

Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

February 1, 2025

From the Grand Royal Matron, aka "M",

My Last Newsletter Article!!! It's time to tell you something. I hate writing. Flat out. I am not a writer. I taught writing. I was good at it. I am a good scientific writer – writing science procedures and the like. But to write my thoughts in an organized, creative manner? NOPE!

So here is my last attempt. (I now imagine thousands of "hallelujah!" being shouted by those of you who diligently make your way through my articles month after month.) I do want you to know that I absolutely love Amaranth and what we do – ritual, philanthropy, parties and celebrations, care for each other. I struggle through these articles hoping I reach at least a few members each month.

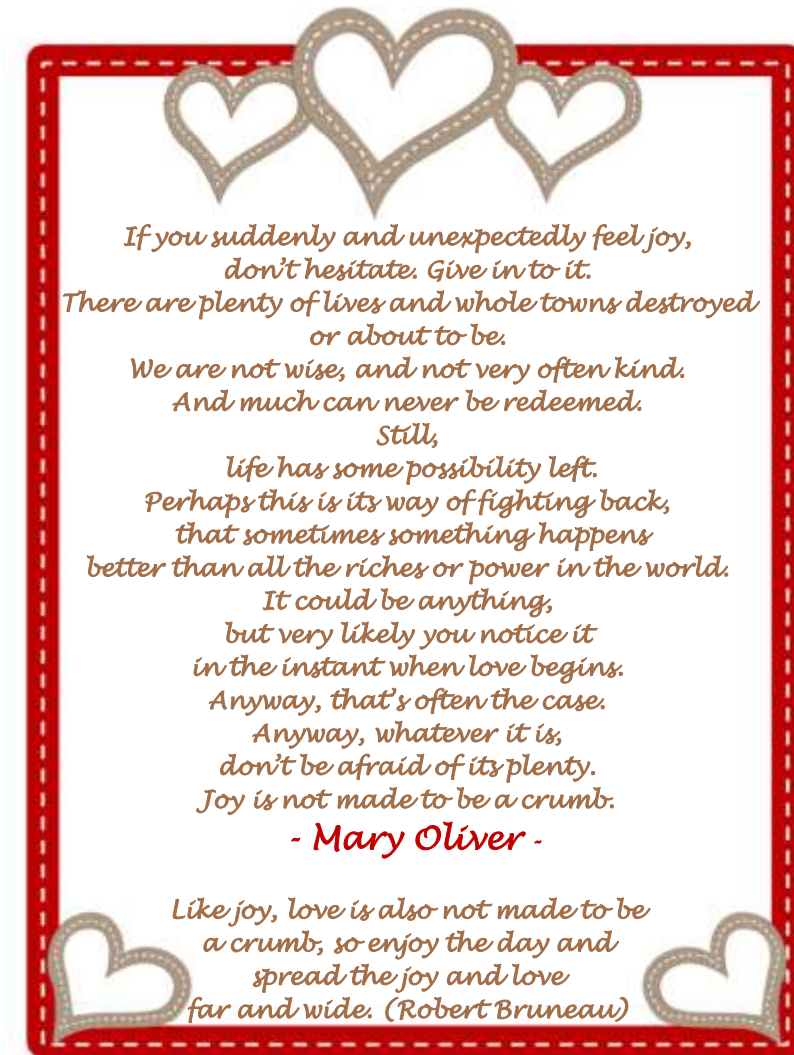
What is between now and Grand Court? Besides our last two Official Visits, as both SK Brian and I mentioned last month, we are proud to represent the Grand Court of Washington as we travel to Colorado, California and Oregon Grand Courts. The rest of the time we will be preparing for Grand Court, memorizing our parts, making sure EVERYTHING we could possibly need at Grand Court is lined up in the staging area for loading vehicles and looking forward to the opportunity to preside over our sessions with grace and dignity as we wish to make you proud of putting us in these positions.

Speaking of Grand Court, we have one talent group signed up for Wednesday evening Dinner entertainment and we need more. Can you read a poem, sing, play an instrument, do a magic trick, make an elk call to his mate, anything to make us smile and laugh? If so, please let me know. Our Wednesday Dinner hosts are HL Susan and SK Richard Boemeling from Tulip Court and I promised them I would take care of getting the entertainment scheduled for the evening.

