



# Oregon Amaranth News

## January 2026 Newsletter December 26, 2025

HL Nancy Rose, GRM

SK Alan Beebe, GRP

### ***From the Throne...***

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

I bring you greetings for a wonderful Christmas and the best for a joyful New Year. What a fantastic time was had by everyone who attended the Grand Ball. HL Marlee, Grand Associate Matron, and her Associate Matrons (the 99ers) did a fantastic job. The room was beautifully decorated with a theme of the ocean and first responders. The meal choices were wonderful and the food was prepared by the staff at the Salem Elks. The gentleman who provided the music for the event was great, music was played during dinner as well as for dancing after dinner. After dinner HL Nancy, GRM, and SK Alan, GRP, were presented checks for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation (\$1,000) and Youth Scholarships and Leadership (\$500) from Willamette Court. What a wonderful surprise, thank you for these donations.

It has become a tradition for the Grand Conductress to reveal her choice for our next Grand Associate Patron, at the Grand Ball. This year HL Sherilynn Mobley honored us with a fun game which everyone in attendance was able to play. In the end, after the correct phone number was dialed, we found out she has picked SK Steve Barkley to join her in their journey to the Grand Throne. Congratulations to both of you on this honor, we look forward to the marvelous things you will accomplish.

The day after the Grand Ball we had our Grand Court Christmas party, prepared by the Conductresses, as well as their choices for continuing up the line. This meant they had some men helping cook the food, thank you SK Steve and SK Grant. We enjoyed a festive dinner of roasted turkey and all the goodies. Members help fill in with salads and desserts. HL Sherilynn was able to have a quick Christmas BINGO. A tradition for the Christmas party is to bring a Christmas ornament, with a dollar bill attached for the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. This GRM would like to personally thank everyone who brought ornaments, many of the ornaments were seahorses, lighthouses. When I got home, I put up my Christmas tree and decorated it with the beautiful ornaments I received. Thank you to everyone who gave me a Christmas ornament, I will cherish each one for many years.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
...AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT

See you in January!

HL Nancy Rose  
Grand Royal Matron



Hello HL's & SK's of Amaranth,

Wishing our wonderful Amaranth family a bright and joyful New Year filled with peace. As we lean into a new year 2026 we can hope for continued support and love of our own families as well as our Masonic families. They are relationships who we should value and spend as much time with as possible.

December brought a slower month. Only a few activities beyond our own Amaranth Court meetings. We had the opportunity to help Emerald Court bring in 3 NEW MEMBERS and 2 affiliations at the beginning of the month. Many thanks to members from around the state to help assist!! You are the best. Special thanks to the Grand Line for your assistance.

January brings a fresh and new year. We have several activities for members to attend and support. We start off with the installation of a New Potentate of Al Kader Shrine in Wilsonville on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next, we move on to the biggest fundraiser for Amaranth and Diabetes. "Bowl Down Diabetes" on Saturday, January 24 at KingPins Family Entertainment Center in Portland starting at 8:30 AM. For info and sign-up see the Oregon Amaranth News or contact HL Charlene Tucker for info. The more teams the better, so let's bring our best game of the year!! After we support Diabetes, we turn our support to our Oregon Youth. The next day we drive to Wilsonville for the Annual Joint Youth Fundraiser Dinner and Auction hosted by the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of Eastern Star and Grand Court of Oregon, Order of the Amaranth. Let's all **BLOOM**, **Building Leaders**, **Opening Opportunities**, and **Making** a difference in the lives of our youth. Please support our youth!! If you need more info, please look in the Oregon Amaranth News, Oregon Amaranth (Facebook) or contact our members HL Jenni Dupee or HL Marilynn Young.

As we reflect on slower December activities, I encourage you to look back on 2025 as opportunities to evaluate your relationship with our Masonic families that you belong to. Questions to ask yourself, Am I a good member? Do I attend and support my court? Do I take an active and supportive leadership role? Do I help with fundraisers when asked? Do I come across as a know-it-all that turns members off? In meetings or in public do I smile even when things don't' go as you would expect? WE are humans and we are not perfect, my personal goal ever day is to evaluate the day before and to do better that day, one day at a time. I encourage you to self-evaluate your relationship with yourself, family (Masonic and personal), friends and your spiritual relationships. We can all learn to grow and be better no matter what age. I look forward to a wonderful 2026 with my Amaranth Families!!

