

# WASHINGTON AMARANTHIAN DISPATCH

## OCTOBER 1, 2024

**From the Grand Royal Matron, aka "M",**

**Welcome to Fall!** Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the cooler weather. I want to send out a thank you to all those who have ventured out to support our Courts at their Official Visits this past month. I know the Courts really appreciate you visiting! Please continue to hit the trail with us this month of October to the OV's and other events listed below.

**Amaranth Values Check-in:** Please take a look at the top paragraph of page 216 in your Ritual. This is the end of a pledge I became aware of when we were Organizing Perlas Court in August. The GRP did not get the opportunity to give this obligation as these pages were to be skipped if the Organization and Constitution happened on the same day.

If we would all work together to follow this pledge and the specific principles mentioned we would keep many members from walking away from our BEAUTIFUL ORDER after being initiated. We might even stand a chance of getting members to come back by showing respect for our members when listening and by talking kindly to all.

**Kindness Matters Because:** Kindness matters because it is a contagious act. One simple act of spreading kindness, not only makes you feel warm and tingly inside, but lifts the spirits of the recipient. Most of the time, it makes you want to pay that act of kindness forward to someone else. Sometimes all it takes is one simple act of kindness to change someone's day, or even their life. One act of spreading kindness, to show them you care, could create a sense of belonging in a broken heart. Kindnesses could very well create more optimism and happiness.

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness."

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

## Upcoming Events:

- October 5<sup>th</sup>      1:00 pm      Welcome OV  
                         4:00 pm      Card Making Class
- October 6<sup>th</sup>      GRM & GRP Reception – Legion Hall  
   145 Alverson Blvd., Everett, WA
- October 12<sup>th</sup>      10:00 am      Group Meetings at Tulip Court  
   2:00 pm      Tulip OV  
   4:00 pm      Halloween Party and Dessert Auction
- October 19<sup>th</sup>      1:00 pm      Halcyon OV (Halloween Costumes)  
   7:00 pm      Grays Harbor OV
- October 24<sup>th</sup>      6:00 pm      Dinner at Artemisia  
   7:00 pm      Artemisia OV
- October 26<sup>th</sup>      1:00 pm      Trinity OV

**Much love,**

**HL Andrea**

Fall has arrived, and Official Visit season is in full swing! With travels to courts around the state, this month promises to be as thrilling as a Bond adventure. Last month, Golden Light Court and Wenatchee Courts welcomed HL Andrea and me, and it was truly an amazing experience.

This month, we have six OVs lined up: Welcome, Tulip, Halcyon, Grays Harbor, Artemesia, and Trinity Courts. We'll be journeying from our westernmost court, Grays Harbor, to our easternmost court, Trinity, which is 365 miles apart. We'll also travel from our northernmost court, Tulip, to our southernmost court, Halcyon, a distance of 202 miles. Of course, all these miles are one way, so hopefully, we'll be able to find our way home too. It's like a mission across the state, but thankfully, not all in one weekend!

There are plenty of activities around our state in Amaranth this month. Welcome Court is hosting a card-making event, Tulip Court has a Halloween party, and there's a reception in Everett for some GRM/GRP that you might know. Truly, there's something for everyone this month. Plus, we all have our own courts to attend. I hope to visit a few courts outside of this schedule and enjoy some fellowship with everyone.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the Grand Court of Alaska was an unforgettable experience. We had great fellowship and fun times at the Float Plane Museum, and we even went dog sledding in Willow, Alaska. Unfortunately, I missed the Supreme visit to Idaho Courts because I had overworked myself and came down with a bad head cold. I suppose it's a reminder from above that we need to take time to rest and recover. HL Michelle decided this would be a great time for me to plan painting our downstairs so we can have new carpet installed.

As I write this, I'm reminded that, "let everything you do be done with love." I love our order and my wife, and I'm so thankful for each and every one of you. I look forward to our next meeting.

From WA with Love, SK Brian Wheeler, GRP 007



How can it be October already? I guess it's time to drain the pool, get out the sweaters and make some spiced cider.

Official Visits are in full swing, and I think there's something going on every weekend in October. I hope to see many of you on my travels around the state. So far, the Hallmark girls are beating the Bond Boys in OV attendance. Let's get a ton of members at the OV on the 5th at Welcome Court to support our GRM and GRP.

Speaking of Welcome Court, don't forget that we are having our 2nd Ways and Means class after the OV. HL Kathy Thistead will be helping us make greeting cards. The cost is \$25 for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, snacks & some wine. Be sure to make reservations with HL Kathy, so she knows how many materials to bring.

I'm hoping to have the Glass Fusing Class in November, just in time for holiday gift giving. Date and location will be announced at the October Group Meeting at Tulip Court. I hope to see you all there and be sure to join us for the Halloween Party afterwards!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the GRM and GRP Reception on October 6th. I know the chairmen have been working hard to make this an interactive "participatory" event with lots of fun things to do at taste.

