



Oregon Amaranth News

February 2026 Newsletter January 30, 2025

HL Nancy Rose, GRM

SK Alan Beebe, GRP

From the Throne...

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Another month has quickly slipped past us and now we are a month and a half until Grand Court. I hope all of you are planning to attend the fun adventures we will be having at Oregon Grand Court. Make sure you have filled out and mailed the "Coupons", along with a check to be sure you are registered for the meetings and meals. And of course, you will need a place to stay while you are in town so be sure to call the Hotel Salem (503-588-9220) and make a reservation. Be sure to tell them you are with **Oregon Amaranth 2026**. I look forward to meeting and greeting all my friends.

This year's Friday night banquet is called "A 1950's Picnic at the Beach." Be sure to dress appropriately. The weather in March, on the beach, can be a little chilly and maybe rainy or it could be sunny but still a little chilly. Take your pick and be prepared.

See you March 12th

HL Nancy Rose, Grand Royal Matron



HL's and SK's of Amaranth,

"In February, nature reminds us that even in the coldest moments beauty can still flourish"- Gabriela Alman. As we enter February, we have several activities to attend and finish out the year of the Rosebuds and Responders.

We look forward to those that will be attending the Go-to-Church filled with group meetings, food and the Grand Prelates Service and message. All this will be followed by a practice of Grand Officers lead by HL Kris our

Grand Lecturer. What a great opportunity to sharpen our floor and memory work for the 98th Session of Oregon Grand Court.

Please don't forget our Youth, we have the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception on February 28th. We need to show our support of GWA Trinity Porter and her amazing "Beautiful Boisterous Bears". Please, plan on attending.

Nancy and I, along with all of our committees, are working hard to prepare for the 98th Session of Grand Court in March to be held at the Salem Scottish Rite. We are looking forward to hosting our Supreme Associate Conductress HL Claudia Wilms representing our Supreme Royal Matron. She will be escorted by PSRP SK Del Militare. Please take the opportunity to welcome our guests and show them our Oregon hospitality and love.

Yes, the last several weeks have been filled with gray skies and fog. But true Oregonians know that we are known for a blend of outdoor appreciation, local culture and a pragmatic, environmentally conscious spirit, encompassing diverse groups from native people to recent transplants, all sharing a connection to the state's unique landscape. As stated above, "Beauty can still flourish" in our hearts and the love of Amaranth.



In Amaranth,
SK Alan



OREGON AMARANTH'S MOST WANTED

WANTED

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Are you able to help with transporting visitors? HL Claudia Wilms, Supreme Assoc. Conductress, will be our official representative and she needs a ride to PDX on Sunday am for a 10:30am flight. Please contact SK Alan Beebe - 541-912-6189

WANTED

Courtesy Bag Items Requested

It's time to gather items for our courtesy bags... typically 100 is good. Please coordinate with HL Maryann Scott, or bring items to Go-to-Church. Thanks!

WANTED

Grand Court Request

Assistance Grand Sentinels & Assistant Grand Warders to help take the password at the door at the beginning of each session, plus to relieve the Grand Sentinel and Grand Warder.

Contact Dan Douglas or HL Kelly Templeton-Marsh

WANTED

Grand Court Request

Are you looking for a way to help at Grand Court. Assistance Grand Pages are needed to provide assistance to Grand Officers throughout Grand Court Session. Please contact HL Francine Kelsay Cell or Text 541-404-7238

Last Call... Have you turned in your Proficiency Crossword? They will only be accepted through Go-to-Church this Sunday. Extra copies will be available at Quizzly Bingo.

