



# Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

## January 1, 2025

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!** I know this past year CANNOT be topped! I will cherish all the memories I have made as long as I am able to remember them! Each of you appears in these memories because you made them with me. Watching all my Hallmark Girls preside at their Courts made such special, sweet memories. Others were made at fun events (think Line Dancing, Friday Harbor Cruise, Grand Court Campout and Picnic, Paint and Sip Parties, our Grand Court Christmas Party), and fund-raising events (think 5-K Walk, Highland Games, Scholarship and Diabetes Benefits). Even the challenges that needed to be worked through was work well spent and rewarding. I hope that you have made such special memories in 2024, too.

SK Brian and I have made many memories together as well, visiting all of our Courts, several Grand Courts, Fraternal Organizations' State Meetings and Installations, traveling to Supreme Council, and once again, getting together with Michelle and Rod for the week to ring in the New Year, this time on my side of the mountains. One special memory we will never forget is Constituting Perlas Court and Initiating their new members. This took a lot of work of an awful lot of our members and boy was it worth it!

**What is next?** We still have some tasks ahead of us. We have three OV's left, two Group meetings, a Grand Court Practice, a Scholarship Buco Party, and many individual court fund-raisers. SK Brian and I also have Plans to head to three more Grand Courts before we are done. Of course, there is still THE GRAND COURT OF WASHINGTON that will complete our tasks as GRM and GRP. We hope to see so many of you there in Pasco at the Red Lion on March 20, 21 and 22.

**What does KINDNESS look like?** Kindness is a quality of being that involves helping others or yourself in a way that's motivated by genuine feelings of warmth. It can look like:

- Putting others first: Doing something that helps someone else's needs before your own, like giving up your seat on the bus
- Being generous: Doing something for others without expecting anything in return
- Being considerate: Showing concern for others
- Being selfless: Acting in a way that's caring and compassionate
- Doing small acts: Even small gestures can brighten someone's day, like paying for a stranger's coffee or leaving a note

And my personal goal:

- Practicing kindness: Cultivating a spirit of helpfulness and doing kind things often

*"Let us be kind.  
Let us be generous.  
Let us be full of grace.  
Let us see the light in all your people  
and be guided by that light for all our days."*

- Vice President Harris at the [National Prayer Breakfast](#). –

## Upcoming Events:

January 1<sup>st</sup>



January 11<sup>th</sup>

Golden Light Court  
Lunch

10:00

Group @

Diamond Coaster Making

January 18<sup>th</sup>

2:00

Perlas Court OV  
Dinner

### ***Looking a little further ahead:***

February 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00

Opportunity Court OV  
Lunch  
Grand Court Scholarship Bunco Party

February 7<sup>th</sup>

6:00  
7:30

Dinner – Alki  
Alki Court OV

February 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00

Group Opportunity  
Lunch  
Grand Court Practice 1:00

*In Love with Amaranth,*

*HL Andrea*

## **\*\*Wow, what a year it has been!\*\***

We kicked off the year with a thrilling Winter Classic hockey game in Seattle alongside HL Andrea (now Grand Royal Matron), HL Michelle (Grand Page), Andrea's husband Rod, and myself. It was a fantastic day, made even better by the Kraken's victory.

Our adventures quickly continued with a trip to the Grand Court of Colorado, where the idea for the Amaranth Diabetes 5k Walk fundraiser was born. From there, we journeyed to British Columbia for the Supreme Official Visit and then to the Grand Court of Oregon.

Our own Grand Court became a memorable highlight as HL Andrea was coronated Grand Royal Matron and I was installed as Grand Royal Patron. Following numerous installations, we took a quick trip to the Grand Court of Arizona before concluding our travels at the Supreme Council session in Pittsburgh over the July 4th week.

We proudly constituted a new court, Perlas #90, and hosted the Grand Court campout. To wrap up the summer, we launched our 5k Walk for Diabetes. Our travels took us next to the Grand Court of Alaska and back to our own official visits of the courts. Our GRM and GRP reception was nothing short of spectacular.

We also had the pleasure of attending the Rainbow Girls Foundation Auction Gala and our Diabetes Auction, finally wrapping up the year with a delightful Grand Court Christmas party and now enjoying a much-needed break with Andrea and Rod at their home in Wenatchee.

## **\*\*Looking Ahead\*\***

We are eagerly anticipating the last three official visits of the courts and our neighboring Grand Courts of Colorado, California, and Oregon. It's hard to believe that our year is nearing its end with less than 80 days left in our terms of office. It has indeed been a wonderful year, and I look forward to an equally splendid year with the next leaders of our order.

## **\*\*A Reminder to Associate Patrons\*\***

We need your presence at the Grand Court to assist with Sentinel and Warder duties. Remember, the more, the merrier, and lighter the work. Our Grand Court registration packets have been mailed, and registration is available online for your convenience. Don't forget to submit your well-wishes for the Grand Court program!

Exciting activities await at the Grand Court, including a fun Wine and Beer tasting event. The meals will be extraordinary, and we can't wait to gather together and create more memories.

As your Grand Royal Patron, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each member for your contributions to our order and the wonderful friendships we share.

