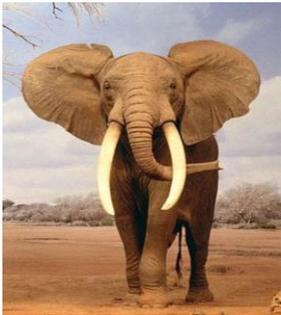


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**H.L.'s and S.K.'s of Washington,
 Welcome to the Roaring 20's - HAPPY NEW YEAR. Have you made any resolutions for this new year? How about new goals? Make some new friends and invite them to join our Order. Think outside the box. Invite your friends and Masonic family to some fun events. How about a group of friends attending some of the new movies that have come out lately? Go bowling for fun. What about taking a few friend walking in the mall and then having lunch together ? Attend one of the Masonic Youth Groups' events and/or meetings. Use Social Media to get to know what is going on in the Masonic Community. Have you ever thought of just having coffee weekly and building friendships that way? Let other members get to know your friends.**

Time is rapidly racing towards "March Madness" of the Pacific Northwest Grand Courts culminating with our very own Amaranth Safari Grand Court in Yakima. Get your reservations in early. Not "Masonic early" but instead look closely and respond before the deadlines posted. Everyone is working very hard to make these events a success, don't make doing their jobs hard on them by being late. I have encouraged our Grand Officers to get out and visit other Courts' meetings and events as well as other Masonic family events. So, don't be surprised if you have sideliners at your meetings. Let's make the beginning of the new decade, the decade of the "Roaring 20's" the best ever. I know Tigers don't roar.....but we have a plethora of other exotic animals in our Safari who do.

H.L. Donna K. Hoffman, GRM

Hello to all my Amaranth family. In November we travelled about and finished off the O.V.s including among others Richmond and Trinity courts. In December we finished the last of the OVs at Mt. View. My campaign to "stop telling elephant jokes" the past month made approximately \$150 for diabetes. Thank you all for your generous donations.

The Christmas party at Pyramid was fun with carols sung and gifts exchanged. I hope that everyone had a nice holiday season and was able to share time with family as I was. I am looking forward to a great new year and all the friends I will be able to spend time with. As has been my habit this year I was able to attend some of the youth group meetings this past month.

**Be safe and see you all soon.
Jus' bill GRP.**

Greetings from the Grand Associate Matron!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations with family and friends. This year has flown by very quickly. It doesn't seem possible. However, when you are having fun and never home, there is just enough time to appreciate the little things in life. Thank you to everyone over the last year that has participated in some of my planned activities. The Duck Race at the Grand Court Campout was received pretty well. We already have the river volunteers for next year. Just wait to see who goes under. It will be a great deal of fun!

I have really enjoyed getting together for our Group Meetings and meeting a lot of new members along the way. Please encourage them to continue to come and participate, even if it isn't floor work. They can provide help in other ways. Sometimes those members are the best at just being behind the scenes to cook or put food out. Also be kind. We work very hard to get new members in and we want them to stay. If you see someone go out of their way to guide them along a new path, please remember to acknowledge that as well.

I hope that all of Gary and my Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons are ready for their upcoming year. I encourage all of you to support one another and hopefully collaborate to make each other's year as memorable as my first time through as Royal Matron. It might be a little scary or daunting, for our new ones. I know that you will

do your best job! If you or a Court member need help, please let us know so that we can come and support you throughout your year. I look forward to seeing what you have all come up with for your terms.

These are very exciting times.

I have been reminded that I have less than 3 months before that shiny crown goes back on my head. Now that is a daunting thought.

I wish all of our Amaranth friends and family the happiest and healthiest New Year and let this year be one of the best!

With Amaranth Love,

HL Heather Hughes, Grand Associate Matron

Greetings from the West

I am your Grand Associate Patron SK Gary Lewis.

I have been a member of the Order of the Amaranth for over 30 years now. Although some of you know who I am, it seems that many of you do not, so let me give you a little history about myself.