Text Kris @ 541-915-8628 with a pic... Thanks... Kris Aanderud, Grand Lecturer

Upcoming Grand Court Activities

JANUARY 2026

- 31 Quizzy Bingo – West Salem Lodge
11:30am. \$20 includes lunch and games

FEBRUARY 2026

- 1 Group meetings – 9am
Go-to-Church – 11am
Lunch followed by Grand Court Opening
Practice (approximately 1pm) – all at Salem
Scottish Rite
- 28 GWA Reception – Wilsonville Shrine Center
4:30pm. – See flyer

GRAND COURT DEADLINES

- 1 Grand Court Program Book Ads DUE
18 Hotel Salem Reservations DUE for discount
20 All Grand Officer/Committee Chair Reports DUE
27 Grand Court Meals Reservations DUE
27 Penguin Banquet Reservation DUE
... *Get your Registration and Grand Court Directory
and Proceedings Order in as soon as possible.*

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Feb 20 Grand Court Reports Due

HL Marilyn Young is this year's Addresses & Distribution Chair. ALL Grand Court reports from Grand Officers and Grand Court Committee Chairs are due NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20.

Reports can also be handed to HL Sue Mills, Grand Secretary, at Go-to-Church on February 1. Electronic copies can be sent to MarilynnKYoung@msn.com

Please be prompt in getting all your reports in so that HL Marilyn can prepare the books needed by Jurisprudence, the Grand Secretary and the Supreme Royal Matron (or her representative).

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.

There will be two (2) March OA Newsletters. The last 2025-2026 March Edition will come out Feb 27. The first 2026-2027 March Edition will come out immediately following Grand Court. This edition will highlight new officers, Committee assignments, and highlight announcements from our new GRM.

NOTE... Deadline to submit info for the first newsletter is **Monday, Feb 23**. Deadline for the 2nd newsletter is Wed, March 11.

Please send info to be included to either Newsletter to:

OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com

Thanks. HL Kris, Editor



Looking for a new pair of gloves???

The ggers have gloves for sale and they will be available at Go-to-Church and at Grand Court. Please see HL Teri Lynne Douglas.

From the Grand Associate Matron & Grand Associate Patron

Notes from the Trail

As we wonder the Oregon Trail, we are nearing the final days to Chart a New Course with GRM Nancy and GRP Alan. It has been a fun journey, and we look forward to your Grand Court session. Thank you to all who have welcomed us as we traveled this year, preparing for our year of leadership to come. We hope everyone plans to attend Oregon Grand Court and we hope you will stop by West to say 'howdy!'

HL Marlee and SK Ed

From the Grand Conductress

Hello Oregon Amaranth!

How can we already be into 2026 and almost into February? The time is quickly flying as we venture closer to Grand Court in March. Are you registered to attend yet? I sure hope to see you there and look forward to visiting with so many of you during the event

2026 is the year of the Fire Horse which is associated with freedom, speed, bold action, and breakthrough. Fire Horse years are widely seen as a time to break out of comfort zones and pursue long-held ambitions with "fire-like" intensity. 2026 is also an auspicious year in numerology signifying new beginnings and leadership.

How timely for Fire Horse premonitions as we move towards elections within our local Courts as well as within our Grand Court. Our organization needs new leaders to step in and step up to these leadership roles and help our organization continue to prosper and work towards finding a cure for Diabetes. Who's ready to be bold, break out of their comfort zone, and help make a difference with your talents and skills?

Even more important, how many of our seasoned leaders are ready to take on a mentorship role and help guide and support new leaders to their best potential? We know some have held offices for a very long time and we are so fortunate to have each of you willing to continue your contributions to our cause. Sharing your knowledge helps assure that we have others that also know what to do when called upon to lead and also helps us carry on our Court and State traditions. Share what you know and help others find their fire and passion to lead!



To each of you, may 2026 be a year to be bold and adventurous!
HL Sherilynn

The drawing for this beautiful original oil painting will be at Go-to-Church. Be sure to buy your tickets!

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



... from the Leadership Training Committee

February 2026



Dear Flame Keepers,

The 2025-2026 year is almost over and as we close this year we need to look forward to the next when we choose our leaders for Grand Court.

