

Washington Amaranth Newsletter

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Hello Washington Amaranth!

August was quiet and busy all at once!

After surviving the Highland Games, which were successful again this year, August came quickly.

The Grand Line and myself went to Potts of Gold for our now annual retreat. We did an exercise that took us out of our comfort zone and no using the internet for answers. Aside from all the great bonding this event creates with us, SK Brian also came out with HL Michelle (she was his chauffeur) to

help the girls work and plan their 5 k Walk. Having a permanent date and place will go a long way to making this event more successful. Thank you for coming out!!

We also had the Grand Court Camp out and heard Ann's "Chosen One" I won't tell you here and spoil her newsletter but it was a fun skit. We had Dream Camp and 6 ladies came to stay that would not have normally camped! It was a fun weekend in spite of the rain!

Lastly, to Alki and Bremerton Courts... you absolutely out did yourselves. Our reception could not have been any more perfect. The decorations were on point, the Scuttlebutt Root Beer was so good and your costumes? So cute and while I never said Gaston was dreamy, he was certainly on his best behavior yesterday!!! And what can I say about all your cooking??? Oh my gosh.... everything was perfection, down to the last bite of that fabulous brisket. Thank you to everyone who came, your support and generosity to SK Glenn and myself was overwhelming. This day will be so very sweet in my memory. Thank you does not say enough. I love you all.

Coming up, we start OV season in earnest! Right after my trip to San Diego. I get to share Navy Mom pride as my son, Dean, will be made Chief... That is service and dedication that many of you saw the start of during my last term at Alki as RM...8 yrs ago!!

See you all very soon!!

All My Love and Service

HL Jenny, GRM

Bonjour,

As summer closes and families prepare for the return to school, I hope each of you has had time to rest, enjoy loved ones, and return feeling encouraged for the work ahead.

Our annual campout at the Masonic Family Park was a wonderful reminder of how much joy we find simply by being together. Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend so welcoming and memorable, with special thanks to HL Ann Phelan for planning the picnic and activities, and congratulations to SK Fred Anicker on being announced as HL Ann's choice to join her through the line.

The Bare Necessities of Ritual training at Capital Court was well attended and truly appreciated. Thank you to HL Diana Moulden, HL Jill Dell, and HL Lori Hanson for sharing your time, knowledge, and care as you helped teach all the new ritual changes.

HL Jenny and I are deeply grateful to Alki and Bremerton Courts for hosting such a lovely reception. It was truly wonderful in every way. The food, decorations and fellowship were all more than we could imagine. I appreciate all that worked to make the receptions a success.

As official visit season begins, I look forward to joining HL Jenny in visiting all our court and spending time with so many of you along the way. Please attend when you can, support your local courts, and help keep the bonds between us strong.

This month reminded us how much strength we draw from fellowship, gratitude, and the care we show to one another as we continue moving our order forward together.

Hope to see you all soon if not sooner!

Au revoir,

SK Glenn Ryder, GRP



"Lumiere"

happy LABOR day

August has flown past! We were back at Masonic Park near Granite Falls for our campout. This year we included the Rainbow Dream Camp facilities as part of our camping experience. It added a comfortable option for those who didn't have RVs which we plan to use again next year.

This past Friday we were saddened by news of the passing of Tess Kent, Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Star in Washington. She was not a member of our order but many of us will miss her. Our hearts go out to her order as they carry on without her.

Saturday, we gathered for two sessions of "Between the Lines" an in-depth intro to the coming ritual changes that were adopted at the last Supreme Assembly, given by HLs Jill Dell, Diana Moulden, and Lori Hansen. The takeaway was an officer-by-officer detail of the many changes. The live presentation also included the why. Hopefully the new rituals will arrive soon and become effective.

Official visits have started so hope to see you all soon. I'm enjoying Fall, hope you are too.

Brenda Pedersen,
Grand Associate Matron



Hi all, It's hard to believe august is over., Had a good time at the Grand Court campout, and to find out who is going into the grand line. Enjoyed the GRM and GRP Reception.

Steve Powel
GAP



Aloha,
Summer is quickly coming to an end. I hope everyone made the most of it.
If you haven't heard, SK Fred Anicker from Halcyon Ct will be on this journey with me and the Aloha Girls. Fred and Kathy are super excited. Both Fred's mother and father are Past Grands.
Thank you everyone for all your support.
The Aloha Girls are preparing items to start selling at bazaars. We'll keep you posted.
HL Leannndra and I are here to help with any initiations or membership help. Please feel free to reach out to one or both of us!
Mahalo,
Ann



HL's & SK's,

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and kids are getting ready to head back to school.

I hope you all had a great time at the campout and Grand Court Campout. I'm sorry I missed it, but you all didn't want the summer cold I was nursing. I've heard it was a lot of fun. The Ritual class was very informative, and it was fun to get to know some of our Oregon friends who drove up for a fun day of learning about the ritual.

We had a great time honoring HL Jenny and SK Glenn at their reception. The food was delicious and it was great to see everyone.

I know we've had a couple of initiations this summer and there are more planned for this fall. If your court is initiating, please let HL Ann and me know so we can try to attend and help out if needed.

Looking forward to getting on the OV trail and visiting with the courts this fall.

Amaranth Love,
Leandra, GAC

Change of Court meeting date and time-----

Tulip Court now meets on the 1st Sat of every month at 1pm (dark in July and Jan). Our Change to our Rules and Regs was finalized in June of 2026.

Thank you

Kathy Thisted
Tulip Court #89, Order of Amaranth

