

August 2023

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Wow!!! I gotta say that was an experience. We arrived home a couple of weeks ago from HOT Phoenix, Arizona, and National Convention. I am so happy to be back home in our beautiful state.

If you have never been to National Convention, GO!! It is so much fun, and I learned a lot. Not to mention, meeting all of our Brothers and Sisters from all over the country. Being there and taking place in the voting on important resolutions is amazing and very empowering. We do have a say so. Become a delegate for your Auxiliary and attend Convention.

Alright, enough of the fun that you missed out on if you didn't go...down to business.

August is the month that we have our Training or Learning Academies. I know, I know..."they are just gonna tell us what we already know about the National Programs". WRONG! This year we want to talk to you about stuff that YOU want to learn about. Things that you may not already know.

How many of you have been on MALTA on the National website? Do you even know what MALTA is or what information is available there? Do you know what Robert's Rules are or why it is important to follow even the most basic of them? What is a report form? Where do I get one? How and why do I need to fill that out? And my favorite...What??? We have a Department WEBSITE?? Where is that at? What is on there?

Please plan on attending one of the three Learning Academies and have all your important questions answered. The first one takes place in Pendleton on Saturday, August 11. (That is my anniversary, so come wish me happy Anniversary. Plus, I would love to say hi to you.) The learning will start at 9 am. and there will be an amazing potluck that you won't want to miss. There will be some surprises and a Golden ticket is involved so you won't want to miss out on that.

The next Academy will be in Oregon City on August 19th. Again, starting at 9 am. If I am not mistaken, lunch will be \$8, and I know that it will be worth it. I case you missed the fun in Pendleton, there will be another chance for a Golden ticket winner.

Finally, last but certainly not least, the final Learning academy will be in Winston on August 26th. I am not sure about lunch, but I will be there to see all of you. Again, we will begin at 9 am. I can't tell you how excited I am to be a part of all of this. We are going to learn so much and have a lot of fun.

As always, if you have someone in your Auxiliary that has passed away, is in the hospital or just needs some extra love and support, please reach out to me. I would love to send them a card or give them a phone call. My contact information is as follows:

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