

# Amaranth Event News

November 1, 2024



From the Grand Royal Matron, aka “M”,

**What? Snow?:** As I drove over the pass this week a couple slushy snowflakes hit my windshield, and I again had to think about the difficulties in travel as winter approaches. I have never shied away from driving in a few inches of snow as it is a daily occurrence where I live. However, the pass, as you all know, can be difficult yet beautiful at the same time. I still look forward to attending the Court OVs coming up in November and December. I do hope the roads stay clear so that members can attend these Courts as they have some very special plans made for their OVs. Thank you to all the members that have been able to be out there traveling and supporting the Courts.

**Important: Coming** soon to all Courts is the need for each member to fill out a philanthropic report. This report is necessary to maintain our nonprofit status and your information is submitted with no name attached to the Supreme Council. Attached to this newsletter our find the Philanthropic form 500A to print and turn in either to your Court Secretary, your Court Philanthropic Chairman, or the Grand Court Philanthropic Chairman, HL Teresa Hartz.

**Why Kindness?** Being kind not only has a direct effect on others, but it has a positive impact on yourself as well. Everybody can use a little kindness in their life, and with World Kindness Day right around the corner ( November 13<sup>th</sup>! ), it is about time to start spreading the love. **Kindness starts with you!!!**

“Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.”

- Bob Kerry

**Just a reminder that Grand Court Dates for 2025 are March 20, 21 & 22. Please mark your calendars!!**

## Upcoming Events:

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00 ish am	Lakewood Lunch
	1:00 pm	Lakewood OV

November 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm	Group Meetings at Capitol Court Lunch Capitol Court OV
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Social Hour/Silent Auction Diabetes Research Benefit and Auction "Speakeasy" Titlow Lodge 8425 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Tacoma, WA

November 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Richmond Court OV
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November 28<sup>th</sup>

December 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm 2:00	Lunch – Rhododendron Rhododendron Court OV
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December 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Group Christmas Party & Brunch Bremerton Court OV
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Much love,

HL Andrea



As we gather around this season of thanksgiving, let us remember the impact we have on each other's lives.

"So much of me is made of what I learned from you, you will be with me, like a handprint on my heart, and now whatever way our stories end, I know you have rewritten mine, by being my friend." These words from **\*Wicked\*** beautifully encapsulate the gratitude we feel for each other within our Order. Every interaction, no matter how small, has left an indelible mark on our hearts. The strength of our community lies in these connections, forged through shared experiences, challenges, and celebrations.

In the spirit of unity and remembrance, "if you never get around to doing some remarkable thing that does not mean that you are not worth remembering. So, you need to show them. I need to show them that no one deserves to be forgotten. No one deserves to fade away," from **\*Dear Evan Hansen\*** speaks volumes. To our members who haven't been to court in a while—you are missed, and your presence is invaluable to us. We understand that life can be demanding, and priorities may shift, but know that you always have a place here. Your contributions, past and present, are cherished, and we eagerly await the chance to reconnect with you.

### **### Upcoming Activities**

We have several exciting activities planned in the coming months, designed to bring us closer together and strengthen our bonds. Here are some highlights:

- **\*\*Diabetes Fundraiser Auction:** \*\* A night of elegance and celebration, where we raise money to support fighting Diabetes honor and work towards to a brighter future for all. November 16th details on Grand Court Website.
- **\*\*Official Visits:** \*\* Lakewood, Capitol and Richmond Courts are this month as well.
- **\*\*Dinners and Bazaars** abound aplenty, check last month's events newsletter.

Sharing these events with your lodges and youth groups can amplify our efforts and make a more significant impact. Each activity is an opportunity to not only reconnect with fellow members but also to extend our influence and goodwill beyond our immediate circle.

### **### A Call to Action**

This season, let us embody the spirit of our Order by reaching out to those we haven't seen in a while. A simple phone call, a heartfelt letter, or even a message on social media can make all the difference. Together, we can create a network of support and friendship that is unbreakable, ensuring that no one feels forgotten or left behind.

Remember your officer obligations: do everything in your power to extend the usefulness of the Order. By actively participating and encouraging others to join in our endeavors, we strengthen our community and uphold the values that define us. The bonds we share and the support we provide are the true essence of our Order, and together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives around us

I hope this extended article resonates with the members and helps in building stronger connections within your community.

Thanks,

SK Brian Wheeler, GRP 007



It's November, a time when we contemplate what we are thankful for.

As I write this, I am listening to a jam session in my living room. My kids and grandson are laughing and singing, and I realize how blessed I am to have family, and music, in my life. And I am so grateful for my Amaranth family. I have really enjoyed seeing you at your OVs. Thank you for all of the wonderful meals and hospitality. I want to encourage everyone to get out and visit other courts. Be social, join their meal and enjoy each other's company.

I'm super excited for our next Ways and Means fundraiser on Nov. 9! Following Capitol Court's OV, HL Lee Heydlauff will be instructing a Glass Fusing Class! It's a perfect opportunity to make a Christmas ornament or a pendant as a gift (or for yourself). The cost is \$40 for one project or \$70 for two. Think about inviting a friend or family member to join you. Please make reservations with either HL Lee or me.

SK Jack and I are finalizing officers and committees. If you are interested in a position or would like to help on a committee, please let us know. Dress and vest information will be available soon.

