



Oregon Amaranth News

February 2025 Newsletter February 28, 2025

HL K Lee Horn, GRM SK Johnnie Horn, GRP



Our last letter for the newsletter as your GRM and GRP... WOW!! This has been quite the year. We are working hard to finish the work needed to prepare for Grand Court Session 2025.

We hope you enjoy the extra special touches we have done for this year's session. The Thursday and Friday evening meals have fun themes, and SK Johnnie and I made by hand the centerpiece for each table for Thursday night.

We enjoyed all the travel and doing the hard work for the year with all of you at our side. So many people to thank. We traveled many, many miles. Yes, I have the calculation for my amount of car travel. Be sure at registration on Thursday that you bring some cash to do the 50/50 mileage guess game. You can buy one guess for \$5 or five for \$20. The one who can guess the mileage HL K Lee has traveled by car to all the places traveled, representing the Grand Court of Oregon without going over, will win 50% of the entry money collected. The other half will go towards Grand Court session expenses for March 2025. No entries will be accepted during or after the meeting in which the GRM report has been read. My mileage will be announced in that report. The report hopefully will be read Thursday afternoon session, so be sure to enter upon registration on Thursday before that meeting.

Any SK willing to assist with Grand Sentinel duties, please let SK Ed Duquette or HL K Lee know. We have had one SK volunteer thus far. We are still looking for a couple of HL for Assistant Pages, contact is HL Aisha Henderson or HL K Lee. We could use some extra hands for the setup, and for a few miscellaneous tasks that must be completed before Thursday night. HL K Lee has a few party favors that need to be put together and some gift bags that need to be filled with the items I have for them. We plan to start setting up Wednesday, March 5, at noon at Salem Scottish Rite Center; please come if you are able, as we have plenty of things for anyone to do.

In our last month serving as your GRM and GRP, we have had more travels to add to our adventures. The 90's trivia luncheon was a blast. I think we had a record number in attendance with friends from other Jurisdictions and around the state. We had quite the competitiveness for this one. Our table still didn't win, but we had fun. The next day was the Go-to-Church and Grand Court Practice at Salem Scottish Rite Center. It was a beautiful church service completed by HL Francine Kelsay, Grand Prelate, and HL Sherilynn Mobley, Grand Associate Conductress. Great Job, ladies! We also got to do a walk-through that day for Grand Court Session planning, as well as enjoyed a great lunch. HL Marilyn Young, Grand Lecturer, led the practice for the Grand Court opening, and I know all of you have been looking at your parts (if you have any) for the Grand Court Session and will do beautifully. I hear we have almost all our Supreme Line who will be in attendance for our 97th Grand Court Session.

We attended the Al Kader Shriners and Nydia Temple's Valentine Social on February 15th. We got to sit with HL Nancy Coddington and her husband and randomly with another couple. After speaking for a while, the other couple, who were randomly seated next to us, we realized we had crossed paths before. We realized that SK

Johnnie had interacted with him during their military service many years ago, and HL K Lee had randomly sat with them in 2015 at the Al Kader Shriner's Installation when HL Alexis was GBHQ and HL K Lee was Grand Guardian for Job's Daughters.

We attended the DeMolay's Annual Crab Feed for the first time and enjoyed the evening. HL K Lee played the 50/50 bead game and split the 1k winner pot with another lady, and then both K Lee and the other winner donated 50% of that winning back to the DeMolay. Take home was \$250; but we spent it on other things at the event. It was a fun event, and we will attend next year, but we will plan to have a table with friends.

We also attended the GWA reception and 100-year Oregon Rainbow celebration on February 22. It was wonderful to celebrate our GWA Amelie Rees and Rainbow that evening. We are proud of our youth and the leadership that they have shown in each of the youth organizations.

We attended the meetings of Cherry Court, Christina Court, and Emerald Court. Each had a resolution for consolidation that was to be voted upon. Cherry Court and Christina Court will each continue with the consolidation process, and the Emerald Court resolution for the consolidation vote did not pass.