In Amaranth,

SK Alan, GRP Oregon

## ... from the Leadership Training Committee

December 2025



Dear Flame Keepers,

Here are some things to do as we welcome the new year!

- Open your hearts for those who are less fortunate than you.
- Remember to celebrate the holidays with your loved ones.
- Don't drink and drive! Ask for a ride if you need one. If someone asks you for a ride, be generous with your time. We want everyone to have a safe holiday season!
- Remember to give the many bellringers a smile and maybe even some change!

May your holidays be filled with peace, love and happiness. May your New Year bring you many joys to fill your heart.

Hugs, the Leadership Committee

## Upcoming Grand Court Activities

### JANUARY 2026

- 3 Al Kader Shrine Installation – Shrine Center
- 7 Hillah Shrine Installation
- 24 Bowl Down Diabetes Tournament  
9am King Pins Lanes
- 25 GC Budget Committee Meeting (by invitation only)
- 25 Grand Court & Grand Chapter - Youth Scholarship dinner and auction – Shrine Temple – Wilsonville

### FEBRUARY 2026

- 1 Group meetings – 9am  
Go-to-Church – 11am  
Lunch followed by Grand Court Opening Practice (approximately 1pm) – all at Salem Scottish Rite

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## Reflections... From the Grand Prelate

- 12/13/2025

Linda and I, as well as so many others, attended the funeral service for SK Bill Korte on Saturday. It was a wonderful ceremony with shared moments of laughter and tears.

What struck me was the variety of attendees. You had Veterans, Masons, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Job's Daughters... the list goes on and on. As I contemplated on this, I realized that SK Bill epitomized the line "Well done, good and faithful servant". He led a life of service and in doing so, he left an imprint upon the hearts and minds of countless others around him.

I read through his obituary and saw a journey that was filled with giving. He gave so much to so many. He gave to his country, retiring as a Major. He was involved with a variety of Masonic bodies and provided them with his time, his knowledge, and his giving spirit as well as any monetary support. He truly gave from the heart. One of his Job's Daughters shared that at meetings he would slip in a bill for pink slippers or gas money or some such frivolity. The young ladies would vote to pay the bills and he would stand up and thank them for voting for such an improper expense without even questioning it. He used that moment of lightheartedness to impress upon them an

important lesson about listening and questioning. She said that was a lesson she has never forgotten to this day. Most of all, he gave to his family. He went on adventures with them and gave them the gift of precious memories of time spent together. Are we truly ever gone when we are remembered fondly by so many?

I think we are all blessed to have known this Mighty Oak and I know that he will forever remain Sweet in My Memory. May God bless us all with the fortitude and perseverance to give of ourselves the way SK Bill did.

God bless us all.

### 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 February 2026 Edition of the OAN will come out Jan 30. NOTE... Deadline to submit info is **Monday, Jan 26**. Please send info to be included to:

[OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com](mailto:OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com)

Thanks. HL Kris, Editor

## From the Grand Conductress

Hello Oregon Amaranth -

As we head towards a new year and close the chapter on 2025, it is always a great time to reflect and look back of this last year at the accomplishments and things that happened in your life, both personally and professionally, that made you proud.

If you haven't tried before, take a few moments and list out what ten things happened in this past year that you are most proud of, maybe grateful it happened, or happy you could experience it.

Here are a few of mine:

- You honored me with electing me to Grand Conductress for Oregon Amaranth
- I was able to attend the Grand Court of Alaska again this year WITHOUT an ER visit.  
Go me! :)
- Attending Supreme Council in Arizona was a first and one of many to come!
- Some leadership opportunities came my way providing travels to Atlanta and Irvine for work getting me closer to achieving my career goals for Graphic Packaging
- Grant and I celebrated 34 years of marriage and I love him more every year!
- I've grown closer to my daughter through our shared love of Amaranth and Daughters of the Nile

While not all 10 listed but you get the idea. These are some of my 2025 cherished highlights. Of course, there were some hiccups within the year but I'm grateful for the experiences, the friendships, and the opportunities that 2025 provided to me.

What's cool and rather interesting is most of these listed are repeatable. Each one is likely to repeat if not get better!

While not all of your list may be repeatable, many are totally within our control to allow it to repeat...like making time for travel, taking time to be with family, working hard to achieve your career goals...all of those happened because time was made to make them happen.