Here's to a remarkable year and the promising adventures ahead! 🌟

Warm regards,

SK Brian Wheeler, OO7

Grand Royal Patron



Happy New Year, WA Amaranth!

I hope your holidays were everything you hoped they'd be and you're as excited as I am for the advent of 2025! We have a very exciting few months ahead, including the Grand

Courts of California, Colorado, and Oregon. If you can, you should join us on one of these visits!

Our most recent Ways and Means class, glass fusing, was a great success! We had 9 guests and most of us made glass ornaments. I also have a beautiful new pendant. Thank you HL Lee for instructing our class. We made \$280 for Ways and Means that day.

Our "Two Steppin' through the Ritual" zoom classes are continuing into January. On January 9, we'll be discussing Memorial and working in pairs; and on January 15, we will be learning about Installation and Coronation. My zoom room number is 477 568 8096. If you would rather have a direct link, just let me know and I'll email it to you.

We have planned an AGL weekend for January 18-19 in Everett at Welcome Court. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to visit our newest court, Perlas #90, for their first Official Visit! Following their meetings, Perlas Court always puts on a fabulous reception. After we have some time to socialize, any member who is interested can join us back in the lodge room for a ritual class. We will make it a weekend by meeting for brunch the next day, and then heading back to Welcome Court for another Ritual Class.

Associate Matrons, please check your email! I am busy trying to create the 25-26 calendar, and I need your input! There is a list of questions I need answered so your Installation or OV can be listed in the Grand Court Calendar.

As we burst into the New Year, let us resolve to attend at least one Grand Court Event or another court's stated meeting every month. Amaranth is much more fun when shared with friends.

As always, be kind to one another.  
HL Lori Hanson, GAM







## GREATINGS FROM PAPA STETSON

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas/Holiday Season

Coming up is the Group Meeting on January 11, 2025 at Golden Light Court in Auburn, and HL Lori and I look forward to interacting with everyone and especially our Two Steppers and Stetsons. Grand Court is only 3 months away and we all have a great deal to cover.

As we get ready for the Grand Court session, to be held in Pasco, WA. We would like to see as many members as possible in attendance to meet with the other members of your groups, and to help you make plans for your upcoming installations. You need to start with your Crowning Matron, installing Officers, Honor Guard, and so much more.

Any help that you might need HL Lori GAM and I SK Jack GAP, are here for you, please ask for that help.

Wish you all a very healthy and prosperous New Years, and looking forward to seeing you all on the Amaranth Trail year 2025

*Happy  
New  
Year!*



## Winter Adventures with the Grand Conductress

Hello Washington!

I need to start off with my apologies to HL Camille. I have been notoriously late getting my articles in to be published. I think about it the day it is due, and the next day and even the next.... but I don't seem to sit down at the computer. I could make 101 excuses but honestly, I just forget. So, my New Year's Resolution is to do my newsletter article on time! I'll let you know if I make it in January!

December was a lovely month of fellowship with a fun Grand Court Christmas Party. I wish more of us were able to be there, but it isn't always meant to be. Bremerton's OV was a fun afternoon, and I want to thank everyone who came, especially those who served as pro tem officers. It was greatly appreciated that you were there and took part.

In February, Bremerton Court will be having our Friendsite. It will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. I will be sending out invitations through the newsblast.

I am looking forward to the New Year, and our upcoming Grand Court. I am starting my reports and getting ready for everything that is to come. I have also been preparing the Calendar that will be sold for ways and means.

SK Glenn and I will be starting to prepare for the 26-27 Grand Court year. We are starting to discuss fun things to do and are looking for a few good Officers.... If you are interested in being a Representative or an AGL and are eligible to do so, please let us know, or if there is a committee you would like to serve on, as there are more than just a chairperson. In the same vein, if you have any suggestions for fun things to do or something you'd like to see done, I am happy to listen to your ideas.

See you all soon at the January Group Meeting.

HL Jenny





December came way before I was ready for it this year!

Grand Court gave way to Christmas! We started the month with an Official Visit at Rhododendron Court on the 7<sup>th</sup> and then Group, Official Visit and a Christmas party at Bremerton Court on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the month was spent shopping, wrapping presents, cleaning and decorating the house, and cooking for Christmas celebrations with family and friends, and counting our many blessings and making resolutions to break in the New Year.

I enjoyed the welcome break mostly by taking some time to rest, relax and recharge (I like those terms better than saying I was lazy). Oh, and rebuild.

Last December it dawned on me that I've lived in my Washington home for over 18 years and it really needs a bit of a refresh. I started my version of a refresh by turning the master retreat into my closet. My 32 years as a Civil Engineer gave me the necessary design/build skill set and I've put it to good use this year.

Almost a year later the new closet is almost complete. Removing the sliding glass door will have to wait a while but most of the cabinets are built and in use, the final one is under construction. My clothes and shoes have moved in, purses are waiting in line.

I'm a visual person. That means if something is out of sight, I forget it exists. So, the next step will be the process of editing out the duplicates that came from having clothes in 3 separate closets. That part is certain to be painful.

Hope you have enjoyed your December as much as I have. Wishing each of you all the love and blessings of the Christmas Season and good health, happiness and prosperity in the new year.

Brenda Pedersen, Grand Associate Conductress,

