



# Oregon Amaranth News

## May 2026 Newsletter

April 27, 2026

HL Marlee Frazier, GRM SK Edward Duquette, GRP

### **\*\*Notes from the Trail – May 2026\*\***

Wagons Ho! We have finished our Court Installations for 2026 ~ 2027. What an amazing sight to see the 99ers and Prospectors ascending the Throne. Each installation was beautiful and special. Congratulations to the subordinate court officers for joining in the fun of friends and activities. Remember those members who are unable to attend in your thoughts; reach out and share your smiles.

We have been busy this past month visiting with our Masonic Family. A couple of the highlights included Bethel 17, Tillamook, Masonic and Shadow Night, where HL Kristi Reid was surprised to receive the Cryptic Masons Youth Advocate Award. And Oregon Rainbow initiation of Emerald Court RM, HL Dawn Hall's daughter Zalyann. It is wonderful to see our youth groups grow. Please consider attending a meeting, fundraiser, or activity for DeMolay, Rainbow, or Bethel. We are looking forward to attending Oregon DeMolay Conclave at the end of May in Pendleton. If you need help locating the closest group, contact the Grand Royal Matron or each organization's website.

As we come into May, each court will hold the Memorial Ceremony. Please review the Ritual for the Memorial Ceremony. Our AGLs are prepared to oversee practices, call on them for any assistance you may need. This is a beautiful and meaningful ceremony to honor those who have passed this year.

Several fundraisers are scheduled for May. Check out the Oregon Amaranth Newsletter (OAN) for the current calendar and other information as well as the Oregon website. HL Kris Aanderud and HL Sherilynn Mobley have been faithful editors and continue to keep us all on schedule as the wagons move along the Trail.

Several of our members have been under the weather and would love to receive cards. These small tokens of thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated when you are not feeling up to speed. HL Charlene Tucker is our Cheer Chairman, please let her know when you hear of a member in need of encouragement, thinking of you, or sunshine.

As always, we wish all our Amaranth members peace, happiness and safe travels on the Trail. See you around the campfire.

Amaranth love and service,  
HL Marlee Frazier  
Grand Royal Matron

SK Edward Duquette  
Grand Royal Patron

**Honor the women in your life**—mothers, sisters, wives, and friends—by actively recognizing their contributions, supporting their goals, and expressing gratitude. Show appreciation through acts of service like relieving them of daily chores, spending quality time together, listening to their experiences, and honoring their resilience.

#### Show Appreciation and Recognition

- Express Gratitude: Write a heartfelt note, send a message, or verbally tell them how much their presence has meant in your life.
- Give Compliments: Acknowledge their character, intelligence, patience, and accomplishments rather than just their appearance.

#### Support and Empower

- Relieve Their Load: Offer to cook meals, do housework, or run errands to give them a well-deserved break.
- Support Their Passion: Encourage their talents and give them opportunities to pursue their own interests and creativity.
- Respect Their Choices: Respect their professional and personal decisions.

#### Create Lasting Memories

- Spend Time Together: Plan a fun outing, such as a day trip or dinner, to allow them to relax.
- Celebrate Their Legacy: Share stories about the impact they have had and create keepsakes to honor their influence.
- Give Thoughtful Gifts: Present flowers, books, or personalized items that show you know them and their interests.

#### Be Mindful of Their Needs

- Offer Support: Be a source of strength, particularly for older women, mothers, or widows.
- Be Mannerly and Kind: Always practice courtesy and respect



## Upcoming Grand Court Activities

### May 2026

- 9 - It's Bunco Time - Milwaukie
- 16 - Quizzy Bingo, 11:30 am, Brush College,  
\$20 includes lunch & bingo card -  
Benefits Grand Court General Fund
- 22-24 - DeMolay Conclave, Pendleton



### June 2026

- 4-5<sup>th</sup> - Grand Lodge, Salem Convention Center
- 18-20<sup>th</sup> - Job's Daughters Grand Session, Wilsonville
- 21 - 24<sup>th</sup> - Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Pendleton
- 21-25<sup>th</sup> - Supreme Council, St Louis, Missouri
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - Banana's Baseball,  
all day, Eugene Lodge

## FRONTIER VITTLES...

*Recipes from the Trail*



### BREAD, ROLLS, PIES AND PASTRY

DIABETIC BANANA BREAD. Anna M. Givens

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 6 Tbsp. margarine<br>(3/4 cube)         | 5 Tbsp. liquid Sucaryl |
| 2 c. less 2 Tbsp. all-<br>purpose flour | 2 eggs, beaten         |
| 1/8 tsp. salt                           | 1/2 c. buttermilk      |
| 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda                  | 1 tsp. vanilla         |
|   | 3 ripe bananas, mashed |

Cream margarine and 1/2 of the flour. Mix with salt, soda and sugar substitute. Add beaten eggs and mix well. Add the remaining flour and buttermilk. Add vanilla and bananas.