So take some time, reflect upon what you are grateful for and proud of, and then find a way to repeat them, improve them, expand and bring others into them. Have fun with it and I hope you too find gratitude and love in what happened in your 2025.

As we close out this year and start 2026, I can't wait to see the new adventures we will create together! Happy New Year!



Love and Hugs!  
HL Sherilynn

## From the Grand Prelate - 12/15/2025

### **God was a baker.**

Think about it. You're getting ready to make some bread or cookies and so you get together your various ingredients, mix them together and shape them with your hands and various tools, place it in the oven and the resulting product is something pleasing.

God took His hands and molded the clay and the spirit and our soul into the human being we become. He puts us into the oven of life to help us become complete. He opens the oven door now and then to check on us and turns on the oven light so we can see the world around us and how so many others are facing the same joys and trials. That light also shows us the path to completion. To the glorious day we will enter the Gates of Heaven and sit at God's Table and share in the feast for all eternity.

So the next time you are baking a sheet of Christmas cookies or some loaves of banana bread, think about the Eternal Baker and let him help you pass through the oven of life and come to a finish golden and filled with joy.

Merry Christmas everyone. God bless.



# QUIZZY BINGO TRIVIA LUNCH

80s-90s Trivia!

Entry  
Fee  
**\$20**

Salem Masonic Lodge  
1625 Brush College Road NW

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Taco Bar, Beverages, and FUN!

- RSVP to:
- Sherilynn @ 503-969-9541  
or [Mobley@Mac.com](mailto:Mobley@Mac.com)

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**SAT  
1/31  
@11:30PM**

**Entry Fee includes Lunch!**



**OREGON AMARANTH**  
**BOWLING DOWN**  
**DIABETES**  
**Tournament**

**BASKETS NEEDED**

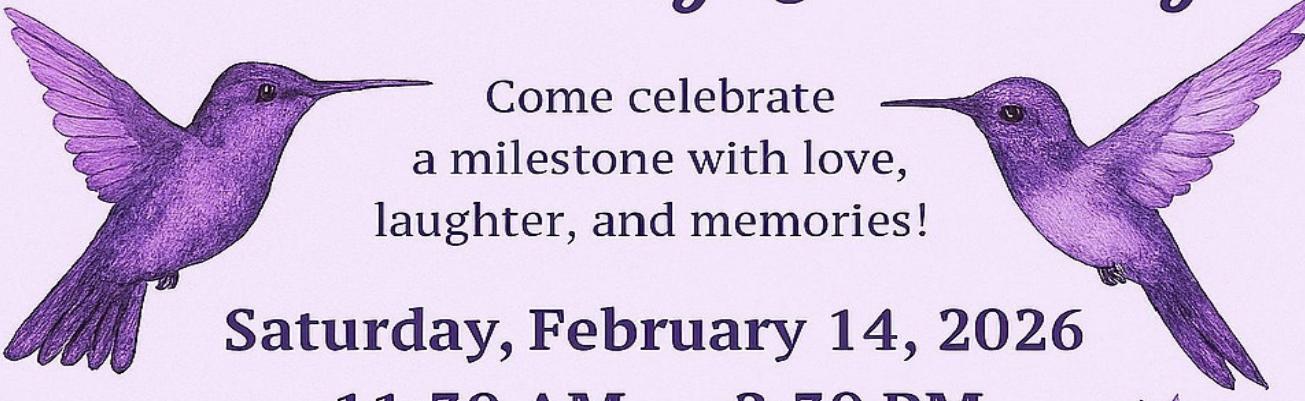
**THE GRAND CONDUCTRESSES ARE  
REQUESTING DONATIONS OF RAFFLE  
BASKETS FOR THE TOURNAMENT!**

**If you have a donation or questions, please contact  
Wendy Bednarik at (503) 936-7720 OR  
Sherilynn Mobley at (503) 969-9541  
to coordinate a pickup. Thank you!**

\* YOU'RE INVITED! \*

# TERI LYNNE'S

## *70th Birthday Gathering*



Come celebrate  
a milestone with love,  
laughter, and memories!

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

**11:30 AM — 2:30 PM**

**Beaverton Masonic Lodge**

**4690 SW Watson Ave,  
Beaverton, OR**

Join us for food, fun, and  
heartfelt moments as we honor  
Teri Lynne's incredible 70 years.

Family and friends welcome!