I was born September 29, 1956 in Bellingham WA. My parents lived outside of town on a small farm and my older sister and I raised chickens. My father having just gotten out of the Air Force opened Lewis Radio and TV where he sold and repaired TV's and Radios of all kinds.

In 1965 my family moved to Seattle in search of more money and a better life. I graduated High School in 1974 and I headed off to George Fox College in Newberg OR. College cost a lot of money and in time I ran out. So, I took a job as a High Seas Radio Operator with NOAA and floated around the Bering Sea in Alaska for 3 years to help pay off my college debt until I decided I wanted back on dry land. That decision was sparked by a chance meeting one lonely night while playing around with my other hobby, Amateur Radio, where I first met and got a chance to talk to the one who would later become my wife, HL Robin.

It was my wife Robin who brought me into the world of Amaranth having been a JOBIE in the past. She had gone thru the line with her father Tom Powell and her brother Steven Powell and wanted me by her side the next time she went thru the line so I became a Master Mason so I could spend more time with her doing what she liked to do. While pregnant with our first child Robin and I were the Royal Matron and Royal Patron of Loyalty Court in Renton, where I was first initiated into the order. Like many other courts, in time we had to merge with another court in order to survive.

I have served as Royal Patron of Loyalty Court a few times. I have also served the Grand Court of Washington on the Sound Committee for a few years and as an AGL many times until I caught the eye of Jenifer McGilvery who thought enough of me to ask if I would be her Grand Lecturer in 2003. I studied long and hard for 3 years taking my Red Ritual everywhere I went, even on camping trips to the Masonic Park in Granite Falls, and I had a lot of fun along the way and learned an awful lot as well and made many new friends.

It was during this time that Robin's big brother Steven married Michelle Seldon. Michelle also had another friend named Heather Hughes who was a very quiet and shy lady who did not talk much. Michelle, Heather and Robin became the 3 Amigos and the best of friends. If you saw one you could find the other two ladies not far behind. Tragically Michelle died in a car accident a few years later and that changed all of our lives. To keep the peace among the families I left the Order of the Amaranth for a few years.

HL Heather was appointed Grand Rep. to Scotland in 2016 and she decided that it would be fun to actually go to Scotland rather than just send Applets and Cotletts and a card. My wife HL Robin decided that she wanted to go to. So, when I asked if I could go along on the trip, HL Heather said under one condition that you start attending Court Meetings again and I agreed. It was while on vacation to Scotland that HL Heather and I got to know each other better. So, when she was elected to Grand Associate Conductress she remembered how much fun I could be and asked me to join her on her journey to the East.

This past year since Grand Court ended in March, I have traveled to many Subordinate Court Installations and Official Visits. While at the Amaranth campout in Granite Falls, I even went rubber duck hunting in the Stillaguamish River at the Masonic Campground in Granite Falls. I have attended Group Meetings, one in particular will haunt me forever, while at the Bremerton Court where I accidentally left my donation box for the "Pie In the Face" contest behind. As a result, I was made to wear a Pink Tutu for being absent minded and I can be seen on various media pages wearing my new outfit. I wore the Pink Tutu for you all to see at the Amaranth Diabetes auction held at the Nile and at Alpine Courts International dinner and silent auction where I also wore my Pink Tutu while washing dishes.

Masonry to me means family, friends and a way of life in which we can all be together. My son Chris was in DeMolay and my daughter Amber was a JOBIE. I found out later while going thru my father's (Harry) belongings after he passed away, that he was also a Master Mason and was raised in a Bellingham Lodge. My mother Mary was a Rainbow girl as was my big sister Diana.

This is how I would sum up life for me:

Life itself can't bring you Joy, it's up to you to will it.

Life just gives you time and space it's up to you to fill it.

May you fill your life with Joy and Happiness during this time of Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer and prepare yourselves for what is about to come March 19-21, 2020 when we all return to the Fairbridge Hotel and Conference Center in Yakima Washington. Until then get out and visit some Subordinate Courts or some of our Youth Groups and make our presence known to the world.

