

Lady Linda Figler,  
Grand High Priestess

## *Grand Council Gazette*

Second edition of the Grand Council Gazette



Some of your Grand Officers enjoying themselves at the "Celebrating the Holidays" Fun Night Dinner at MSUM.

*LOSNA being represented everywhere...even on  
National TV*



Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shriners Children's Hospital

Our very own Lady Marcanne Michael, Princess of Tahuti Court No. 44 in St. Petersburg, FL was part of the delegation of Nobles and their ladies who were featured on Good Morning America national broadcast on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

She was privileged to wear her LOSNA Fez alongside the Nobles from Mecca Shrine Center and Kismet Shrine Center.

What a wonderful national exposure for our organization.

Thank you, Lady Marcanne. We are so proud of you!

## *Subordinate Court Information*

April 2021, **Nefertiti Court No. 84** voted and approved purchasing a brick from the Friends of Hacienda & Historic New Port Richey, Inc. (<http://www.friendsofthehacienda.com>). The purchased brick was personalized to reflect the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America Logo, our Court name & number and year our court was instituted.

The purpose was to commemorate Nefertiti Court's 50th anniversary, serve a membership opportunity and support another nonprofit charity within the community.

The Ribbon Cutting Celebration for Friends of Hacienda & Historic New Port Richey, Inc Hacienda Legacy Brick Path took place on August 6, 2022, in historic downtown New Port Richey, Florida

Theresa "Lynn" and Jacob Carter, Shawn Wright, Scott and Emily Mitchell were in attendance. It was an honor to have members of Nefertiti Court present and to support our local community.

Emily Mitchell, PHP & Rexanne Vance,  
PHP  
2021 Membership Development  
Nefertiti Court No. 84  
New Port Richey, Florida



The Ladies' of our Baby Court **Ma'at Court #110, Roanoke, VA** created a brochure that they share with their new Ladies. Below is some of the information & pictures they included in the brochure.

**Who We Are...** On February 22, 2020, Ma'at Court #110 was instituted in Roanoke, Virginia. We are part of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. LOSNA purpose and goals are to promote sociability and fellowship while supporting Shriners Children's Hospitals.



**What We Have Done...**



***Unit Meets & how they differ***

LOSNA has 5 Unit Meets each year from September to November. They are arranged by region. You should consider going to a different Unit Meet. It is neat how they are different.

***WAOUM – Western Area Organized Unit Meet***

There are 17 Courts within this unit meet from California, Washington, Texas, Utah, Oregon, Wyoming, Hawaii, Arizona, Alaska & Nevada.

Iris Court #47, Salt Lake City, UT hosted their 65<sup>th</sup> annual unit meet this year. They hosted a Friendship Breakfast on Friday morning and a Fun Night dinner on Friday evening. On Saturday they enjoyed their breakfast, business meeting & Drills.

***SUM – Sunshine Unit Meet***

There are 12 Courts within this unit meet from Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina & Georgia.

Sar-I Court #79, Sarasota, FL hosted their 48<sup>th</sup> annual unit meet this year. They hosted Fun Night dinner on Friday evening. On Saturday, they had their business meeting, drills and another Fun Night dinner.

***MEUM – Mid East Unit Meet***

There are 13 Courts within this unit meet from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia & Vermont.

Helma Court #64, Springfield, MA hosted the 55<sup>th</sup> annual unit meet this year. They had a Fun Night dinner on Friday evening. On Saturday, they hosted a Past Presidents breakfast (invitation only), their business meeting, lunch and drills. This unit meet is normally the first weekend in October.

***GLUM – Great Lakes Unit Meet***

There are 11 Courts within this unit meet from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, New York (Buffalo), Illinois & Canada.

Bona Court #8, West Chester, OH hosted their 56<sup>th</sup> annual unit meet this year. On Friday, they hosted the annual Gladys Abbott Breakfast/Brunch (invitation only), then had their business meeting & Fun Night dinner. Saturday, they enjoyed their drills & a banquet.

