

Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

September 1, 2024



From the Grand Royal Matron, aka “M”

As I am writing to you, we are preparing for our 1st Annual 5K Walk for Diabetes that will be in just five days! The Grand Line Officers have taken this on as their project to help raise money for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Each year the GRM and GRP will be the chairmen of this Committee. We were excited to do an event where most of the funds collected would come from the public domain rather than from our Amaranth Family.

We got off to a slow start this year for many reasons; we had a much busier summer than was planned, it was difficult finding a priced park, and we had trouble getting the registration and donation part online. This brought about major learning for us and will help us exponentially next year!

A big thank you to everyone who signed up to be walkers, sponsors, and trail support personnel. This would not be happening without all of you! We also appreciate the amazing support of our SRM, HL Elizabeth “Bizzy” Herbolzheimer, our ADF President of the Board, HL Charlene Tucker and the ADA Representative, Ms Meagan Darrow who are traveling to Washington for our Walk!

In just a few short weeks we will start hitting the road for the Official Visits of our **sixteen** courts! First up are Golden Light and Wenatchee Courts and they are in the schedule below. You can now add Perlas Court to your calendars as their OV is on Saturday, January 25th, 2025, at 3:00 PM. They meet in the Everett Scottish Rite Building. We hope to see many of you at these Official Visits when you can make it. Everyone will get to see all the Grand Officers looking resplendent in their Grand Court attire. I truly am excited to see what Courts are doing for fun, for fund raising and for membership. We learn so much and gather new ideas when we visit other Courts!

I have a quick message from our Web Master, HL Kim Knutsen. She would like everyone to know that when you submit Grand Court flyers to be posted on the public domain part of our web page and want either your personal address or email on the flyer, you need to fill out a release form. This form is on our web page. Just enter the Members Only section and open the Web Page Release Form. You will need to print it, complete it, sign it, scan it and send it to the Web

Master at amaranthwa@gmail.com Also, don't forget to send flyers to your GRM for approval to be put on our Web Page.

Upcoming Events:

September 7 th	10:00 am	Group Meetings at Capitol Court
	12:00 pm	BBQ/potluck
	2:00 pm	Scholarship Sip and Paint
September 11 th – 14 th		Grand Court of Alaska
September 20 th	7:00 pm	Golden Light OV
	6:00	Dinner
September 21 st	1:00 pm	Wenatchee OV – Masonic Invitational
	11:30	Lunch by donation
	4:30	Dinner at the Rail Station & Ale House
September 28 th	1:00 pm	Idaho Supreme Visit
	11:30 am	Potato Bar

Life.....

"It has been a rough week, but on the positive note.... I don't need any bail money, and I didn't have to hide any bodies."

Have a great week!

Much love,

HL Andrea



As summer's golden glow fades into the colorful tapestry of autumn, Washington's courts come alive with a whirlwind of meetings, festivities, and the noble pursuit of camaraderie and philanthropy. Last month was a blast, highlighted by the historic creation and installation of Perlas Court #90, a scholarship benefit that touched many hearts, and the first-ever WA Grand Court Diabetes 5k walk, showcasing the unstoppable spirit of those striving for a brighter future. It was a busy time, with barely a moment to catch our breath, except for the unwelcome pause of illness (Covid).

September keeps the excitement rolling with court meetings bringing members from all over the state together. The official visits of HL Andrea GRM and her wonderful team are about to kick off, adding a thread of continuity and leadership to these gatherings. The Grand Court of Alaska is calling, promising sessions of discussion and celebration from the 11th to the 14th, while the Grand Court of Idaho awaits with its own promise of fraternity and conversation towards the month's end.

In the midst of these grand plans, a schedule change moves the group meeting to the first Saturday, strategically timed to fit the grand line's Alaskan adventure. This particular gathering is set to be unforgettable, as Capitol Court in Tumwater hosts an afternoon BBQ potluck—a delightful mix of flavors and fellowship—paired with the creative fun of paint and sip, blending artistry and leisure for everyone to enjoy.

In this season of change and renewal, the courts stand as beacons of community and service, their activities reflecting the dedication and enthusiasm of their members. Each event and gathering is a piece of the grand tapestry of the order, a story woven with effort, passion, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. As the leaves turn and the air gets crisp, the courts continue their march, their rhythm the heartbeat of an organization alive with purpose and the drive to enrich humanity.

A big shoutout to HL Elizabeth "Bizzy" Herbolsheimer, SRM, for joining the Walk, and to all the members and donors who helped raise funds for the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation. You truly embody the amazing things we can achieve when we come together as a force for good.

Always Happy to Help,

SK Brian Wheeler, GRP OO7



How can it be September already?

This is the first September in 25 years that I have not prepared for the first day of school. It is surreal.

I am looking forward to all the fun stuff that is scheduled for this month: Group on the seventh includes a paint and sip fun activity as well as a Ritual class at Capitol Court. Then many of us will head to Anchorage for the Grand Court of Alaska, immediately followed by the Official Visit of the SRM to Idaho. September will be a busy travel month, so I do not think I will miss teaching too much.

I will have a complete report of our first Grand Court Highland Games fundraiser at the Sept 7th Group meeting. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

I am happy to report that our first Ways and Means class, the mini garden event, was a huge success. Thank you to the fifteen participants for showing up and spending the day with the Sorensen Sisters and me.

