

# Grand Court News

Grand Court of South Carolina  
Order of the Amaranth



August 2023  
Volume 4, Issue 4

## FROM THE GRAND ROYAL MATRON



I hope everyone has been having a wonderful summer season. Although quite hot and a lot of the time very wet I have been really enjoying mine.

I want to start off by saying what an amazing time we had at Supreme Council. There will be a separate article in this letter about it, but I want to thank everyone who attended. We were very well represented in South Carolina. This Supreme Council was very interesting, to say the least as you will see in the other article. We all made a lot of new friends and caught up with a lot of old ones as well.

The *Fiesta* is coming up on August 26 at my home. It will start at 1:00 PM and it is obviously Mexican themed, so if you have a sombrero or other themed

attire please pack it. There will be fun games so please bring \$1.00 bills. Fifty percent of the funds we collect will go to the winner and fifty percent to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Also, please bring your bathing suit and a towel as the pool will be open for everyone to enjoy. No need to bring any food as it will all be provided as long as you like Mexican. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan on attending as we have limited rooms as hotel prices are out of this world at this time of the year.

The Annual Pig Pickin' and Boston Butt sale is only a few short months away. Information has been forwarded to each court and I hope you are selling tickets and Boston Butts to you friends, family, coworkers and anyone else you think may be interested. I can tell you they were delicious last year. I have set our goal this year to sell 75 Boston Butts. Also be thinking about baskets and baked goods for the event. Remember there will be a prize for the person who sells the most Boston Butts.

We also have two Official Visits coming up in September. Monaghan's Poinsettia and Rose Courts will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> and Murrells Inlet on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The first Court Meeting will start at 10:00 am. I hope you all can join us.

I will close with this quote:

*"Every morning, the rising sun invites and inspires us to begin again."* – Debasish Mridha

Hope to see everyone soon on the Amaranth Trail!

**Luann Sprouse**, GRM



**Grand Royal Matron**  
HL Luann Sprouse  
240-375-6068

**Grand Royal Patron**  
SK Don Myers  
843-907-8074

**Grand Associate Matron**  
HL Terry Biron  
856-313-8221

**Grand Associate Patron**  
SK John Wilcox  
843-607-5622

**Grand Secretary**  
HL Carol Ekren  
703-969-2221

**Grand Treasurer**  
HL Sue Cornell  
843-685-2789

**Grand Conductress**  
HL Amanda Cruse  
803-917-7625

**Grand Associate Conductress**  
HL Abby Lasater  
803-924-4308



# THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT IN GEORGIA

(aka Supreme Assembly)

The title phrase is from a song and can be applied to this year's Supreme Council. Supreme Council was held in Stone Mountain, Georgia, this year. We had 17 South Carolina members attending. It was great fun!

Sunday evening was Informal Opening with guest speakers from other Masonic organizations. Halfway through the evening, a severe storm went through and we were in the dark.....and no a/c. The speakers were troopers—speeches were done with the use of phone flashlights!! What an experience!

Each year Supreme Council awards jurisdictions in several categories. Below are the categories and winners:

## Cumulative Donations

5th Place	New Jersey	\$250,000
4th Place	Oregon	\$500,000
3rd Place	Alaska	\$500,000
2nd Place	Georgia	\$1,000,000
1st Place	Pennsylvania	\$2,000,000

## ADF Donations 2022-2023

5th Place	Alaska	\$30,275
4th Place	Oregon	\$35,184
3rd Place	California	\$38,175
2nd Place	Georgia	\$52,459
1st Place	Pennsylvania	\$65,498

## ADF Donations per Member

5th Place	South Carolina	\$103.19
4th Place	Iowa	\$105.68
3rd Place	Arizona	\$142.14
2nd Place	Georgia	157.50
1st Place	Alaska	\$263.80

Monday morning was Formal Opening at 8 AM—guess what? Still no power! And no a/c! And no way to get any breakfast at the hotel restaurant! Power returned around 12:30 and Formal Open started at 1 PM. Still no a/c! The

meeting proceeded; however, only the current Grand Royal Matrons and Grand Royal Patrons were introduced.

Tuesday morning was election of Supreme Officers. The following are the results of the election:

Supreme Royal Matron	HL Susan Patchin
Supreme Royal Patron	SK Mel Fossell
Supreme Associate Matron	HL Bizzy Herbolscheimer
Supreme Associate Patron	SK Richard Marsh
Supreme Treasurer	HL Mary Wyatt
Supreme Secretary	HL Patti Baker
Supreme Conductress	HL Marsha Weidinger
Supreme Associate Cond.	HL Emily Moyer
Supreme Trustee—4 yr	HL Stella Joyner
Supreme Trustee—4 yr	SK Tony Saitta
Supreme Trustee—3 yr	HL Gayle Behr
Supreme Chief Comm. Of Appeal	SK James Stevenson
Supreme Comm. Of Appeal	HL Judy Barnes

## Legislation

Thirteen amendments to the Supreme Constitution were presented for action. Five of the amendments were withdrawn. Some of the adopted amendments that affect subordinate courts are:

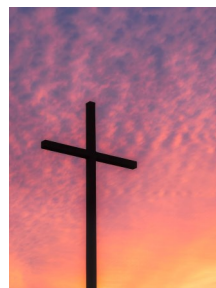
- ◆ Quorum—changed **from** one of the top 4 elected officers (RM, RP, AM, AP) and 6 members **to** one of the top 4 elected officers and 5 members. **A quorum is now a total of 6 members** (one of the top 4 elected officers must be one of the 6 members).
- ◆ The Supreme Constitution will now be printed the same size as the small Ritual.

