

Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

July 1, 2024



From the GRM, aka Grand Court Duck Herder,

Happy summer to all! Golf season is in full swing as is the season of yard work. Vacations have ramped up and much of our time is spent with family and friends. I hope you are able to find time for relaxing even with all the goings-on we have scheduled for you.

Over this past month and a half, I have been honored to represent the Grand Court of Washington at State DeMolay Conclave in Pasco, Grand Lodge, OES Grand Chapter and Job's Daughters Grand Session all of which were in Wenatchee. What a delight it was to visit with members of other Masonic bodies, not to mention my travel miles were at an all time low! Seeing the same leaders of these Organizations time after time, has given both Brian and me a chance to form relationships with them. What a great way to work on our Fraternal Relations.

We also finished the last of our own Court's Installations with Trinity and Grays Harbor and held our last Organizational meeting for Perlas Court where members signed the Petition to Organize their new court. Thirty members were present to sign and about 14 more who could not be at this meeting will sign on August 3rd before our ceremonies start.

If you would like to help make small corsages and boutonnieres for the initiates of Perlas Court on July 21st, please let me know. I will find a place close to those who volunteer to help. I will bring most of the supplies as I have much left over from Grand Court, but if you have ribbon, small flowers, netting, wire, small pliers and wire cutters that

you could bring it will be much appreciated. I am going to purchase little pearls to add to them because the name of their Court, "Perlas," means pearl in Filipino.

Upcoming Events:

July 1 st	Supreme Session	Pittsburgh, PA
July 20th @ 10:00 - 1:00 (TIME CHANGE)	Grand Court Practice for Organization and Initiation	Port Orchard Lodge
July 20 th @ 2:00 pm	GAM C GAP Reception	Hutchins Homestead
July 26-28	Highland Games	Enumclaw
July 27 th @ 9:45 boarding	Friday Harbor Cruise	Bellingham Dock
Aug 3 rd Time TBD	Perlas Court #90 Light lunch 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 24 th All Day	Grand Court Picnic	

Changes to our printed calendar:

Wenatchee OV will be September 21, 2024, @ 2:00 Masonic Invitational

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



Organization, Initiation, Constitution



July is upon us and I am so excited to be at Supreme Council in Pittsburgh, PA. It's the one time of the year we get everyone together from all the Grand Courts around the world to share fellowship and our successes. This year is special as we will review the changes to our ritual which only happens every 10 years.

HL Andrea and I are super excited for our Grand Court practice for new court Constitution and all that entails for Perlas Court. It is a super exciting time to share Amaranth with others not just with our Masonic Family. The past GM of PA said it best, we need to share what makes our order so special outside our court rooms, in coffee shops, at the grocery store and at all our social gatherings and we will grow our order as others will want to join us.

At the end of July we have our first of two great events for the grand court. The Scottish Highland Games in Enumclaw at the King County fairgrounds where we will host the bangers and mash fundraiser for grand court, July 27, 28, we hope you all will consider helping out for a shift to make this a super success. That same weekend July 27, we have our San Juan island cruise which if it was anything like last year, will truly be memorable.

Finally, thank you all for everything you do to support each other everyday. I know HL Michelle and I can't do have we do without your love and support and we cherish all the time we spend with our friends in Amaranth.

Thanks,

SK Brian Wheeler, GRP



It's Summer, WA Amaranth!

For many of us that means no meetings for the next two months. But never fear, there are many activities planned for you to participate in over the next 8 weeks.

Jack and I would love to see you all at our reception at the Hutchins Homestead on July 20th. The Grand Court practice that day will be located just a few short miles from the Homestead, so you can do both! See Jenny Harsin or Sally Dale for details and to make reservations.

The Grand Court Ways and Means committee has taken on the Bangers and Mash Booth at the Highland Games in Enumclaw on July 27-28. This is a big fundraiser and we could use lots of volunteer help. If you're willing to donate your time or the use of your propane tanks, we would appreciate any help you can give. Contact Diana Moulden or Tonia Alderman for details.

