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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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**Message from  
Grand Royal Matron  
Nancy Saggio**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, It is with a great deal of please that I address you for the first time as your new Grand Royal Matron. It is an honor to serve Wisconsin Grand Court this year in that capacity. I am very pleased to have Sir Knight Philip Itzenhuiser as a partner.

We are very happy to have a new Grand Family and that everyone is so willing to do the job needed to keep Wisconsin going and growing. Thanks to all who accepted a position this year.

Several events are on the calendar in the near future. On February 26, 2017, at the Racine Lodge, Leadership and The Grand Lecturer's School of Instruction will be held. The Ritualistic Opening and Closing will be done with the cues to do what when taught. Please bring your Rituals so notes can be taken, things underlined or highlighted. A crazy lunch will be served where we will have some laughs and fun. Phil will hold a Tech Time to answer more questions about all those terms none of us understand or know how to use. Again, bring your gadgets you need to learn how to use along. A section on bylaws and protocols we use will be discussed in the afternoon. Have your blue books with you.

March 12<sup>th</sup> at Zor Shrine Bizarre Bazaar, a Mid-Eastern themed party will be held to raise money for Diabetes. Costumes are welcome and encouraged. Games, belly dancers, some very special, and food will be on the agenda. We will shake our tails and dig deep for diabetes! Invite friends and family.

Advance Nights and Official Visits need to be scheduled with me by the Royal Matrons at their convenience. Please see me to do this. The Grand Lecturer, SK LeRoy Kifer, needs to set his dates according to his work schedule. Please check with him for a workable time.

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving, we all have so much to be thankful for, and that your Christmas will be full of all things good! I am looking forward to traveling and sharing our Amaranth love with each of you.

Nancy Saggio  
GRM

**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
LuAnn Hansen**

**"To boldly go where no man has gone before"**. I bet many of you can tell what TV show that is from and who says it. Have you ever thought about doing something for Amaranth that way? To go where Amaranth is not heard about. How do we get the word out that we even exist? Well there is an opportunity to do just that. On **March 4 and 5** Amaranth will have a table at the Kenosha Expo. We can put out any information we have about our organization and about the Amaranth Diabetes Research Foundation. These two days are important for our organization. We need to let people know that we are here and the good that we do. The tables will need to be manned from **9 am – 4 pm on Saturday and from 10 am – 4 pm on Sunday**. Any one that can help just let me know. You would not have to be there the whole time. I will be there both days but would like some company.

I hope to see you in Racine for the leadership and school of instruction. It should be an informative day so please join us.

I still have raffle tickets for the cross stitch picture available. Please purchase the tickets and help Grand Court Ways and Means. **They are \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5.** There are other plans getting put in place to help raise money for Grand Court. Please attend if you can.

I am dreaming of a white Christmas! I know many of you don't wish for one but I really do want one. I enjoy watching it snow and think about how clean the world looks. I pray that God will bless your family and friends this holiday season. Remember those who cannot be with us during this time.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Patron  
Parker Dow**

From the Desk of the GAP  
(and a guy with a huge learning curve)

Thanksgiving is now past and I hope everyone had a delicious and memorable event

December is a marvelous time of the year. Wipe out the memory of the last year and cover the ground with a new blank white canvas to start the New Year afresh. Many of us celebrate during the month of December with the joyful beginning or birth of our blessed redeemer Jesus with the Christmas celebration. Merry Christmas to one and all. For those of us who are not Christians then I wish you the safest and best holiday celebrations of your particular persuasion – Happy Holidays.

At the very end of December we all celebrate the incoming New Year. My bride and I will go dancing. I will be in a Froc Coat and she will be in a hoop skirt. Now guys it is very important NOT to step on the dress. If she is 5' wide at the hoop then that is a lot of dress to miss. Enough tangent – Please celebrate responsibly and respectfully so you can return the next year and do it all over again.

We had a small committee meeting for Ways and Means. It was fruitful yet I am still waiting on further information to come back from the committee members. I enjoy multiple year projects. A one year flash in the pan is so much harder to come up with an idea for. The first year or so we find all of the clinkers so it may go better each and every year.

We will be having a concert. Who will be the artists, when and where it will be is still being looked into. Further information will be coming.

We will be making adult bibs. Amaranth has done this in the past. No one has told me why it was discontinued. We will be needing seamstresses. Does anyone have an embroidery machine?

One thought was to create an Amaranth challenge coin or Amaranth necklace. This was changed to creating an Amaranth key chain. Great, no problem however we are still waiting on further information from the committee members.

