Washington Amaranthian Dispatch

November 1, 2025

Happy Turkey Month,

Washington Amaranth!

First and foremost, I want everyone to be aware of the upcoming events! I'd love to see you at any one or more of these Grand Court Activities:

Nov 8: Group @10am, Auburn Veterans Day Parade, Capitol Court Dinner at 6pm, OV @7pm
Nov 15: Grays Harbor OV, Lunch at 12:30, OV at 2pm
Nov 22: Perlas Court OV

You know I'm very excited about our upcoming Veterans Day Parade in Auburn! I'm really hoping the weather is agreeable, and that a lot of you will choose to celebrate with us. To me, this is the culmination of our United We Stand year. The essence of patriotism to support our Veterans; to come together in love for our country, our flag and the men and women who are willing to give themselves to a life of protecting those things. Many of our members are veterans, and your support is especially important to them. I really hope to see you all in your patriotic duds and décor. I'll bring our banner and extra flags to share! Remember the day starts with a breakfast fundraiser for Bethel #78 for $10. Group Meeting starts at 10am. Then we head over to the parade staging area. After the parade, join us for dinner at Capitol Court at 6pm, followed by their Official Visit at 7:00. Did you see what I did there? United We Stand!

Our first ZOOM Group Meeting was rather successful, and I've heard mostly good things. Depending on weather conditions, we may do another zoom group in January. I'll have more information next month. If you were able to join us, I would love your feedback.

I want to thank everyone who came out to our reception in October. Bremerton and Richmond Courts did an amazing job and made the day so extra special with all the little touches: beautiful rose centerpieces, colorful tables, wonderful favors, and a patriotic balloon arch. The skits were great! The pictures SK Frank took are going to be wonderful reminders of this perfect day.

Please put the December Group Christmas Party at Rhododendron Court on your calendar. HL Brenda, our Grand Conductress, will be our host for the day and I hope many of you will come out to enjoy the festivities. We'll start at 10am, expect a ton of food, fellowship and fun!

Our Scholarship Benefit is coming up in January! This is going to be a good, old fashioned Sadie Hawkins Dance! I'm getting your favorite country band back together just for this! Butch Gibson and his band, minus a few we've lost, are excited for their encore appearance at the Scholarship Benefit. More information to come from HL Diana Moulden.

Finally, I want to share what I'm thankful for this month… I'm thankful to have my family all in the same county, to have a fantastic job 12 minutes from my home, to have a social life that keeps me too busy to be lonely, and to have friends all over the state….and country! My heart is full. I'm thankful for all your love and support.

I hope you all have the chance to spend Thanksgiving with family and friends this month.
Spread the love, invite someone who may not have family to spend the day with.
It's all about being kind.

Much love to you all,

HL Lori Hanson, Grand Royal Matron

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GREETINGS FROM THE GRP

HL's and SK's We have been back at work with OFFICAL VISITS, and it is great to see so many members attending and supporting the other Courts. Let's continue to do so and help them to have a memorable Official Visit. Bible signing is the opening ceremony prior to the OV meeting. We need to have 4 SK's for the honor Guard for this ceremony and are asking The Stetsons to be a part of this ceremony.

November is a very special month, as it contains some very special dates. First is November 10th the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps, and November 11th Veterans Day, honoring all those who served in The United States Armed Forces, yesterday and today.

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

I would like to thank all the members that attended the activities this past month, and everyone that helped and participated at the Official Visits and the receptions.

Again, thanks to all of the members of this Grand Court for all of the support that you have given.

As a reminder Saturday November 8th is going to be a busy day for all starting with Group @ Golden Light and then we are taking part in the Veterans Day Parade in Auburn, (remember to wear Patriotic colors) and then off to Capital Court for dinner and their Official Visit

Please remember

United we stand and being

United we will be supporting all of our members.

That's all for now and see you all on the road.

SK Jack Hutchins
Papa Stetson

This was a great October and I am definitely looking forward to November. This month I won't send the wrong article to the newsletter like I did last month….UGH!

