

Amaranth Newsletter

August 2010

A Note from the Grand Royal Matron

Summer is here and we have not slowed down a bit! June began with three wonderful Official Visits and all I can say is that I am overwhelmed by the love and support of our members. I am truly blessed to be a part of such an organization and know that if it was not for each of you, our Order would not be what it is today. We probably are the best kept secret in the Masonic Family.

As change is inevitable in life, we as an organization are experiencing some changes this year, with a few to continue into next year. This year's major change is a new Grand Secretary. HL Nadine comes to the position with many years of professional experience that will soon make her a great asset to our Grand Court. I have asked her to focus on the duties of the Grand Secretary as described in the Supreme Constitution and the Grand Court By-Laws. I ask that the members be patient as she gets all the paraphernalia of the Grand Secretary's office moved to her and gets caught up on the job you all elected her to do. After all, it has been five years since the last move and we tend to forget what that first year was like when HL Bonnie was trying to learn the new job and get settled in.

To help the Grand Secretary, I recruited three sunshine chairmen to deal with the many emails concerning sickness and distress of our members, and hope that they will also be able to share lots of sunshine and good news. HL's Heidi Hubbard, Esther Auld and Chris Bippes have agreed to help keep everyone informed. If you or a family member wish to ask for prayers, or have good news you wish to share with the members of the Amaranth in WA, please let one of these HL's know.

I hope to see as many of our members out at the many activities coming up this fall. Official Visits continue with Canal Court on August 21, then in September, Grays Harbor on the 2nd, Golden Light on the 17th, Bellevue the 21st and Lakewood on the 25th. Additionally, on September 12, we will be honoring the Grand Associate Matron and Grand Associate Patron, HL Linda and SK Darrell. Please come out to show your support for these two hardworking members of our Order and our future leaders!

HL Lorie Jounson

An “Illuminating Message from the Grand Royal Patron

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It seems to be moving at lightening speed. Our summer official activities continue with another Official Visit at Canal where I hope to be installing Deputy Supreme Officers.

Speaking of Supreme: It was quite an adventure to attend my first Supreme Council Session. I was able to meet and get to know GRPs & GRMs from many of the states and from around the world. It looks as though we are getting closer to adding a couple of new jurisdictions to the list, including Brazil. I appreciate the hard work that the Deputy Supremes assigned to those areas will be doing this year.

Meeting my Supreme “Mom & Dad” made them more personal and I am looking forward to their joining us for our Centennial Celebration of our Grand Court in March. There were quite a few members from the Northwest in Milwaukee, so it was nice to have so many friends and friendly faces around every corner. In all it was quite a learning experience and we all had a good time in spite of the many “last minute alterations” to travel arrangements. (don’t you just love flying??)

I look forward to seeing as many as can attend at the Scholarship Auction in Thorpe and the Grand Court Picnic. Regrettably I have to work the day of the Golf Tournament so I won’t be “puttering a round” with you. However, I am sure you will all have great time and that the 19th hole festivities will be a great topper to the day.

I would like to remind the Sir Knights that I consider it our duty to make sure that all ladies have an escort to and from our events. They should never feel alone or unprotected. (Keep a flashlight handy and “light the way for them”.) I am looking forward to many good times with you all as the year progresses. One of my favorite entertainers, Jackie Gleason used to close his variety show with the following and I am passing the same heartfelt wish for joy and happiness on to you:

“until that time my friends, until that time...”

SK Mac McGilvery

SOMETHING OLD/SOMETHING NEW by Linda Millo

A Ways and Means Update: We have turned in about \$700 in earnings for Grand Court Ways and Means from April 1st to date – calendars, name badges, recycle bags, badge holders, and our two on-line shopping donor sites. Thanks to all of you for participating by purchasing those items that are useful to you. Order forms/instructions are located on the web site or through Linda Millo and Darrel Smith.

GRAND OFFICERS: I have been asked for name badges by several Grand Officers who did not get them at Installation last March. It seems that the box of badges did not come back from Pasco with anyone. If you ordered and did not receive your name badge, please let me know and I will replace it for you. Please include your office as well. Linda Millo, GAM Phone: 425 743-1067 e-mail: millo2@aol.com

We are coming up on our fundraising events now – the golf tournament is probably just over by the time this issue is in your hands. Thank you, HL Kären Ekrem and the Alderbrook Golf Course, for your wonderful support in organizing and hosting this event. I don't think we have a good understanding of all the fees the golf course waives for us, and all they donate to support our cause. We are truly blessed by their support. While we know you love golf, HL Kären, you must truly love Amaranth as well, considering all you do to create this event for us and be sure we all have a great time – prizes, equipment, new friends and all. From my heart, THANK YOU!