**PLEASE RSVP BY  
JANUARY 31ST**

Audrey Proux  
503-522-1653  
[audrey.proux1@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.proux1@gmail.com)

## *On the Road with Oregon Amaranth....*

December 13 – Wendy’s Deerhearts Bunco  
Clearly a good time was had by all!





ORDER OF THE AMARANTH  
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation

# BOWL DOWN DIABETES

Sponsored by:

*Grand Court of Oregon, Order of the Amaranth*

Benefit: Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Inc / American Diabetes Association

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

8:30 am – Check In

9:00 am – Bowl

**KingPins Family  
Entertainment Center**

3550 SE 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97266

503-788-7889

- ❖ This is a four game **MIXED SCOTCH DOUBLES** Tournament
- ❖ Entry Fee is \$70.00 per couple (\$60.00 to pay for lineage fee and donation to the American Diabetes Association. \$10.00 to go towards prize fund)
- ❖ Entering Average: (in the following order)
  - League average as of January 1, 2026 (does not have to be a sanctioned league)
  - Current average as of the date of participation with a minimum of 12 games.
- ❖ Non-Bowlers **WELCOME** – Averages: Men – 185 and Women – 150
- ❖ Handicap is based on 220 at 90%.
- ❖ **Entries close on Monday, January 16, 2026**

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## ENTRY FORM

Bowlers Name		Average
1. FEMALE		
2. MALE		

**Return entry form to:**

Charlene Tucker  
411 SE 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98664

**Questions Contact:**

Charlene Tucker (360) 241-1988  
Email: [charlenekaytucker@gmail.com](mailto:charlenekaytucker@gmail.com)

Enclose check payable to:  
Grand Court of Oregon.  
Payment is to accompany  
entry form.

If you wish to bowl with another couple, add their names in box:

A \$20.00 fee will be  
charged if a check is  
returned!

Dress is business casual for this event!

Our youth are seeds waiting to grow.  
Anyone can BLOOM with a little nurturing and care.

# BLOOM

**B**uilding Leaders, **O**pening Opportunities and **M**aking  
a difference in the lives of our youth!

**You are invited to attend  
the Annual Joint Youth Fundraiser Dinner & Auction**

**Hosted by**

Grand Court of Oregon, Order of the Amaranth

Co-Chair, Jenni Depee

Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star

Co-Chair, Marilynn Young



**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Wilsonville Shrine Center**

25100 SW Parkway Avenue

Wilsonville, OR 97070

Social Hour & Bidding starts at 1:00pm

Dinner at 2:00pm

There will be a silent auction and dessert auction

**Dinner Menu:**

Taco Bar - \$20 per person

**RSVP Deadline – January 15, 2026**

RSVP to Marilynn Young – [marilynnkyoung@msn.com](mailto:marilynnkyoung@msn.com) 503-701-5775

Send payment with check(s) payable to:

Grand Chapter of Oregon (Youth Dinner in memo line)

1027 SW Mark Street

Newport, OR 97365

Dietary Restrictions? Contact Jenni

at [owls333@yahoo.com](mailto:owls333@yahoo.com) or text 503-548-8681





Save the Date

Go to Church

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Salem Scottish Rite

4090 Commercial St SE

Salem, OR 97302

10:00am Group Meeting 11:00am Go to Church

12:00pm Luncheon

1:00pm Grand Court Practice

Additional Details to Come

## COLONIAL COURT AMARANTH CLOTHING "SWAG"

Email selections to: [Mobley@Mac.Com](mailto:Mobley@Mac.Com) along with clothing code, choice in size and color  
 Checks should be made out to Colonial Court #5

\*Mail to: Alison Priest PO Box 2061; Fairview, OR 97024

Amaranth Logo as shown in this ad will be embroidered on the right breast

\*Additional Line of text (Name or State, etc.) \$5 additional

\*Two Lines of text \$10 additional

Orders will be placed once we have a minimum of 12 items ordered.



