

# LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA



## Ankh Court #92

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Ankh Court is an organization of women, which is an extension of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. Our purpose is to support the Shrine Hospitals with our time, talent and gifts.

Ankh Court #92 January 2024 – April 2024 Newsletter

January 14, 2024

### Message from the High Priestess

Dear Ladies of Ankh Court;

We have been through a lot together this year and there is so much to cover. So many of you were there with me as we kicked off the Classy Car's Race with our Court Installation, on April 2nd, 2023 and I was installed with the honor of High Priestess of Ankh Court. I pledged to fulfill our mandate, to the best of my ability and to focus on those areas that would have the greatest impact to fulfill the purpose of our beautiful organization L.O.S.N.A.

This is my last newsletter as High Priestess of Ankh Court No.92. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you this year, as well as in my years traveling up the line. The most memorable of my years were as Associate Princess, planning projects for Ways and Means fundraising. I would never have guessed that our great money makers would be collecting Recycling from each of you, the Covid virus Swear jar and working with Daughters of the Nile at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Concert. All members supported and encouraged those fundraisers. The success we achieved showed my heartfelt efforts were not in vain.

The 2023-2024 Classy Cars Race is one of the unforgettable memories I have, but it wasn't all good. Though every day we have plenty of opportunities to get angry, only when we indulge in the negative emotions do we give something outside ourselves the power to diminish our happiness. I think there are two sides in all humans, one evil and one good. Which side wins is a constant question. Mostly, I think, the one we pay attention to the most. Ladies we may disagree on ideas, but we still need to remember to respect and love one another. What matters the most is teamwork and our shared goals. We should always communicate in a manner that shows empathy toward all members; and respects the dignity of our Court and its members. When we use empathy, and communicate with not only our mind but also our heart, we allow ourselves to experience all the beauty in each other. Giving is not for profit. Giving for the pleasure and the privilege of our commitment to the Shriner's children should come naturally. We may not always agree with the High Priestess but assuring her of our support and cooperating with her is the glue that holds our Court to the benefit of the organization. Anger has no place among us. I would always hope that we remain consistent in our efforts to have fun when we see each other. If we are not having fun, believe me, we are not doing it right.

Thanks to Lady Carol Bish, we all had a lot of fun playing games while celebrating Ankh Court's 48<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Holiday party on Dec.3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at the Masonic Center. Ladies let's keep our fundraising tradition of end of year donations to Shriners Hospital for Children. Your donations and support help these children with orthopedic condition, severe burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, reach their

potential which is limitless. We are still collecting money to support the Shrine Hospital for Children and accepting checks, and I hope we keep our tradition of raising/giving as much as possible.

We plan to have a Ceremonial for Rowena E. Cruz and Dalisay R. Cruz at the January 25th, 2024 Court meeting. I have asked members of Ila Neb Court #51, Sacramento to help as with our ceremonial, I hope that they will all be able to help. In February we have an Election and in March an executive board meeting. Just as a reminder Officers' year-end activity report is due before March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please submit yours in a timely manner. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the dedicated elected and appointed Classy Cars Officers who served in 2023-2024, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and participation in Ankh Court. Your participation showed by example what it means to "Give God a Gift by Giving of Yourself to Help Someone Else". I would like to remind us all of the importance of respecting the dignity of our Court and our members.

The upcoming 110<sup>th</sup> Grand Council "Live, Love, Laugh & Hug" Session will be held in Kalamazoo, May 12-17, 2024. Please make sure to register and reserve your room in a timely manner. I have registered and reserved my room, and am looking forward to exploring Kalamazoo as much as I can. I hope to see all of you there in May; 2024.

I am greatly proud of our GHP. Lady Karen Przytula. She prepared all of us, to do efficient work when we started our Classy Cars Race and to support the continuity of our work with the Shriner's Hospital for Children's as well as to grow our beautiful organization. I believe I did my best to make use of all our GHP's Lady Karen Przytula guidance. As our GHP stated, I will shortly lay down my gavel, when my year of administration ends in April 2024. As past High Priestess my support for the line Officers will be unconditional even when they do things differently than I did. My advice to our line Officers is: make yourself familiar with the bylaws and Rules and Regulation, have pro-tems lined up in anticipation of absences for court meetings, the shorter your meetings will be the better, so prepare your agendas for each meeting and go over them with our Recorder asking for additional items, don't let the Recorder prepare it for you. This advice will make your High Priestess year more pleasant and you will be able to accomplished more and have unforgettable memories. Set achievable goals, don't give-in to distractions you may or may not face, and just do your best.

"Mirror, Mirror on the wall-I will get up after I fall - whether I walk, run or crawl- I will set my goals and achieve them all."