What is next? I will see you all again, maybe not every Grand Court function, OV or Installation. But I will travel; I must because I need to see you all again, and again, and again. You are now a part of my life. I will also spend time travelling with Rod. He was so excited to be retiring in 2021, but COVID and my election into the Grand Line meant that our dreams of traveling abroad and across the USA were put on hold. Do not get me wrong, I am not complaining. In hindsight, I would do it all over again but skip the COVID part. It just means that NOW is our time. Time to focus on our dreams, Rod's and mine, to see all the places we can see, visit our kids more, golf again, organize the abundance of stuff, including ducks, hundreds of ducks, that has been brought into our house over the last 4 years. What is that I hear now? The

scurrying, or should I say the flapping, of many tiny duck feet as they seek to find a hiding place, afraid of being discarded?

I am also going to focus on my own Court. We need to do something! We have made great gains in establishing Masonic relationships at the Wenatchee Masonic Center this past year. We must now get them to want to join us in the great things we do. Miracles DO happen.....



Upcoming Events:

February 1 st	10:00	Opportunity Court OV BUNCO PARTY HAS BEEN CANCELLED !!
February 7 th	6:00	Dinner @ Alki Court Alki Court OV
February 8 th	10:00 12:00	Group Meeting @ Opportunity Court Lunch

1:00

Grand Court Practice

Next Month:

March 20-22

Grand Court of Washington
Pasco Red Lion

*In Love with Amaranth,
HL Andrea*



From the Desk of Agent 007: A Grand Royal Patron

Greetings, esteemed members of the Washington Grand Court. This is your Grand Royal Patron, signing in for one of the final few missions of my term. As we approach the climax of our journey, I am thrilled to embark on our last two Official Visits. Our first stop: the illustrious Opportunity Court. And for the grand finale, we return to my home base, the ever-welcoming Alki Court.

As we navigate these final missions, I urge you all to continue your covert operations in recruiting new members. Use your social media channels to broadcast our activities, call your friends, and invite them to join us for an evening of intrigue and camaraderie. Remember, the more agents we have, the stronger our network becomes.

And don't forget to secure your registration for our Grand Court sessions from March 20th to the 22nd. Our banquet promises to be an event filled with surprises and excitement. After all, one never knows what might happen when a duck and a squirrel get together.

Stay sharp, stay connected, and let's make these final missions unforgettable.

Yours in service,
SK Brian Wheeler, Grand Royal Patron OO7

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Thanks,

Brian Wheeler

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IT'S FINE! I'M FINE!
EVERYTHING IS FINE!!!

What a whirlwind 3 years this has been!

The first year, I was numb. The second year, I was in shock. And this year, well, see the picture above.

I've had a lot of fun with Ways and Means this year, and I appreciate all of you who participated in our classes. From gardens, to cards, to glass fusing, we sure had some fun while raising money. With the addition of the Banger Booth, our annual ways and means income has increased. Please consider helping at this year's Highland Games, July 26-27. This fundraiser needs many hands to make it successful.

I'll have another fundraiser and a full report at Grand Court, you should come!

As we wind down this year and look forward to Grand Court, I invite EVERYONE to attend the Group Meeting on February 8. Afterwards we will be having Grand Court practice, and especially if this is your first time having a grand office, you should be there. If you're a Royal Matron or Royal Patron, we'd really love to offer any help with your installation or your plans for the upcoming year. Bring your swords to Group, please. SK Jack and I will be asking our Two Steppers and Stetsons to help with our Installation on March 22.

Our west coast Grand Courts are coming up! It's not too late to register for Oregon. I'd love to see a huge contingency attend and support our southern neighbors.

SK Jack and I are busy planning the 25-26 year. We've got some changes in the traditional schedule, so please buy a Grand Court calendar to keep up. They will be on sale directly following the Installation. We really hope to see some Two Steppers and Stetsons out at the upcoming installations. Let's all get out there and support our Group, our Courts and our Members!

