



# Zulekia Court News



Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America **Zulekia Court No. 35** *Instituted December 14, 1940* 

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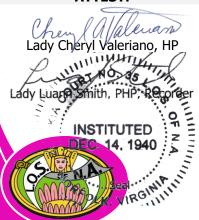
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## ATTEST:



# **Message from the High Priestess**

Hello Ladies,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Lady Lynn Hollandsworth, our new Junior Past High Priestess, with her guidance, we accomplished a lot this past year, and her dream and aspirations of trying to spread the word not only about Zulekia Court, but of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, was achieved.

It is hard to believe that Zulekia Court #35 is celebrating 85 years of existence. This is such an exciting time for us! Let's all enjoy being together and building our philanthropic endeavors through Shriners Children's and Community involvement.

I would like to congratulate all the elected and appointed officers for the 2025-2026 year. Installation seemed to be a huge success filled with love and laughter. It is an honor to be installed as your High Priestess for the ensuing year. Thank you so much for putting your faith in me as your leader. Remember we are all on the same team. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller. With that being said, our class motto for the Whimsical Mystic Ladies is, "Have courage and be kind." It goes hand in hand with teamwork.

Building relationships is vital to the success of our organization. By working together, we can achieve so much more for Shriners Children's. Remember Teamwork is truly a group effort.

I would also like to see us continuing to develop our relationships with the Masonic Youth Organizations. The youth are the future for Masons, Shriners and Lady Shriners. We need to continue supporting these groups of young men and women. Stay tuned, plans are in the works for another Snowball Dance.

Make sure to get a copy of this year's Zulekia Court Calendar. It will have upcoming dates for Court meetings, as well as Lady Shrine University. This year my goal is to expand on our community involvement, and particularly, participating in helping local schools. My proposed HP project this year is to build a handicap ramp in front of our building.

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## Message from the High Priestess (Cont'd)

As with all organizations, we too would also like to see our membership grow. So, when you come out to support court and unit functions, please remember to bring a friend or two. To all of our ladies who have not been able to attend recently, I know that life gets in the way, but hopefully you will be able to join in on the fun,

and fellowship this year.

Fraternally, Lady Cheryl Valeriano High Priestess Zulekia Court #35 Flamingo Hugs & Mermaid Kisses



## Message from the Junior Past High Priestess

It seems hard to believe that a year has passed since I first accepted your trust and belief in me to serve as High Priestess of Zulekia Court. It felt like there was so much time to complete all of the things I wanted to accomplish. I must say that with your help there were only a few things that weren't accomplished. But as the saying goes "Reach for the moon and even if you fail you will land among the stars." Ladies I truly believe we landed among the stars! I believe that makes us STARS! If not stars we are at the very least "World Changers". What we have done as a court has helped to change the lives of many children. Not only children at the hospitals but the partnership with the Storehouse Food Pantry at Courthouse UMC provided food to many families! Most assuredly that is something to be proud of!! In addition to 11 Pounding Boxes with a complete Thanksgiving dinner including a turkey and a \$25 gift certificate to a local food store you all donated 212 packets of oatmeal, 30 boxes of pasta, 32 cans of fruit, 429 cans of soup (remember they go through approximately 700 a month), and 36 miscellaneous items of food to include boxes of mashed potatoes, bags of dried beans, 10 cans of full restaurant size cans of tuna fish and cereal. LADIES YOU ARE WORLD CHANGERS! You gave these people HOPE!

In addition to food, we have taken 4 HUGE bags of clothing to PIN (People In Need) Ministry. Remember PIN serves women as well as men so any clothing (male or female) is greatly needed and appreciated. Then there was the Snow Ball we held this year for the Masonic Youth in our areas, the DeMolay, the Jobie's, and the Rainbow Girls. This was a dance party JUST FOR THEM! They didn't have to work for it, they didn't have to sell anything for it, they just had to show up! Masonic Youth are the future of the adult Masonic organizations. We need to plant the seeds and nurture them as they are the future Lady Shriners, Masons, Shriners and Eastern Star members. We need to celebrate and encourage them! 15 Zulekia ladies are attending Bethel #42's Murder Mystery Theater on April 5! The comment was made to Lady Cheryl, HP when she and Noble Wayne were at Philly hospital that no one had ever done this before for the youth, hosting a party just for fun for them.