Due to the continued support of events we wanted to do in February for our state and the need to catch up on preparation for the Grand Court Session, we were unable to attend California Grand Court and support our friends GRM Cindi and GRP Elmer. We know you will have a great session and have served well this year. A few things had put us behind schedule, so we stayed home to finish preparations for our Grand Court this year. We know that HL Nancy GAM, SK Alan GAP, and HL Wendy Bednarik, our Grand Rep to California, will represent Oregon well at the Grand Court of California Session in Visalia. We are looking forward to attending Grand Court of Washington Session and seeing our other friends GRM Andrea and GRP Brian complete their year of service. I think they may have gotten their ducks in order and their squirrels ready to show all the hard work they have completed.

We have had a fabulous year, because of your support, love, friendship, willingness to assist, and promotion and attendance of activities. Teamwork within the organization has been well appreciated.

In fraternal love and friendship,
HL K Lee Horn, GRM
SK Johnnie Horn, GRP



WESTCOAST – BESTCOAST

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

Grand Court of Oregon – March 6-8, 2025
Salem Scottish Rite – Salem Hotel

Dogwood Court, British Columbia SRM Visit –
March 1, 2025

Grand Court of Washington - March 20 – 22
(Please note – NOT the weekend following
Oregon Grand Court!)

Grand Court of Arizona – May 8-10
Season of Giving Session – DoubleTree by Hilton
Phoenix/Tempe, Arizona

Red Lion Hotel Pasco –

Reservations: 509-547-0701 ext. 0
Website link: [Washington Grand Court](#)

Supreme Council - Order of Amaranth - July 5-11,
Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa,
Glendale, Arizona

Upcoming Grand Court Activities

Calendar events for the GRM & GRP

March 2025

- 3/1 Corsage & Boutonniere pre-orders due to Carol Lippert
- 3/6-8 Oregon Grand Court
 - 3/6 Formal Opening & Masonic Family Night
 - 3/7 Business Session & Memorial Ceremony
 - 3/8 Elections & Jurisprudence
 - 3/8 Installation of Grand Court Officers
- 3/20-22 Washington Grand Court
- 3/31 British Columbia visitation

CHEER CHAIR: Please let HL Jeanne Currie know of any member who could use a word of cheer, an extra smile, or a funny note.

From the OAN Editor

The next Edition of the Oregon Amaranth News will come out just after Grand Court, and will include a list of new Grand Court Officers, and the proposed calendar for Oregon Grand Court. If you have anything to include in the 1st edition of 2025-2026 Oregon Grand Court News... please get it to me by Friday, March 7.

Please send information to be included to: OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com Thanks.
HL Kris, Editor

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From the desk of the Grand Secretary:

For those attending Grand Court, don't forget:

1. Dues Card
2. Neck wallet
3. Copies of the Grand Court Amendments (there will be a **very limited number available**)

A Note for GAM HL Nancy Rose

Dear HLs and SKs,

We eagerly anticipate seeing HL K Lee and SK Johnnie Horn, GRM and GRP, preside over our annual Grand Court. This past year has been remarkable for Oregon Amaranth.

HL K Lee and SK Johnnie have traveled extensively across our great state, representing Oregon Amaranth with dignity and honor. They have also attended Grand Courts in other jurisdictions and flew to Pittsburg, PA, for the Supreme Session. Their efforts have significantly contributed to raising funds for our Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Youth Scholarships and Leadership Fund, and our general fund.

We are curious about how much we've raised for our philanthropic endeavors... or want to know how many miles GRM K Lee has traveled this year? These and other mysteries will be revealed at our Annual Grand Court Session.

SK Alan, GAP, and I are excited to hear about this past year's events, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. We've been busy planning our new year, "Chart a Course for Oregon Amaranth," as we take the next step in our journey to the Grand Throne. Please plan on attending our Grand Court Installation on Saturday, March 8th as we turn the page on a new Grand Court Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

HL Nancy, GAM



... from the Leadership Committee

Dear Grasshoppers—

Grand Court is just around the corner! Did you catch the reminders in the last Newsletter? Here they are for your review:

- **When entering the Grand Court Room when it is session, you will need your dues card and show it to the Grand Sentinel and Grand Warder along with the grip of the Order. If the session has opened, please remember to go West of the square and give the sign, acknowledging and honoring our Grand Royal Matron.
- **Friday afternoon we will honor those members who have passed on since the last Grand Court Session. Honored Ladies should plan to wear white.
- **A practice for Informal and Formal Opening will be held Thursday morning. All Grand Floor Officers need to attend this practice. Oregon takes great pride in performing the Ritualistic work, so it is important you review your part as a floor officer. Please refer to pages 235-249 in your Ritual.
- **A practice for Grand Court Installation will be Saturday afternoon, immediately following lunch as long as there is no afternoon session. If you are an officer for next year, please plan to attend for this very quick walk through so you will know where to walk and make your Court proud.

Best wishes to you all!

HL Naomi Burke, Chairman of the Leadership and Training Committee

PS—The term Grasshopper can be used as a phone, a light military aircraft, a drink, a pair of shoes or a member who wants to learn more about the Order of the Amaranth and Oregon Grand Court. So, Grasshopper...which one refers to you?



Gloves from the 99ers

Attention Honor Ladies, the 99ers group has gloves. Long, medium, and short. We do have some white ones and have lots of other colors. So please see Honor Lady Teri Lynne Douglas at the Grand Court session.





SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION PLANNED

Sunday, March 9th

10:30 am

Please note 30 minute delay from last notice

Remember... Its that time of year to 'spring forward' – Oh goodie!!

Salem Scottish Rite Center

We will cover Subordinate Court Installations, including Coronation, and the Annual Memorial Ceremony to be performed by each Subordinate Court in May at their Court meetings. We will also talk about upcoming Schools of Instruction, which will cover the anticipated Ritual Revisions.

All Grand Officers, Assistant Grand Lecturers and Royal Matrons-elect and Royal Patrons-elect should plan to attend. All members are welcome to attend.

Look what can be found if you visit the American Diabetes Association's home page! We are highlighted because we are making a difference... a BIG DIFFERENCE! The ADA is using our donations to encourage others to join in our efforts to find a cure... what an amazing feather in our cap!

100% of Today's Donations Fuel Research

Diabetes research saves lives and keeps families together. Donate now and The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation will match 100% of your donation, up to \$300,000, for ADA research.

[Match My Donation](#)



A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to the many Amaranth members who attended the 2025 DeMolay Foundation Crab Feed. It was an enjoyable and profitable event for the DeMolay Foundation because of your enthusiastic support.



You are cordially invited to Attend 2025 DeMolay Hall of Fame Gala

The 2025 Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame Gala is scheduled for April 12, 2025 in Portland, Oregon. This year **SK Rod Lippert** and three others will be among the inductees. Please plan to attend to show support to SK Rod for the many years of service given to our Masonic families.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025
- **Time:** Cocktails 5:00 pm - Dinner to follow
- **Location:** Portland Yacht Club
- **Cost:** \$125 per person

For additional information and purchasing tickets contact:

[Ordemolay.org/about/hall-of-fame](https://ordemolay.org/about/hall-of-fame)



HOT NEWS FLASH RIGHT OFF THE PRESS

THE FAMILY PICNIC, CAMPOUT and CHILI COOK OFF

It is time to make your reservations for the campout and picnic, August 19th (Tuesday) through August 24 (Sunday).

We need to make our reservations as soon as possible to reserve our sites. We have a temporary hold on the 10 sites in the main area, but don't wait long to make your reservations, as these sites could disappear. Other groups from the week prior (Jobs daughter's family week) could reserve sites in the main area.

To make your reservations you must go on line to reservations:

www.masonicfamilypark.net

Once you have made your reservations please contact SK Jack Hutchins with your dates and site number. Email jack.hutchins.jr@gmail.com

Home 360-876-6876 cell 360-908-0570

Reservation deposits are refundable up to 14 days prior to the date of your stay. If for some reason you do not show, do not cancel your reservation within those 14 days, you could be responsible for your reserved dates.

We need reservations now so we can hold the main area and kitchen, After the end of March the park will not hold any sites, it is first come first served.



On the Road with Oregon Amaranth....