Thank you for your support in this crazy journey. I couldn't have done it without the support of my Amaranth Family. In these last two weeks without a car, I've always had someone to call if I needed a ride. And that's what we do. We are united, and we take care of one another.

HL Lori Hanson, Grand Associate Matron

GREATINGS FROM THE GAP

Welcome to 2025. I hope you all had joyful Holiday Season

There are only two Official Visits left. Opportunity Court Saturday, Feb. 1st and Alki Court Friday, Feb. 7th.

Opportunity Ct. will be hosting Group and the Grand Court practice on Feb, 8th. If you are a Grand Officer please take the time to join us for these practices that will help to make our floor work beautiful.

We all need to get back to work and start planning on our Grand Court Session which will be here before we know it and also getting ready for all the Subordinate Court Installations.

If you have not yet made plans to attend our Grand Court in March 2025, you need to get on the ball. Both the GRM and GRP along with the GAM and GAP are going to need lots of help to make this a successful Grand Court session.

For all the Two Steppers and Stetsons, HL Lori and I look forward to seeing you at the Group meeting for final arrangements for Grand Court installation and for our year.

This has been a productive year for all, thank for the Help and effort that you the members have put in to support the **GRAND COURT of WA.**

Jack Hutchins GAP
aka "Papa Stetson "





January Adventures with the Grand Conductress

Hello Washington!

Well, I am disappointed that it is the 28th of January and I am 3 days late with my article. While I do have a valid reason to be late. I am sad I didn't fulfill my resolution. There is always next term, I guess.

January was a relative quiet month, good for rest and rejuvenation. The Perlas Court OV was a lot of fun and I enjoy visiting there. Their hospitality and fellowship are so welcoming!! Happy Retirement SK Francis!!!

February 3rd is Bremerton Court's Friendsnite! Our meeting starts at 7 pm. I have invited Royal Matrons to open and close for me but these two ladies are truly my friends as well!! Come out to Bremerton. I have valentines and chocolates!

Grand Court is coming soon!!! I have tables to rent for your court if you would like to be a vendor. Tables have a small \$20 fee per table. Please bring your check payable to Grand Court of Washington and please email, text or call me 206-488-5909 and let me know if you would like one for your court. Vendors are pretty scarce and it is nice to have that variety for shopping!

SK Glenn and I are making plans.... We may ask you to serve on a committee or as a Rep or AGL. We will be looking for assistance for our 2026-2027 year. It is definitely going to be an Adventure.

See you all soon at Opportunity's OV and the last OV of the term at my home court, Alki #21 on February 7th. We will all be in Pasco before you know it!!

Amaranth Love & Service-

HL Jenny



Happy February!

What a year. Where has it gone?

What a learning curve. But I made it thru and had some fun along the way.

Is the Grand Court just a month away? Already...

I hope to see as many of you as possible at Grand Court in Pasco.

See you soon

Brenda Pedersen

Grand Associate Conductress



Happy Ground Hog Day



HOT NEWS FLASH RIGHT OFF THE PRESS

THE FAMILY PICNIC, CAMPOUT and CHILI COOK OFF

It is time to make your reservations for the campout and picnic, August 19th (Tuesday) through August 24 (Sunday).

We need to make our reservations as soon as possible to reserve our sites. We have a temporary hold on the 10 sites in the main area, but don't wait long to make your reservations, as these sites could disappear. Other groups from the week prior (Jobs daughter's family week) could reserve sites in the main area.

To make your reservations you must go on line to reservations:

www.masonicfamilypark.net

Once you have made your reservations please contact SK Jack Hutchins with your dates and site number. Email jack.hutchins.jr@gmail.com

Home 360-876-6876 cell 360-908-0570

Reservation deposits are refundable up to 14 days prior to the date of your stay. If for some reason you do not show, do not cancel your reservation within those 14 days, you could be responsible for your reserved dates.

We need reservations now so we can hold the main area and kitchen, After the end of March the park will not hold any sites, it is first come first served.



Next Washington dispatch will be April 1, 2025.

Events newsletter deadline is February 10, 2025.