Butter a loaf pan with butter and sprinkle pan with flour. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350.

Total 123 calories, 18 slices, 1 bread exchange 1 fat exchange, 1/4 fruit exchange

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### Save the Date Oregon Subordinate Court OV's scheduled

- Oceanside Court 8/1 – 1pm
- Willamette Court 10/12 – 7:30pm
- Emerald Court 10/19 – 7:30pm
- Colonial Court 10/28 – 7:30pm
- Kellogg Court 11/12 – 7:30pm
- Acacia Court TBD
- Arago Court TBD

Gr Sec. Sue Mills no longer has a home (landline) phone.  
**Please contact on her cell phone: 360-609-7175**

### From the OAN Editor

The Oregon Amaranth Newsletter is a monthly publication of Oregon Grand Court that comes out the last Friday of each month.

The next newsletter will be published May 29 and the deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 26. Please send all info to be included to OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com

Thanks. HL Kris, Editor

## Save the Date:

GRM/GRP and Grand Officers' reception ~ 8/23 at Elliott Hall, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Oregon City.



## **Messages from the Wild, Wild West**

*HL Sherilynn Mobley, GAM,  
& SK Stephen Barkley, GAP*

Hello Oregon Amaranth!

Lately, we have had a lot of our members working through health issues and tough times and it has reminded me that we are surrounded by some of the best friends one could ask for when things get dark. Our Masonic family truly knows how to show up when it matters.

When life gets tough, you can find some of the best medicine from friends within this organization. This medicine can come in some of the simplest of forms:

\*The one who brings your favorite coffee drink on a gloomy day

\*The one who sends the "checking in" text ending it with "I love you"

\*The one who holds your hand when you're grieving

\*The one who makes you laugh when you're spiraling

\*The one who sits with you while you wait for answers

These moments may seem insignificant but moments are a reminder that the best things in life - connection, kindness, laughter - are the real medicine.

While I have been fortunate to be healthy for some time now, I had this "medicine" when I needed it during some of my own tough times. I am eternally grateful for the friends that took time to show up for me. I know that our family members struggling will receive that same medicine to help their light shine again soon.

Thank you for being a friend!

HL Sherilynn Mobley, Grand Associate Matron

## **From the North...**

*GAC Emily Wheelbarger*

Hello Oregon Amaranth! I am HL Emily Wheelbarger (Acacia Ct. #22) your new Grand Associate Conductress.

These are huge shoes to fill, I'm finding! :) I've enjoyed traveling to all of the lovely Court Installations and meeting new friends.

With that being said, I'm excited and ready to serve Oregon Amaranth and our goals to support raising money for Diabetes Research.

Some fun for you...

I announced our theme and Group name at Acaica Ct.'s Installation on Sunday:

Theme: Rosie the Riviter.

Group Name: the Go-Getters.

In Amaranth Love,  
HL Emily Wheelbarger, GAC



## RI TUAL REVIVAL...

Dear Members of the Wagon Train,

Howdy to the members of the 2026-27 Wagon Train! Our Installation of Grand Floor Officers was well done and everyone should be very proud of the Ritual work that is performed here in Oregon. Congratulations to all of the Officers who were installed.

The Subordinate Court Installations are almost over, so congratulations to all of these new officers! Remember to look over your Ritual for the floor work that you will be called upon to perform.

When giving your charge during the opening of the Court, remember to stand, salute with the public sign of salutation and then say, "Royal Matron". DO NOT SALUTE AND SAY "ROYAL MATRON" AT THE SAME TIME!!!! The salute is to honor the office of the Royal Matron.

Therefore, salute before you speak!

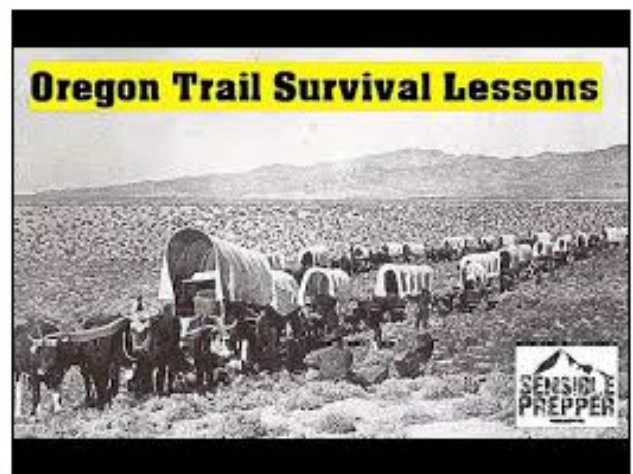
The signing of the Court Bible is done at the conclusion of the Court's Installation. The Royal Matron should ask the Conductresses to prepare the Bible for signing. There is NO signing of the Bible at the conclusion of the Grand Court Session. Why? It is because the Bible belongs to the Junior Past Grand Royal Matron and it has already been signed by so many of you at her Official Visit of your Court.