A good leader sets and achieves goals, they encourage others to help achieve those goals, they communicate consistently with all members, they build trust thru the reliability of getting tasks completed, they foster a positive atmosphere so that others will want to become an active member of Grand Court and, most of all, they practice random acts of kindness.

The Order of the Amaranth is a social and philanthropic organization. Along with raising money it is very important to include fun activities which will bind us together as friends and family. As our Junior Past Supreme Royal Matron said, "Plan the work, then work the plan". Only when we work together will we be successful in achieving our goals in raising money for Diabetes Research and having fun along the way.

Here are a few reminders before attending our Grand Court Session.

1. Be sure to have your dues card with you to show to the Sentinel and Warder. You will also give the grip and password to them before entering the Court Room. Don't have your dues card? See you Court Secretary. Don't remember the password? Ask your Royal Matron.
2. If you wish to present a motion, you will need to stand, salute and then say "Grand Royal Matron, I move to...". NEVER, EVER say "I make a motion to...".
3. If your motion is lengthy, be sure to write it out and hand a copy to the Grand Royal Matron and the Grand Secretary ahead of time if possible.
4. There will be a School of Instruction Sunday morning. Bring something to write with and even your Ritual. It may come in handy!

Remember to show kindness to not only our visitors but also to each other because we are friends and family. Enjoy this 98th Annual Session of our Grand Court of Oregon.

Many hugs to all, HL Naomi Burke and the Leadership Training Committee

... Ritual Review



HLs and SKs,

Thanks to all those who returned the Proficiency crossword. I had several members say it was a fun challenge. I will take crosswords through Go-to-Church... this coming Sunday.

I have had a couple people ask where they can find information about elections, which will be in February for most Courts. Elections are not covered in our Ritual. Please refer to the Manual of Procedures, Chapter 7, Nominations and Elections.

Grand Court reminders... There will be a practice for Opening after lunch at Go-to-Church. If you are a Grand Officer, your attendance is appreciated. If you are unable to attend, please let me know.

1. On Ritual page 243, the Opening Charges begin! The first paragraph in this section instructs **ALL GRAND OFFICERS to follow the protocol in item #2 below!** This part of the Ritual is written differently than what you are used to at your regular Court meetings.
2. When you address the Grand Royal Matron, remember "**S³**": Stand, Salute and Speak (Say) "Grand Royal Matron". Don't forget... if the Wreath is placed on the Bible use the Secret Sign of Salutation. If the Wreath is to the side of the Bible, we are at rest and the Public Sign of Salutation is used. This includes during Formal Opening when we give a response on our duties.
3. When entering or leaving the Grand Court while it is in session, proceed to and stand directly behind the Square, in line with the Altar and the Throne and then Salute the Throne with the Secret Sign. Even if the GRM doesn't nod to you, you may be seated or leave as the case may be.
4. Honored Ladies should wear white if they are going to participate in the Memorial Ceremony during the Friday afternoon session. Sir Knights are asked to wear black vest with their tuxedos.

Please, keep reading your Ritual... practice makes us all better! *HL Kris Aanderud, Grand Lecturer*

Join us tomorrow for our next Quizzy Bingo!

QUIZZY BINGO
TRIVIA LUNCH
80s-90s Trivia!

Entry Fee
\$20

SAT
1/31
@11:30PM

Salem Masonic Lodge
1625 Brush College Road NW

Taco Bar, Beverages, and FUN!

- RSVP to:
- Sherilynn @ 503-969-9541
or Mobley@Mac.com

Entry Fee includes Lunch!

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GO TO CHURCH

HLs and SKs ~ I apologize for the tardiness of this information.

Please join the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron for the annual Go to Church.

When: Sunday ~ Feb 1, 2026

Where: Salem Scottish Rite Center
4090 SE Commercial St., Salem OR

9:00 Grand Line Officers meeting

10:00 Line Officer Group meetings

11:00 Church Service



12:00 Lunch

1:00 Grand Court Opening Practice



Swiss steak with trimmings
will be offered for Lunch ~ \$18.00

Please make your reservation ASAP

HL Wendy Bednarik 503-936-7720

SuZahn Barclay 503-867-3102



There will also be the annual pre-owned dress sale!