Our next Ways and Means event will be at Welcome Court, after their OV. Kathy Thisted will be teaching us to make greeting cards. Contact HL Kathy to make your reservations. See the attached flyer.

Thank you again to everyone who has helped with our ways and means projects. Enjoy your September, and as always, be kind to one another.

HL Lori Hanson, GAM



Greetings from the Papa Stetson

The last half of July was quite busy. It started with our Reception at the Hutchins Homestead, with a magnificent turnout, and as far as I can tell everyone that attended had a great time, good companionship, and outstanding grub. HL Lori and I want to thank all that attended and all that helped to put this reception together, thank you.

The following weekend was the Highland Games in Enumclaw. We cooked a lot of Bangers and Onions, served a lot hungry people; it was hard work but a lot of fun. And again HL Lori and I want to thank all the members and their friends, who helped to pull this Grand Court fund raiser off.

The first weekend in August the Grand Court of Washington Constituted a new Court and installed the members of Perlas Court #90. Sending a hearty welcome to all the new members.

We had the Mini fairy Garden party at Opportunity Court on Sunday the 18th, another Grand Court Fundraiser. It was well attended and thanks again to HL Lori and her daughters for all their help and talents.

Then off to Eagle Valley Campground, for a week to just kick back, visit with friends, tell stories, and enjoy.

Now we change gears and start with Group, more Grand Court Fund raising, then off to Alaska's Grand Court.

After Alaska we start the Official Visits and are looking forward to seeing all of the "Two Steppers and Stetsons" on the Amaranth Trail, to support your counter parts.



August Adventures with the Grand Conductress-

This has been such a LONG month! Yet, it has gone by pretty fast for as busy as we have been.

History was made again in Washington with the addition of Perlas Court #90. Congratulations to all the new Honored Ladies and Sir Knights and members of this new Court. I was honored to be a small part in your day and look forward to your meetings as I can be there!

August 10th was a super fun day for Scholarships and the Perlas Court Entertainment was spectacular!! HL Diana Moulden and HL Mary Vidal did a fantastic job on this event. I did not want to leave it was so much fun!

August 17th, I went to the installation of officers at West Seattle #18 HL Mary Beasley, Conductress at Alki Court, was installed for the last time as Worthy Advisor. She had a very Amaranth installation. HL Lori Hanson installed her and HL Michelle Wheeler, and I crowned her! She is my very last Rainbow girl.... I am both sad that the time is ending and extremely proud of her.

August 24th was the picnic, and it was fun despite the weather. I would like to thank everyone that helped, especially SK Tom Crawford for doing the grilling and his co griller HL Morag. The food was yummy, and I hope everyone had fun. I do have mugs for sale for \$5. Please buy a mug to support Diabetes and Scholarship.

This past Saturday the 31st, we held the first annual 5k Walk for Diabetes. HL Lori and I are already thinking ahead to years 2 and 3!!!!

So, that was my month, and I know for many of you, it was the same. That is 5 Saturdays of Masonic events for this month's adventure.... who said you get the summer off? September, however, is just around the corner. The Bremerton Court picnic is on Labor Day to kick off my September, which believe me isn't any less busy than August. It certainly would not be much of an adventure sitting on my couch!

Hope to see you on the Adventure trail.....

HL Jenny



Wow, it is September already. I am having a great time; hope you are too.

We've organized, initiated, constituted and installed the officers of Perlas Court #90; served bangers and mash at the Highland games in Enumclaw; relaxed on a beautiful dinner cruise; had a lovely outdoor reception honoring Grand Associate Matron Lori Hanson and Grand Associate Patron Jack Hutchins; had the Scholarship Benefit dinner; made mini gardens; and bade sad farewell to Past Grand Royal Patron Mac McGilvery. In other words, we have been busy. It has been an exciting, fun, exhausting and emotional month...and there is more to come.

September starts with Group at Capitol Court on the 7th. This is because the second Saturday of September is the Grand Court of Alaska, and a large Washington group visits the Grand Court of Alaska every year. Though Alaska is a very large state, its Grand Court is quite small and needs the support of the Pacific rim states. The people are friendly, the scenery is magnificent, there are museums to see and shops to welcome visitors. So, it is North to Alaska the second week of September.

Golden Light Court starts the round of Official Visits on the 20th followed the very next day by Wenatchee Court. We plan to travel up and down the state to attend as many Official Visits as we can. While the Grand Royal Matron performs her official required duties, the rest of us will be there as visitors and helpers if needed. I can hardly wait to meet your Associate Conductress as well as the other members of your courts and be part of the welcoming committee when Halcyon Court has our visit.

As I visit your courts, I will be looking for the Sir Knight who will accompany me on this magical journey you have given me, which makes this year very important and a bit scary for me. Grand Conductress Jenny Harson Reed announced her choice this year at Bremerton Court's installation, but you might want to attend next year's Amaranth camp out to find out my choice.

Hope to see you soon!

Brenda Pedersen,
Grand Associate Conductress





From the desk of HL Bonita Hutchins, the Sunshine West Chair

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights

I love my position and want to make sure anyone needing a card gets one. Please, notified me if a member is needing a little cheer or condolences and even a B-Day greeting. Call and leave a message if I do not answer or email me.

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