I would like to thank several members that have sent in recipes! I do still need more and I know they are out there. Please get your recipes and stories to me at harsin.jenny@gmail.com. I have the cover designed and am slowly getting things together. You still have time to get me information and recipes…but hurry!!

I want to thank everyone that came to the GAM and GAP reception in September. Alki and Bremerton Courts, my heart is full. The food was wonderful. I loved being able to visit with so many in attendance. Thank you all again. And whoever ordered up the gorgeous sunny day, you are my hero.

The Grand Line had a retreat and learning session in October. It is new and I hope to do it next year as well. It really helps us all bond and get know each other better. Sharing ideas, stories and fun. The way it should be.

I loved being able to be Conductress for Rhododendron's initiation. It was a beautiful afternoon and I hope their new members will love our Order as much as we all do. I hope to get to know them better.

Join SK Glenn and myself on December 6th 5:30 at Alki Masonic Hall (for our other Ways and Means) **Queen Christina's Table Lodge**…. Tickets will be $35.00 per person and will include a commemorative glass. Please make a reservation with me through Thanksgiving. The menu is set, the wine and Martinelli's chosen. I will be asking for participation. There are a few key positions that will need filling. Such as a Toastmaster, Marshal's in the E and W, and a few banner bearers. And yes, it is DEC 6 (I made an error on my flyer which will be corrected and resent)

Until we see each other again, find your Adventures in the Great Wide Somewhere!!!

Amaranth Love and Service,

HL Jenny, GAM

Bonjour,

With October behind us, the holiday season is here—Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Although I missed some official visits due to recovering from a medical procedure, I'm excited to attend upcoming events, including group activities and the Veterans Day parade in Auburn. Please check the calendar and join whenever possible.

As the holidays approach, let's remember members we haven't seen in a while and invite them to gatherings or just a visit. Bremerton Court #9 will host a Thanksgiving dinner for anyone wishing to spend time with their Amaranth or Masonic family. This tradition, started by Canal Court several years ago and Bremerton Court has decided to restart this annual event, which offers members—especially those without nearby family – chance to enjoy the holiday together. Bremerton Court No. 9 will host this dinner, November 27th from 1 pm to 4 PM, only $10.00 a person for dinner, at the Port Orchard Masonic Center, 1025 Sydney Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366.

Please RSVP to HL Linda Combs lindaamartincombs41448@gmail.com.

I look forward to all the upcoming OV's and events.

SK Glenn Ryder, GAP

"The Lumiere"

"Be our Guest"

OMG October is almost over!
It has been a rather slow month for Grand Court. We had our first group meeting by zoom! Official Visits at Opportunity and Golden Light Courts, in the middle of the month we had a fun reception for the Grand Royal Matron and the Grand Royal Patron. And we said a sad final goodbye to Past Grand Royal Matron Priscilla Schwab.

Gold Rush Girls our trip to the Throne is getting to the heavy planning stage. Don't panic! Do plan. Time to think about all the things we need to have ready: who would make good officers and do we want special outfits for them, what committees will we need and who would chair them well, what will make our meetings interesting and fun, what will we do to raise funds that keep our coffers healthy, how to attract new members so our court and our Order thrives, who should share this journey with us. And have I read all the fine print and studies the ritual enough to do my part well. If you are as busy with all of these as I am we'll have a wonderful year!

Hope to see you all November 8th in Auburn for group!!

HL Brenda Pedersen, GC

Aloha HL's and SK's,
What a great month! I made 2 OV's, a retreat, a zoom group, the GRM & GRP reception, a fun costume party/meeting, and initiation at Rhodie with 4 initiatives, Lakewoods Halloween party and finished it off with a tea with our Eastern Star family. It was perfect!
In looking ahead I'm excited for the holidays and getting some items together to start selling for our Aloha Girls.
Be safe,
HL Ann GAC
MAHALO

Grand Treasurer's report – 08/31/2025

Balances:

Checking - $1619.69

Regular Savings - $5023.45

Philanthropic Savings - $552.88

Diabetes Savings - $2546.96

Scholarship Savings - $6045.55

Please reach out if you have any questions on the financial information. These are the accounts under the control of the Grand Treasurer, and do not include any funds held by the Grand Trustees (Investment accounts) or the Benevolent Board.