Duties and Opportunities...

Thoughts from a Secretary

In my role as Secretary of Willamette Court, annually I send out dues notices. This is a duty of each Subordinate Court Secretary, but for me, this is also an opportunity to connect with some of our members who have not attended Court for some time. This year I connected with several HLs and SKs that I had not talked with for ages, and some I have never met!

I was delighted to touch base with HL Robin Gilbert... we had lost contact... she lives in Grants Pass and it's difficult to make the 2+ hour trek to Court meeting. But in our visit I learned so much about her and her husband, and their recent activities. Robin's husband Greg was installed as Potentate of Hillah Shriners in early January! That was news to me, and I try to follow Hillah Shrine. Then I learned that Robin herself is preparing to be



Greg & HL Robin Gilbert

installed as Queen of Zulema Temple, Daughters of the Nile on March 28. WOW! That was a double wham and I am so thrilled to share that our Amaranth Court has another Royalty amongst our midst!

I hope Illustrious Sir Greg Gilbert will be able to join us for our Masonic family celebration on Thursday evening of Grand Court, and he would bring Hillah's First Lady, HL Robin. I hope that everyone will greet and welcome them at Grand Court. It has been several years since we have had representatives from Hillah Shrine and Zulema Nile and it would be so nice to have them join us again!

I asked Robin if there was anything I could do to assist her, and she shared her First Lady's project. She is having a purse raffle with 7 designer bags. Scan the QR code on her flyer for more info. HL Robin hopes to raise \$5,000 to benefit the Shriners Children's Hospital in Portland to help with patient family lodging.



I also had the chance to visit with HL Teri Rollman, PGRM, and Charity for Willamette Court. HL Teri has been unable to attend several of our Court meetings because of travel commitments and work she is doing for Nydia Temple, Daughters of the Nile. HL Teri is Princess Royal for Nydia Nile, which means next year, she will Queen, like HL Robin. Oregon is so fortunate to have two Nile Temples and Willamette Court will have both Queens as members! Southern Royalty... Northern Royalty... Quite remarkable!

Installation for Nydia Nile is on Sunday March 22 at 2PM at Al Kader Shrine Center in Wilsonville. There will be a social reception following. HL Teri said that she is hoping that current Supreme Queen, Kathy Walliker, will be able to attend, if her travel schedule permits.



HL Teri Rollman, Princess Royal

The incoming Supreme Queen in June is Kathy Rafter from Vancouver, BC. Her local Queen's association is "Kathy's Celtic Treasures" of which Teri and Robin are members. Teri's theme for the next year is 'Treasurers, Traditions and Transitions,' all of which are important to strengthen and grow both Daughters of the Nile and the Order of Amaranth.

All members of our Oregon Masonic Family are invited to attend the installation, and for those traveling home from Washington Grand Court... it's a stop along the way on I-5. Please support HL Teri as she takes on another leadership role within our Masonic family.



Kathy Walliker, Supreme Queen

★ 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



In an effort to make check-in day of the Reception smoother, please forward payment in advance of the deadline February 22nd to: Patti Nielsen, 32700 SE Leewood Ln, Unit 3075, Boring OR 97009

THE GRAND ASSEMBLY OF OREGON
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF

TRINITY PORTER
GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR

Saturday, February 28th

4:30pm Doors Open
5:00pm Introductions
5:30pm Dinner
*Lemon Chicken or
Vegetarian Lemon Chicken
Served with
Roasted Potatoes • Orzo Pasta,
Green Salad • Bread*
6:00pm Reception
Dessert Auction

Wilsonville Shrine Center

25100 Parkway Avenue
Wilsonville, Oregon

Silent Auction & Dessert Dash

benefiting
Shriners Children's Hospital
of Portland • Sports Medicine

Dinner cost: \$17 per person
Please RSVP to Patti Nielsen
by February 22nd | hlpatti320@gmail.com

Assemblies are requested to contribute:
→ An item or basket for the silent auction
→ A dessert for the dessert dash

An evening of celebration awaits.
Semi-formal dance to follow.