2/1 Back to the 90's Trivia – Salem

The 4th in a series of fabulous events hosted by GAC Sherilynn Mobley, with the help of SK Grant Mobley, HL Becca Mobley and the Royal Jubilees and co-sponsored by Grand Conductress Marlee Frazier. These picture were taken presenting GRM K Lee with her award for winning Race to the Outhouse!!! at game night. They are porta potty shot glasses!!! Way to make it fun HL Linda Barkley.!



HL Charlene Tucker, President of the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Board of Directors, making an Unsung Hero Award in South Carolina.



2/2 Go to Church with group meetings & Grand Court Practice following a hearty lunch.

Special thanks to Grand Associate Conductress Sherilynn Mobley and Grand Prelate Francine Kelsay for the beautiful prayer service. Then following a wonderful lunch prepared by HL Jan White and her kitchen crew, the Grand Court held a practice for Grand Officers for the opening of Grand Court.



2/16 GRM K Lee and GRP Johnnie at the Al Kader Shriners and Nydia Temple Valentine Social ...



2/21 Oregon DeMolay Crab Feed

Several of our Grand Court members attended this year's crab feed, a fundraiser for the Oregon DeMolay Foundation. HL K Lee won part of the 50/50 beads pot, which was \$1,000! She and another woman split the pot and then gifted half of the proceeds back to Oregon DeMolay. However, her net \$250 was not long in her hands, as she and SK Johnnie found other treasures to spend the funds on. Way to keep the money moving!



2/22 Reception honoring Grand Worthy Advisor Amalie Reese



On the Amaranth Trail with Supreme Council... HL Hollie Dahm Stiver, Supreme Assoc Conductress, is making the rounds and shining all around! Pictured at North Carolina, Colorado and Virginia



Tomorrow is the big day!
Good luck to all who purchased a lucky ducky!

Rubber Ducky Flight Fight

Feelin' Lucky? Buy a Ducky!

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Winners and a Lame Duck Award
"Frequent Flyer" adoptions help support Diabetes Research
and the Amaranth GAC/AC Royal Jubilees!

Ducks launched
March 1st
(DJR Weekend) in Salem
by our Youth!

Adopt a Duck (1) = \$ 5
Six Quack (6 ducks) = \$25
Quackers Dozen (13) = \$50
Flock of Ducks (28) = \$100

Each adopted Duck has
a number tied to
their owner's contact
info. We will nurture
each until launch day.

Lots of
unique Ducks
available for
adoption!

The Duck
that "flies"
the furthest
WINS!

Adopt ducks at Masonic events from
HL Sherilynn Mobley, GAC
or any AC Royal Jubilee!
Email to purchase or more details:
oregonamaranthgac@gmail.com
Need not be present to win.

100% Proceeds split as below:

1/2 Pot to Winners: 1st (60%), 2nd (30%), 3rd (10%)

1/4 Pot to: Amaranth Diabetes Foundation

1/4 Pot to: Royal Jubilees GAC/AC Fund

Lame Duck Award will be a ducky surprise!

**OREGON GRAND COURT IS FUNDRAISING FOR OUR
PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS...**

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT GRAND COURT

To benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation for Diabetes Research

The new ornaments have arrived and will be available at upcoming events for only \$8.00 each. They are a fun ornament with

2024-2025 Oregon Amaranth Ornament



brass colored metal with our fun symbols on them. Perfect for sending or taking as a Grand Representative to another jurisdiction or to buy for yourself, friends, family, or gift to new members being initiated.

**Elton John Limited Edition
Steiff Bear**



From the UK & new in box. The box was only opened to get his certificate of authenticity number, which is #80. He is currently valued at \$400.00. The bear comes with a Yellow Brick Road Tour bag. When we travel, we will have the GRM's



bear and bag for show and tell, so that the winner's bag & bear will be new and unhandled. Tickets are only \$5.

**Handcrafted Myrtlewood Gun Box
with Masonic emblems AND a .44 Cal
black powder gun with black powder
flask and measure kit inside the box**



The box was crafted by GRP Johnnie Horn with engraving and Masonic insignia, and will be displayed upon completion, during the Installation visits.

