



Oregon Amaranth News

August 2026 Newsletter

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HL Marlee Frazier, GRM SK Edward Duquette, GRP

****Notes from the Trail – August 2026****

Happy 250th Birthday America! Hoping everyone had a wonderful 4th of July celebrating our country's history. Several of our courts had fireworks booths or tents. What a great fundraiser and promotion event. We hope you were successful.

Along the Trail this past month we enjoyed many activities. Besides fireworks, Quizzy Bingo was a small event, but we had so much fun in Eugene. The next weekend was the second annual Santa Cause Run in the Eugene area. We raised money for diabetes and had a ball following SK Steve (Santa) and HL Linda (Ms. Claus) in their convertible up and down I-5. They both reported several people honked and waved at them! Thank you to all of those who manned the 4 lodges we stopped at for refreshments. The next day many of us went up to Round Table Pizza to try our luck at Bunco.

July is our sister organization, Eastern Star's installation season and many of our members were installed at their respective Chapters. Congratulations. Best wishes for a successful year of service.

SK Edward was also able to attend Liberty Assembly Rainbow's installation where four girls were installed. Our youth are working to increase membership, and we are excited to be able to witness their accomplishments this year. Speaking of our Youth, Oregon was well represented at DeMolay International in Chicago with boys and adults participating. HL Marlee attended Job's Daughters International Session in Springfield, Missouri. She had the opportunity to watch her daughter HL Kristi Reid installed as Supreme 2nd Messenger and HL Chelsea Phelps as her escort for the afternoon. Oregon Rainbow also fully participated at Supreme Assembly in Tucson, Arizona this past weekend. HL Patti Nielsen, Supreme Prelate, joined other Supreme Officers, to represent Amaranth.

We are so proud of our members for taking active parts in assisting our youth organizations to flourish and participate in the Masonic Family traditions.

August is heating up to be another active month. Our first Official Visit is scheduled for August 1st at Oceanside in Newport. School of Instruction at 11am, Lunch at 11:45am, Bible Signing at 12:45pm and OV at 1:00pm.

Youth Day at Oaks Park August 9th will be a fun event put on by the Grand Lodge Youth Committee for our youth groups. This is always a fun event for the youth and their prospective members. The following weekend on the 16th is the All-Masonic Picnic in Cottage Grove. Please check the flyer for information on what to contribute.

In September our Royal Matrons will be promulgating the new Annual Password to our members. We hope you will be able to join us on the Trail as your schedule allows.

Continue to share your love and enthusiasm for our beautiful order through conversation, action and service. There will be petitions available at each of the OV's, please take one or two to slip in your purse or pocket to have ready to offer prospective members.

Safe Travels and Happy Trails,
HL Marlee Frazier, GRM and SK Edward Duquette, GRP



Upcoming Grand Court Activities

August 2026

- 8/1 Oceanside OV, 1pm,
School of instruction 11am
- 8/5 Card Making with Colonial Court,
Happy Valley Round Table Pizza
- 8/9 Masonic Youth Day, Oaks Park,
Portland
- 8/16 All Masonic Picnic, Cottage Grove,
noon
- 8/22 Grand Master's Reception, Eugene
(VFW) – RSVP required
- 8/23 GRM/GRP Reception, Everett Hall,
Hopkins Demonstration Forest, 2pm
- 8/30 2nd Annual Bubble ADF 5K Walk and
Cornhole Fun Day –
Bush Pasture Park, Salem



September 2026

October 2026

Note: OV Bible Signing 15 minutes prior to meeting!

- 10/10 Arago Court OV – 2pm
- 10/12 Willamette Court OV - 7:30pm; 6pm dinner
- 10/19 Emerald Court OV - 7:30pm
- 10/23 Acacia Court OV – 7:30pm
- 10/28 Colonial Court OV – 7:00pm

November 2026

- 11/12 Kellogg Court OV – 7:30pm



Sweet in our Memory

Jane Miller, long-time Amaranth supporter, passed away in July. "Jane's Party" will be August 8 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Milwaukie Community Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie, OR 97222..... Please remember HL Naomi, the family and friends of our dear friend. Jane will forever remain, Sweet in our Memory.