This is one of the many quotes I love from the 2023-2024 Classy Cars quotes rom Lady Karen Przytula, GHP.

Ladies, let me end by sending you and your loved ones' warm wishes for a Happy New Year filled with love and joy.



Busy Bee Love!

*Lady Abby Demissie, KP*

High Priestess

## From the Recorder's Desk

Dear Ladies of Ankh Court

Happy New Year to all of you.

I will be sending out blank copies of the Grand Council annual reports to the PHP committee appointees; and certified letters to any member who has not paid their dues. The Committee reports will need to be completed, signed by the committee members and turned in by the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please check your dues card and make sure it has 2023 on it. If yours does not, then please send in \$42.00 to me. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 408-772-2046 or by email at [suetefft77@gmail.com](mailto:suetefft77@gmail.com) 2023 dues cover April 1st, 2023 - March 31, 2024.

It will soon be time to pay for your 2024 dues. Since the per capita went up our dues for 2024 are now \$49.00. You can send me check or bring your check to our meeting. The dues notices will be going out in February. We are also getting ready to make it possible to pay your dues on our website. Our treasurer and the web committee are working on it.

Information packets for 2024 Grand Council can be found on our [website](#).

At our next meeting, which is January 25th, we will be initiating two new members, come and welcome them to our court.

*Lady Sue Jefft, PJP*  
Recorder

### Important Dates

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6pm dinner, 7:30 Court meeting and **Initiation**.

February 9<sup>th</sup>, Records and Treasurers books to Lady Abby Demisse for **Audit**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Executive Board Meeting 7pm

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm dinner, 7:30 Court meeting and election of officers.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm dinner, 7:30 Court meeting and **memorial**.

**April 6<sup>th</sup> Court Installation of Officers.** 10am practice, 2pm installation

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Year end audit.** 9am

## Princess

Dear Ladies of Ankh Court;

**2024....** A new year, a new start, a blank page. How are we going write this year's story? As I stare at the blank page memories from the past keep flowing through my mind. Wonderful memories of time spent with the Ladies of ANKH Ct. 92 and L.O.S.N.A. and I start wishing for more good times and memories in the future, but how to start? I have always had a problem with choosing the correct words to convey my thoughts and now is not an exception. I keep thinking we need to go back to our roots. I was raised to treat others like I wanted them to treat me and if I couldn't say something nice say nothing. The Masons have a saying that Masonry conciliates friendship. "To conciliate: To get somebody's support or friendship back, to bring a disagreement with somebody to an end, or overcome somebody's anger, suspicion, or hostility."

As I reach out to everyone to fill court positions and committees please understand that I value your individual capabilities and personalities and hope you will have time to share with us this year as we work on this year's goals and activities.

We have an active [website](#) and a [facebook](#) page that we encourage you to visit to see what is happening. [website](#)

Please email me, [kandi32008@gmail.com](mailto:kandi32008@gmail.com) , call or text me at, 831-601-6961 if you or a family member are ill, injured, or would just like to talk. A prayer list is emailed at least once a month so let me know if you could use some extra support.

I like to email Jacquie Lawson cards. If you do not want to receive a card, or if you do please let me know via email.

**January, Birthday Ladies** 1. Elaine McCutcheon Jan 1, 2. Melody Gordon Jan 5, 3. Shirley Hayes Jan 6, 4. Marjorie Lessing Jan 9, 5. Carol Searle Jan 9, 6. Rhoda Johnson Jan 12, 7. Janice McCormick Jan 24, 8. Melodie Pehr Jan 26, 9. Dianne Priest Jan 26, 10. Denise Hadar Jan 28, 11. Evelyn Grant Jan 29, 12. Jeanne Atmore Jan 30, 13. Nancy Blessing-Walker Jan 31

### **February, Birthday Ladies**

1. Margaret McCuiston Feb 1, 2. Ann Ward Feb 12, 3. Marcia Ivie Feb 14, 4. Marian Brown Feb 15, 5. Jennifer Ramsey Feb 16, **March, Birthday Ladies**

1. Coleen Nelson Mar 8, 2. Cynthia Schulenburg Mar 8, 3. MaryElizabeth Coggins Mar 17, 4. Lynette Harter Breed Mar 22, 5. Esther Aguirre-Ribeiro Mar 28

### **April, Birthday Ladies**

1. Helen Zinn Apr 1, 2. Sarah Chaffin Apr 2, 3. Maureen Snyder Apr 4  
4. Olivia McCormick Apr 9, 5. Margaret Wolford Apr 12



I hope see as many of you as possible at Court meetings and functions over the coming year.

