

WASHINGTON AMARANTHIAN DISPATCH



From the Desk of the Grand Royal Matron:

Good Morning All,

As I write this, I have woken to fall surrounding us. The leaves are turning, there is ice on the roof and the days are chilling. On a brighter note, I have a Rhododendron blooming and I will be traveling across the mountain to Spokane for Trinity's OV. We have been pleased by the attendance at the Official Visits this year. Thank you to all the members that are able to be out there traveling and supporting the Courts.

At our last elected officers meeting, we discussed the communication tools that are available to our members and what we might do to increase visibility to the outside world. We will be working to make our website more user friendly and more attractive to the eye. We also plan to link and update the Facebook page (Grand Court of Washington-Amaranth). Our hope is to see changes before the end of the year, it will be a work in progress, as are most things in our lives.

I have been thinking about the many opportunities for our members outside our regular Court meetings. In order to keep Amaranth healthy in Washington we need to also keep our Grand Court healthy. In March, which seems so far away, there will be many opportunities to step into important rolls as elected officers to contribute to our Order. Think about the possibilities, you may not want to stand for an elected line position, but there are other offices that are vital to our organization. Grand Treasurer will be open as HL Vicki has served her five years, also possibly two Grand Trustee positions and Grand Commissioner of Appeal. Just think about how you might serve Grand Court.

November Schedule:

November 4 th	Diabetes Benefit—LeMays Car Museum
November 11 th	Group—Capitol Court—10AM—Lunch—OV—1PM (Line 9AM)
November 17 th	Golden Light OV—7:30PM—Dinner 6PM
November 23 rd	HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL

December Schedule:

December 9 th	Group—Opportunity Court--10AM—Holiday Party—Lunch—OV—2PM
December 16 th	Grays Harbor OV—1PM—Lunch—11:30
December 7 th -15 th	Hanukkah
December 25 th	Christmas

Saw this by Snoopy: To Be List...

Be Thankful	Be Kind	Be Positive	Be Compassionate	Be Humble
Be Strong	Be Loving			

LIFE IS.....

Safe travels and enjoy all the holidays.

Mizpah,

HL Joy

Grand Royal Matron



Honored Ladies, Sir Knights, and friends

It seems like time is flying past. Halloween is in a week and the schedule is full. Half the Ovs are done, but there are more coming up quickly. I hope I see many of you attending the upcoming ones. Turn out has been fantastic so far and it would be great for that to continue and grow.

I just finished a small jigsaw puzzle that I had been given. It was a lot of fun and rather relaxing. Sometimes it seems like life has turned into one big jigsaw puzzle with upcoming holidays, Ovs, other Amaranth and Masonic activities, Doctor Appointments, birthdays for family and friends, and other important appointments. Somehow, they have to all fit into only a finite number of days.

Amid all this, plus the necessary preparation for some of them, remember to take time for yourself and your family. Read a book, do a jigsaw puzzle, go for a drive. Spend time with family or friends. Whatever you find enjoyable or relaxing, take some time to schedule that into your jigsaw puzzle of a calendar. You will find that if you are happy and refreshed, you are better able to accomplish whatever you are doing.

If you think about it, jigsaw puzzles have another attribute which matches what happens this time of year. You take a whole pile of apparently random disparate pieces and with time and effort put them together to make a complete picture. When you look back on the picture your life makes over the next few months, may it be one that you remember with happiness, pride, and contentment.

Don't forget Group in November at Capitol and the Group/Holiday Party in December at Opportunity!

Have a Spooktacular Halloween and happy haunting!

Blair Thisted

Grand Royal Patron



From the desk of the Grand Court Duck Herder,

***Calling all Members, New and Older, Interested in Ritual Practice!!!**

Our next AGL classes will be November 18 & 19, hosted by Alki Court located at 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle. Saturday's class will be working on Opening, Closing and Escorts, and Sunday's will be on Balloting and Initiation. Practices run 9:00 – 3:00. Alki Court will provide coffee and breakfast snacks before class and an extra-long lunch (to provide shopping time) will be at their Fall Bazaar.

***Ways & Means**

Remember we have a couple of fabulous raffles going on this term: 1) A one week stay at Deer Harbor on Orcas Island in the BEAUTIFUL San Juans! And, 2) A ONE-OF-A-KIND coffee table made by SK Brian Wheeler. I know you haven't been able to see it in person yet, but that time is drawing closer. Tickets for each are \$10.00.

***Your participation is wanted!!!**

Thank you to the Members who participated in September! Remember, Members can submit pictures of anything that inspired them, made them laugh, or brought them joy.

PICTURE #2



"But Dear, it's not hoarding if it's books. I think it's called a library."
"What genre is located in the bathroom?"
"Of course I can read those, right after my Amaranth Ritual."
"Awwww, so many books.... so little time!"
"Take a left at the "G" shelf of fiction and a right after 920's and you'll find your room."