Please check your calendar and see what you can attend this month. If you don't have a calendar, HL Kim Knutson has the calendar up to date on our website. Hoping to see you all out on the Amaranth Trail to support our members. As always, be kind to one another.

HL Lori Hanson, GAM

## *Greetings from Papa Stetson*



Hope you all had a fantastic summer and now that fall is here, it's time to get back to work.

September started out with Group at Capitol Court and was followed by a fun paint n sip fund raiser for Scholarship hosted by HL Tammy Ryder and our Instructor was the talented GAM Lori Hanson. Then off we went to The Grand Court of Alaska in Anchorage where Washington was very well represented.

Now it's time for our Official visits and we did attend Golden Light and Wenatchee. The day after Wenatchee's OV we attended the AGL class led by HL Tamaria Lelli.

We have 14 more Official Visits coming up and I encourage everyone to travel and support our subordinate courts for their Official Visit of the GRM Andrea and GRP Brian. Let's get out there and help our Courts and it's always nice to see sideliners.

HL Lori and I plan on attending as many OV and events as possible and would love to see all the Honored Ladies and Sit Knights of Washington Grand Court out there helping each other for, "United We Stand."

## **GAP Jack**





September Adventures with the Grand Conductress

Good Morning Washington!!

September has come and gone and all the fall colors are coming out.

It's cooler and I am glad for that!

This September was full of fun, fellowship and growth!!! We had a fun bbq at Capitol Court for an early group meeting and afterwards HL Lori lead a few of us in painting a Sunflower. They were all different and all lovely. I gave mine to my mom for her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Our order gained 8 new members in September. Bremerton Court and Halcyon Court both initiated 4 members each! I am excited to see our Courts grow!! If your Court is having initiation, please let me know.

I attended Perlas Court's first meeting and they did a wonderful job! It was nice to see so many sideliners. They served a yummy dinner afterwards!

Please get your tickets or make your reservations for the Diabetes Research Benefit! It will be a fun evening, full of surprises!!! It's \$50 per person, November 16<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma. Also, if you have any quality auction items or experiences (tickets to sports, arts, etc.) please let HL Sonia Thorkildsen know so we can get it in the program.

Find your adventures in your great wide somewhere and make wonderful memories.

HL Jenny



- Hi, everyone! Hope you had a great summer! We are off to a smashing fall already. I am attaching a thank you from the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation for the contribution we made at our Grand Court session this March. Washington made a significant contribution in 2024, and as always, we hope to grow our giving year after year. I am also send the info for the survey Supreme Council sent for members to give their opinion on the future direction of Amaranth. If you want me to send the actual survey, just let me know. They are looking to have responses by October 15<sup>th</sup>, so please don't wait!

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Always, yours in Amaranth,

Linda Millo, Grand Secretary

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May 10, 2024

H.L. Linda Millo, Grand Secretary,  
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Dear H.L. Linda,

It is indeed a pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your donation of \$14,740.67 from the Grand Court of Washington for the Amaranth Diabetes Philanthropic Project.

On behalf of H.L. Susan Patchin, Supreme Royal Matron, and S.K. Mel Fossel, Supreme Royal Patron, and the Members of the Board of Directors of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for this generous donation. Diabetes is a life-changing event. The research provided by our contributions will help to improve the lives of millions of individuals all over the world that are affected by Diabetes.

We appreciate the support of each individual, and the members of the Grand Court of Washington are once again to be commended for their outstanding donation for the 2023-2024 year.

This donation will be reported at our Supreme Assembly Session and credited to your jurisdiction.

We have not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for this contribution. Please retain this document for your records. It is an important document necessary for any available income tax deduction for this contribution.

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Tiffany A. St. John  
Secretary





***Your Opinion Matters!***

**Supreme Council**

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**Fall 2024 Member Survey**

The Vision Committee is excited to hear from you! Please complete the survey by **October 15, 2024**. It should take about 10 minutes to complete. Please only take the survey one time.

Survey can be accessed through the following QR code, web link, [Amaranth.org](https://www.amaranth.org), email and hardcopy.

Instructions: Turn your phone to camera and hover over the square below. (Do not take a picture.) A yellow bar "surveyplanet.com" will appear below the square. Touch the yellow bar to access the survey.



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Or you can type <https://s.surveyplanet.com/9wcs5qnf> into the browser of your phone or computer and press Enter.

As a LAST RESORT, a physical copy of the survey is available....

Via email at: [Amaranthvision@amaranth.org](mailto:Amaranthvision@amaranth.org)

A hard copy of the survey is available by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Stacey Harris, 708 SW 27th St, Moore, OK 73160.

Remember the Amaranth Events news. Please send in fundraising flyers, Court announcements, and reminders. Send them to [waamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:waamnewsletter@gmail.com). The due date is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful October.