I will publish these numbers monthly. If you think this report should include other information, please let me know.

Thank you,

Sonja Thorkildsen, Grand Treasurer

From the Jurisprudence Committee:

To the voting members of Grand Court:

This article states the process to submit an amendment to the Bylaws of Grand Court. As the deadline for submission is fast approaching, as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee I am giving you this information so each amendment that is submitted will be considered at Grand Court as they are in proper format. Sorry that this is a fairly long article but information is knowledge.

From Washington Grand Court Bylaws:

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS Section 51.

These Bylaws shall not be revised nor amended except at an Annual Session of Grand Court. Previous notice of such revisions or amendments shall be mailed to every Court at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Session of Grand Court. Such amendments, signed by the proposer, shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary. Proposed revisions or amendments to be received by the Grand Secretary, not later than November 1st. Voting members not receiving a copy of the proposed amendments prior to Grand Court, shall receive a copy at Grand Court, and shall consider this due notice and not prevent action of the proposed amendments by reason of late notice. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall be necessary to adopt any such revision or amendments. All proposed amendments received by the Grand Secretary and distributed to the members of Grand Court, shall belong to the members of Grand Court and cannot be withdrawn except by approval of a majority vote of the members present and voting at Grand Court. These Bylaws shall not be suspended, but may be amended at any Annual Session of the Grand Court by majority vote of all members present and voting at Grand Court. Grand Court Bylaws Amendments shall be formatted as prescribed in the Supreme Constitution Part III Section 11 BYLAWS Paragraph (B5) Lines(1), (2) and (3) page 60.

Section 52.

In the event that the Supreme Council Committee on Grand Court Bylaws shall determine any provision in any amendment to these By-Laws to be in conflict with any provision contained in the Supreme Council Constitution, Rules and Regulations relative to Grand Courts or Subordinate Courts under their jurisdiction, and shall require that such conflict be removed as a condition precedent to the approval thereof, the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Court shall have authority to remove such conflict.

The above paragraphs are on pages 64 and 64A It refers to pages in The Supreme Constitution on page 60 upon research the reference is no longer correct.

The Amendment portion (Section 11) is on page 76. The referenced section is on page 77 Subparagraph (C)

From Supreme Constitution:

Section 11 BYLAWS

(C) Any new Bylaw changes or amendments shall include the following:

1. Name of Section (Example, Sec. 28, Standing Committees and Their Duties I page__).

2. Submit the Bylaw as it currently stands with the notation Now Reads: or Delete in its Entirety, if applicable.

3. Submit the new or amended Bylaw as corrected with an asterisk at the beginning and one at the end of where the changes were made as approved by the Grand Court Session. This paragraph should begin with Change to read or Replace With.

Below is an example of an Amendment that was submitted to Supreme Council—This is the format to submit an amendment to the Grand Secretary.

Part II REGULATIONS FOR SUPREME COUNCIL SEC. 10 (G) ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Currently reads: (G) Each Supreme Elected Officer must keep the Supreme Royal Matron and the Supreme Secretary informed of their current home address and telephone number.

Action: After home change to read words "address, telephone number, email address, and cell phone number (if they have one)."

Will then read: (G) Each Supreme Elected Officer must keep the Supreme Royal Matron and the Supreme Secretary informed of their current home *address, telephone number, email address, and cell phone number (if they have one).*

Rationale: Electronic communication is now a legally accepted practice.

Submitted by: Constitution Committee

If you are a voting member of Grand Court and you wish to submit a change to the Grand Court Bylaws, the change in the proper format must be on the Grand Secretary's desk by November 1st. (not postmarked—but on her desk) **It must be the original with original signatures.** For the ease of preparation for the Grand Court Packet, H.L. Linda would appreciate an electronic copy of the amendment on Nov. 1st or shortly thereafter. If you have any questions about what or how to submit your amendment, please contact the Jurisprudence Committee so your amendment will be in proper form to be considered at Grand Court.

H.L. Linda Millo Grand Secretary—email and address in Official Book

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