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 August 28th and the deadline for submissions is Tuesday, August 25. Please send all info to be included to OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com

Thanks. HL Kris, Editor

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Special Deadlines to observe!

**Don't forget Oceanside Court OV
& School of Instruction (11am)
Is this Saturday in Newport
Lunch @ 11:45, Bible Signing 12:45
Stated Meeting 1pm**

August 10 – Reservations Due
Grand Master's Reception
GRM & GRP Reception
Limited seating for both events

Just a reminder... HL Sue Mills, Grand Secretary, no longer has a home (landline) phone.
Please contact her on her cell phone: 360-609-7175

Please keep our **First Responders** in your thoughts and prayers as they provide life-saving and essential services during this fire season.

Special prayers to PGRP Alan Beebe who has been out fighting fires for nearly 4 weeks. He was first in Central Point on the Evans Creek Fire, & now is in central Oregon, working on fires in the Sisters and Warm Springs areas.



Messages from the Wild, Wild West

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

Hello Oregon Amaranth!

Back in 2019, Becca watched a TED Talk about Leadership and shared the story during her GWAA reception speech, along with her own Lollipop moments that kept her in Rainbow. I have been reflecting on her Lollipop Moment speech and Drew's thoughts on leadership lately and wanted to share some of his story with you this month.

Link to the Ted Talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVCBrkrFrBE>

Drew Dudley opens his talk by asking how many people in the audience felt comfortable calling themselves "leaders"? Not too many raised their hand. In Drew's TED Talk, he pointed out that leadership tends to be seen as something bigger than us. Leadership shouldn't be viewed as a huge "changing the world" moment. In thinking this way, we have underestimated the moments when we or others act as leaders during everyday moments.

Drew tells a story from his last day at college. A woman approached him to thank him for being "an important person in her life." They had encountered each other on her first day at college four years earlier, even though they hadn't spoken since. She was standing in the registration line with her parents, and she was scared about starting college. Drew was giving away lollipops to promote a charity event. He handed one to a guy standing next to her, telling him, "You need to give a lollipop to the woman next to you." Upon doing so, Drew said to her parents, "look at that! She hasn't been away for even a moment and is already taking candy from strangers!" Everyone around them laughed, and in that moment, she decided not to quit but to go ahead with college. She also told Drew that she went on to

date the guy who gave her the lollipop. (They eventually married.)

Drew didn't remember meeting her that day but his impact on her direction in life was significant. Most of us, he says, have had a "lollipop moment" where someone affects us profoundly and the person does not even know it. By redefining leadership to "lollipop moments" in which we can positively impact other's experiences—he believes we have the power to change the world.

The small things, like visiting a friend in the hospital, making someone smile, providing some support, sharing a compliment, or in some small way just appreciating someone can completely change a life. Sometimes the thought that our acts can change so much is scary. I think we shouldn't be scared of this capability but that we should embrace it. Grow from it. Cause more lollipop moments because of it. Leadership is something everyone is capable of, no matter how much you doubt yourself.

Marianne Williamson said, "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us... It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Both Drew's and Marianne's messages invite all of us to reframe our definition of leadership, recognize the influence our Light can have on others, and embrace the kind of transformation we can individually make in our world.

Think of a person who has been your "lollipop moment" or, in other words, a person who has greatly affected you and likely doesn't know it. Take a moment to send them a card and share it. They will likely not realize the impact they have had on you, but your message will remind them that their "light" made a world of difference in your life.

HL Sherilynn Mobley, Grand Assoc. Matron

From the Grand Associate Patron

July 13, 2026

Summertime is upon us. A time to get out and enjoy the beauty of God's creations. But.....it is also a time to start working on planning those fall fundraisers. A little bit of time spent during these summer weeks means an event that is well thought through and ready for execution versus a last-minute rush to throw something together.

