

Washington Amaranth Newsletter

August 2, 2026

Welcome to August! I hope you have a fantastic month.
The date for all flyers, announcements, and court events
to be sent in is August 10th.
HL Camille Lowery, Editor





Hello Washington Amaranth!

I can't believe that there is only one more month of Summer!!! It reminds me of one of my favorite songs Wake Me Up When September Ends. When I play it in my car, it is sung very loudly, but only when I am the only person in the car!

July was super busy with a trip to Pasco for Grand Assembly. SK Glenn, HL Tammy and I were there for their Opening Ceremonies and stayed through the Grand Cross Breakfast. SK Glenn and I gave out the Amaranth Scholarships and one went to a hopefully new candidate for Rhododendron Court, Mary Ellen Williams. The Odgen sisters received their 2nd scholarship and I we also presented a 2nd scholarship to Kaylee Abrams. She is one of the girls in my South King County District. We did speak about the scholarship program and I fielded quite a few questions that evening. Grand Cross Breakfast on Saturday came was too early in the morning but we were there to support SK Caleb Dodge, a recipient that day and HL Mary Beasley, who was Chaplain on the Grand Cross team. She did a wonderful job and was ritually perfect! (I am biased, she's also my RM)

Bremerton Court held their membership event and there are at least 1 application coming in and a couple more prospective members. If you haven't decided on an event or need ideas, please reach out to me, the membership committee of HL Ann and HL Leandra or the Subordinate Court Advisory Committee. We are all here to help you grow your Court!

Speaking of which, there were 3 initiations done this month!!! Rhody initiated one, Halcyon had two and Perlas had 7. That is 10 members in 31 days!!! I know there are a few more scheduled and I would appreciate knowing so I can be there if possible. I was not able to attend Halcyon and I was very sad. I was honored to be able to protem and Rhody and HL Mary allowed me to assist her with the Accolade. My deepest thanks to both courts for giving me Sweet Memories for my year.4

Coming up, the Line Officers are off to Potts of Gold for their retreat. We will have planning sessions, leadership training and way too much fun!!

August also is our Grand Court Campout. If you are still thinking about staying Friday and Saturday nights, (Aug 21/22) please CONFIRM with me your spot in Dream Camp!! I know many of you would like to and have spoken to me about it but **I need a confirmation of your reservation** because I know things change. It is \$10 to stay for the 2 nights. You must bring your own bedding, towels, snacks, ect. Your \$10 only pays for your nights, not your park entrance, as that is paid to the Park itself. Text or email me for your reservation confirmation!

Our Bare Necessities of Ritual is on the 29th at Capitol's Masonic Center and the GRM and GRP Reception rounds out our August on the 30th at Alki. I know HL Sandra Monk, HL Mary Beasley and HL Michelle Saunders have the tickets. I know when and where.... but the rest is a surprise. I am very excited for this event!!!

See you all soon and safe travels wherever your adventures take you.

All My Love and Service

HL Jenny, GRM

Bonjour,

July was filled with memorable moments and successful events. HL Jenny and I had the pleasure of attending the Rainbow Grand Assembly in Pasco, which was an outstanding event. Many of our members participated, demonstrating their strong support for the youth. Additionally, we contributed to court events and assisted with the Highland Games Bangers and Mash booth. This event continues to improve each year, and we sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported such an important occasion.

As we transition into August, we are excited about the many activities planned. Our first event is the Grand Court campout at Masonic Family Park in Granite Falls. We encourage everyone to join us, as this promises to be a fun gathering with plenty of fellowship. If camping is not your preference, please reach out to HL Jenny, who can arrange comfortable accommodation for you. We have reserved Rainbow Dream Camp, ensuring that there are suitable options for anyone wishing to participate.

While enjoying these events, let us remember those members who may be unable to attend or are facing challenges. Whether they are experiencing mobility difficulties or grieving a loss, offering a little care can go a long way. Please consider reaching out, whether by calling or visiting, as your kindness and support can make a meaningful difference in their lives.

