



Oregon Amaranth News

2022-2023 Newsletter Grand Court of Oregon February 3, 2023

HL Judy Jones, GRM

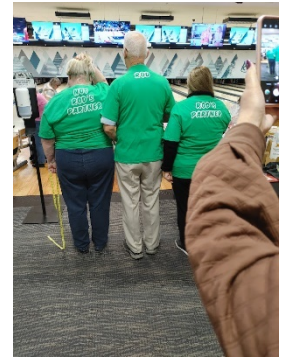
SK Alan Kelsay, GRP

Well, the Bowl Down Diabetes bowling tournament, held on January 28th, was a HUGE success!! HL Charlene did an amazing job this year securing an all-time high in participating teams with 52 teams, 104 bowlers!



We were honored with a Surprise bowler; HL Mary Wyatt Jr PSRM came all the way from Texas to bowl with SK Rod, with special shirts and all! What a treat it was to have HL Mary join us.

\$6000.00 was raised for Diabetes this year, WOO-HOO!!



Grand Court is just around the corner whether we are ready or not...the culmination of the year will come to fruition in just a few short weeks... But first, I hope many will join us at our traditional Go-to-Church Sunday, February 12th in Eugene at Eugene Lodge. I am confident that Willamette Court will outdo themselves with a wonderful lunch. It will be a busy day; beginning with group meetings at 10:00am, church service at 11:00am, lunch at noon, followed by Grand Court practice for All Grand Officers at 1:00. Please read through your ritual so that practice can move along smoothly.

Don't forget to be thinking of auction items for the Friday Night Banquet, HL Wendy Bednarik and HL Ellen Onstad would be happy to take your items, see attached flyer for more details.

Please note all the various deadlines coming up;

- the room reservation deadline has been extended to Feb 12th*
- all reports are due to HL Anne by Feb 15th*
- pre-registration is due to HL Lohree by Feb 19th*
- meals are due to HL Charlene by Feb 20th*

Below is a check list of things to take for Grand Court, please read it through and ask questions if necessary...

Grand Court is near - below are some reminders for all. Please inquire if you have any additional questions. We are looking forward our "A Stitch in Time" Session of Oregon Grand Court

1. Packing List:

- a. Remember your 2023 Dues Card!*
- b. Name badge wallets - please bring them if you have one.*
- c. HL's - bring your gloves. Please wear full-fingered white gloves for Necrology and Memorial on Friday.*
- d. Royal Matrons - bring your crown. If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to fill in your position for the Necrology Ceremony. And remember I have asked the Royal Matrons to wear a white train for Necrology this year. Your pink RM gown for all other sessions (unless a Grand Officer).*
- e. Royal Patrons - bring your sword. You will need your sword for the Necrology Ceremony and the floral arch for the retiring march of the Grand Officers following the Uncrowning Ceremony. Royal Blue vests for regular sessions (unless a Grand Officer).*

2. Before Opening on Thursday afternoon:

- a. Register first - HL Lohree Kottke, Registration Chairman and her team will be eager to register all. Times that Registration is open are listed below.*
- b. If entitled to vote - please see the Credentials Committee.*
 - i. Sign your ballots and your voting card.*
 - ii. Remember to bring your "Voting Card" to all Friday and Saturday sessions. You will need your ballot on Saturday for elections.*
- c. Be on time for all Grand Court practices - listed below.*

3. Grand Court meetings:

- a. Upon entering the Grand Court room, show your dues card, give the grip and password to the Grand Sentinel and Grand Warder.*
- b. Leaving the Grand Court room while in session - be sure to take your dues card to re-enter the Grand Court room.*
- c. When entering or leaving the Grand Court room march one step West of the Square, salute with the Secret Sign of Salutation, then march to the door or be seated. Items may be carried with you, keeping your left arm free.*

- d. *If you wish to speak - advance to a microphone - salute - pause to be recognized by the presiding officer, then state your name and court then say, "I move that...." "Or I move to....". Please do not state "I make a motion....". You should be prepared to provide the motion or amendment to a motion, written out for the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Secretary before you stand to be recognized.*
- e. *Remember our watch words for this year; Be Patient, Be Kind--kindness to all in session and out of session. We can all work towards a more unified Grand Court if we are kind.*

The hotel has a breakfast buffet available in the restaurant to get your day started if you choose.