Work with your Court and see if there is something new and unique that you want to try as a group. I always recommend using the amazing technology we have at our fingertips. Use Google and Yahoo and Bing search engines and try different word combinations like "Pacific Northwest Fundraising Ideas" or "Wintertime fundraiser ideas". Etc. using different combinations of words can return different kinds of ideas and you might stumble upon one that just fits your organization perfectly.

The key is to get organized. Prepare an outline to answer the questions of Where, When, How, Who and Why. I'll help you: Why – To raise fund for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. There, now you've communicated clearly to the public the purpose of this fundraiser. Remember, there are no dumb ideas. You NEVER know when some interesting or unique fundraiser will capture people's attention and garner their support. For example – Pet Rocks. "During its six-month peak in late 1975, the Pet Rock generated **between \$5 million and \$6 million in gross revenue**, making its creator, Gary Dahl, an instant millionaire. " Maybe one of you had the next "Pet Rock" wandering around in your imagination!!

Good luck and go get 'em!!

Fraternally,
SK Stephen Barkley, GAP

The Oregon – Washington Connection

July 27, 2027

Halcyon Court in Washington had an initiation on Monday, 7/27 and our own HL Anne Beaton reached out to see if anyone could assist as their Court had several members under the weather or quite a distance away and needed help that evening for the initiation of their newest member. Sherilynn sent an email out to some of the Oregonian members that she knew were close in proximity and may be able to assist and with that HL Wendy Bednarik, HL Sue Mills and HL Sherilynn Mobley were off to Longview to support our Grand Court to the North!

HL Anne was protem Associate Conductress, HL Sue served as Truth, HL Wendy was Marshal in the West and Faith for Initiation and HL Sherilynn stood in as Standard Bearer and Wisdom. The Halcyon team did a lot of musical chairs as well to make the evening enjoyable for our newest member, Lilly. It was a nice evening getting to know some of our friends from the North and welcoming a new, young member to our organization.

Welcome to Lilly!



OCEANSIDE COURT #37

Is Making Waves in Oregon Amaranth!



**Please join us on the beautiful Oregon Coast
for the 1st Official Visit of the year
as we welcome
HL Marlee Frazier, Grand Royal Matron &
SK Edward Duquette, Grand Royal Patron**

Saturday, August 1, 2026

**11:00am - School of Instruction by HL Linda McIntire
11:45am - Salad Bar Luncheon, by donation
12:45PM - Bible Signing
1:00PM - Stated Meeting & Official Visitation**



**Newport Masonic Lodge
435 SW 9th Street
Newport, Oregon**



**HL Anjee Thompson, Royal Matron
SK Grant Mobley, Royal Patron**

COLONIAL COURT

CARD MAKING FUNDRAISER



Come have fun and support Colonial Court!

Make 3 all occasion cards for \$15

No host dinner

RSVP to Jennifer Fitzgerald:

jkandkids2@gmail.com

or text 360-798-4963



6:30PM
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★ SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2026 ★

★ WE WILL BE MEETING AT AREA 4 AT OAKS PARK. ★

🕒 **11:00 AM**
EVENT STARTS!

PLEASE ARRIVE
BETWEEN
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

🍴 **12:00 PM**
LUNCH PROVIDED!

AL KADER ORIENTAL BAND
WILL BBQ FOR
THE YOUTH AGAIN!

🎢 AFTER LUNCH
RIDE RIDES
ALL AFTERNOON!

RIDE BRACELETS
PROVIDED BY
GRAND LODGE

🕒 **4:00 PM**
RIDE TIME ENDS

THANK YOU FOR
AN AWESOME DAY!
SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

📅 PLEASE RSVP
BY
JULY 24TH

PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP TO THE FOLLOWING:

DeMolay
JOHN SPICHER
svtimepiece@gmail.com

Job's Daughters
PATRICK CHAPPELL
godsthyme@gmail.com

Rainbow Girls
HOWARD FRIEDMAN
howdyf@yahoo.com

COME FOR THE FUN. STAY FOR THE FRIENDS.
LEAVE WITH MEMORIES!

★ QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR ★

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Grand Master's Reception



in honor of Most Worshipful Grand Master

Richard D. Varner

Join us as we honor his leadership and service to Freemasonry.

Saturday, August 22 at 1:00 PM

Veterans Memorial Building

1626 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon



McKenzie River Lodge No. 195

Hosted By



Eugene Lodge No. 11

Please RSVP by August 10

To ensure an accurate count, we ask that a separate RSVP be submitted for each person in your party. Venue capacity is limited to 175 guests.



bit.ly/GMreceptionRSVP

Parking is limited

We ask that on-site parking be reserved for those with mobility concerns. If you are able, please park on nearby streets in the adjoining neighborhood.

RITUAL REVIVAL...

Members of the Wagon Train,

Circle Up!!

Our School of Instruction is TOMORROW!
At Oceanside Court.

We will be reviewing escort of the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron on their official visit. Pages 15, 43, 52-56.

It will be a short school, 45 minutes so we will get right to it.

Hugs, Your Wagon Master
HL Linda McIntire



The Oregon Trail teaches the ultimate survival lesson: preparation, pacing, and adaptability dictate success.

WESTCOAST – BESTCOAST

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

Grand Court of Alaska – September 10-12

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

Grand Court of New Mexico – Nov 5-8

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

Note Date Change

Western Murder Mystery Dinner & Auction
to benefit Amaranth Diabetes Foundation
coming February, 2027, to Al Kader Shrine Center, Wilsonville
HL Joy Suchla is Chairman
with HL Patti Nielsen and HL Wendy Bednarik assisting.
They are looking for workers to help during this event.

Please contact HL Joy if you are able to assist with any of the many duties.

WANTED! PGRM & PGRP Photos!



The Royal Jubilees and Gator Krewe are looking for photos!

We have gathered every Grand Year's information including all Grand Officers, AGLs, and Representative names from the last 99 years. We have Black and White Photos from the proceedings but would love to have as many colored photos of our PGRM & PGRPs as possible.

A Century Book will be available for pre-order starting in March 2027 and will be in circulation by Official Visit season of 2027. This will be over 120 pages of Oregon Amaranth History, photos, and memories from our last 100 years!

If you have photos to share, please submit with the google form or email to Sherilynn Mobley! If you need help just let me know! We look forward to your contributions!



Use the QR Code to go to the Google Form to drop your photo files or <https://forms.gle/2TTZG2hTdGQw24XY7>

If you prefer email, please send to:
OregonAmaranthGAM@gmail.com

Rubber Ducky Flight Fight



Feelin' Lucky? Buy a Ducky!

"Frequent Flyer" adoptions help support
Diabetes Research and the Royal Jubilees!

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

The Duck
that "flies"
the furthest
WINS!

Ducks have a
number tied to
their owner's
contact info.

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

Adopt ducks from
Sherilynn Mobley, GAM
or any Royal Jubilee!

Email to purchase or more details:
OregonAmaranthGAM@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/Gator Krewe Fund

Lame Duck Award will be a ducky surprise!

Purchase options:
Check payable to Royal Jubilees
ZELLE – upon request

VENMO ~ @Sherilynn-Mobley (pin 9541)

“750” Diabetes Awareness Pin

Every Pin Tells a Story

This “750” fundraising pin is more than just a piece of jewelry – it carries a story, a purpose, and a heartfelt message. It is a tribute to the generosity of every supporter, and the shared dream of a world without diabetes.

The aquamarine blue zero speaks for awareness – a quiet but powerful reminder of why we fight. The red heart is a symbol of love and compassion, honoring every act of kindness, big or small.