SK Gary Lewis

Hello Washington Amaranth

I want to wish everyone a Happy Holidays. I hope all your dreams come true.

I hope everyone is planning to attend Grand Court so we can support

HL Donna as she finishes her year and HL Heather as she starts her year.

If your court has initiated anyone this year please send the names and dates to me at kalanning@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays

HL Katey Lanning, Grand Conductress

Hello to All from the Grand Associate Conductress. Another year has swiftly passed. As I have traveled the Amaranth trail this year, I have enjoyed being able to visit with each of you and appreciate your dedication and love for our Amaranth order. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in March at Grand Court.

In August we are having the annual Campout, 21st thru 23rd. If you are planning to camp and haven't yet gotten your registration to SK Jack Hutchins, please do so 360-876-6876. Right now, we have 16 campsites registered. We have a potluck on Friday night about 5pm, Saturday is a day of fun, games and potluck at noon. Hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks are supplied by Grand Court. This is a family and friends event. A good time to introduce friends to Amaranth and bring those new members. For fun, bring your pinewood derby box car or rent one for a nominal donation, corn hole, duck races, cribbage and board games, to name a few. The announcement of the Sir Knight that has said YES to taking this adventure through the line with me will be made after lunch. Plan to come and be a part of this exciting time for our Grand Court. It takes each of you to make our Courts and Grand Court successful

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and pray your New Year will be blessed with good health, gracious friends and great family.

HL Joy, Grand Associate Conductress

Remember to send all information about new members and long time missing members to Either H.L. Katey or H.L. Joy for the membership info for Grand Court

BEST PRACTICES “ CHANGING” SUBORDINATE RULES & REGULATIONS

STEP 1: Proposed changes are submitted in writing and signed by the sponsor (s).

STEP 2: Proposed changes read by the Secretary at the next stated meeting = first (1st) reading,

Court secretary must notify each member of the Court in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the second reading (2nd) (usually the next stated meeting but not always) Including the date of the intended 2nd reading.

STEP 3: The Court votes after the 2nd reading. (Changes to items in the amendment may be changed at this time—before the final vote) If passed, the Court Secretary must prepare and send four (4) copies under the signature and seal of the Court to the Chairman of the Grand Court Subordinate Rules & Regulations Committee for inspection. (One copy can be sent electronically, and the Chairman can distribute as needed.)

Step 4: A copy, with changes, if necessary, will be returned to the Court Secretary for the third (3rd) **reading**. (These copies can be done electronically)

****Corrections and/or suggestions by the Committee must be noted and read to the membership and voted on to amend with a 2/3 vote of the members present prior to voting to adopt the changes, **** Then and only then** can the final vote be taken to adopt the amendment AS AMENDED. You must have a 2/3 vote of members present to adopt the amendment as amended**

***** IMPORTANT - YOU ARE NOT DONE AT THIS POINT*****

Step 5: IMMEDIATELY AFTER the third (3rd) reading, passage of the amendments to the original proposed amendment, if necessary, adopted, the **final vote** to adopt the amendment (or amendment as amended) can be taken.

***** IMPORTANT - AGAIN - YOU ARE NOT DONE AT THIS POINT*****

STEP 6: Your Court Secretary shall submit three (3) copies of the rules/regulations changes form showing all signatures **AND** all the amendments to the original amendment (all changes “amendments to the amendment” recommended by the Committee - must be clearly noted lined out or handwritten in as the case may be). **THESE COPIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY** for distribution to the GRM, the Grand Secretary’s files and to the Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF _____
COURT _____ ORDER OF THE AMARANTH, GRAND COURT OF WASHINGTON.

(Choose one option and either complete below or as attached)

SEE ATTACHED PAGES (# of pages attached _____)

AS BELOW WRITTEN

(seal)

Secretary _____

Sponsored by: _____

Date _____

1st Reading Date _____

All members having been notified per
Supreme Constitution

2nd Reading Date _____

Move accept or amend and voting to follow 2nd reading

3rd Reading Date _____

2/3rds of members present required for adoption.