***MSUM – Mid States Unit Meet***

There are 9 Courts within this unit meet from Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri & Kansas.

Altrui Court #89, San Antonio, TX hosted their 59<sup>th</sup> annual unit meet this year. On Friday, they enjoyed their Fun Night dinner. Saturday was their breakfast, business meeting, drills and another dinner. They are also known for their Ya-Ya Sisterhood Degree.

## *Grand Council Operating Fund Status*

This report was shared at Grand Council in May at Seattle, WA and it was felt that it needs to be shared with the membership that was unable to attend.

### **Budget/Per Capita Information**

#### **Yearly Major Expenses Estimates:**

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| • Per Diem for Grand Family travel to Grand Council | \$37,000         |
| • Insurance   | \$24,500         |
| • Grand High Priestess Travel                       | \$15,000         |
| • Payroll   | \$26,640         |
| • Payroll Taxes                                     | \$ 2,355         |
| • Auditor, Tax Prep                                 | \$ 2,750         |
| • Office Rent (Storage Unit)                        | <u>\$ 2,820</u>  |
| • <b>Total Yearly Major Expenses Estimate</b>       | <b>\$111,065</b> |

Estimated Membership in 2021 – 2022 = 6,000

Cost per Member for Major Expenses: \$111,065 / 6,000 = \$18.51 per member

#### **Yearly Major Revenue Estimates: (Per Capita currently \$10/per member)**

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| • Grand Council & Unit Meets estimate        | \$10,500        |
| • Per Capita Revenue (\$10 x 6,000 members)  | <u>\$60,000</u> |
| • <b>Total Yearly Major Revenue Estimate</b> | <b>\$70,500</b> |

**Summary Per Member:** 6,000 members

#### **Revenue:**

Per Capita	\$10.00
GC/UM	<u>\$ 1.75</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.75 per member</b>

**Expenses**                    **\$18.51 per member**

**Net Deficiency**            **\$ 6.76 per member**

## *Grand Council Fundraiser*

As you can see from the breakdown above, our Grand Council Operating Fund could use some help. Maybe consider buying a **Gold or Silver Lotus Necklace** or maybe buy one for a Special Lady for Christmas.

They are \$50 plus \$5 shipping. Please see the order form at the end of the newsletter. This fundraiser is assisting the Grand Council's operating fund.

For more information, please check out our [website](#).



Khedive Shrine Chevy's (Chesapeake, VA) host an annual Cornhole Tournament in October. Zulekia Court #35's (Norfolk, VA) Grand High visit happened to be the same time frame. The Chevy's asked the Ladies to attend & introduced them.

## **Shriner's International News**

Interested in attending the **2023 Membership & Marketing Conference**, [click here](#) for additional information, dates, times, etc. Several Ladies have attended & recommended attending. If you can't attend in person, you can watch the virtual [webinars](#) (4 in total).

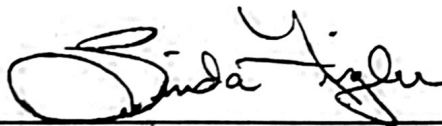
You can also sign up for the virtual [webinar](#) that is scheduled for March 9, 2023. Christian Moore, CPRP - Library/Museum Administrator Grand Lodge of Texas will expand on Development Theory, and how to Facilitate Groups through that process in a fraternal environment.

Imperial Sir Kenny Craven was pleased to announce the Shriners Children's will have a presence in Florida. Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center will be affiliated with UHealth Jackson and will

include a dedicated, signature space, new endowed chairs for pediatric orthopedics and pediatric physical medicine and rehab. It is scheduled to open in 2025. You can view the Facebook post by [clicking here](#).

If your Court would like to add something to the quarterly newsletter, please send it to Lady Kim Cook, GM, Newsletter Editor ([alohapearls2018@gmail.com](mailto:alohapearls2018@gmail.com)) no later than December 20, 2022.

***Turn on your Heart Light, let it shine for all the world to see and always be your own kind of beautiful***



Lady Linda Figler, GHP



Lady Janet Larson, GR, PGHP

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