When you wear this pin, you are not just showing support – you are carrying the story of every donor, every family, and every step toward finding a cure!

WHY 750? Did you know:

*In 1941, there were approximately 750,000 total diagnosed diabetics in the USA when the American Diabetes Association was formed.

*750,000 are currently affected by Diabetic Macular Edema, the leading cause of vision loss in the USA.

*Over 750,000 diabetics miss their vital annual foot screenings increasing their risk of foot conditions.

*Approximately 750,000 x 2 (1.5 million) new diabetes cases are diagnosed in the USA every year.

Purchase options:

ZELLE – upon request

VENMO - @Sherilynn-Mobley (pin 9541)

Check payable to Royal Jubilees

Shipping available for additional \$5

Contact Sherilynn Mobley at

OregonAmaranthGAM@gmail.com

Royal Jubilee and Gator Krewe members will have them as well soon.

The Royal Jubilees/Gator Krewe have created this special “750” pin to help raise awareness of Diabetes. All funds raised will go towards Diabetes Research for the 2027-2028 100th year of Oregon Amaranth. A donation from our group will go to our GRM Marlee and GRP Ed’s Diabetes fundraising efforts for their year.



Level 1 Pin \$35

This pin displays beautifully on any lapel or dress and is eye catching.



Level 2 Pin \$65

Same pin as Level 1 but has 3 additional beads with two spacers on the bottom chain for next level support.



Level 3 Pin \$100

Same pin as Level 2 but has 3 additional beads with two spacers on the 2nd chain for next level support.

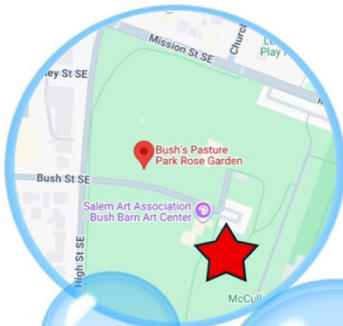


2nd Annual Bubble Amaranth Diabetes Walk & Cornhole Fun Day

Salem Bush Pasture Park - 600 Mission Street SE, Salem, OR

(use entrance on High Street SE and Bush Street SE for parking)

all activities will start at the Bush Barn Center of the park



August 30th, 2026

Pre-Register here



Registration 10am
Walk 10:30am
Cornhole Tourney
begins 11:30am

Walk - \$25
Includes a
T-Shirt*

Cornhole -
\$50/team
Includes a
T-Shirt*

Use the QR Code or go to:
OregonAmaranth.Org
for more info or visit our



Sleep Walk Option

To our Busy Bees and those that just want some extra ZZZZZZs, you can support our walk with our Sleep Walking option!



Use our QR code to sponsor a Sleep Walking registration for \$15 in our Web Store and all proceeds will go to our Diabetes Research!

Hosted by: Grand Court of Oregon, Order of the Amaranth

Any questions, contact Sherilynn Mobley- OregonAmaranthGAM@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit Diabetes Research through the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation

**T-shirts available for pre-registered attendees and as supplies last for registration on site.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Colonial Court No. 5's 4th Annual Hoedown & karaoke day



Saturday, October 24, 2026

1 pm to 4 pm



This promotion is from HL Robin Gilbert, who is serving both as Queen of Zulema Temple, Daughters of the Nile and is First Lady of Hillah Shrine. We are happy to support HL Robin and her project.



FIRST LADY ROBIN'S PURSE RAFFLE

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PURSE-RAFFLE](https://www.zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/first-ladys-purse-raffle)**

**FROM JAN 2, 2026 TO SEPT 4, 2026
(541) 761-9182**

Views from the plains... Photographs by Derek Toigo

Imagine crossing the plains and across eastern Oregon in the wagon train and coming upon some of the most beautiful views you have ever seen! Derek Toigo, a Bend Photographer, has capture these images which helps take you back in time... to appreciate and enjoy the true beauty of the Oregon Territory!