Zulekia has truly set the bar high for our presence in our community. I thank each of you for allowing me to join you on this journey. It has truly been a blessing to me as I hope it has been for you. Remember the Butterfly Effect...it has been scientifically proven that the breeze created in the Amazon by the butterfly's wings really does affect the weather of the world! Ladies you have been that breeze this year and you have positively affected many lives! Congratulations!! Rich is not how much money you have or what you own or where you live. Rich is who you have beside you. Being able to walk this year as HP with you ladies of Zulekia Court I am a very rich woman for having had your companionship on this journey. Thank you for the privilege of serving that you have allowed me!



Sloppy Hippo Kisses and Eeyore Smiles, Lady Lynn Hollandsworth Junior Past High Priestess



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

All meeting at Zulekia Court #35 Unless Otherwise Noted

Please look for upcoming IMPORTANT DATES In your email Friday, 4/4 – Books Due for Audit

Tuesday, 4/8 – Executive Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Tuesday, 4/8 – Grand Council Basket Bingo Planning Meeting @ 6 PM

> Tuesday, 4/8 @ 7:00 pm – Patrol meeting

Wednesday, 4/9 @ 5:30 pm -Norfolk Ladies Shrine Club @ Mom & Pops, Norfolk

Monday, 4/14 @ 6:30 pm - VB Ladies Shrine Club @ Outback Steakhouse, Kemps River, VB

Wednesday, 4/16 @ 5:30 PM -Pageantry meeting

Wednesday, 4/16 @ 7:00 pm -COURT STATED MEETING, Refreshments (PHP Club) at 6:00 pm

Thursday, 4/17 @ 6:30 pm -Zukies meeting

Monday, 4/21 @ 6:30 pm – Clowns Meeting

Tuesday, 4/22 @ 6:30 pm -Peninsula Ladies Shrine Club @ Joe and Mimma's Italian Restaurant, Yorktown

Thursday, 4/24 @ 6 PM -Ways & Means

Thursday, 4/24 @ 7 PM -Building Operations meeting

Monday, 4/28 @ 6:30 PM -Lady Shrine University

Wednesday, 4/30 @ 6:30 PM -Grand Council Planning meeting

Wednesday, 4/30 @ 7:30 PM -Grand Visitation Planning meeting

## Message from the Princess

Ladies.

As we step into another exciting year, I want to take a moment to congratulate our newly elected and appointed officers. Your dedication and commitment to our Court are truly commendable, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

Reflecting on my time as Associate Princess, I am deeply grateful for the love and support you have shown me. It is a privilege to step into the role of Princess for 2025-2026, and I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to serve.

Looking ahead, I am eager to continue learning, growing, and finding new ways to support our Court. I am especially excited for Grand Council in Kansas City, MO, which I know will be both meaningful and a lot of fun. I would like to wish Lady Cheryl a fantastic and enjoyable year ahead!

Lastly, our March 13th Manteo Middle School Tab Day was a tremendous successeveryone had a wonderful time! Thank you all for your encouragement, support, and trust. I can't wait to see what this year brings for us!



Lady Christina Martin Princess With Phoenix Love and Wookie Hugs!

## Message from the Associate Princess

Hello Ladies.

Looking back over my 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Lady year, I want to take a moment to thank all the units, clubs, and members for the wonderful support I received with all of our 2024-2025 court fundraisers. With you love and support we were able to raise over \$12,000 for our court. None of that would have been possible without all of you.

Looking ahead to our 2025-2026 year, I am excited for the coming year, and I know that with your love, support and guidance, I will continue to learn, grow and soar to new heights.