One thing that all the Courts will be expected to do is to have a class in the spring on Manners & Etiquette for our High School Seniors for Prom. This would be a one or two night task hopefully during the week. (Madison has 2 High Schools. They may need 2 nights for the class). We would get our name before the student and their parents. This class although under Ways & Means is not conceived to make money. We will not be charging for this class but will have a free will offering. This class may also be a good refresher for a clinker like me also.

Of course, George / Georgina was also discussed. According to the note HL Nancy Saggio GRM sent out on 3 November, George / Georgina was going to be leaving Wisconsin. *"Before we leave Wisconsin with your varmit (Georgina/George – whichever), we wanted you to know s/he was fine. You know what you need to do to get this critter back...we will be watching you. We sure hope it does not create fees like that spiny little rodent last year. Just so you know, that animal of Phil's just sat and watched us leave with the little varmint. not much of a watch animal."* I talked with HL Nancy GRM and SK Phil GRP on 5 November and was wondering what name the Warthog had. I was informed that Reginald was its name. Now, Reginald did not make a single sound

when George / Georgina disappeared. Was it planned that way? Is Reginald the ultimate culprit behind George / Georgina's disappearance? Were they to go onto a trip together and Reginald backed out? Oh so many questions, so few facts ----- suspicious character is Reginald. Please let me know if you heard anything further on this matter. My email address is [parker@wil-park.com](mailto:parker@wil-park.com) We will let the boss lady – HL Nancy GRM - know everything we can on this topic.

**Message from  
Grand Conductress  
Cheri Brus**

Dear Members of Wisconsin Grand Court;

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and thoughts. Mike was in ICU for 10 days and just could not kick the infection and everything else.

I will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets when I visit your courts so please dig deep for Diabetes. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at the meetings.

Cheri Brus, Grand Conductress

**Message from  
Milwaukee Court No. 2**

December 5th a 10:00 am meeting with lunch to follow. We will celebrate Chanukah with special food, some information about the holiday and learn a game. This is also Honor Grand Officers meeting. Please let Laura Dessereau know if you are attending. The GRP will install anyone who has not been installed for Grand Court.

**Message from  
Racine Laurel Court No. 6**

December 9: stated meeting 7:00 pm. We will do a stop and go meeting so new members can learn their floor work. Amanda has refreshments.

**Message from  
Madison Court #7**

We would like to thank the members of Madison Court for giving us the privilege of serving as Royal Matron and Royal Patron for this Amaranth year. We also thank those who took part in the installation and coronating. To the Officers and Committee members we thank you for accepting your positions.

We are planning on initiating at least two (2) new members at a Special Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for help from the other Courts. At this time I know I will need an Associate Conductress, a Faith and a Marshal in the West. Let me know if you are willing to help.

We are hoping to have the Grand Lecturer's visit at our March meeting and the Grand Royal Matron's visit in April. In May we will be paying tribute to those members of Madison Court that we have lost since our last memorial service.

We have plans to have a Mystery Dinner sometime after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year as a Ways and Means money maker. We will keep you informed of the event as time goes by.

H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, RM  
S.K. Dale Holmen RP





**Message from  
Friendship Court No. 14**

Well the Holiday Season has begun.  
Hopefully we will be able to spend it with family and friends.  
My parents always taught me that it is better to give than to receive.  
This is the season for giving so try to give whatever you can.  
Be it your time, your financial contribution, your friendship.  
As Carol Buchner, Maya Angelo and other have quoted  
"They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel"  
Let make everyone feel Accepted, Valued, and Loved.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Upcoming Meetings

Our Saturday December 10, 2016 meeting  
We will be Celebrating the Holidays  
With a Crazy Sock Exchange and Sock collection for the homeless  
Cookie Exchange Bring 3 dozen take 2 home the other for refreshment with Hot Chocolate  
Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM  
We are in the planning stages of some social events for January & February  
How about a Dinner and Movie Night?  
A trip to the big city for shopping?  
(Remember we live in Fond du Lac)  
The possibilities are endless.

Diana Kifer, PGRM  
Leland Burlison, PGRP

**Message from  
Sunshine Committee  
Mary Schultz, Chairman**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights: Please contact me when you know of someone in our Wisconsin Grand Court family or other jurisdictions that may be in need of sunshine. I can be contacted at 414-526-2715 or [greeneysgerman@wi.rr.com](mailto:greeneysgerman@wi.rr.com). Thank you.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2017. I WOULD EXPECT ARTICLES FOR THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION/LEADERSHIP TRAINING ON FEBRUARY 26; INFORMATION ON BIZAARE BAZAAR; INFORMATION ON GRAND LECTURER VISITS; MAYBE EVEN INFORMATION FOR GRM VISITS. COURTS USUALLY HAVE DINNERS AT SOME OF THESE MEETINGS. THIS PUBLICATION IS SENT TO ALL OUR MEMBERS OF WISCONSIN - GET YOUR INFORMATION OUT. THANK YOU.