Hummingbird Kisses

*Lady Dicky Cooley, PKP*

Princess

## **Associate Princess**

Dear ladies of Ankh court #92

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

May the year 2024 be filled with happiness and health for all of us!

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to all for the opportunity to support this great cause that has a significant impact on the lives of so many children, in and out of the hospital.

Hopefully, together, we can make a difference and bring a smile and hope of a better life, to so many children.

I am excited for the upcoming year and the opportunity to continue our mission of raising funds for this important cause.

Thank you,

We still have our Quilt opportunity, please visit the online forms to order your tickets, and give or send to me the check or cash at the meeting.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8J54g1M6W7MEppK6uQOKMIZGWMCKd1PgEy2MRzdAVSpW3rQ/viewform>

The See's Candies sale -please visit the LOSNA -Ankh Court #92 page – for your See's Candies order that you need to pay on the website.

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/losnac\\_valley\\_of\\_sweet\\_delight86/den\\_had4201/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/losnac_valley_of_sweet_delight86/den_had4201/candy)

The Gift Cards - please sign up to the site to order– but you need to give or send to me the check - or order, using the order list that I may provide at the meeting.

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=URC9WB2SMLN8>

See you at the meeting!  
Have Courage and Be Kind!

*Lady Denise Kadar*

Associate Princess

### First Ceremonial Lady

Dear Ladies

I hope everyone has a wonderful new year.

Phoenix love,

*Lady Cindy Schulenburg*

First Ceremonial Lady

### Second Ceremonial Lady

Dear Ladies of Ankh Court,

It has been such a pleasure to serve this year as 2nd Ceremonial Lady. Getting to know the members of our Court better and learning about the traditions of Ankh Court has been a rewarding experience. Having traveled South to San Diego and then North to Portland with Ankh Court has been incredibly fun. Now I'm gearing up for our excursion to Kalamazoo - and later on to WAOUM in Buena Park. As always, if you have new contact information please let our High Priestess know about it and I will do my best to update our email list.

Warm regards,

*Lady Carolyn Roberts, 2nd CL*

### Past High Priestess Club

Happy New Year 🎉

I pray that 2024 brings health and happiness to each and every member of our court.

The next meeting of the PHP club will be a zoom meeting and will be held in mid February, the date and time to be determined. This will our election meeting and it is important that all PHP's attend. Please consider taking an office in our club.

Filly love to all,

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With Filly love 🐾

*Lady Susan Van Horn, PHP*

Club President

### Rosebud Klown Unit

Greetings Rosebud Klowns,

At our last meeting, we elected the following officers:

Co-Leader Melodie Pehr, PHP

Secretary Linda Henke, PHP



Treasurer Julie Reynoso, PHP

If you have not already done so, please give our Secretary,

Lady Linda Henke, proof of your WAOUN registration to be reimbursed \$60.

Our next meeting will be the Official Visit of the High Priestess on February 1, 2024 at 7:30PM.

*Lady Carol Searle,*  
Rosebud Clown Leader

## Ambassadors

Hi Ladies,

### **Ambassadors News for the end of the year of 23-24**

We are happy to report that we may not have been overly active this past year for many reasons, but we are still Ambassadors filled with love for the LOSNA . It is with great humility that I served as President this past year. Now with February fast approaching I hope our Ambassadors members will reach up and find all the officers we will need to elect for the coming year. I will be stepping back this coming year as I find it difficult to be active at this time. So, I am looking forward to the younger members to reach out and carry on the tasks that we have begun. The Ambassadors Unit began just a few years ago with visits to other Masonic organizations explaining what we're doing as a LOS Court, marching in Parades, and going to other events with information folders and videos of our activities. Our group made many jars of pepper jelly and formed the group that made our year as hostess of WAOUN meet possible. This happened in Lady Lynette's year as HP with the then President Lady Kitty and many hours of help from Lady Melody Gordon to make it possible. This is just a few of the many things we did to begin this journey of Ambassadors. I found as much as I wanted, I could not be the fabulous leader to bring our group to the former standards being so far away. Since I am not able to drive the long distance as often as it takes to participate in the events, we often did to promote our many wonderful programs, I ask that someone reach out and take on this wonderful group.

Our next meeting will be hosted by our Princess Lady Vicky Cooley on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm. Please let Lady Vicky know if you want to be included as a guest if you are not a member. As we always welcome new interested ladies to the Ambassadors to help spread the word.

Hope everyone had a wonder Happy New Year greeting with love and good health to each of you for this 2024.

Thank you for your support this past year.

*Lady Jan McCormick, PHP*  
Ambassadors President



## Ankh Court Zoom Meetings

If you want a Zoom meeting set up please contact me and let me know date, time and group.