In the month of May, we honor those beloved members who have passed on during the last year. Ladies, please remember to wear white. Assistant Grand Lecturers: it is your job to help prepare your Court for this Memorial Ceremony. Plan to have a practice before your meeting. When this ceremony is performed correctly with grace and dignity, it is very impressive.

Best wishes to all and enjoy the April showers which brings the May flowers!

Hugs, your Wagon Master!

HL Naomi Burke



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## WEST COAST - BEST COAST

**Upcoming Grand Courts** (See <https://amaranth.org/organization/grand-courts/> for more details)

### Grand Court of Arizona – May 7-9

Holiday Inn & Suites-Phoenix Airport North  
Reservations: 602-244-8800  
Website link: [Arizona Grand Court](#)

### Grand Court of Alaska – September 10-12

"Bee-lieve" in the Cure Session  
Social Gathering Sept. 9  
The Lakefront Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska

### Supreme Council - Order of Amaranth – June 20-25

Marriott St. Louis Airport, St. Louis MO  
Reservations: 314-423-9700 by May 19

### Grand Court of New Mexico – Nov 5-8

Sheraton Airport  
Reservations: 505-843-7000  
Albuquerque, New Mexi

**From the Grand Conductress**

HL Wendy Bednarik



Bunco schedule for 2026... Watch for Flyers:



- May 9 - 1:00 (note date change!)
- June 13 - 1:00
- July 19 - 1:00
- Aug. 8 - 1:00
- Sept 19 - 1:00

# May Bunco Bash



## It's Bunco Time!



*Hosted by Wendy's DeerHearts*

Join us for an afternoon of fun, friends,  
and friendly competition!



**\$10 per player**  
**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**



♀ Round Table Pizza

16550 SE McLaughlin Blvd, Milwaukie



**Lunch (Optional): 1:00 PM (no-host)**



**Bunco Begins: 2:00 PM**

*Come ready to roll!*



**RSVP TODAY — Space is Limited!**



Contact Kathie:  
503-314-8606



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**B I N G O**

# LUNCHEON

*Salem Masonic Lodge*

1625 Brush College NW; Salem, Oregon

**SATURDAY, May 16th • 11:30am-2:30pm**

**\$20** PER PERSON

INCLUDES 2 BINGO GAMES,  
TACO BAR & FELLOWSHIP

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**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE  
OREGON AMARANTH  
GENERAL FUND**

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RSVP to:

**SHERILYNN @ 503-969-9541  
OR Mobley@Mac.Com**





*Royal Jubilees  
& Gator Krewe's*  
***Father's Day***  
**BRUNCH**

**JUNE 13 | 8:30AM - 11AM**

Menu includes:  
Eggs, Sausage, and a Toast Bar

**LENT MASONIC LODGE  
5811 SE 92ND AVE.; PORTLAND**



**\$15**  
per person

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***It's about how you make them feel...*** by HL Kris Aanderud, Editor

Installation season has wrapped up and I was reminded about the unique opportunity some of our social events, including Installation of Officers, can be an opportunity to share with others about our organization and our goals to raise funds for Diabetes Research.

At Emerald Court, first time Royal Matron HL Dawn Hall was installed in the middle of their stated meeting... not ideal for inviting non-members to come see what we do... but Dawn found a way. The meeting was recessed and they held an open installation. I don't know if we did it correctly, but it was so important to be able to let HL Dawn's partner and daughter in to see our ceremonies.

Zailynne, Dawn's 10-year old daughter was there in her pretty dress, with white gloves her momma bought her. She was in the dining room prior to the installation, busy putting together "go-bags" for guests to grab and go following the ceremonies, and special gift bags for Royal Matrons and special guests. She was so excited to be included in the event and to help her mom.

While the meeting began, Dawn's guests sat outside patiently waiting for the installation to begin so they could join us. They sat quietly in the back of the room... you know... where the PGRPs sit in the dark, back corner! I had met them both previously and realized that they would have a hard time hearing and would not be able to see the impressive coronation ceremony from way back there! I invited them to move forward, explaining that they would be able to hear better, AND would also get to see everything that was about to happen. I smiled and tried to be inviting, knowing that they were trying to be 'out of the way' and still be there to support Dawn.

I quietly led them to back row seats right up front... so they were elevated slightly and let them know that the ceremonies were open and that they were free to take photos of what was about to happen. I explained that any photos they took would be treasurers for Dawn to remember this special night.