Raffle tickets maybe purchased from GAM LuAnn Hansen; tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; proceeds to benefit Wisconsin Grand Court Ways and Means

School of Instruction  
Leadership Training  
Sunday, February 26, 2017

Leadership will be held on February 26, 2017 at Racine starting at 11:00 am. S.K. LeRoy will work on Opening and Closing. Please bring your Rituals and something to make notes or high light. I know he will be giving some good tips on how and why things are done that way.

We have planned a fun lunch that will be cooked by members of Racine Court. Cost will be \$6.00.

Tech time is back by popular demand after lunch.



### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM GRM NANCY

May these be yours this joyous Christmas season----  
Kathryn D. Myers

Such hope as shepherds harbored long ago,  
Such gratitude as wise men felt within them  
That prompted each his present to bestow,  
Such knowledge as the humble mother pondered,  
That He will come to all who will accept,  
Such peace as knew the beasts within the stable,  
Who mid the town's confusion calmly slept,  
Such joy as filled the mighty angel chorus  
Whose anthems through the star-pierced heavens rang,  
May these be yours this joyous Christmas season,  
And your heart sing the song the angels sang!



Basic bylaws and procedures will be learned from H.L.'s Mary Lubach and Betty Miller.

We are looking forward to a great turn out, not only to learn that which we need to know, but to have some fun and socialize with friends.

### Bizaare Bazaar Event

Please make March 12, 2017 on your calendars. It is Bizarre Bazaar at Zor Shrine in Madison. We have the Mid Eastern Dancers from Madison and some newer dancers coming for our entertainment. Mid Eastern food will be served. This is the BIG Fund Raiser for Diabetes. All Appendant Bodies will be invited. Bring your friends and possible new members for a good time. Tell everyone about this. You WILL enjoy the afternoon. Invitations coming.





### **World's Greatest Cookie Sale Crew**

Pictured are: Joyce Kupper, Jamison Kifer, Barbara Lee Overton, Christin Kifer, Kristen Pappe, Flo Falk, Alexandria Kifer, Diana Kifer and LuAnn Hansen

A huge thank you to all who baked, packaged and help sell at this year's World's Greatest Cookie Sale held at Friday, November 25, 2016 at Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, WI.

Thank you to Cheryl Grover who donated the cost of the containers and for heading up the packing end of the Cookie Sale.

The Sale was a huge success thanks to all of you we made so far \$767.00 for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

There are still some cookies & breads available so if you see me I will have them and do I have a deal for you, or make me an offer I can't refuse.

Again, Thank You for your time, dedication and overall friendships that make this event a truly enjoyable one to put together.

HL Diana Kifer, PGRM WI & MN  
Wisconsin Diabetes Coordinator



Dear Nancy (I hope you do not mind if we do not say Grand Royal  
Matron)

Before we leave Wisconsin with your varmint (Georgina/George-  
whichever), we wanted you to know s/he was fine. You know what  
you need to do to get this critter back...we will be watching you. We  
sure hope it does not create fees like that spiny little rodent last year.

Just so you know, that animal of Phil's just sat and watched us leave  
with the little varmint...not much of a watch animal!

Keep watching the mail for another letter-you never know when w  
may decide to communicate...and you better answer promptly.

Time to leave.... "Kat"-nappers



# Grand Court Order of the Amaranth State of Wisconsin



November 26, 2016

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound sorrow that we pause to pay tribute to a Sir Knight who received the Eternal Crown of Life on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

S.K. Michael John Brus  
Past Grand Royal Patron 2012 - 2013  
Past Royal Patron of Milwaukee Court #2

Visitation: Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Krause Funeral Home,  
12401 W. National Ave., New Berlin, WI.  
Services: Masonic Service and Celebration of Life to follow visitation.  
Burial: Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Wisconsin Memorial Park

We cannot know what lies ahead from day to passing day,  
What changes God is planning in His wise and thoughtful way,  
We cannot know the reasons why our sorrow has to be,  
Why we must lose the ones we need and love especially.  
We cannot know – but we can trust, and faith can help us find  
Our way to those tomorrows, that will give us peace of mind.

To his bereaved family and Milwaukee Court No. 2, we extend our sincere sympathy and as a tribute of our love and respect, this memoriam is being read and recorded at the first Stated Meeting after its receipt.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Court of Wisconsin, this 26th day of November, 2016.

H.L. Nancy Saggio, Grand Royal Matron  
S.K. Philip Itzenhuiser, Grand Royal Patron

Attest:  
H.L. Sally A. Acuff, Grand Secretary