PICTURE #3



Don't forget to send captions and new pictures to:
andrea.jo.ames@gmail.com

← Really liked a couple of those captions!!

**In LOVE with Amaranth,
Andrea (Affectionately, "M") GAM**



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My next thought comes from the idea of how do we treat members verses friends. Well, I would think you would treat each equally but is that really the case? When was the last time you sat and enjoyed social company with the newer member/s? I know it's been said many times that we should step out of our comfort zone and sit with others at meals and such.

The Social outlet of Amaranth was in my humble opinion a way to level the social status of each of us to that of friends. Gathering together at events and sharing meals and stories is so beneficial to our soul and has health benefits as well. Even the introvert will tell you that they have a core group of friends to which they interact.

I encourage all members to reach out to friends and members alike to create an inviting environment for all to feel welcome in and thus accomplishing one of the goals of the order.

Now, on to big things, have you bought your ticket to win the River Coffee table measuring 45 inches long by 24 inches wide and standard coffee table height?? Well, say no more, our Hallmark girls, HL Andrea and myself have those wonderful tickets for you to buy from us. Oh, not coming to an OV or Group meeting right now but still want to buy a ticket or 10, well I'm including a QR code for our group Venmo account. Just scan the picture and it will take you to the Venmo account, you'll then put in how much you are sending for tickets.

Say you want to buy 10 tickets, you would send the group Venmo \$100.00 and this will in turn send us an email with that amount and who it was from. Please include in the note section if you want physical tickets mailed to you or just your ticket numbers emailed to you. Emailing and in person ticket purchases helps save cost for this fundraiser.

Remember we are helping raise money to support our Grand Court and by buying a ticket or 10 you'll be totally helping us. You can also share this with your friends and family.

Thanks,

SK Brian Wheeler, GAP 007
425-530-1162



It's the month of Thanksgiving, or as I like to say, Giving Thanks. This year I am so thankful for you, my Amaranth family. I have begun to realize that I am part of something much bigger and better than I ever imagined.

Our Grand Line communicates well, travels together and genuinely helps each other. Whenever I need a hug, someone to talk to, a travel partner or a place to stay, I know who I can call.

The love and support I have experienced while traveling around the state is so heartwarming. There have been so many offers of help and ideas for fundraising. I just love hearing all your ideas. Keep them coming!

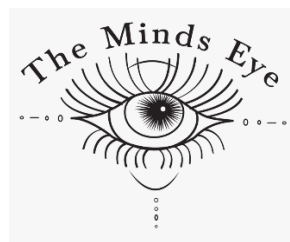
This summer I found that I am a part of something even bigger.... I have a supreme family too! Our supreme "mom" is HL Marcia Weidinger from Tennessee, and I have sisters all over the country. I'm excited to announce that we will be called

The Jewels and the Gemstones. I'm really looking forward to Supreme Session next July in Pittsburgh PA!

So THANK YOU, WA Amaranth, for allowing me to go on this journey. With Jack by my side, I will take this opportunity to be the very best I can be, and I am going to enjoy every moment.

I look forward to seeing you all out on the Amaranth Trail. As always, be kind to one another.

HL Lori Hanson, G Conductress



Thanksgiving

It's hard to believe that it's nearly time for Thanksgiving and the Winter Holiday Season. Time goes by so fast sometimes.

I had great fun at Idaho's Grand Court and made many new friends. I look forward to more travels.

The DRB is on the 4th and I hope to see many out for this wonderful event. The team has done a lot of work to make this a special evening. HL Michelle and I will be working on the one for next year.... Stay tuned for fun!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

And stay healthy!!! I just finished Covid for the first and I hope LAST time!

"Think of the one thing that you've always wanted. Now find it in your mind's eye and feel it in your heart."

Beast

See you all soon-

Jenny

HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 9, 2023

10AM-1PM

OPPORTUNITY COURT

1700 S. 340TH ST.

FEDERAL WAY

CHRISTMAS DRESS

GAMES AND TREATS

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

LUNCH BY COURT (\$)

FOLLOWED BY

OFFICIAL VISIT

2PM (appropriate dress)

COME ENJOY THE DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

HOSPITALITY AND FUN

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad

Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!





Hi Members,
I forgot the Venmo QR for GAP Brian's article.
So lets try this again.
Camille

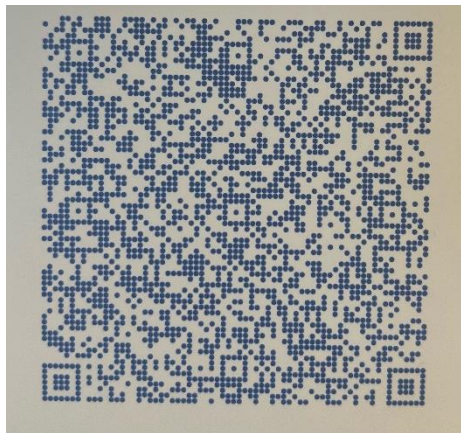
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