Something OLD.... September 24th and 25th will see the first of our garage sales. HL Freda Plunkett is heading up this effort and is looking for our help – donations are being collected in the Plunkett's garage – (thanks, SK Roy!), and helpers are being scheduled. Call HL Freda to volunteer or to donate items. The sale will be held at Corinthian Lodge in Puyallup. What a great way to have the community connect with us and participate in supporting Amaranth!

Something NEW.... Down the road in February, the fifth to be exact, we will be hosting “*Treasures in Your Closet,*” a luncheon and fashion show and sale. We are collecting gently used items – especially that oh-so-cute-in-the-store-but-not-so-much-at-home outfit; that pair of shoes that never did stretch to get comfortable; or that special dress (or jacket) that didn't fit quite so well once you got it home and that has been hanging out in the closet ever since, waiting for,, or This event will be held at West Gate Masonic Hall and is open to everyone who wants to spend an afternoon with friends and do some very special shopping. Bring your friends, including our youth group members and parents – they may be delighted to find some very special apparel and new Amaranth

Picnic at the Point aka "The Grand Court Picnic"

It was a marvelously sunny day for the Grand Court Picnic at the Point. The Light keepers prepared the park with luau and patriotic decorations. Preparations were made for lunch serving hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the side dishes brought by the members. We had a great assortment and it was enjoyed by all and the count of members and friends present were over 60 people.

There was a "cook-off" for the members for their best potato salad. There were 5 different varieties. The picnickers tasted, voted and the winner was Barbara Mellon for Best Overall. Sue Gibbs took most traditional and Richard Moulden took both most non traditional and most unusual. (Green Beans in Potato Salad are unusual!!) If you would like the recipes you'll have to contact them. The award was \$10 and some kitchen towels. The others each received kitchen towels.

At 2:30 the Light keepers presented a skit to reveal the choice of Grand Conductress H.L. Diana Esterly. It consisted of 6 of the Sir Knights. The participants were: S.K. Rex Reardon, Golden Light Court, S.K. Dave Hubbard, Lakewood Court, S.K. Bill Mellon, Halcyon Court, S.K. Jack Hutchins, Bremerton Court, S.K. Michael Patton, Lakewood Court, and S.K. Dave McCroskey, Richmond Court. The "Candidates" were in "boats" at one side of the park and were directed to do their best to "sail" to the Lighthouse at the other side where H.L. Diana awaited next to an 8' high lighthouse. The Light keepers sent the hopefuls on their way. A water gun battle ensued with not only the participants getting damp but a few of the onlookers too. The Light keepers then sang a version of Sailing, Sailing and at the end H.L. Diana was directed to dub their "Dad" **S.K. Michael Patton of Lakewood Court is the choice of H.L. Diana Esterly** to continue with her on the journey to the Throne. It is their intent to continue to move our Order forward and in the process have a lot of fun and excitement. After the announcement the afternoon festivities wound down around 4:30pm with all in attendance having a wonderful day.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who attended to make the day a success. Of special note was the presence of H.L. Kerri Stutt, GC of BC and her boyfriend Aaron. H.L. Kathy Stutt and H.L. Sherri Gilley, both Grand Commissioners, who also made the trip down from BC. A couple of extra thank you to Dave, Heidi and Matt Hubbard and their neighbor Diana for transportation of equipment, Donna Hoffman and her son Greg for making and designing the boats, Bruce Hopkins, Ethel Rathbone, Chuck and Arlene Craig for designing and making the 8' Lighthouse. Thank you to H.L. Arlene for being in charge of the donations for the lunch and making sure all those present received their leis. Thanks to H.L. Tamaria Morrison for her huge assistance with the food prior to the picnic and to Michael and Dave for their grill expertise. Thank you also to those who helped in any way with the setting up, serving, cooking, and cleanup. You are the best. Most of all Thank You to S.K. Michael for agreeing to go on this adventure and for all your support and assistance with the picnic's success.