I am looking forward to attending the Grand Royal Matron (GRM) and Grand Royal Patron (GRP) reception on August 30. This event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and connect with fellow members. I am confident that it will be a memorable occasion, filled with camaraderie and meaningful moments for all participants.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our events. Together, we can make this summer memorable for everyone. Please remember to list your court events in the monthly blast, so that all members can support them.

SK Glenn Ryder, GRP



“Lumiere”



July for the Grand line is all about the Highland Games in Enumclaw. It's an exhausting ballet: the paperwork for the booth; finding the crew; shopping for the best prices for the food and supplies; ordering everything; picking it all up; transporting it to the event; set up; working the booth from 6 am to 6 pm for two days; take down, packing, transporting and storing the equipment; and finally the closeout.

Its time for a big THANK YOU to all who participated in any way. We had volunteers from Alki, Bremerton, Golden Light, Halcyon, Richmond, Perlas and Wenatchee courts. And a monetary donation from Capital court.

Come to Grand Court in March to find out the financial results.

Associate Matrons, its time to get serious about planning our year. We need to sync our calendars. I will be contacting you personally to chat about your calendar, Theme, and colors. As I am putting mine together too.

HL Brenda Pedersen, GAM

Hi all i hope you all had a good 4th of July.

HL Brenda and I put in a lot of time and effort into the Highland games booth, along with a great crew of workers.

GAP Steve Powell



Aloha HL's & SK's,

I don't even know where to start. The SHG's were so much fun. Hard work, of course, but the fellowship was exactly what I wanted. The Vrbo was an older house in Wilkeson. We had so much fun sitting around the table eating yummy food. HL Lee Heydlauff makes the best charcuterie boards and fruit boards. She needs to auction one off!

Okay let's talk campout picnic. On Friday night the 21st is a potluck for whomever wants to join. It's Luau themed.

Saturday the 22nd is the picnic that I host. I am beyond excited to announce my partner in crime for the next two years.

I will have hot dogs, hamburgers and a chicken alternative.

Please bring some yummy sides to share.

Saturday is also the Chilli cook off. I will be selling mugs for your chili. The price of everything has gone up. I would like \$7 each. Come talk to me if that's an issue. HL Lee and Angela Heydlauff have come up with some keepers!! We think everyone will want a pair!

I have games, trivia and a puzzle table. Let's have le'ale'a!!! (Fun)

Blessings & Mahalo,

HL Ann

From the Grand Secretary's Desk,

Hope you are enjoying your summer and spending time with family and friends. This Grand year has been busy and exciting, something for everyone to take part in.

The reprinted By-Laws are available for \$5.00 per copy. I will have them with me for the summer, if you see me want one. If you want to order one to be mailed, please confirm your address, the number to want, and send a check for \$5.00 payable to Grand Court of Washington to me. My address is: Linda Millo

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Your Court Secretaries deserve a "thank you" for the work they have been doing this summer. On top of the usual business of the Court, they have provided me the officers list for the official book and prepared and submitted the IRS 990 to the IRS. When you next see your Court Secretary, I wish that you would tell them you appreciate his or her efforts on the Court's behalf. Recognition from you, the Court members, for their work is better and more appreciated than anything I could ever give.

To all committee chairmen and advertisers in the Grand Court packet, it is not too early to prepare your page for inclusion in the Grand Court session packet. All documents will be printed in black and white, with the exception of the trifold. They are sent to each Court, each voting member of Grand Court, the Supreme Line Officers, each jurisdiction and each Court under Supreme Court Jurisdiction via the Supreme Secretary. The documents must be in my hands by December 1st.

Also, the motions to amend the by-laws are to be received in the Grand Secretary's office by November 1st.

Hope you are having a pleasant and safe summer.

In Amaranth Love,

HL Linda Millo, Grand Secretary