One of our hospital fundraisers this year is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jungle Golf fundraiser. Please come out to Jungle Golf in Virginia Beach on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM – 5 PM. The cost is \$15 per person, with all net proceeds going to our hospital fund.

> With Cheshire Cat Smiles & Monkey Hugs, Lady Deb Lawrence Associate Princess



## UNITS

#### **Patrol Unit**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday | 7 PM Zulekia Court #35 Building Captain Lady Jennie Vogl

#### Clown Unit

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday | 6:30 PM Zulekia Court #35 Building Directress Lady Lynn Hollandsworth, PHP

#### Pageantry Unit

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday | 5:30 PM Zulekia Court #35 Building Directress Lady Carol Wicks

#### Zukie Line Dancer Unit

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday | 6:30 PM Zulekia Court #35 Building Captain Lady Bobbie Greybeck, PHP

#### **CLUBS**

Norfolk Shrine Club Mom & Pop's Restaurant **Bayview Avenue** 

Past

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday | 5:30 PM

## **High Priestess** Club

Meets in April, June, October & February 4<sup>th</sup> Monday | 7 PM Zulekia Court #35 Building

#### Peninsula Shrine Club

Joe and Mimma's Italian Restaurant 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday | 6:30 PM

### Suffolk Shrine Club

Plaza Azteca Restaurant Main Street Suffolk 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday | 11:30 AM President Lady Veronica Cianetti

## Virginia Beach Shrine Club

<sup>2nd</sup> Monday | 6:30 PM Outback Steak House President Lady Joanne Norton-Kolinsky

## Message from the First Ceremonial Lady

Hello Ladies of Zulekia Court,

First off, I want to congratulate Lady Lynn on a great year. I would also like to thank everyone for helping me as I learn and grow as a Lady Shriner and as 2nd Ceremonial Lady for Zulekia Court. The more I learn, the more I realize that I have only begun to scratch the surface.

With Lady Cheryl, High Priestess' guidance, I look forward to the year ahead, and can't wait to see all the wonderful things, we will do to continue our endeavors to expand helping the Shrine Children, and our community, and make 2025 even more spectacular!





The Membership Committee will be hosting a Craft Night on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. All are welcome for a night of fun and fellowship. The cost is \$25 and you have a choice of making a Sunflower or Flamingo sign. If you are interested, please contact Lady Deb Lawrence.

If you know of any ladies that may be interested in joining our great organization, give them a petition. Petition fees are \$40 and must be paid with the petition and before the candidate can be interviewed. If you need petitions, they are available at the recorder's desk, or if you are sitting in the building, they are also located in the office desk drawer.

Lady Christina Martin | Lady Deb Lawrence Membership Chair

## Philanthropic

A big thank you to all members who participated in our 2024-2025 philanthropic projects and community services!

Lady K. Ashley Philanthropic Committee Chairman



## **Recorder's Desk**

Ladies, have you paid your 2024 DUES?

# Check your card, it should show 2024 to be current.

Dues are now **\$35.00**.

PHPs (Lifetime Membership) \$**30.00**;

50 Year Members \$15.00

Your dues support the Court, Grand Council, and the Shriners Hospitals. Dues must be current to request a demit.

# It's now time to pay your 2025 dues!

I don't have any more bylaws or rituals, and it is likely there will be another updated version printed for both. Proceedings haven't come in yet.

Thanks to the ladies who send their reports electronically before the meeting. They can also be hand carried, as long as they make it to my desk before the meeting ends.

### Thanks,

On Soaring wings of Eagles Lady Luann Smith, PHP Recorder - Zulekia Court #35



## **Building Operations | Building Rentals**

It has been a productive few months and as we finish out the year with our High Priestess, Lynn Hollandsworth and her dedicated service, we continue to improve on the building and focus on maintaining the facility in an orderly and timely manner. I am confident that High Priestess Cheryl Valeriano will lead our court and our building in the right direction.