The installation began, and I watched as they leaned in to try and understand all that was happening. They stood as the prayer was offered and sat when others sat with 1 rap! They wanted to be part of what we were doing. Then came Coronation... and I was honored to be asked to be the Coronation Matron. I motioned to Dawn's daughter that she should come forward to see this ceremony... it would be ok for her to come sit just behind the Prelate, thinking that she would be able to watch the impressive Ritual we get to perform. But as the Honor Guard moved forward, she couldn't see all that well.

GRM Marlee then whispered to her... 'it's ok for you to stand up and come more toward the center so you can really see!' Her daughter beamed... so excited to really be a part of this special moment! And then Dawn's partner came forward with a little encouragement to take photos. You know at Emerald Court, every member who attends has the opportunity to be a protem officer, so these would be the only pictures that Dawn would have of this special evening. It was a wonderful feeling to share this special moment with family who were not yet part of OUR Masonic family.

Zailynne was handed a wand and she participated in the Flower Tableau, with a smile bigger than Texas and beaming as she handed her mom the wand. What an amazing moment.

Following the meeting, the Court took photos in front of the Throne, and then Dawn asked if someone would take a family picture for her. Her daughter came forward and said to her mom, "I hope I can have a crown like that someday." GRM Marlee heard her and immediately invited her over and told her, "I see a crown in your future... Would you like to wear my crown for the picture?" Oh, the excitement could not be contained, and the pictures are wonderful memories captured for all eternity!

Thank you, HL Dawn, for sharing your family with us. I hope they enjoyed the evening. We certainly enjoyed them! PS – Zailynne was initiated into Rainbow last Saturday, April 25! She will make a wonderful Rainbow Girl and I am so excited to watch her grow and step into her new Rainbow roles!



# On the Road with Oregon Amaranth....

April – practices, meals, installations, as the wagons move forward!

**April 4 - Oceanside Court #37 Installation**  
Retiring RM & RP - HL Marilyn & SK Dean Young  
New RM & RP - HL Ellen Onstad & SK Grant Mobley



April 11 - Arago Court #31 Installation  
Retiring RM & RP - HL Lori Armstrong & SK Dennis Marsh  
New RM & RP - HL Kay Tucker & SK Johnnie Horn



April 19 - Willamette Court #2 Installation  
Retiring RM & RP - HL Trysta & SK Edward Duquette  
New RM & RP - HL Peggy Levenhagen & SK Wes Aanderud



April 20 - Emerald Court #28 Installation  
Retiring RM & RP - HL Susan LaGrander & SK Dennis Tucker  
New RM & RP - HL Dawn Hall and HL Trysta Duquette



April 24 - Kellogg Court #29 Installation  
Retiring RM & RP - HL Joy Suchla & SK Rod Lippert  
New RM & RP - HL Karen Rasmussen & SK Dan Douglas



April 26- Acacia Court #22 Installation  
Retiring RM & RP - HL Mariya Hawkins & SK Tom Barclay  
New RM & RP - HL Teri Lynne and SK Dan Douglas (protem)



# Fun with Oregon Amaranth



## Supporting our Youth

Rainbow Initiation and Camp SAS... and to the right, GRM Marlee, GRP Edward, with Grand Worthy Advisor Trinity and new member Zailynne (HL Dawn Hall's daughter).



Grand Bethel Weekend for Oregon Job's Daughters - GRM Marlee with Oregon's GBHQ, GBSP, GBJP, the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen from Missouri and the Associate Supreme Bethel Guardian.



Cryptic Mason's Youth Advocate Award presented by Kris Torrey, to HL Kristi Reed (Kellogg Court) and the Bethel Guardian from Bethel 17, now located in Tillamook. (Below)



How can Amaranth Members support the youth groups? Show up at their meetings, or fundraising activities, or just be there when they have a Ritual practice! When they ask us to come to their installations or Masonic night, show up! ... and take pictures and send them to me so I can add them to the newsletter!

New Grand Court Fundraising offers for 2026-2027:



To the left, GRM Marlee’s Diabetes Research quilt entitled “Oregon or Bust” created by Melinda Benson and quilted by HL Patti Nielsen. 200 tickets available for \$5 each. This will be awarded at next Grand Court.

To the right, a second project for Diabetes Research. This beautiful original oil painting by Ron LaSalle of Eugene Lodge 11. There will be 100 tickets sold for \$5 each. This will also be awarded at next Grand Court.



To the left, GRP Ed’s youth Scholarship and Leadership quilt, entitled “Oregon Trail 2026-2027” created by HL Gloria Hooker, assisted by HL Kris Aanderud. 200 tickets available for \$5 each. This will be awarded at next Grand Court.

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