



Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

June 1, 2024



From the GRM, aka Grand Court Duck Herder,

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support our Courts during the Installation Season. It has been great seeing new officers getting installed at each court and hearing their hope and determination to grow our Order! I shared with the courts at the last couple of Installations an idea I had on this topic and want to share it with you. I have talked with the Royal Matron and Royal Patron of my Court to see if they would be willing to hold a "Masonic Invitational Meeting," where we could invite Master Masons to attend our Court. I asked them, "When do we look our absolute best?" and I got the response, "at our OV when all our stations are filled." I totally agree and would love to see this happen at our OV. We will be asking for proteems to help us look our best by memorizing ritual parts. Yes, this is not how we appear at our regular meetings. However, this is what we COULD look like and that is important. Remember that there is a new "ritual" part that all Court Secretaries have received that is required when a Master Mason who is a non-member attends our meeting. Please feel free to take this idea and run with it, modify and adapt it! We would love to hear what you do with it or other membership ideas that your Court comes up with.

Upcoming Events:

June 9 th @ 10:00 am 12:00 1:30 – 3:00	Group Meeting Lunch Line Dancing with Lori Hanson	Grays Harbor
July 1 st	Supreme Session	Pittsburgh, PA
July 20 th @ 11:30 – 1:00 2:00 pm	Grand Court Practice for Organization and Initiation GAM & GAP Reception	Port Orchard Lodge Hutchins Homestead
July 26-28	Highland Games	Enumclaw
July 27 th @ 9:45 boarding	Friday Harbor Cruise	Bellingham Dock
Aug 3 rd TBD	Perlas Court #90 Organization, Initiation Light lunch Constitution, Installation Dinner Celebration	Scottish Rite – Everett
Aug 10 th @ 2:00pm	"Sand and Sea Scholarship Benefit"	Alki
Aug 20 – 25	Grand Court Campout	Eagle Valley Campground

Aug 24th

Grand Court Picnic

Changes to our printed calendar:

Wenatchee OV will be September 21, 2024 - details TBD

Artemisia OV will be Thursday, October 24th – Dinner at 6:00, OV at 7:00



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Order of Amaranth

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Dear Court Members:

In case you have not heard the exciting news, there is a large group of people following the Organization of a Court process to form a new court North of Seattle. They have 45+ members who are planning to join with at least 35 signing *A Petition to Organize a Subordinate Court*. Their numbers increase every time we meet! They have chosen Perlas Court #90 as the name for this new court. *Perlas* means pearl in the Filipino language. The Court will meet at The Shrine Center in Shoreline on the 4th Saturday of the month.

The Grand Court of Wahington has reserved the Scottish Rite Building in Everett, for August 3, 2024, to Institute, Initiate, Constitute and Install Perlas Court and its Members. If you are a Grand Court Floor Officer, you will be receiving a letter from me in the next week or so concerning these Ceremonies. The Grand Court is furnishing the paraphernalia needed from the Grand Court Locker aided by the Grand Trustees, and our Grand Court will purchase necessary materials as outlined in the Supreme Constitution with the help of HL Linda Millo, Grand Secretary.

As with all new courts just starting out, one of the biggest challenges is raising money for rent. This is where our subordinate courts can help and show their support. If your court would like to make a donation, please send a check made out to the Grand Court of Washington, designate that it is for Perlas Court, and send it to HL Millo, Grand Secretary. Please have checks into the Grand Secretary by July 20th. A check for the total amount collected will then be presented to the Court at their Installation.

We hope many of you will be able to join us on August 3rd!

Fraternally,

Attested:



HL Andrea Ames
Grand Royal Matron

SK Brian Wheeler
Grand Royal Patron

HL Linda Millo
Grand Secretary

Greetings to All,

As the installation season draws to a close, I reflect on the incredible journey and camaraderie we've shared. From the scenic Spokane for Trinity Court to the charming Montesano for Grays Harbor Court, it's been a remarkable 840-mile adventure. It's my hope that each of you had the chance to partake in at least one installation, sharing in the joy and fellowship.

As we approach the summer months, many courts will take a brief hiatus, yet some remain active. We're gearing up for the final group meeting at Grays Harbor Court, coupled with a lively line dancing event — a perfect opportunity to delve deeper into the world of Amaranth. Meanwhile, our dedicated Diabetes Fundraiser team is tirelessly gathering auction items for the DRB, rallying support from local businesses.

Looking ahead to June, HL Andrea and I are excited to represent Amaranth at the Grand Lodge of Washington's annual communications, the Grand Chapter OES, and the Grand Session of Job's Daughters of Washington. We're eager to showcase the benevolent spirit of Amaranth and its enduring positive influence on our communities. The month will culminate with a visit to the Supreme Council in Pittsburgh, PA, for a ritual review and constitutional amendments — a cherished time to connect with our extended Amaranth family.

Until our paths cross again, stay safe, and let your smile be a beacon of warmth and kindness.

Warm regards,

SK Brian Wheeler, GRP OO7

Happy June!

Now that installation season is over, we can take a breath and enjoy some family time! I'm very happy to have my daughter moving back home from LA and looking forward to spending more time with my grandson.

But the Amaranth fun never stops! Summer will bring a myriad of activities including our first ways and means event! Look for flyers and on the website for full details on our Mini Garden making event, August 11 at Capitol Court. More details in the June 15 blast from Camille.

Friends, take time for yourselves and your family this month, and as always, be kind to one another.

HL Lori, GAM

Greeting from the Stetsons

What a month May was and all the installation are now behind us. Congratulations to the new Corp of Officers for 2024-2025. We congratulate all the new Two Steppers (Associate Matrons) and Stetsons (Associate Patrons) and invite you to join us at the group meetings to get to know each other.

We can now take a bit of a break to get working on our gardens and yard work. The fun activities are coming up real quick and there is sure to be something for everyone, from sip n paint to glass blowing demonstrations. Invite your friends and get out there and enjoy. Do you plan on coming to the Campout at the Eagles Valley Park?? We are all excited to be having a new place to enjoy the Great Outdoors. Not a camper, No problem, Come join us on Saturday for the Annual Members Matter Day. There's the Chili Cook-off. and for the first time we are having a pie baking contest. There will be lots of games and fun for all. Lookin' forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events.

Jack, Papa Stetson

Adventures in the Great Wide Somewhere....

Hello Summer!!! I am so happy that the weather is getting warmer and the days are longer!!!

I am a big fan of beach combing and crashing waves. Sitting on the driftwood logs, watching the water, hearing the bird's overhead... It is my most favorite summer activity. Whenever I go to the beach, I always have a bag to put my treasures in...seashells, feathers, rocks...all fun treasures from Mother Nature.

I will miss seeing all of you on the 8th at Group because I will be enjoying the above activities along Rialto Beach, First Beach and other wonderfully scenic hiking trails. JP, Thorin and I will be on vacation. We are staying in a cabin on Lake Sutherland that we purchased at the Rainbow Gala a few years ago. Which brings me to remind everyone that the Diabetes Research Benefit is November 16th in Tacoma at Titlow Lodge. If you own a cabin or vacation home, have season tickets to the theater, ballet, or sporting event, consider donating to the DBR Auction. Having quality experiences is a great auction item. We all want to do our part to help end Diabetes!

See you all at the many fun Summer events planned!!!

Seeking all the Adventures...

HL Jenny