I would like to take a moment to thank the ladies of the court who make up the building committee and continue to make time for the monthly meetings. The committee is always looking for more volunteers, and right now we are in desperate need of a secretary. We meet monthly on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. The meetings typically last about an hour. Please consider helping. The next meeting is April 24, 2025, at 7:00PM.

All the building's annual inspections have been completed. This covers the fire sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, alarm system, kitchen hood system and backflow system. The fire Marshall stopped by and did his inspection, and we have been issued an occupancy certificate for another year. The grease traps have been cleaned out, all the kitchen appliances have been inspected and serviced, plus, all three HVAC units have been inspected and serviced. A new security camera and monitor have been installed, and it has added an extra layer of security in the building. The floors have been cleaned as well as striped and waxed, the parking lot got a lot brighter once we had 5 trees removed! More work needs to be done in the parking lot to prevent tripping hazards. This will be addressed in the coming months.

How wonderful it is that our building rentals have kept our calendar full. These events help keep the building funded for future necessities and it is very important that we have volunteers to fill the shifts. Lady Lynn H. PHP has graciously accepted the role of building event manager. She will be reaching out asking for help. Please, when called upon to help, step forward. The more people we have to volunteer, the less each individual will be needed.

Be on the lookout for a Court Cleaning Day. The date is tentatively scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-? please be on the lookout for more information. A light snack and drinks will be provided. Please ask your husbands to consider joining us for some manly jobs. A list of chores will be posted on the bulletin board.

If you see anything in the building that needs to be addressed, please feel free to contact Lady Janet Barringer, Building Committee Chair or Lady Linda Allen, Building Committee Co-Chair.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Barringer, Building Operations Committee Chairperson

#### **BUILDING RENTALS**

We only have a couple of events in April. Please look at your schedule, and volunteer to sit the building.

DATE	NAME / TYPE OF EVENT	RENTAL HOURS	Security time	ADDITIONAL HRS	SHIFT 1	SHIFT 2	<u>SHIFT 3</u>
4/16	Stated Meeting		No				
Saturday 4/5	Abrams/McClee Birthday No ABC	11am – 9pm	2:30pm- 9:00pm	No	Open 11am - 3pm	3pm - 6pm	Close 6pm - 9pm
Thursday 4/10	NAPA Training						
Saturday 4/26	Brathwaite Birthday Party Yes ABC	6pm - 11pm	Yes/ABC 6:30pm – 11pm	No	Open/Close 6pm - 11pm		

Please call, 757-621-7114, or email, <u>Ihollandbooks@gmail.com</u>, Lynn Hollandsworth to sign up to building sit. Thank you for all that you do for Zulekia!



## **Coordinator of Units**

Ladies,

I was super excited to see everyone at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ocean View. Thank you to everyone that came out and braved the drizzly weather and cool temperatures.

Stay tuned for upcoming parade opportunities, as well as the 111<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session in Kansas City, MO, and MEUM in October sponsored by Jobel Court.

## Join the fun!

Lady Lynn Hollandsworth, PHP Coordinator of Units

## Patrol

Happy Spring Ladies!

Another busy winter for our Patrol Unit. We were able to participate in the Rotary Christmas Parade and the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ocean View. The Patrol Unit is sponsoring the Orange Crush Tent at the Chesapeake Shrine Club's Oyster Roast on March 29th. Some of our ladies will be headed to Grand Council for some fun and fellowship! We still have some calendars left for \$10 each if you would like to purchase one. And don't forget the Patrol Unit meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the court building, please come out and join us. Hope you stay well and stay blessed!

Respectfully, Lady Jennie Vogl Patrol Captain

## Clowns

Ladies,

We invite you to join us at our next meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 at the court building. Come find out about the behind-thescenes life of a clown!

With peace, love and joy! Lady Lynn Hollandsworth, PHP Directress

## Pageantry

#### Ladies,

Pageantry meets the 1st Wednesday (Court Night) except in April we meet on the 3rd Wednesday and we are dark in July and August. Our meetings are at 5:30 PM. Visitors are welcome anytime! Come check us out! We are the unit that wears the Egyptian costumes for The Story during Initiation.

