

# Grand Court News

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Order of the Amaranth



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## FROM THE GRAND ROYAL MATRON



Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it is so hard to believe that Thanksgiving is quickly approaching! I know that I have so much to be thankful for and I am sure you do as well. I am thankful for my health, family, friends and the freedom afforded me to live an amazing life.

This is also the month we honor our veterans who have fought and died for us so that we have the wonderful gift of freedom. Please remember those veterans and their families in your prayers as many have truly made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

I want to send a big thank you out to all of you who helped in any way with the Pig Pickin'. We made close to \$3,000.00 this year. The person who sold the most butts was Christie Blanton and she is sporting a new pair of Clemson Hey Dudes as her prize for selling the most butts.

Our next fun event is our Christmas Bash. I hope everyone is planning on attending. I can assure you that we will have a wonderful time. This event is open to everyone so if you have friends who may want to come please invite them. As proven, social events help with obtaining new members.

I want us to keep membership at the front of our minds. Murrells Inlet Court currently has 8 candidates with 2 more on the horizon; other courts are reading petitions. Hold social events and invite your friends. Invite them to the Grand Court fun events. Ask them to come to fund raisers your Court is holding. Take every opportunity to ask ladies and eligible men to join.



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I will now close with this:

*“Be thankful for everything that happens in your life; it is all an experience.” Roy T. Bennett*

I can't forget about Don so I will close with this for Don:

*“An optimist is a person who starts a diet on Thanksgiving Day.” Irv Kupcinet*

Don and I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.



Join us on **FACEBOOK**—**SC Amaranth**. Search Facebook for **SC Amaranth** and ask to join. It's as easy as that! We will be posting new information on a weekly basis and any other information that needs to be posted at any time.

Also, to keep up with Supreme Council, search **Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth, Inc.** on Facebook and ask to join. This site will keep you up-to-date with happenings throughout our Order.

The Supreme website is **amaranth.org**. This site is useful to find out information on other Grand Jurisdictions, updates to the Constitution, Supreme Assembly, and more.

Check them out!

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- HL Doris Dorherty
- SK David Powell
- HL Betty Lou Burrows
- HL Mildred Harris
- SK John Johnson
- HL Mary Skenes
- HL Ruetilla Ford
- HL Ola Mae Wilcox
- HL Doris Ussery

If you know of a member who is sick or in distress, please let the Grand Royal Matron know.

## COURT SECRETARIES

Please see that **all** members who do not have e-mail receive a “snail-mail” copy of this newsletter. Communication is essential to keep all informed of what is happening with SC Amaranth.

Listed below are the regular stated meeting dates for courts. We all love an audience! If you can travel, please do so.

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| Kalmia No. 8                 | 1st Sat. @ 1 PM    |
| Monaghan's Poinsettia No. 17 | 2nd Sat. @ 1:30 PM |
| Murrell Inlet No. 20         | 2nd Mon. @ 7:30 PM |
| Magnolia No 5                | 3rd Sat. @ 11 AM   |
| Rose No. 13                  | 4th Sat. @ 11 AM   |

Before you travel, confirm with the court that they are in fact meeting.



## IN MEMORIUM

It is with sadness that we report the loss of HL Vernie Elliott. HL Vernie was a long-time member of the Order of the Amaranth as well as active in the Order of the Eastern Star. She was very active in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



There were 17 members of Amaranth who attended the Celebration of Life. It was a beautiful celebration of her life. HL Christie Blanton, Royal Matron of Magnolia Court, gave a beautiful tribute to HL Vernie. Thank you HL Christie.

HL Vernie will most certainly be missed. *May She Remain, Sweet In Our Memory.*

## WAYS & MEANS

Thank you to all who participated in the Grand Court Pig Pickin'! We raised \$2,900 for Grand Court. Thank you to Magnolia Court for hosting the event.

For those of you who purchased Boston Butts, I hope you enjoy them. The BBQ at the Pig Pickin' was great and we are looking forward to our own Boston Butt BBQ!

Kudos to the Grand Court Ways & Means Committee, HL Amanda Cruse, HL Abby Lasater, HL Terry Biron, and SK John Wilcox for a successful event!



## COMMUNICATION

Congratulation to Murrells Inlet Court! On Monday, November 13, Murrells Inlet Court initiated 8 new members! As November is Advance Night, HL Terry Biron, Associate Matron, stepped up to do Royal Matron for the meeting and initiation. She did a wonderful job! Thank you to all of the members from other courts that came to help us out with the initiation! It was a great night!

We also had a surprise visit from HL June Haas, PSRM, and SK Bill Haas, DSRP. Thank you to HL June Haas for sitting in for Associate Matron.

Welcome to the new members:



New Members of Murrells Inlet Court No. 20 and

HL Terry Biron, RM, for the night, and HL Pamela Adams, RM, of Murrells Inlet Court.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

If your court has any social events, please send us information and photos so that we can share your events. The Grand Royal Matron is encouraging social events for your members and friends—you never know when you will get new members from your friends.



September 2023—Calabash, NC



October 2023—Drunken Jacks, Murrells Inlet



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After the GRM's OV at  
Kalmia Court at  
Cracker Barrel

Members from 3 courts attended the Celebration of Life for HL Vernie Elliott. Following the service, 17 of us went to lunch afterward. As of the printing of this newsletter, no picture was available.