On the Road with Oregon Amaranth....

Jan 17 - Wendy's Deerhearts Bunco
Wendy's Deerhearts hosted another Bunco party, which was well attended. Fun was had by all!



**JANUARY
BUNCO**

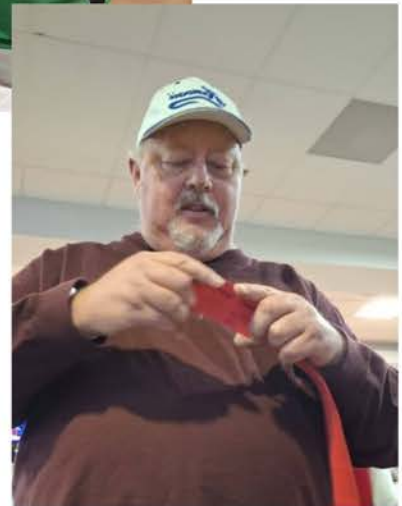


**JANUARY 17, 2026
5 PM**
ELMER'S
10001 NE SANDY BLVD., PORTLAND
FEE \$10.00
WITH PRIZES
HOST: WENDY'S DEERHEARTS
RSVP: KATHIE 503-314-8606



Jan 24 - Bowl-Down-Diabetes Tournament

Led by HL Charlene Tucker, 80 bowlers joined together to raise funds for Diabetes Research. This year was another very successful event. Special thanks to HL Mary Wyatt, PSRM & Supreme Treasurer, who has joined one of the teams and again attended this annual event! She also stayed for the joint Grand Court / Grand Chapter Youth Scholarship Dinner and Auction the next day.





Jan 25 - Youth Scholarship Dinner and Auction

Once again Grand Court joined with the members of Grand Chapter to host a dinner, auction, 50/50 raffle and dessert dash to benefit the youth scholarship funds of both organizations. Special kudos to co-chairs HL Jenni DePee (for Amaranth) and HL Marilyn Young (for Eastern Star), for the amazing job they did. The room was packed, the food was good and the conversations went on and on. It's great to have this kind of event with our Sisters and Brothers of Eastern Star. Representatives from all 3 youth groups were present, as well as Eastern Star PAVE program representatives with a PAVE pup.



Are you Ducked Out yet? Now is the time to get your Rubber Ducky/Duckies for the Ducky Flight Fight to benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and the Royal Jubilees. Launch day is in March at DJR in Salem, before Grand Court. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this fun event!

Rubber Ducky Flight Fight

We're Back! 2nd Annual
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 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

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 GC Fund

Lame Duck Award will be a ducky surprise!

COLONIAL COURT AMARANTH CLOTHING "SWAG"

Email selections to: 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.

Next order goal is available in May!



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 2 or 3XL)

(add \$6 for 4XL+)

\$50



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 - Sizes XS-4XL

(add \$3 for 2 or 3XL)

(add \$6 for 4XL+)

\$35



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 2 or 3XL)

(add \$6 for 4XL+)

\$40



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 2 or 3XL)

(add \$6 for 4XL+)

\$45



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 2 or 3XL)

(add \$6 for 4XL+)

\$35



Port Authority Women's Concept Cardigans

LM1008 Stretch Button-Front

(cotton/modal/spandex)

XS-4XL Colors: Black, Navy, Grey

\$45

(add \$3 for 2 or 3XL)

(add \$6 for 4XL+)



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 1st for arrival before December.



Arago Court #31 Fundraiser

North Bend, Oregon

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



Front



Front



Back

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



Back

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)



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