Lady Carol Wicks Directress

## **Zukie Line Dancers**

#### Hi ladies,

The Zukies are looking forward to showing off our new dance moves at Grand Council! We welcome everyone to come out to our meetings on the third Thursday of the month. Come dance and have fun with us, and see what we're all about!

Fishy Kisses & Octopus Hugs, Lady Bobbie Greybeck, PHP Captain



## **Norfolk Ladies Shrine Club**

Dear Ladies,

The Norfolk Ladies Shrine Club will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 9th at Mom and Pop's as we had decided at the March meeting to change our start time from the previously appointed 6:30 p.m. meeting time. Elections will also be held at that time. Thank you for your understanding.

Lady Linda Lee President, Norfolk Ladies Shrine Club

## **Virginia Beach Ladies Shrine Club**

Greetings-

The Virginia Beach Ladies Shrine Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Outback Steakhouse | Kemps River Crossing at 6:30 PM. Please come out for a fun evening with great food and fellowship.

Lady Joanne Norton-Kolinsky President

## **Suffolk Ladies Shrine Club**

Greetings from Suffolk,

We have had to cancel both our March & April meetings due to the many things going on. in March. Our May Meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Plaza Azteca. We would love for you to come join us for lunch.

Lady Veronica Cianetti President of the Ladies Suffolk Shrine Club

## **Peninsula Ladies Shrine Club**

The Peninsula Ladies Shrine Club recently celebrated their first "birthday" of being an official club of Zulekia Court #35, LOSNA. What an exciting year it has been as the club members have worked hard to offer informative meetings, support the Hospital Fund and look for ways to be an integral part of the Court. The club members donated \$150 to the Peninsula Men's Shrine Club Plaque Program that supports Khedive's Transportation Fund. As a new club it has been a learning year as each of our officers have worked hard to make the Court and its members proud of the work we do to support the Children. We are looking forward to continuing our growing success and extend an open invitation to all Zulekia Court members to join us at any one of the club's upcoming meetings. We meet the fourth Tuesday at 6:30pm at Joe and Mimma's Italian Restaurant in York County. Please join us for a great meal filled with plenty of laughter and good times. Please mark your calendars for the following meetings:

March 25<sup>th</sup>June 24<sup>th</sup>April 22<sup>nd</sup>September 23<sup>rd</sup>May 27<sup>th</sup>October 28<sup>th</sup>

November 25<sup>th</sup> December TDB

<u>2026</u> Ja

January 27, 2026 February 24th, 2026

Looking forward to seeing you all there! Sandy F., Sherri, Caren, Margaret, Sandy N., Gina, Colleen, Cheryl B, Cheryl V., Hailee, Helen, and Dawn



# **Good of the Order**























# **Good of the Order (Cont'd)**



























# **How to Donate**

Is there someone you would like to Honour?

Or a Birthday or Anniversary you would like to celebrate?

Or a family member or friend that you have lost that you want to recognize & remember?

Consider making a Court Donation in their name. You can designate where you want your donation to go.

- Shrine Hospital
- LOSNA Special Project
- Shrine Temple
- General/Hospital Fund

It's easy to do ....

- Complete a form
- All Check Should be made payable to:

## Zulekia Court #35 EXCEPT:

Donations to Shriners Children's or Khedive Transportation Fund These should be made payable to **Zulekia Court #35** 

## Hospital Fund

 Return Form with Check To Lady Luann Smith, PHP Court Recorder

### DONATIONS

If you want to make a donation to the Shriner's Hospitals or Khedive Transportation Fund through Zulekia Court, you will need to make out your check to "ZULEKIA COURT #35 HOSPITAL FUND" And mail it to the Recorder, with the donation form below.