Thunderstorm clouds over Drake Park in Bend, just before the rain rolled in.

Sparks Lake last light.



Up the Old McKenzie Highway, Proxy Falls is an amazing site.

Last light on North & Middle Sister mountains near Bend, Oregon, as seen from the Old McKenzie Highway



On the Road with Oregon Amaranth...

July – Santa Cause Poker Run for Diabetes





Santa
seems like
he was
very busy
for the
Santa Cause
Diabetes
Poker Run!

Fun was had
by all!



DeerHearts Bunco – July 19
Another fun Bunco party!





Editor's note: I'm not sure where this picture of our GRM Marlee was taken, but I found it posted on FaceBook 7/21 with the caption, "GRM Marlee chugging water." That must be an old custom along the Oregon Trail.



... and our Youth Groups explode onto the International Scene

DeMolay International, Chicago Illinois (June 24-27, 2026)

SK John Coulter, GRP of Arizona and Executive Officer of Oregon DeMolay, showed DeMolay International that Oregon DeMolay was at the top of its game. SK John is in his 2nd year as Director for Region 8 (western region), for the International Supreme Council, DeMolay International.



Bjorn, PSMC

Jr. Past State Master Councilor Bjorn J ran for International Master Councilor and was appointed to the Congress Education and Training Committee for 2026-2027. Oregon State Master Councilor, Rocky Z, represented Oregon with distinction, serving as Parliamentarian for the 59th DeMolay International Congress and Communications Chairman during the past year. During Session, he received several incredible honors, including being named the 2026 DeMolay International Congressman of the Year, an award voted on by the active DeMolays in attendance. He was also presented with the prestigious Honorary International Master Councilor Award and elected to serve as the Region 8 Representative for the 60th DeMolay International Congress.



Rocky, SMC

Oregon DeMolay was also recognized for its outstanding membership growth, receiving two of the organization's highest membership honors:

- The Gorman A. McBride Award for initiating more members in 2025 than in 2024.
- The Frank S. Land Award for initiating more members than members reaching majority during 2025.

These awards are a testament to the dedication of our members, advisors, volunteers, and families who continue to grow and strengthen Oregon DeMolay.



Damien, DSMC, Rocky, SMC, Bjorn, PSMC, & SK John Coulter, EO of Oregon DeMolay.

Oregon DeMolay at DeMolay International. SK John Coulter, EO, is a Navy guy... and they showed their love for his leadership with new hats. Also in the pic is HL Susan Coulter. John and Susan are GRM & GRP of Arizona!



Job's Daughters International Supreme Session, Ignite Your Imagination July 19-25, 2026 Springfield, Missouri

Oregon Job's Daughters was well represented at the annual Supreme Session and received recognition and honors to carry forward into the coming year. GBHQ Nyssa was selected as Supreme Bethel Marshal, and GBSP Kylie was selected as Supreme Bethel Representative to Pennsylvania. HL Kristi Reid was installed as Supreme 2nd Messenger. GHBQ Nyssa also received 1st place in her Division for Ritual Competition. Also in attendance were HL Chelsea Phelps, PRM of Christina Court.



HL Hollie Dahm Stivers, SAM, bringing greetings at JDI annual session, addressing Beatriz Vichiatto Figueiredo, the first Supreme Guardian from Minas Gerais – Brazil

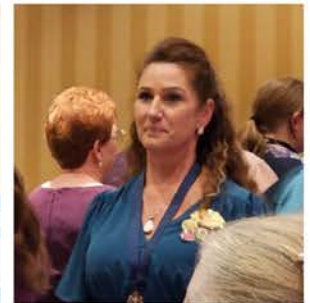


GRM Marlee, HL Kristi Reid, HL Chelsea Phelps, and SAM Hollie laughing during a FaceBook video. Everyone in attendance had a great time.



