



*Washington Amaranthian Dispatch*  
*January 2024*

From the Desk of the Grand Royal Matron:

Hello members:

As all of you are aware we ended 2023 by having our Grand Court Hotel closed on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The arraignments/site committee and I are working diligently to resolve this issue. By the end of this first week in January we will have visited at least three hotels and are confident we will soon have a signed contract for you, the members of Grand Court. Know that the selection of the hotel made by the committee is what is available on short notice, can meet our requirements and is in the best interests of Grand Court and the members of this jurisdiction and our guests. Please hold off on making your reservations for meals, new information will be out as soon as we have it available.

On a lighter note, the last two official visits will be held in January, and I look forward to seeing many of you out supporting these, Courts.

Group will be on January 12, at 10am, hosted by Alki Court. SK Martin Monk will be giving a leadership presentation. Lunch at noon and the official visit of Alki Court at 2pm. Bible signing at 1:45pm

Richmond Court is the last of the official visits for this Grand Court year and will host a dinner at 6pm, bible signing at 7:15pm and 7:30pm meeting.

A function to support scholarship is being held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the King Solomon Masonic Temple in Auburn. Contact HL Ann Phelan, 206 293 9832

scholarship chairman or HL Suzanne Johnson 253 683 0101 for tickets and information.

At our February Group meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> our speaker will be on security and scams. This will be hosted by Lakewood Court at 10am, Lunch at noon and I believe practice of Grand Court officers will follow at 1pm. (More information to come).

I hope that each of you enjoyed your New Years eve and that 2024 will bring this wish for you. “Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth and LOVE to complete your life.”

Mizpah,

HL Joy, GRM



Honored Ladies, Sir Knights, and Friends,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is healthy and doing well. The new year is here, and it is time to remember the past, but look forward with hope for the future.

I am looking forward this month to several events, including our final two Official Visits of the year. The first is at Alki Court on January 13<sup>th</sup>, following our January Group meeting. The final one is, per tradition, the home court of our Grand Royal Matron. The Official Visit for Richmond Court is on Thursday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.

With the new year comes New Year's resolutions, which can be a fun exercise. Please try to come up with reasonable ones, however. For example, "Loose the weight I gained over this holiday season." Oh wait, Amaranth – dinners, OV's, Group, feasts, banquets, more dinners...never mind.

How about, "Try to keep all the resolutions I failed to keep last year." That shouldn't be too hard, but now I would have to remember what they were.

Here are some that I might suggest to you this year:

1. If you are a Grand Court officer or Committee Chair and need to make a report, how about, "I will get my report in to the Address and Distribution Chair on time and not wait until the last minute."
2. "I will continue to support Amaranth, both my Court and the Grand Court."
3. "Be kind to one another and help one another when possible."  
Remember, "...by helping others we also help ourselves."

I am looking forward to seeing you all this coming year. Stay healthy and happy, and travel safely.

Blair Thisted,

Grand Royal Patron.



From the Grand Duck Herder and Squirrel Chaser,

Happy New Year to all and may this coming year be filled with fun, friendship, and adventure. We are looking forward to attending the last of the Official Visits for this term and continuing our ritual instruction through January and February which are open to all members. These would be especially beneficial to all the new members. January instruction will be virtual half days on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:30. We will be using Microsoft Teams

for these two days. SK Brian will be including the link in the mid-month events newsletter from HL Camille and will also email the link to all our AGLs and to anyone who lets SK Brian know they would like to join at 9:45 prior to the start of our meeting on those two days. You do not need to have Microsoft or Microsoft Teams on your device. Also, we have needed to move our Ritual Instruction from February 24<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. This instruction will be at Rhododendron Court from 9:00 – 3:00 and **will include RMs and RPs for 2024-2025.**

We are looking forward to working with our Committee Chairmen this next term and appreciate your commitment to our Grand Court. Please take the time to read about your Standing Committee in the By Laws, if you are a Standing Committee Chairman, and/or talk to previous Chairmen if possible so that you can have an understanding that will benefit you and our Grand Court. As you choose members for your committee, remember that Standing Committees need to be comprised of 5 Grand Court Members – with the exception of Jurisprudence which has seven.

HL Michelle and Andrea's husband, Rod joined us for another New Year's adventure the last week of December. We went to the Seattle Art Museum, attended a first time speak easy at our condo, a Heart concert at Climate Pledge Arena, fireworks at the Space Needle, and finally on the 1<sup>st</sup> we attended the NHL Outdoor Classic watching the Kraken win with a shutout. We are looking forward to this next year as we invite you along for some of our upcoming adventures.

We also send our thoughts and good luck vibes to HL Joy and the Grand Court Annual Session Committee on their quest to find another great location for our Grand Court in March.

*“The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off!”*

**Mehmet Murat ildan**

As always, in love with Amaranth,

HL Andrea

Live each day to the fullest,

SK Brian OO7



Happy New Year Washington!

I hope the new year brings you all good health and much happiness!  
2023 had its ups and downs, but I am going into 2024 with a positive attitude!  
There is so much to look forward to...

Did you know that there are three events that happen every 4 years, and they all happen the same year? 2024 gets Leap Year, the Summer Olympics in Paris and the Presidential Election!

But really folks, let's get down to the REAL POSITIVES

There are two OV's left to attend this year:

Alki on 1/13 and Richmond on 1/18

There are three INITIATIONS planned!

Opportunity on 1/6, Welcome on 2/11 and Bremerton on 3/4

Many of our members are planning on attending the Grand Courts of California, Colorado, Oregon and BC's Supreme Visitation.

Our Grand Court is coming up and we get the opportunity to show our strengths by finding a venue at the last minute and adapting to a new hotel! (insert snickers here)

At any rate, I hope I have helped you find a few positives to start off your year, and as always,

Be kind to one another.

HL Lori Hanson

Grand Conductress



***Five Hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes***

***How do you measure, measure a year..... 1***

We measure our time in seconds, minutes, hours, days, months, and years. There are Ages, Eons, Eras and Periods. We can make time short in nanoseconds and milliseconds. We can make time long as in centuries and millennia. Then there is Eternities. But I am not going there today..takes too long!

We are ready to start 2024 and soon, the new Amaranth Year of 2024-2025. We say that time flies, I am not sure that is exactly how that works. What about those days when you look at the clock and think that time is dragging by? It's all in perception of what you are doing at *that time*.

How do you measure an Amaranth year? With Grand Court, Elections, installations and official visits.

In auctions, fundraisers, and memorials. And of Course, Love.

Amaranth is more than a Season of Love. For many of us, it is a lifetime of Love. We have many members that have seen a lifetime of Amaranth Love and activity. Some of us have seen years and some, like me, have seen about a decade. There are new members that have only been here a couple of years and then we will have new members, Opportunity, Grays Harbor and Bremerton Courts all have initiations scheduled before Grand Court in March. However long or short your time, make the most of every moment. If you have years of experience and time, share that with the members that are just learning. Trust me, you have a lot to share and when someone receives the benefit of your wisdom, they will remember and pass that to someone else. Just do it with Love.

***It's something unpredictable, But in the end, it's right. I hope you have the time of your life.2***

*Happy 2024,*

*HL Jenny*

**1- Seasons of Love- Rent**

**2 Good Riddance (Time of Your Life) Green Day**