In Amaranth Love and Service,

*HL Judy Jones
Grand Royal Matron*

We're looking for some help at Grand Court and would love to have you as one of our Pages.



We would so appreciate your time.

Not only will you be providing a service to our Order, but you'll also be gifted a fabulous, custom-made apron as a keepsake.

Please contact HL Rebecca Nance by text at 503-317-9969
or email brindle_gal@yahoo.com

Upcoming Grand Court Activities

February 2023

- 12 10am GAC/GC Dress Sale Eugene Lodge
 11am Go To Church Eugene Lodge
 Noon – Soup & Salad Luncheon
 1pm Grand Court Practice
- 25 2023-24 School of Instruction - Cherry Court
 26 Sip & Paint Acacia Court

March 2023

- 3 Dogwood Court #3 Supreme OV, British Columbia
 8-11 Oregon Grand Court – Valley River Inn
 16-18 Washington Grand Court – Olympia, WA



ABCs in Oregon Amaranth

Anniversaries, Birthdays and Cheer/Celebrations

February Anniversaries

- HL Kim & Ed Singh
- HL Gail & SK Marshall Rutschman

February Birthdays

- HL's -- Sherrie Bell -- Wendy Bednarick -- Faye DeMartin -- Judy Garrett -- Cori Gavette -- Janet Givens -- Naomi Hansen -- Aisha Henderson -- Barbara Sherman -- Lynda Stone -- Emily Wheelbarger
- SK's -- Don Gay -- Alan Kelsay -- Rod Lippert -- Mike Marshall -- Johnnie Plymale

February Cheer and Celebrations

Congratulations to Oregon Grand Court, HL Charlene Tucker and all 104 bowlers who Bowled Down Diabetes this past weekend, raising \$6,000!

Grand Court Reservations deadline for Valley River Inn has been extended to February 12! Please call the hotel directly at 541-743-1000.

Sweet in our Memory

- **Sharon Armstrong, passed Jan 5.**
May she always remain, sweet in our memory.

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

Anniversary & Birthday Updates - Please help us update our list of celebrations! Email corrections or additions to: OregonAmaranthNews@gmail.com.

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SEPARATE PDF - Oregon Grand Court Info
Gr Ct info can also be found on the website:
[2023 OR Grand Court Info](#)



It's School Time Again!

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Cherry Court

For the 2023 - 2024 year & interested members

8:45 – 9:00: Gather for coffee/tea – muffins - fruit

9:15: School Bell Rings!

General Instructions

Opening

Resess

Escort

12:30 – 1:15: Lunch By Donation

1:30: Afternoon Session

Closing

Memorial

Installation

BRING YOUR RITUAL - be ready to help out!

JEWELS OF OREGON

A BASKET TO HELP SUPPORT CHRISTINA CT. #8, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

TICKETS COST ONLY \$10 EACH, BASKET IS VALUED AT
OVER \$250!

BASKET INCLUDES:

- COLLECTOR'S BOTTLE OF CARROLL SHELBY VODKA, BY GLACIER 45 DISTILLERY, BASED IN BAKER CITY, OR
- COLLECTOR'S BOTTLE OF CARROLL SHELBY BOURBON WHISKEY, BY GLACIER 45 DISTILLERY BASED IN BAKER CITY, OR
- CUCUMBER & GRAPEFRUIT GIN BY WILD ROOTS, DISTILLED IN SISTERS, OR
- OREGON OAKED BOURBON BY BURNSIDE WHISKEY, BASED IN PORTLAND, OR
- HUCKLEBERRY VODKA BY GLACIER 45 DISTILLERY, BASED IN BAKER CITY, OR
- MUGS WITH THE ICONIC PENDLETON WOOLEN MILL PATTERNS
- GORGEOUS SILVER ROSE BRACELET, REPRESENTING PORTLAND, THE CITY OF ROSES
- AND MORE!

TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN ON MARCH 3, 2023 – OR WHEN TICKETS
RUN OUT.



**Group Meetings for
Royal Matrons / Royal Patrons, Assoc Matrons / Patrons
Conductresses and Associate Conductresses**

**Please plan to attend your group meetings to build friendships
and plan for Grand Court and the year to come!!**

**Sunday, February 12, 2023
10am
Eugene Lodge 11**

**2023 Go-To-Church
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Willamette Court's home – Eugene Lodge #11**



The Rosebuds are pleased to host the annual Oregon Grand Court Go-to-Church, Sunday, February 12, 2023.

The church service will begin at 11:00 am with HL Anne Beaton, Grand Prelate, offering the message. Line officers groups will be meeting beginning at 10:00am.

Following the church service, Willamette Court will host a luncheon, with donations accepted. The annual practice for Grand Court Opening Session for the 2022-2023 Grand Court Officers will follow lunch.

We hope all members will join us for the Go-to-Church Service and luncheon and that if you are involved with the line officer groups and/or are serving as a Grand Officer, you will plan to attend as appropriate. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**Willamette Court presents a
Soup & Salad Luncheon**

Chicken Tortilla Soup * Split Pea with Ham Soup * Chicken Veggie Soup
Fresh baked sourdough bread
Green Salad Bar with all the fixings
A variety of desserts will also be offered
Coffee, tea and bottled water with flavor packets
Donations appreciated - Suggested donation \$7

Repeats... Repeats... Repeats... Repeats... Repeats... Repeats...

There has been a request to include some of the on-going or future project flyers. These have been included from previous monthly newsletters or a OAN Update.

**IT'S TIME FOR OUR
GRAND COURT PRACTICE
TO PREPARE FOR OUR
GRAND COURT SESSION!!!**

WHEN: FEBRUARY 12, 2023

WHERE: WILLAMETTE COURT IN EUGENE

TIME: 1:00 PM

WHO: ALL 2022-23 GRAND FLOOR OFFICERS

WHAT TO BRING: YOUR RITUAL

WHAT TO DO BEFORE FEBRUARY 12?

**STUDY YOUR RITUAL! REFER TO THE
FOLLOWING PAGES: INFORMAL OPENING:
PAGES 235-243 FORMAL OPENING: PAGES
243-249**

You should try to memorize your charge!

MEMORIAL: PAGES 254-261

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND
THIS PRACTICE, PLEASE LET THE
GRAND LECTURER KNOW!**

THANK YOU!



**Looking forward to seeing you on
February 12, 2023!**

Hugs, Naomi

**‘Dressy Dress’ Re-Sale!
Retail Therapy Event Scheduled**

Have you found your closets bulging at the seams?

Do you want a new dress to wear to Grand Court 2023?



Then visit the Dressy Dress Boutique at Eugene Lodge on Sunday, February 12 (yep... same day as the Go-To-Church!). The Boutique will open at 9am and will be open throughout the day offering quality clothing, gloves, and shoes for the stylish Amaranth member.

Please take a few minutes to go through your own bulging closets to jump-start your spring cleaning and pull out those formals that you no longer wear regularly and make a donation to the Rosebuds and Queenagers Dressy Dress Re-Sale. You can get your contributions to your Court’s Associate Conductress, Conductress or bring it with you to Go-To-Church in Eugene.

We look forward to serving you! For more information, contact Nancy Rose or K Lee Horn.

From our Grand Lecturer...