Other amendments affected Supreme officer duties and housekeeping.

Installation of Officers on Wednesday evening was beautiful! Congratulations to all who were installed.

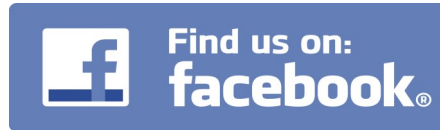
Thursday morning, several of us attended the Supreme School of Instruction, led by HL Miranda Peruso, Supreme Lecturer. After the School, HL Luann, HL Terry, HL Sue, HL Linda, and HL Amanda went to the Stone Mountain for some sightseeing. What a great place.

If you were not able to attend, you missed a great time. Maybe next year!



## 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.



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.

## OFFICIAL VISITS

### GRAND ROYAL MATRON OFFICIAL VISITS

September 9, 2023 Monaghan’s Poinsettia #17 and Rose Court #13 @ Monaghan’s Poinsettia Court #17

September 16, 2023 Murrells Inlet Court #20—**Luncheon at 12 noon, meeting at 1 PM.**

**Kalmia**—Make-up Official Visit to be determined.

**NOTE:** Meeting of first court at 10:00 AM, luncheon begins at 12:00 PM, second meeting begins at 1:00 PM.

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please keep the following in your prayers.

HL Betty Lou Burrows  
HL Linda Hodges  
HL Mildred Harris  
HL Sue Cornell  
SK John Johnson  
SK David Ekren  
SK Don Myers  
HL Nancy Myers  
HL Vernie Elliott  
HL Mary Skenes

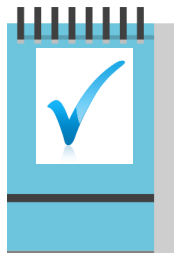
If you know of a member who is sick or in distress, please let the Grand Royal Matron know.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

### Change:

John & Margaret Wilcox  
300 Stable Lane  
Ridgeville, SC 29472  
pages 2 and 43

Susan Mitchell  
1309 Ansel School Road  
Greer, SC 29651-6031  
page 36



### Delete

Betty Sanders, page 40

### Add

JP Swank—add PRM, page 41

### Remove

PRP for John Rungo, page 40

Please let us know if you have any changes in your information.

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

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.

# FIESTA TIME

Join us on

Saturday, August 26

1 PM



It's a Mexican-Themed Party!

Bring your Sombrero and  
Mexican attire!



There will be fun and games

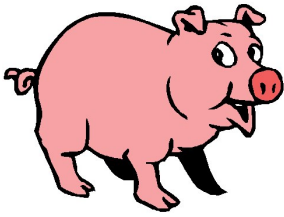
Bring your \$1 bills for the 50/50  
50% will go to ADF and 50% to the  
winner.



Address:

3842 Williamson Circle  
Myrtle Beach, SC





**Grand Court of South Carolina  
Order of the Amaranth  
5th Annual  
Boston Butt Sale  
And Country Pig Pickin'**

**Boston Butts—1 for \$40  
Order by October 1, 2023**



Pick-up date is October 21, 2023, at the Pig Pickin'.

If you are not able to attend the BBQ, please have someone pick it up for you.

There will be no delivery of butts or turkeys.

Saturday, October 21, 2023, will be the Pig Pickin' and will be held at Cayce Lodge, 1701 12th St, Cayce SC (Magnolia Court). Vendor sales begin at 10 AM; lunch at 12; auctions following lunch.

**Join us for the Pig Pickin'!**

♦Lunch—served at 12 noon

\$10 per person

BBQ, Roll, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, 1  
Water

♦Cake Auction

♦Theme Basket Auction

♦Craft Tables



For more information, contact

HL Amanda Cruse  
Grand Conductress

803-917-7625



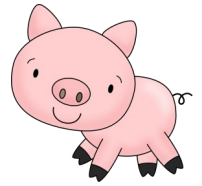
See your court secretary or  
HL Amanda Cruse for order  
forms for BBQ Lunch tickets  
and Boston Butts.



# **Boston Butt Order Form**

## **Deadline for orders is October 1**

Pick up at the Pig Pickin'  
Saturday, October 21, 2023



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of butts \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment required at time of order.**

Pick-up at Cayce Lodge, 1701 12th St., Cayce, SC (Magnolia Court). If you can't be there to pick up, please have someone pick your Boston Butt up for you.

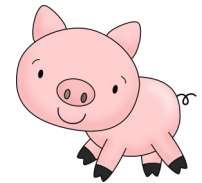
**Send check payable to Amanda Cruse, PO Box 1837, Lexington, SC 29072**



# **Boston Butt Order Form**

## **Deadline for orders is October 1**

Pick up at the Pig Pickin'  
Saturday, October 21, 2023



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of butts \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment required at time of order.**

Pick-up at Cayce Lodge, 1701 12th St., Cayce, SC (Magnolia Court). If you can't be there to pick up, please have someone pick your Boston Butt up for you.

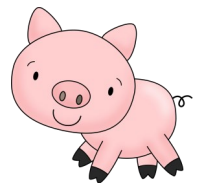
**Send check payable to Amanda Cruse, PO Box 1837, Lexington, SC 29072**



# **Boston Butt Order Form**

## **Deadline for orders is October 1**

Pick up at the Pig Pickin'  
Saturday, October 21, 2023



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of butts \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment required at time of order.**

Pick-up at Cayce Lodge, 1701 12th St., Cayce, SC (Magnolia Court). If you can't be there to pick up, please have someone pick your Boston Butt up for you.

**Send check payable to Amanda Cruse, PO Box 1837, Lexington, SC 29072**