Submitted by H.L. Diana Esterly, Grand Conductress, Chairman



Upcoming Events

You are invited
To the Breakfast Brunch Reception
For
Grand Associate Matron, HL Linda Millo
&
Grand Associate Patron, SK Darrel Smith

Sunday, September 12, 2010
Social Hour Noon, Brunch at 1:00PM
At

The La Quinta Inn
1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma

Cost \$25.00

Send Reservations by September 1, 2010 to:

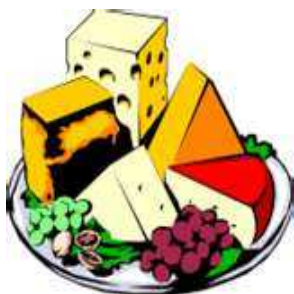
Sally Dale

142 Northeast 166th Street

Shoreline, WA 98155

Dress: Church Clothes

Sponsored by Halcyon and Richmond Court



Diabetes Research Benefit

November 13, 2010

@ Emerald Downs in Auburn WA

Reservations are \$50.00 per person by September 30
Reservations are \$60.00 per person after September 30

Please send your dinner reservations to:

Carolyn Barnett

1824 4th Pl NE

Auburn, WA 98002-5121

Diabetes_auction_dinner@hbbse.com

If you have donations please contact Michelle Chaney @
253-670-5976

Or if you have a cash donation please send to Carolyn Barnett
at the address above.

Here is a list of some of the auction items

1. A Chef's Table Cooking Lesson for 6 people. Class will be taught by SK Bruce Hopkins with several goodies for each person.
2. Hotel 1000 — 2 hrs virtual golf for 4 and \$100 food and alcohol credit
3. A Quilt Class taught by Joy Peters and a friend
4. Hoodspout Winery Tasting for 10
5. School of Acrobatics 2 hour Trapeze class
6. One dress to be made by Heather Gregory
7. Handcrafted Christmas Basket

Court News

Golden Light Court #84

September 17: Is our Official Visit, we will be having a Margarita Party. Dinner is at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. The theme is Mexican and dinner will be by donation.

November 20: Holiday Bazaar. We will be doing our holiday bazaar from 10 am to 4pm at the King Solomon Temple in Auburn. We are still looking for vendors, please contact Tonia Alderman if you wish to have a table at the bazaar.

January 29, 2011: We will be having a Fashion Show & Luncheon at King Solomon Temple in Auburn. More information will be coming out.

Lakewood Court # 70

Is off to a good start for 2010-2011! Our installation was held on May 15, 2010 and it was just beautiful. Two of our line officers have never been through the line before – our Associate Matron, Mickey (Maxine) Young, and our Conductress, Lynne Young! Yes, they are related – they are mother (Mickey) and daughter (Lynne – by process of elimination!). We also have 3 of the 4 Ladies of the Square who are first time office holders in Amaranth: Barbara Hesner - Truth, Lindsey Young – Faith, and Shannon Abler – Charity. We are so happy to have them active and participating in our Court! Mickey, Lynne and Lindsey represent 3 generations of a family in Lakewood Court!

We have a court picnic planned for August at a member's house out on the Peninsula. It is an annual picnic and we always have such fun – now if the weather will just cooperate!

Our Official Visit is planned for September 25, 2010 at 7pm. Please mark your calendars now to join us in honoring our Grand Officers: Michael Patton, Chairman Grand Trustees, Dave Hubbard, Grand Trustee, 3 years, and Mary Lou Jones, Grand Representative to North Carolina.

Lakewood Court # 70 would also like your help in collecting aluminum cans.

Please save your cans and give them to any Lakewood Court member.

Stay tuned for more happenings from Lakewood Court. See you all on the Amaranth trail!

HL Renee Buchanan

Lincoln Court News:

Lincoln Court again will be selling Rum Cakes throughout the year. H L Heather Gregory is chairman again this year. Please place your orders with any Lincoln Court Member. The regular size ones are \$12 each. The personal ones are \$2. You have your choice of yellow and chocolate. These make wonderful gifts for that person difficult to buy for or a delicious addition for the potluck or special meal. Yum!!

This summer we are hosting a Dinner Cruise on Lake Union on August 21st. Cost is \$60 per person. This includes 2 hours on the summer water with a complete dinner which includes beverages. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for the particulars. Prepaid reservations are due **no later** than August 7th. Two time slots available, but the first will need to be filled first. Contact Elaine Hopkins at 253-538-2306 or online for any questions or rsvp.

October 30th we will have our wonderful Salmon Dinner featuring bright chrome salmon. Cost will be \$15. Flyers will go out in the fall.

Have a fabulous summer. Hopefully the sun will peek out once in awhile to make it a great one.