Anyone purchasing tickets will need to ensure that they can pass a background check per Oregon law, as it will need to be completed before the items in the box can be received. The gun is disabled for the purpose of the raffle. This raffle will be \$10/ticket with only 100 tickets to be sold.



To Benefit Youth Scholarship and Leadership

WE LOVE FROGS QUILT

We have a beautiful **"We Love Frogs"** quilt made by HL Patti Nielsen. It is colorful and full of contrast to brighten up your bed. Tickets are only \$5.00 each.



HAND-PAINTED CANVAS

We have a **fun, relaxing frog... hand-painted on canvas** ready to be hung in a room needing some fun décor. You need to see this to realize just how cute he is!!! This raffle will be \$5.00/ticket

ORNAMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Is your Court able to assist in sales?
Or are you interested in getting some?
\$8 each

Please let GRM K Lee know.

All proceeds go to the
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

They make great gifts to send to
another Jurisdiction
from a Grand Representative

Great gift for New Members.

Or your tree!

Thank you!

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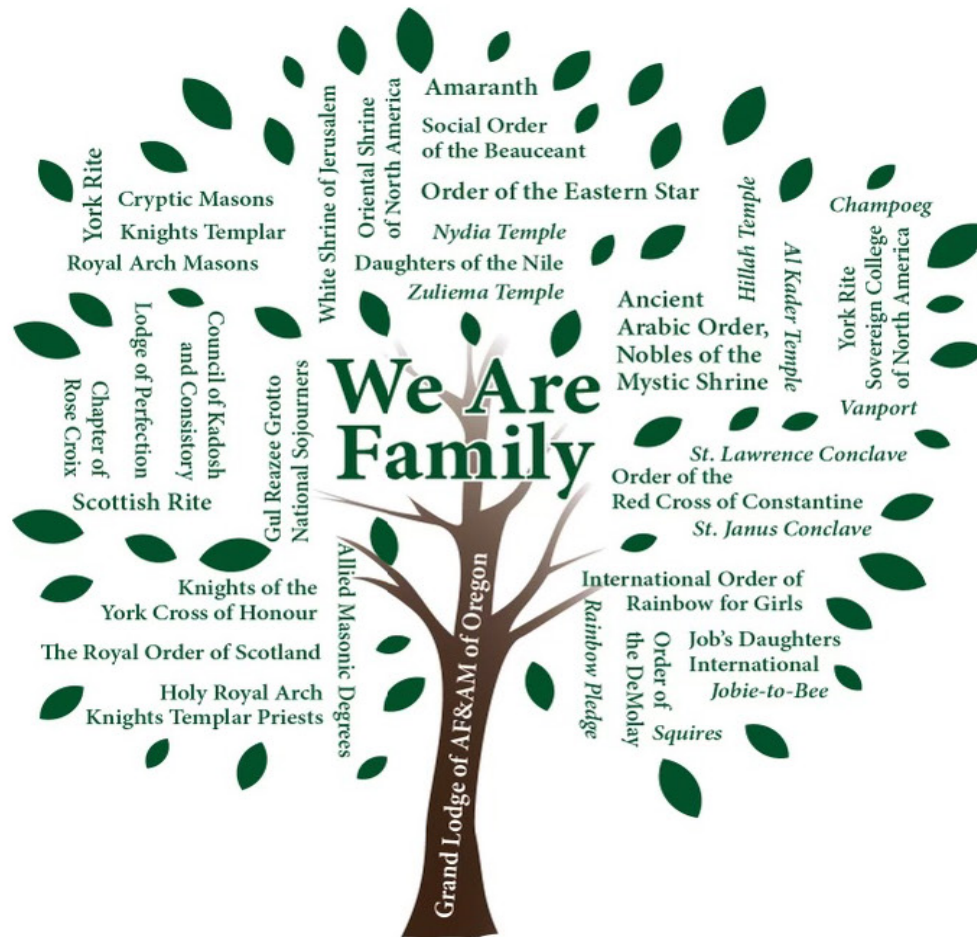


Colonial Court #5

We are Family T-Shirt Sale

\$20 Sizes Small-5XL

All Oregon Masonic Groups are found in this shirt!



Contact Sherilynn Mobley for purchase

mobley@mac.com

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