

May Almighty God bless you and yours at this sacred time of year and shower you with his grace and joy.

Your Grand Royal Patron



# Supreme Associate Matron



With the start of the holiday season just about one week away, my thoughts are on the beautiful principles of Amaranth. Truth, that our God sent His only Son to love & protect us; Faith, that we place our faith in that Son of God & follow His teachings; Wisdom, we are all meant to learn these principles; Charity, to be charitable to all of God's people especially to one another. May each of you and your families enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and may the love of our Lord bring abundant blessings to your home during Christmas and into the New Year.

Susan Patchin, Supreme Associate Matron

# Grand Associate Matron & Patron

Hello Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

The past few months have been fun and very busy, as usual. We have traveled the state with Official visits, special sessions and installations. It has been great getting to meet so many of you in our travels.

We have had a lot of success with our online fundraising parties and will continue through February. December online party will be Tupperware, January will be Thirty-One and February will be Scentsy.

We have also been selling tickets for our gift card raffle. I hope you all have been able to partake in it. We will be having a live drawing on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

From my family to yours Happy holidays!

Honored Lady Kathy Koller  
Grand Associate Royal Matron



# Grand Conductress

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Wow, I can't believe half the year has gone by already! The first half has been busy with events, traveling, official visits and etc... Now it's getting to the time where my never ending brain needs to have a remote power off button at some point.



While we enter into the winter time frame, I can't help but think this is so real now. Now I need to start looking and thinking of where I would like to present you all at Grand Court for the 2025 Session year. Where I need to start thinking of fundraisers for the 2023-2024 year. I think my mind has been set on oo there is plenty of time, well bang time is just about up for me.

Frist though as again we enter Winter and the Holiday time has started, I want to say Thank you to all you wonderful Honored Ladies and Sir Knights! I have been on an amazing journey, with many bumps along the way but it has also been lots of memories and more to come I am sure.

I ask you all to consider joining our Grand Court in May at our Session, your presents there means so much to so many of our other members, your voice in matters means the world to help keep our Grand Court alive and moving. Though its not always busy with business, you will have an amazing fun time there meeting members in your jurisdiction and in other jurisdictions too. I am sure both our Grand Royal Matron and Patron along with the Session Chairman Committee are working on a fun time, with also some assistance of the Grand Associate Matron and Patron. Remember too our Grand Court only thrives from the members and support of our members!!! One vote/voice can and does make a difference, even if not at first.

As most of you know I tend to where multiple of hats and I have always enjoyed doing that. With that being said ...

I have created a Grand Court Apparel Store where at the current moment we are offering Polo's, Cardigans, Vest, Sweaters embroidered for sale. More information is listed in the newsletter. Please consider purchasing one or offering an ideal of adding items. This is a great way on so many levels to show people who we are, what Amaranth is, and make us noticeable. It's also nice when you have an Amaranth function to be wearing Amaranth apparel!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, along with a Happy New Year!

In Amaranth Love,

HL Jessica Kerr



# Grand Associate Conductress

# Stay Tune



# Grand Court Session

May 18-20th, 2023  
124th Grand Court Session



Mystic Court would like to Thank all who came and participated in taking part in their Initiation. It was wonderful seeing all chairs filled.

## As September is beginning, Historic Highlights presents; Our Purpose of the Order of the Amaranth.

*Our Order is made up of Master Masons and females who endeavor to develop the moral character of its members through a belief in a Supreme Being and the teachings of the lessons of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity. Each member strives to care for the welfare of her and his fellow members.*

*Our principle objectives are charitable, fraternal and social. Together we plan meetings, socials and in keeping with our guiding principles we plan charitable and civic events.*

*Although the Order's main charity is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (ADF), we support many other groups as both a Grand Court and in the local courts.*

*Some of our other charities are our Youth Groups, Veterans, care for the elderly, suicide prevention. The Order of Amaranth provides scholarships to eligible applicants and Nurses' Training.*

*We are a very welcoming and friendly fraternity. If you are not a member yet and would like to attend a social event, we can send you information for your area of NY and even beyond. We are an International Fraternity.*



# SUPREME COUNCIL

## SCHEDULE OF GRAND COURTS

### February:

9-11th: *Virginia Grand Court* -

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach

9-11th: *Colorado Grand Court* -

Double Tree Hotel, Greenwood Village

23-25th: *South Carolina Grand Court* -

Landmark Resort, Myrtle Beach

### April:

6-8th: *Tennessee Grand Court* -

Park Vista Doubletree Hotel, Gatlinburg

16-19th: *Pennsylvania Grand Court* -

DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel, Lancaster





# POLO'S, CARDIGANS, VEST, SWEATERS... ALL

Plus Size please add \$5.00 to the additional Cost, Cost is for sizes S-XL

Diabetes Ribbon can be added to the right sleeve for an additional cost of \$10.00

◇ Polo Shirts: Available in Gray, Red, Green, Dark Blue/Navy

- \$30.00

Ladies you have a choice between having a button polo or a V-neck polo; please indicate which you prefer or a standard polo will be chosen.