This is done after returned from Sub. Court Rules and Regulations Committee

Subordinate Court Rules and Regulations Committee Approval
Grand Court of Washington Order of the Amaranth

Grand Court of Oregon Proficiency Test 2019-2020

Just a fun knowledge quiz for those who want to study the Ritual.

Please give page numbers as well as the answer.

1. At a stated meeting where is the StB while the RP is giving his opening charge?

2. In which direction do the officers on the East line face while giving their opening charge?

3. When does everyone drop their hands after the National Anthem? _____

4. When is the only time the Marshals respond verbally to the RM while working?

5. Can the RM change the order of Escort? _____

6. When the Conductresses are taking the Candidates around the room during Initiation immediately following the font, do they turn the candidates to face the RM & AM while they are giving their charges? _____

7. Does the StB sit with the candidates during the lectures of the Ladies of the Square? _____

8. Do the Conductresses give the signs to the candidates in the East when the RP explains them?

9. Who prepares the courtroom for Memorial? _____

10. How many people are in the lines from North to South while the drape is going through the square? _____

11. Do the Ladies of the Square turn toward their partner or away from them as they leave the Altar after placing the drape? _____

12. What do the Marshals do after the RM has left the Altar after placing flowers?

13. When are the lights dimmed, if possible? _____ When are they turned back up? _____

14. What are the HL's supposed to wear for Memorial? _____

15. During Uncrowning when does the RP give the sword to the RM? _____

16. At Installation can you change the lines of officers in the 'A'? _____

17. How does the Installing Marshal address the IO? _____

18. What is the proper title of the Marshal for Coronation? _____

19. When the Coronating officers resume their stations who does the Marshal follow?

20. From the Glossary please write out the pronunciation guide for Amaranthine.

Please write out the pronunciation guide for Tableaux. _____

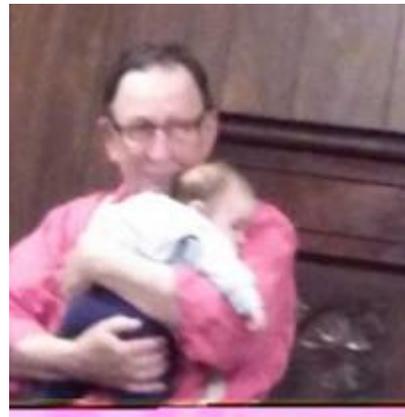
The Proficiency test is due back to HL Marilyn Young, Gr. Lecturer by Feb. 9, 2020.

Photos from the last few months.

The Travels of Emmett Sherfield—Son of Lyndsey Sherfield

(Treasurer Mt. View—Secretary Pyramid) GRM Donna, H.L. Shontieka and S.K Richard—

These were taken in November.



Sorry for the blurriness- Need a new phone!! This is the GAP at the International Dinner for Alpine Ct. Balloons for Diabetes outfit His tutu was on underneath—didn't get that pic.



International Dinner Theme was Steam Punk. Here are some of the Costumes.



Robin Lewis, Martin Mpnk, Bill Lowery (hiding in back) Sandra Monk, Sally Dale and Steve Powell

And the winners are!!



Steve Powell and Sandra Monk

Just Finished cooking the meal for Alki Court as the winner of the membership competition for their year. Jr. PGRM Bonita and Jr. PGRP Allan



It was also Ugly Sweater night for Alki!!





“Parade of Lights” in Montesano—Combined float for Grays Harbor Court, Grays Harbor Lodge and Wynoochee Lodge. Not the best pictures but it was a lot of fun, Had Chili at the lodge following the parade to warm up—that’s Louis Summer’s pickup and trailer.



Sign on the front of the float



All done—Parked below the lodge.

GRM Donna, She's at it again---Holding Baby Emmett!!!



If anyone has any other pictures they would like in the next Newsletter please either send by text, messenger, or e-mail.

Hope everyone enjoyed this Newsletter—the Next one will be in February. Deadline—the 11th.

Diana Moulden Editor.