### Eddie Bauer 1/2 Zip MicroFleece Jacket

100% Polyester Microfleece with anti-pill finish

**EB226** - Mens (Grey Steel)

**EB227** - Womens (Grey Steel or Ivory)

Size XS-4XL

(add \$3 for 2xl+)

**\$50**



### Port Authority Microfleece Jacket

Anti-pill 100% polyester lightweight microfleece

**F223** - Mens (True Navy, Black)

**L223** - Womens (Purple, True Navy, Black)

Size XS-4XL

(add \$3 for 2xl+)

**\$40**



### Port Authority Long Sleeve Carefree Poplin Shirt

55/45 Cotton/Poly Easy Care, Stain release

**W100** - Mens (Deep Forest Green, True Royal, Black)

**LW100** - Womens (True Royal, Black)

Size XS-4XL

(add \$3 for 2xl+)

**\$35**



### Sport-Tek Micropique Sport-Wick Polo

100% Polyester, Snag Resistant, Moisture Wick

Colors: Blue Lake, Kelly Green, Deep Red, or Black

**ST650** - Mens - Sizes XS-6XL

**LST650** - Womens -

(add \$3 for 2xl+)

**\$35**



### Port Authority Core Soft Shell Jacket

100% polyester, water resistant with microfleece lining

**J317** - Mens XS-6XL - (Black, Navy, Grey)

**L317** - Womens - XS-4XL - (Very Berry, Black, Navy, Grey)

(add \$3 for 2xl+)

**\$45**



### Port Authority Women's Concept Cardigans

**LM1008** Stretch Button-Front

(cotton/modal/spandex)

XS-4XL Colors: Black, Navy, Grey

**\$45**

(add \$3 for 2xl+)



**LK5434** Long Pocket Cardigan

Poly/Rayon/Spandex Jersey Knit

XS-4XL Colors: Black, Grey

# Arago Court #31 Fundraiser

North Bend, Oregon

<https://www.bonfire.com/santa-i-tried/>

Mails directly to your home at the end of the ordering period.  
New ordering periods restart after the last one has ended.



Different styles, sizes, and colors available. Sizing includes child, and child. Styles include women's cut and standard tee.



Adult Pricing **starting** at

\$22.00 for Youth T-shirt

\$23.00 for Adult T-shirt

\$36.50 for Sweatshirt

(pricing is based on size and style chosen)

Order by November 1<sup>st</sup> for arrival  
before December.



# Arago Court #31 Fundraiser

## North Bend, Oregon

<https://www.bonfire.com/curediabetes/>



Front



Front



Back



Back

Mails directly to your home at the end of the ordering period. New ordering periods restart after the last one has ended.

Different styles, sizes, and colors available. Sizing includes child, and child. Styles include women's cut and standard tee.



Back

Adult Pricing **starting** at

\$25.50 for Youth T-shirt

\$28.50 for Adult T-shirt

\$39.00 for Sweatshirt

(pricing is based on size and style chosen)



Front

# Arago Court #31 Fundraiser

North Bend, Oregon

<https://www.bonfire.com/arago-campaign/>

Mails directly to your home at the  
end of the ordering period.  
New ordering periods restart  
after the last one has ended.



Different styles, sizes, and colors  
available. Sizing includes child,  
and child. Styles include  
women's cut and standard tee.

Adult Pricing **starting** at

\$25.49 for Adult T-shirt

\$27.99 for Long sleeve shirt

\$36.49 for Sweatshirt

(pricing is based on size and style chosen)



# Rubber Ducky Flight Fight



We're Back! 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

## Feelin' Lucky? Buy a Ducky!

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners and a Lame Duck Award  
"Frequent Flyer" adoptions help support Diabetes Research  
and the Amaranth Grand Conductress & Royal Jubilees!

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.

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

The Duck  
that "flies"  
the furthest  
WINS!



Photos of  
Launch  
FUN!!!

Adopt ducks at Masonic events from  
HL Sherilynn Mobley, GC  
or any Royal Jubilee!

Email to purchase or more details:  
[oregonamaranthgc@gmail.com](mailto:oregonamaranthgc@gmail.com)  
Need not be present to win.

100% Proceeds split as below:

½ Pot to Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> (60%), 2<sup>nd</sup> (30%), 3<sup>rd</sup> (10%)

¼ Pot to: Amaranth Diabetes Foundation

¼ Pot to: Royal Jubilees GC Fund

Lame Duck Award will be a ducky surprise!

The GAM and GAP present

An original oil on canvas painting by  
Ron LaSalle.

1 ticket for \$1  
6 tickets for \$5  
SK Edward's wingspan for \$20

Tickets may be purchased beginning at  
Oceanside Court's installation April 5th, and  
the winner will be drawn at Go To Church  
February 1st.

Proceeds to benefit  
Grand Court General Fund



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