## COURT DONATION FORM

### TO:

Shrine Hospital, LOSNA Special Project, Shrine Temple, General/ Hospital Fund, etc. (Circle one)

#### FOR:

In Honor of, Memorial, Celebration of Birthday/Anniversary, etc. (Circle one)

### GIVEN BY:

Your Name as 'given by' NAME: Of person who should receive the acknowledgement (ALSO THEIR ADDRESS)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recorder will fill in portion below for court records:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT: \_\_\_\_Date

**NOTE:** Form to be used by Members, Units, Clubs, Classes, Associations, Family and Friends and submitted with the check for the donation to the Court Recorder. We honour the following Ladies who are celebrating their "5 Year + Anniversaries in the calendar year 2025 as members of Zulekia Court #35

45 Years

Shirley Jones (March) Judith Norton (October)

#### 40 Years

Annie Baker (June) Iris Flanders (November) Carol Wicks (February)

#### 35 Years

Leah Casper (February) Dawn Hamblen (June) Shirley Nissen (February)

#### 30 Years

Margaret Stocks (June) Linda Tuttle (March)

#### 25 Years

Marilyn Cromartie (March) Jean Ervin (June) Joanne Kolinsky (June) Linda Rudiger (June)

#### 20 Years

Lisa Adams (January) Jeanette Bray (September) Jerimae Canterbury (January) Susan Coffman (January) Sylvia Curran (September) Patricia Davis (September) Nina Eaton (January) Veda Stone Goff (January)

#### 20 Years (Cont'd)

Barbara Moseler (January) Michelle Pope (September) Mary Ramsey (January) Elizabeth Rush (May) Virginia Teller (September) Roberta Trawick (January) Lynda Williams (January)

#### 15 Years

Penney Ann Dalton (June) Susan Jones (January) Pamela Keeter (January) Kristina Zahn (June)

#### 10 Years

Inez Brittingham (February) Ashley Warren (July)

#### 5 Years

Julia Casto (October) Amanda Dell (January) Amy Dirks (January) Sherri Gretka (October) Deb Lawrence (July) Christina Martin (January) Kathy Martin (July) Linda Martin (July) Emma Newby (January) Lori Peoples (October) Jennie Vogl (October) Michele Williams (January) Debra Wilson (October)

# 115<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Planning Committee

#### Hi Ladies,

The Grand Council committee has been very busy. We are working hard on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual basket bingo. We would love for anyone interested in helping us to attend our meetings.

Just a reminder that we have several ongoing fundraisers. If you have not purchased your garment bag or car emblem, please see Lady Bobbie Greybeck, PHP. Also, our Nut & Candy fundraiser is ongoing. You can click here to go to the website to place your order. <u>https://zulekiacourt35.terrilynn.com/</u>

Fishy Kisses & Octopus Hugs, Lady Bobbie Greybeck, PHP 115<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Committee Chairman (757) 504-5066





## 2025 Elected Divan

Walter "Dink" Pope, Jr., Potentate Randy Murphy, P.P., Chief Rabban Dave Wilson, Assistant Rabban Terry Riley, High Priest & Prophet Bill Bickel, Oriental Guide J. Leon Stocks, P.P., Treasurer Wayne Kelly, Recorder

#### Greetings

I would like to thank the ladies of Zulekia Court and all the ladies of LOSNA for their continuing support of Shriners Children's, Khedive Temple and Shrinedom in general. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call me at 757-420-4510.

Wayne Kelly Khedive Recorder

## Upcoming Events April



## May



## **Upcoming Events (Cont'd)**

## June

Mark Your Calendars It's Time Again to Play

# FAMILY FEUD

# June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

More Details Coming Soon!

# **ON-GOING**



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**115<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Fundraiser** Dress Length Black Garment Bag (24" width x72" length non-woven)

\$40.00 payable to Zulekia Court & add  $115^{\text{th}}$  GC fundraiser in the memo line

The embroidery will include the LOSNA emblem, your name, title (if applicable) & your Court Name & No. A shorter version is available. All order forms must be turned into Lady Bobbie Greybeck, PHP.