Speaking of Ways and Means, we're having our first fun class on August 18 at Pyramid Masonic Center in Federal Way. The Sorensen Sisters, my daughters, will be assisting you to be creative with soil and succulents. This Mini Fairy/Gnome project is only \$30 and you go home with an experience and a garden! Bring your friends and family with green thumbs! *(and bring your own garden gloves, we will only have latex gloves)*
Contact me to be put on the list of attendees.

And don't forget the Grand Court Campout the following week and weekend. We're in Enumclaw this year and I hope to explore this new campground with you all. See Jack about the reservations, and Jenny about the picnic.

There are many more events this summer including the Constitution of a new court and the Scholarship Benefit. Please see the updated calendar on the website for all kinds of activities. So I hope to see you all out on the Amaranth Trail.

Reminder: September Group has been moved to the first Saturday to accommodate the Grand Court of Alaska. I will be instructing a paint and sip to benefit scholarships that afternoon. Hope to see you all there!

Finally, take some time for yourself and your family this summer, and as always, be kind to one another.

HL Lori Hanson
Grand Associate Matron





A big Howdy to the Two Steppers and Stetsons, And greeting to all. HL Lori and I have traveled about 2500 miles, crossed the Cascades a number of times by now to attend all of the Court Installations which have been completed.

Now I have a little time to complete some much needed yard work, and get ready for Supreme Council to be held in Pittsburg, PA.

I understand that the Reception for the GAM (Head Two Stepper) and the GAP (Head Stetson) will be held July 20 at the Hutchins Homestead, for more information contact HL Tammy Ryder at 360-440-2322 Bremerton Ct or HL Sally Dale at sallyjdale@gmail.com or HL Sonja Thorkildsen at 206-550-4422 from Richmond Ct.

Next is the annual Grand Court Campout / Picnic, August 20th through August 25th. At this time we only have 6 campers who have reserved trailer spaces. It is not too late to reserve your spot; the park is holding another 10 sites for the Grand Court. You will need to make your own reservation by calling 509-674-7762. If you can't camp, come up for the Saturday Picnic, \$1.00 for a day pass

Looking forward to seeing all of the
"Two Steppers" and "Stetsons" on the Amaranth trail.
GAP Jack, Papa Stetson



Adventures with the Grand Conductress

Good Morning Washington!!

I truly had a fabulous vacation and like all vacations, it was way too short. The beauty of the lake in the morning, coffee on the deck watching the geese, it was magical.

I was sad that I did miss out on line dancing but more sad I missed Grays Harbor's initiation. I was there in spirit and gave anchors to HL Diana for the new member and her sponsor. But I did get to Rhododendron's initiation and gave an anchor to their new member and her sponsor. I realized, with the initiation coming up in August, I am going to need a lot more anchors!!!! I am all set for honoring all the new members to Perlas Court.

Currently, I am busy with Grand Assembly dresses. Every year for it seems forever, I spend June sewing Grand Officer, J- Rep, or Choir dresses. Sometimes they are a little challenging, other times, I am coated in sequins or glitter, as in everything else in the house.

While I am not attending Supreme this year, I will get to have a zoom call with my group, Emily's Go Getters. The GCs meet up on zoom monthly and it has been a great way to get to know my counterparts from other Jurisdictions. I have plans to visit a few of their Grand Court Sessions in 2026 – 2027.

Now, I am going to shamelessly plug the Grand Court Picnic and Chili Cook off on August 24th The Chili Cook Off is a \$5 entry fee per pot of chili. The Mugs for voting rights will also be \$5.00 They are designed and on their way to HL Peggy Rendt of Bremerton Court for manufacture!! She does beautiful work! Thank you HL Peggy!! We will also be having a PIE baking contest. Let's see who has the best filling, the best crust and the best overall Pie. We will also be having fun and games! I will be selling ducks for \$5. It is a 50/50 and we will pull a duck from the pond for a winner!! This year all funds raised whether it is entry fees, mugs or ducks, will be split equally between Diabetes and Scholarship. Please bring a side dish to share, a salad or a dessert. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with the fixins will be provided.

I hope you are all enjoying summer. I love the cool marine mornings and the warm sunny afternoons. Makes me want to go to the beach.....

I will see you all very soon!

Until then, find your adventures in your great wide somewhere and make wonderful memories.

HL Jenny