◇ Cardigans, Sweater Vest & Quarter-Zip Sweaters: Available in Black & Gray/Charcoal

- V-Neck Button or Open Face Cardigan - \$57.00
- Crew Neck Button Cardigan - \$49.00
- Vest - \$47.00
- Zipper Vest - \$55.00
- Quarter Zip Sweater Available in Black, Gray/Charcoal or Vintage Heather Navy
  - TBD

## GOWN SALE ...

Ways and Means Committee is looking to host 3rd Annual Gown Sale at Grand Court.

Please reach out to any member of the Ways and Means Committee if you have any dresses or are interested in assisting with this.



**December:**

5th: HL Susan Patchin, SAM

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11th: HL Pat Ankney, PA Grand Court

19th: HL Pat Coughlin's

24th: HL Beth Jankowski

**January:**

11th: HL Chrissy Whipkey

12th: HL Tracee Howard

13th: HL Carolyn Manry; CA Grand Court

26th: HL Kathy Koller, GAM

29th: HL Jessica Kerr, GC

30th: SK Ed Draves

31st: HL Helen Utter

**February:**

7th: SK Bill Sardone

13th: HL Kristen Kenney

**March:**

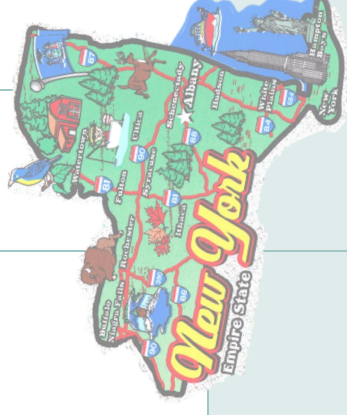
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# **HALLOWEEN TRIVIA = ANSWERS**

- **IN WHICH COUNTRY DID HALLOWEEN ORIGINATE?**
- **WHAT WAS THE NAME OF DRACULA'S SIDEKICK?**
- **OUT OF WHICH VEGETABLE WERE JACK O' LANTERNS ORIGINALLY MADE?**
- **EVERY HALLOWEEN, CHARLIE BROWN HELPS HIS FRIEND LINUS WAIT FOR WHAT CHARACTER TO APPEAR?**
- **FROM WHICH REGION IN THE WORLD DO PUMPKINS ORIGINATE?**
- **TRANSYLVANIA IS A REGION IN WHICH COUNTRY?**
- **WHICH ACTOR PLAYED DR. FRANK-N-FURTHER IN THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW?**
- **ACCORDING TO SUPERSTITION, A PERSON BORN ON HALLOWEEN HAS WHAT PARTICULAR ABILITY?**
- **PUMPKINS CAN BE ORANGE, WHITE, GREEN OR WHAT OTHER COLOR?**
- **WHAT DO PEOPLE IN NEW ENGLAND CALL THE NIGHT BEFORE HALLOWEEN?**
- **WHO FAMOUSLY DIED ON OCTOBER 31, 1926?**
- **WHAT ARE OTHER NAMES OF HALLOWEEN?**

# SUBORDINATE COURT INFO

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1							
2			Saratoga Court #55 @8:00pm  Legend Holly Court #166 @ 8:00pm (Dec. Only)				Hamilton Court #2 @ 7:30pm (Formal Meeting)
3	Mystic Court #62 @ 2:00pm	Queen City Court #3 @ 7:30pm  Hudson Valley Court #5 @5:30pm	Legend Holly Court #166 @8:00pm				Regal Court #1 @ 2:00pm
4							Hamilton Court #2 @ 7:30pm (Social Meeting)



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Welcome back to another year of the Newsletter.

This time around you will notice a new name ... This name has been decided to be the name of our Newsletter going forward. New York GCG (New York Grand Court Gazette)

I would like to remind everyone for the guideline's in submitting to the newsletter along with the due dates and when the newsletter will be out.

- ⇒ Please keep articles to 1 page regular format
- ⇒ We are all human and mistakes happen, however - proof reading will be done to all submission except those from the Grand Royal Matron & Patron, and any Supreme Elected Officers
- ⇒ Pictures are to be sent in jpeg format with your name listed; all other pictures within the newsletter will be copied from the facebook pages associated with Amaranth.
- ⇒ **HARD Deadlines are as followed on the 15th of the month:**
  - ◇ August
  - ◇ November
  - ◇ February
- ⇒ **Digital Formats will be available on the 1st and Printed Copies will be mailed by 3rd of each month:**
  - ◇ September
  - ◇ December
  - ◇ March
- ⇒ All submissions are to be sent via [newsletter.ooa.nys@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.ooa.nys@gmail.com)
  - ◇ I know not all have access to internet, please though assign someone to submit on behave of another who does.

Lastly I would like everyone to remember, our newsletter is only as good as the assistance of our members! I welcome you to share anything. This year I will be enforcing the deadlines unless otherwise noted.

If there is something you would like to share please share your ideals ... I always welcome feedback!

As for subscribing; please see attached form if you wish to have copies mailed to you. To receive a copy via digitally just email the newsletter and your name and email will be added to the list. This year please indicate if you would like a life-time (lifetime of the newsletter) subscription or yearly. As always there is no fee attached to receiving the newsletter through the mail, however donations are always accepted to help offset the cost of mailing.

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