

**Washington Amaranthian Dispatch**  
**February 2026**



This is the last Newsletter, until April 1, 2026. Grand Court is next month. There will not be a mid-month newsletter for February.

To the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights of Washington,

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the 2025-26 Grand Court Year.

Boy, what a ride this has been!

Most of our major events and fundraisers have concluded, and we are on the downhill slide to Grand Court.



It's time to get your reservations in for everything! The Heathman Lodge, meals, ads for the ad book, and don't even get me started on reports! (By the way, all reports, even partial ones, need to be to HL Ann Phelan by Feb 15) Check out the meal sheet in the Grand Court packet (or on our website) to see that we're offering hot breakfasts this year. We also have a tour in the works to Fort Vancouver on Tuesday AND Wednesday. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have our last Group Meeting of this Grand Court year at Alki Court. All Grand Officers, Associate Matrons, and Associate Patrons are encouraged to attend. This meeting will include the Grand Court practice and the AMs and APs will be working on sword work and installation planning with the upcoming Grand Lecturer, HL Jill Dell. We're asking that as many AGLs as possible come to help out. Alki court will be having a fundraiser lunch that afternoon, instead of a Valentine's dinner, as we are all going off to other events that evening.

I have to say that I am super excited about our Grand Court in beautiful Vancouver WA, March 18-22. The Heathman Lodge has been wonderful to work with, and we are looking forward to an incredible stay there. The room price has come down to \$125 per night, plus tax, but there will be NO RESORT FEES! The hotel is pet-friendly, has a pool, hot tub, restaurant, bar and workout room. Plus, it's absolutely beautiful. Check out the [Visit Vancouver](#) website for the area's amenities.

If you're coming on Wednesday, March 17 for practices, be sure to sign up for dinner as HL Tracey and HL Peggy will be hosting our Annual Talent Show. The Banquet on Friday night will include Big Band music as we slip back to the 1940's for an authentic USO Dinner Dance. Costumes are encouraged! \$10 tickets are available to dance with the members of the Grand Line, and all proceeds will go to Diabetes.

Well friends, you'll hear a lot more from me before this is all over, so I'm not going to get teary now. SK Jack and I will be on the Amaranth Trail for a good part of the next month; we'll be attending the Grand Courts of Colorado, California and Oregon before settling in at the Heathman. I'm really looking forward to the next six weeks and the preparations for our Grand Court. I hope to see you all there.

It has been my honor to serve as your Grand Royal Matron, and I thank each and every one of you for your support. Until we see each other in March, always remember to be kind to one another.



Much love to you all,

HL Lori Hanson, Grand Royal Matron

## GREATINGS FROM THE GRP

It looks like we have almost completed the circle,

And it's time to think about GRAND COURT

HL Lori has completed all of her official duties, except for Grand Court.

I have had the honor and pleasure to escort HL Lori to all of the official visits this past year.

As this will be my last Newsletter I want to thank ALL of the Members that have taken part in the 2025/2026 agenda, thank you so very much.

Grand Court is just around the corner and I am looking forward to the Stetsons and Two Steppers coming together to support our Grand Court.

We have a new venue for our Grand Court, this year the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. What a neat place, the grand Line was so impressed with this venue that we will be there for the next four Grand Courts.

To RP's and AP's please bring your swords for escorts, memorial service and the flower arch.

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 GRP

aka "Papa Stetson "







Hello Grand Court of Washington!

Oh my goodness.....I can't believe that February is around the corner!!!! Time for Superbowl Parties (GO HAWKS!!) Chocolates and .... Practice for Grand Court? Oh yeah, that would be Valentines Day as well. I keep checking things off my list but somehow it keeps getting longer and longer!!

As we all get ready for the big show, remember to weigh carefully if you are able to serve our Grand Court in an elected fashion. GAC, Trustee and Commish are all offices that need to be filled. I am fairly well versed in two of them and have a good idea about the Commissioner position. If you want to talk confidentially about any of these, please feel free to reach out and ask questions. I am always available and willing to talk to any member, any time. Another office that folks don't really think about is the Benevolent Board. This job takes on a different level of service to the members and relies on your utmost confidentiality with an open heart and mind. It is a 3-year elected commitment and the 4<sup>th</sup> year as an advisor position. HL Tammy Ryder and HL Jill Dell will be able to answer any questions regarding this position.

As February Meetings happen, your Associate Matrons will be announcing the new Grand Family for 2026-2027. Glenn and I are excited for the coming term and working with all of Washington on the advancement of our Order, raising money for Scholarship and Diabetes as well as getting our name out there so the world knows what we do and why we do it. We would like to work on branding Washington Amaranth so we are seen and heard.

I do hope to see you out at our last Group meeting of the 25-26 term and welcome your thoughts and ideas on 2026-2027. I have already heard some good ideas going around!

Until we see each other again, may all your adventures be Grand!



Amaranth Love and Service,

HL Jenny, GAM

## Bonjour,

This year is truly flying by, and January proved to be a particularly busy month in Amaranth. We began with a group meeting and an official visit at Lakewood Court, followed by our final official visit at Richmond Court. It was wonderful to see such strong support and participation at both important events.

### Scholarship Benefit at Fife Community Center

Recently, we successfully hosted the Scholarship Benefit at the Fife Community Center. The event was highlighted by delicious food, lively music, and warm fellowship. A special thank you goes to HL Diana Molden for organizing such a memorable gathering, as well as to everyone who attended and contributed to the support of our scholarships.

## Looking Ahead

As the Grand Court year draws to a close, it is a fitting moment to reflect on our accomplishments and shift our focus to the upcoming group meeting and the Grand Court practice at the Alki Masonic Center. These preparations are in anticipation of the Grand Court session, which will be held at Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. I hope to see many of you there as we come together to celebrate and continue our important work.

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and dedication. Your active participation makes a significant difference, and I am excited to see what we can achieve together as we move into February and beyond.

SK Glenn Ryder, GAP

"The Lumiere"

"Be our Guest"



Aloha HL'S & SK'S,  
What a fun month January has been.  
I went to a New Year's Eve membership night at Bremerton  
It went so well and we had a great time.  
We had our last 2 OV"s. They were very well attended.  
A fun Friends Night at Bremerton.  
If you missed group, the Grand line talked about expectations if you're thinking about running for the line.  
Please talk to one of the elected officers if you're thinking about running. This is helpful to not go into it blindly.  
This first year as Grand Associate Conductress has flown by.  
Please let me know if you are having initiation. I would love to attend and help in any way I can.  
Mahalo,  
HL Ann



Good morning,  
Wow, January flew past so fast it made my head spin! We started February with our Scholarship benefit event at the Fife Community Center. A wonderful group from GRM Lori's past provided dance music. There was food and beverages and lots of tempting things to bid on. Some of us danced...some sat and watched. Fun was had by all. If you missed this year, you can make up for that by coming next year.  
Conductresses (and everyone else) put group on your calendar on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will spend Valentine's Day studying how to be Royal Matrons together. The rest of you will have fun too. It's at 9 am at Alki Court, 4736 49<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116. Plug that into your gps and come join us. It's the place to be next weekend!!  
Also, it is time to think about our Grand Court session. Get your roomies together and make your reservations. The Heathman Lodge is beautiful. You don't want to miss that!  
I'm bust writing my reports, Hemming my dress and stuff like that. Oh, and going to the Grand Court of Colorado for the first time.

Hope to see you somewhere on the Amaranth trail!  
Brenda Pedersen  
Grand Conductress

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