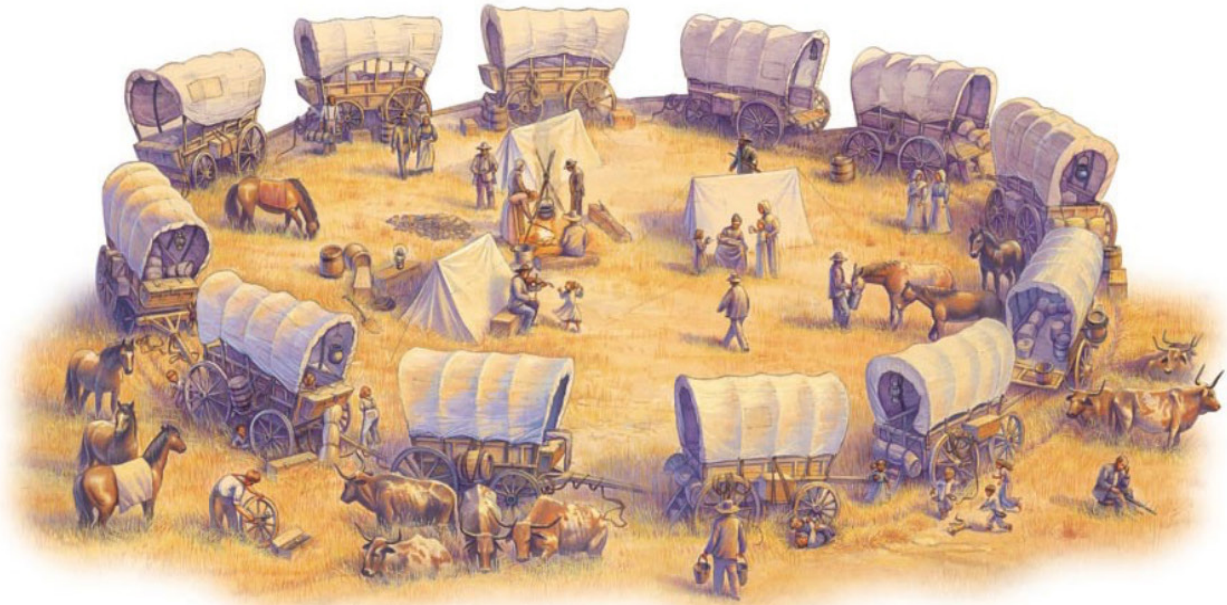
International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Supreme Assembly, The Heart of Rainbow July 21-27, Tucson, Arizona

Grand Worthy Advisor Miss Trinity was honored to be the Oregon Flag Bearer in the Cavalcade of Flags. Grand Worthy Associate Advisor Joylynn was selected as page to Supreme Confidential Observer, Flag Bearer to Puerto Rico, and served as Confidential Observer for the Memorial Ceremony. HL Patti Nielsen, Supreme Prelate, was in attendance along with SRM Emily Moyer and other Supreme Officers. HL Cherl Sumerlin, PGWA, (Willamette #2), as well as HL Susan and SK John Coulter (Oceanside #37), GRM & GRP of AZ, were also in attendance.



Info that has been provided in previous Newsletters...

Seating is limited for this event. Please make your reservations early to guarantee seating!



It's time to circle the wagons and join in celebration!

We hope you'll hustle on down the trail and meet up with us
for a Real Woodland Adventure on Sunday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm
at Everett Hall, Hopkins Demonstration Forest
16750 S Brockway Road, Oregon City OR 97045



Reception Honoring
HL Marlee Frazier, Grand Royal Matron,
SK Edward Duquette, Grand Royal Patron
and our 2026-2027 Grand Court Officers
Grand Court of Oregon, Order of the Amaranth



Limited Seating Available - First Come-First Reserved - NO Reservations at event
Cost \$25 - for the Reception with a traditional chuckwagon luncheon
Featuring homemade stew with biscuits, salad, desserts, and beverages

All Reservations must be prepaid and checks due by August 10, 2026
Please make checks payable to Willamette Court #2, and send your reservations
and checks to HL Gloria Hooker, PO Box 756, Glendale OR 97442-0756

Hopkins Demonstration Forest

140-Acres of Forest

Website: <https://demonstrationforest.org/>



We welcome guests during daylight hours, seven days a week throughout the year. trail maps are available at the information kiosk near our main parking area.