I hope to see you all at the speakeasy "The Dill Pickle Club" for our diabetes benefit on the 16th. I hear there are some really great auction items, so bring your checkbook!

Friends, we have an election coming up next week. Emotions are high and people can be mean. No matter what side you fall on, take a deep breath and just remember to be kind to one another.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving full of family and friends.

HL Lori  
Grand Associate Matron

## **Greetings from Papa Stetson**

**November 2024**



Now that fall has arrived, it is time to get back to work and our Official Visits are well under way. This is where we get to honor the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron, the Supreme Officers of the Washington Jurisdiction, the Grand Court Officers and Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons of their Subordinate Courts at the Official Visit.

We all need to make an effort to support these members, and in return we hope that they will visit your Court for your Official Visit.

Veterans Day is November 11th and we thank and honor you for your service. Those that served in the U S Navy a Happy Birthday on October 13, 1775 and the U S Marine Corps on November 10, 1775, a hearty HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Both are 247 years old.

I have one more request. It is planning time for calendars, and we need dates for installations, Official Visits, Friends Night and any other activity you are planning. Grand Court is just around the corner. and we look forward to seeing you all in Pasco.

Please attend the group meetings, meet the members of the other Courts. You can learn a lot from the other members.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

**GAP Jack**





## October Adventures with the Grand Conductress

Good Morning Washington!!

October is nearly over and we are in full swing of OV's!! I love being able to visit with all the members and sad when I am not able to attend. I am sorry that I have missed out on Artemesia and Trinity.

While I truly love Halloween (Samhain), I am focused on the Diabetes Research Benefit. Please get your tickets or make your reservations for the 2024 Diabetes Research Benefit! It will be a fun evening, full of surprises!!! It's \$50 per person, November 16<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma at Titlow Lodge, with a speakeasy theme. The deadline for tickets is November 9<sup>th</sup>. You can order them online on the Grand Court Website, using the link to the Auctria site we currently use or see any of us on the committee. If you have any experience items to share, please let HL Sonia Thorikildsen know. Time is running short and we need to get them in the program, this Saturday is the last day we can accept items. (November 2)

This past weekend I was able to go to a couple of Masonic installations. I was at Port Orchard – John Paul Jones Lodge #98. We have several of our new members at Bremerton Court that are members here, as well as SK Glenn Ryder and I was so happy to be able to support their Lodge. Bremerton Court will also be doing dinners here in the coming year. Later that day I was able to attend the William H Upton Lodge installation. I was blessed to see friends I haven't see in a few years, namely Joe Finotti. Joe was the very first Rainbow Dad I was honored to serve with as a young Mother Advisor for Poulsbo Assembly. He's very dear to me and he's just as funny now as then!

I would like to wish all those who have been ill, injured or just under the weather, blessings and love for fast recoveries and feeling better!

I hope to see you all soon and until then .....

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



HL Jenny



Wow, October is over already!

It's been a busy Grand Court month. We did 'card making with Cathy' after the Official Visit at Welcome Court on the first Saturday of the month. The next day was the reception for the Grand

Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron at a park in Everett. The next weekend was Group at Tulip Court followed by their Official Visit. The third weekend was Hayon Court's OV in the afternoon and Greys' Harbor Court's in the evening...lots of driving that Saturday! The last week of the month we go to Artemesia Court's OV on Thursday and Trinity Court's OV on Saturday.

I think that H.L. Jenny Harsin-Reed's membership campaign is working. The court I belong to, little Halcyon Court, just initiated 4 new members! At Grand Court H.L. Jenny announced that if your court does not have a full compliment of officers and is planning initiation she would help find members from other courts to come and fill the vacant spots. She just did that for Halcyon.

It made the ceremony much more impressive and enjoyable. Thank You H.L. Jenny and Thank You to all the members she recruited too!!! If your court needs help be sure to ask her.

I'm still searching for the right man to accompany me to the Grand East. Good thing I have a year or two...it's taking a while. I'm not picky, I just want Mr. Perfect. I'll find him. He's out there somewhere.



Don't forget to come to Group on the second Saturday (especially if you're an Associate Conductress. I feel lonesome by myself!). The next one is at the Masonic Center, 512 North Street, in Tumwater at 10:00am on the 9 th of November. Also, think about signing up for the latest class. We get to play with glass and make ourselves something unique and pretty. H.L. Lori's classes have been lots of fun this year.

Brenda Pedersen, Grand Associate Conductress



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MEMBER'S PHILANTHROPIC REPORT

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Member's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Court

The following is an accurate and true account of the philanthropic work performed by myself during the calendar year from January 1 to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_, or the value of items or monies donated to charitable causes.

1. Hours of volunteer work performed at Homes or Hospitals \_\_\_\_\_  
Other volunteer work performed with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Funds donated to local educational institutions \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of school \_\_\_\_\_.  
Monies donated to Grand Court educational funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Value of items (clothes, food, furniture) donated to local charities \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
These items were donated to \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Total of monies donated to local charities \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
These monies were donated to \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Relief given to worthy members \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name of member to whom relief was given is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Other charitable work performed or funds given to:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization) (Amount)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Note: This report must be submitted to the Court Secretary annually by the date required in your Grand Court By-laws.



Please remember that the Event News will be sent on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please get your flyers, court news, and announcements into the committee

By November 10<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Newsletter committee, I thank you for your continued support.

Camille