Elaine & Bruce Hopkins, AM & AP
Lincoln Court

Pyramid Court News

Come and enjoy a social and fraternal evening by joining Pyramid Court for their Official Visit on Friday, October 8th at 8 PM in Pyramid Masonic Center, Federal Way. We will be honoring our Grand Officers and there will be a raffle for a beautiful hand made Christmas quilt benefiting the Scholarship fund. An "All "Holidays" theme silent auction will conclude after the meeting.

Bring family and friends and come and enjoy an evening of - who knows what will happen - as our Royal Patron, SK Ron Gosland, hosts "Ron's Bingo Party" at Pyramid Masonic Center on Friday, September 24th at 7:30 PM. Munchies provided....

Family and friends are invited to our traditional Thanksgiving dinner hosted by HL Joan McIntyre on Thursday, November 25th at 2 PM in Pyramid Masonic Center. Turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy will be provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert - and an appetite!

Trinity Court No. 51

Greetings from Trinity Court No. 51, the Court where all the fun is!

We had a very busy summer with our money-making projects; This included working the Spokane Indians Ballpark and the Sprague Lake rest stop area. We meet a lot of nice people and in turn made money for our philanthropic projects.

Now that fall is here, we are still having fun. September 15, 2010 is our annual Friends Night and Hawaiian Night. We invite our counterparts from other Courts to come and wear their favorite Hawaiian clothes and take part in the festive dinner before our stated meeting. We even surprise our counterparts with a little souvenir of their visit. Remember to come as this is always a fun event!

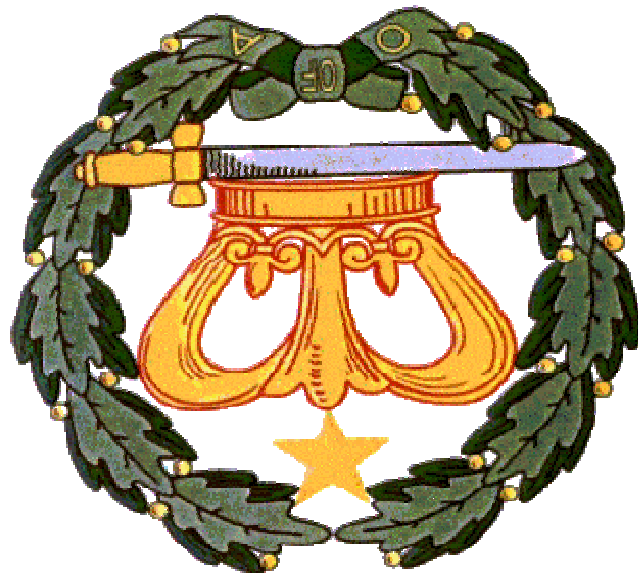
Our Stated Meeting on October 20th will be our AGL inspection. November brings good food, good friends and our Official Visit. We will again share the Official Visit with Jewel of the Valley at the Millwood Masonic Center. November 6, 2010, we will greet our Grand Royal Matron H.L. Lorie Johnson and Grand Royal Patron S.K. Mac McGilverly and their officers. Jewel of the Valley will have their OV at 11:00 am and then lunch will be served following their OV. Trinity Court will have their Official Visit between 2 and 3 pm. Trinity Court will be honoring the following members who are Grand Officers this year: SK John Chamberlin, Grand Commissioner of Appeals 3 years, HL Ada Anderson, Grand Marshal in the West, HL Jean Mix, Grand Representative to Alabama, SK Kyle Nix, Grand Representative to New Jersey, HL Joan Kershner, Grand Representative to Tennessee and HL Chris and SK Dennis Bipes, Assistant Grand Lecturers.

At our December 15, 2010, stated meeting we will celebrate Thanksgiving And Christmas. This is a good time to say thanks for all we have and look Forward to Washington's Grand Court's 101st year. Our theme this year is to give thanks for all our family and friends and this great country we live in and call home! We will also be wearing our favorite holiday attire. So wear your favorite Christmas colors and come and be part of the fun and fellowship of Trinity Court!

Wenatchee Court #11

Attention, anyone coming to Wenatchee's O.V. Please remember that this is also Group Meeting and Wenatchee will be serving their Chicken Noodle dinner for lunch. After lunch we have Wenatchee's O.V.; and then at 5:30p.m. We will have the BBQ at the Alderman Picnic Grounds. Bring whatever meat you want to BBQ, a salad or desert for the potluck table and any alcoholic drink you might want to drink. Also remember to bring a lawn chair to sit on.

Also anyone who chooses to stay over night is welcome to join the golf crew at one of the many courses here in the valley. However, we do need names of prospective golfers so that tee times for the next morning can be arranged ahead of time.



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