Abby Demissie, HP 1(510) 847-5996 and email address [ankh92ladies@gmail.com](mailto:ankh92ladies@gmail.com)

## Ankh Website

### From the desk of the web site committee

We are planning to have an additional page on our website, with a Button - for the purpose of collecting donations for our organization.

Given the fact that sometimes members or donors do not have a checkbook or cash available, or do not have the time to mail in checks, it will be easier to donate with a click of a button on our website.

We have searched around for the best rate available, considering the most reliable and trustworthy software company on the market today. We find that SQUARE is a good choice, given its reputation, and because their rates are better for what we need, for each transaction:

Square charges 2.6% + \$0.10

PayPal charges 2.89% + \$0.59

We learned that ANKH Court #92 already has an account with Square, so it appears that the best and quickest solution is to use SQUARE.

All donations will go directly to the Bank Account which the Treasurer oversees.

We may also have an option to put another specific Button on the Website, for the purpose of payment of the dues from members only; again, all the monies would be deposited in the Bank Account that only the Treasurer and authorized officers oversee.

If another fundraising project arises and it is necessary, we may put an additional Button for the specific purpose. Keep in mind that all the monies will be deposited in the Bank Account specified and controlled by the treasurer.

On our court meeting of September 28, 2023, the court approved the implementation of the Square button on our website.

After the court approval- I, Denise Hadar, AP spoke with Lady Julie Reynoso, the Court Treasure, regarding the implementation; Lady Julie said that she herself is not very familiar with the Square account, she will need to contact Lady Nancy Blessing Walker, since Lady Nancy is more familiar with the Square account.

Please visit our website [AnkhCourt92.org](http://AnkhCourt92.org)

## Sewing Committee Report

Hello Ladies of Ankh Ct #92!

Happy New Year 2024 and I hope your Holidays were grand!

I have not been able to sew lately due to my knee replacement and additional procedures. I don't have any meeting dates at this time, The Sewing Committee will resume making items for the Shriners Children's Hospital in February is my best guess. Our projects are quilts, blankets, shorts, pillowcases and wheel chair bags and so on.

(There is still 1 quilt at large).

If anyone is interested in donating fabrics such as Cotton, flannel or fleece, we would very much appreciate it. The cost of fabrics is still expensive.

Any questions, please email me or call me!

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.

Cardinal Love,

*Lady Debbie Finney, PKP*  
Sewing Committee Chairman

djf165@sbcglobal.net or (408)838-7552

## Audit Committee Report



### *Time to Audit our Books!*

Ladies,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. May 2024 bring health, happiness and deepening friendships.

Our next audit will be in February 2024. All books must be turned in to Lady Abby by

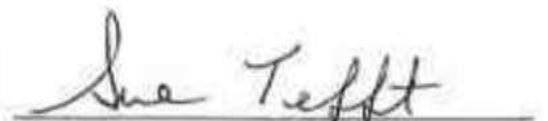
Friday 9, 2024. Lady Sue Tefft will not be back at work by then so you cannot leave the books at the Masonic Center. Thank you.

The next audit will be on April 9, 2024. This will be after installation and before Lady Vicky's first meeting.

If you have any questions please call me.

*Lady Susan Ramsey, PKP*  
Audit Committee Chair

  
Abby Demissie, HP

  
Sue Tefft, PHP Recorder



**ANKH COURT NO. 92, San Jose, CA  
2023-2024  
GRAND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

**Lady Abby Demissie**

Lady Vicky Cooley, PHP

Lady Debbie Finney, PHP

Lady Margaret Leutholtz, PHP

Lady Susan Logan, PHP

Lady Susan Ramsey, PHP

Lady Susan Van Horn, PHP

Lady Nancy Blessing Walker, PHP

Lady Marily Webster, PHP

**High Priestess, Page**

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**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S**

Lady Debbie Finney, PHP Chairperson

Lady Susan Logan, PHP

Lady Susan Ramsey, PHP

Lady Melody Pehr, PHP

Lady Julie Reynoso, PHP

**PHILANTHROPY**

Lady Jan McCormick, PHP, Chairperson

Lady Linda Cerates, PHP

Lady Maureen Snyder, PHP

Lady Sue Tefft, PHP

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Lady Katherine LaFavor, PHP, Chairperson

Lady Cathleen Rogers, PHP

Lady Vicky Cooley, PHP

Lady Linda Henke, PHP

Lady Susan Van Horn, PHP

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Lady Lynette Harter Breed, PHP

Lady Leona Reif, PHP

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Lady Victoria Carmona, PHP, Chairperson

Lady Elain McCutcheon, PHP

Lady Janice Uhler, PHP

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