2022-2023 PROFICIENCY TEST

Name: _____

Court: _____

1. What page is the glossary found on? _____
How do we pronounce Amaranthine? _____
2. T or F: A Subordinate Court has a Fraternal Correspondent. _____
3. T or F: The staffs of the ME & MW are placed on the right side of the chair and on a line in back of the chair. _____
4. T or F: At the opening of the Court, the Standard of the Order is at the Standard Bearer's station. _____
5. When called upon by the Presiding Officer, the Officer will _____, _____ and _____.
6. T or F: After Court is open, Officers will salute the RM with the Public Sign of Salutation. _____
7. T or F: After depositing their banner, the Ladies of the Square and the Standard Bearer will side step into their station. _____
8. During the saluting of the Flag, when does everyone turn and face the Flag?

9. How far West does the C & AC and Prelate march before turning when attending the Altar? _____
10. After the Lord's Prayer, when do the Ladies of the Square face East?

11. During Escort, can the RM skip categories of those not present? _____
12. In May, who has the responsibility of placing the Altar Drape in its position before the Opening of Court and where is it place? _____
13. T or F: After Balloting, the floor Officers march directly North or South. _____
14. When receiving the annual password, who leads the line of March? _____
15. Explain how the Jewel is carried during the Jewel March.
North: _____
South: _____

16. As the C & AC attend the Altar, when do the Ladies of the Square turn toward the Altar? _____
17. When entering or leaving a Court while it is in session, where does the Member give the Secret Sign of Salutation? _____
18. When do the ME & MW change their staffs during the entrance march during opening? _____
19. During the Jewel March and after depositing their jewels, do the ST B & ME march back to their stations simultaneously? Yes or No: _____
20. Does the ME say the Pledge of Allegiance & sing the Star Spangled Banner? Yes or No: _____
21. Who leads the Jewel March? _____
22. When does the RM dismiss the Court? _____
23. T or F: During Advance Night, the advancing officers do not have to perform Initiation. _____
24. What cardinal virtues does the Sword represent? _____

25. Yes or No: Are you glad this is the last question? _____

Extra Credit:

Did you learn something about our Ritual after completing this test?

If so, what? _____

If not, why not? _____

Thank you for taking this “little” test...The questions were based on Ritualistic work that has been performed correctly....or not correctly. Please turn this in to your Secretary and have them send the tests to me or give them to me at Go-to-Church... Yes, you can take this test as a Court. Writing down the page numbers where you found the answers will help you learn the Ritual a little better!

GOOD LUCK! Please return all tests by February 12, 2023 to
 HL Naomi Burke
 12000 SE 71st Ave Milwaukie, OR 97222-2038



ACACIA COURT
MUFFIN OF THE MONTH
CLUB

Acacia Court is continuing the Muffin of the Month Club!!!!
Get your orders in for February!

Feb 10: Strawberry Chocolate Chip (order by 7th)
Mar 24: Lemon Poppyseed (order by the 21st)

Cost for muffins is \$6 for six or \$10 for twelve or for the best deal join the club by pre-paying at \$5 for six (\$40) or \$8 for twelve (\$64) for all 8 months.

To order you can get in touch with any Acacia Court member, or call or text HL Maryann at 503-608-2796. Please order by the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Muffin pick up will be the 2nd Friday of each month at Tuality Lodge in Hillsboro or arrange for pick up from any of our members.

ACACIA COURT
BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

Acacia Court invites you to their next "Breakfast for Dinner" events. Plan to visit Acacia Court during the fall and enjoy their fine cooking and fantastic friendships!

Feb 10: Eggs Benedict casserole
March 24: Cottage potatoes, sausage & eggs

Breakfast will be served from 5:30pm-7:00pm, cost will be by donation. Their meeting begins at 7:30pm and we'd love to have you join us.

All breakfasts for dinner will include:
Coffee, tea, milk, juice and fruit!

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available at GO TO CHURCH, and at GRAND COURT 2023. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available from HL Rebecca Nance or SK Jeff Rollman.



The pink hummingbird quilt will benefit Diabetes Research

The blue block quilt Will benefit Youth Scholarship



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