Five miles of trails crisscross our woodland, connecting you with a variety of habitats and forestry demonstrations. Enjoy a peaceful walk on our Watershed Trail to see how we manage the riparian area to protect water quality in Little Buckner Creek. Families and groups enjoy the Cedar Grove Picnic Shelter, while Scouts and schools like to meet in our amphitheater. There's something for everyone and something different in every season at Hopkins Demonstration Forest where learning and growing go hand in hand.

Directions to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest, 16750 S Brockway Rd, Oregon City.

Directions from the south – *Approx. travel time is 40 minutes from I-5*

- Take the Woodburn exit and head east on Hwy 214, the Newberg Hwy. This turns into Molalla Rd (Hwy 211).
- Go 11 miles to Hwy 213. Turn left (north) onto S Hwy 213.
- .4 miles – at the roundabout, continue onto S Hwy 213
- 7.7 miles, turn right onto S Spangler Rd.
- 1.9 miles, turn right onto S Brockway Rd.
- 1.2 miles – arrive at destination

Directions from the north – *Approx. 20 minutes once you take I-205 exit 10 onto OR-213 South*

- Take I-205 and travel 6.8 miles
- Take exit 10 onto OR-213 South
- 8.6 miles (heading south), turn left onto S Spangler Rd.
- 2.0 miles turn right onto S Brockway Rd
- 1.2 miles – arrive at destination



The Star Chasers invite you to attend the
All Masonic Picnic
Sunday, August 16, 2026

Yummy Food! Good Friends!
Come Comfortable and Casual!
Bring your Lawn Chairs and Beverages!

Eastern Star Group meetings are at 10am
Picnic heading into full swing at 12pm

Cost: \$10
Kids 10 or under are free

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with Fixin's
(veggie patty & non-gluten buns available with notice)
If you need non-gluten buns or a veggie burger patty, you must contact
Krystle Clason at (541) 401-7387 or krystleclason@gmail.com
by July 28, 2026.

Members with the last names starting with:

A - G bring Salads/Side Dishes
&
H - Z bring Desserts

Cottage Grove Masonic Center
33322 Row River Road
Cottage Grove, 97424

We are looking for volunteers to Cook - Contact Krystle

Formal Reception Honoring



H.L. Hollie Dahm Stivers
Supreme Associate Matron

&

The Supreme Associate Patron



When

Saturday, September 19, 2026

5pm Social Hour – 6-8pm Buffet Dinner

Where

Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple
1430 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

Cost

\$53.00 per person – deadline for reservation is August 31, 2026

Checks made payable to HL Sharon Sampsell, PRM

7868 George Mason Dr. Gloucester, VA 23061

Phone 703-609-8504 / Email swsampsell@gmail.com

Overnight Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn Shirlington

4271 Campbell Ave., Arlington, VA 22206

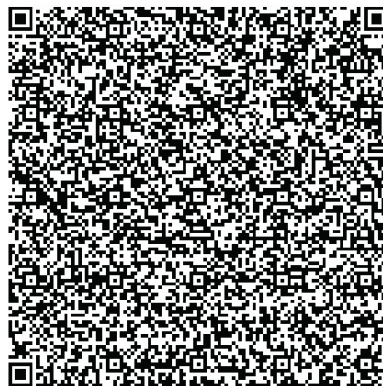
\$142 King per night / \$165 Two Queen Beds per night

Make room reservations directly with the hotel at

877-STAYHGI (782-9444). Request the AMARANTH GROUP,

Use group code AMG or use the QR Code below

[Hotel booking link](#)



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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