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You Are Stardust Grand Royal Matron, Gail Piper

It's not a line from the Woodstock era song, it's a fact. Do you know that you and all other human beings on earth are actually composed of stardust? When we think of stardust we think of something magical, sparkly and twinkly like glitter that floats through the heavens. Something fictional in children's books, cartoons and Disney movies that would drop gently off a fairy's wand. Well, stardust is all those things, but it is also YOU.

A few weeks ago your Grand Royal Matron (GRM) watched an educational TV program about the universe that explained how everything that comprises our bodies came from exploding stars - and that we are all literally and actually made up of "stardust." Since then she has stumbled upon several articles that address that fact and your GRM finds it intriguing, especially since she is telling everyone in Wisconsin Grand Court to 'be the star that you are'. She really never expected science to confirm that.

UW Space Place states in a document entitled, *Stardust Memories*, that "Interstellar space is not empty. It contains radiation, magnetic fields, cosmic rays, gas, and what astronomers call "dust." Only about 1% of the matter is dust, but that 1% is very important. Interstellar clouds of gas and dust collapse into stars, where new chemical elements are cooked up. Stars then blast much of that cooked matter out, making the dust and gas, which astronomers call the "interstellar medium" (ISM), even more complex. We study the ISM to understand how stars form and evolve, how galaxies evolve, and how the basic chemicals of life form. Life on Earth could not exist without the atoms of carbon, calcium, iron and other elements that were created by massive stars ejected into the ISM. Molecules of

water, methane, alcohol, silicates, graphites and many others, out of which our solar system formed, came from the ISM. So we are truly made of stardust. "

As interesting as she may find all this, your GRM is not referring to the scientific aspect of things when she tells you to "be the star that you are." She is talking about how very important each and every one of you is in the scheme of things, and how we all can make a positive difference in the lives of others. Every time you do a good deed, reach out to let someone know you care about them, volunteer to help a worthy cause, or provide assistance to someone in need, you are being a star - that star that you really are!

Message from Grand Royal Patron Nathan Moore

This year is rolling right along and we have been traveling to all the grand courts that we can. We are having a ball. We have met a lot of friends along the way. We are looking forward to meeting more at future grand courts we attend.

The GRM and GRP visits are almost over. We had a wonderful time with all of you. Thank You for the honorary memberships. I know that it take a vote of the courts and will cherish them always.

Everyone has been so wonderful with helping with our projects. You make our Grand Court proud!! Keep helping with the projects - they are great and a lot of fun too!!

We had a meeting to plan our grand court, and it is going to be great. Plan on coming and joining us- IT IS YOUR GRAND COURT!!

See YOU along the Amaranth Trail!

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Mary Schultz**

Thank you to the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who have accepted officer and committee positions. We do have openings for Grand Representative positions and if you find that you are interested or even could protem one of these positions, please let me know.

Our first Advance Night is on Saturday, May 7 at Hope Court #11. Please keep these meetings simple and fun, but remember we need to perform the ritualistic work that is required for the Advance Night. Please note that the Advance Night for Racine Laurel Court needed to be changed so that S.K. LeRoy could attend.

The other Advance Nights are:

Monday, June 6 - Milwaukee Court #2
Saturday, August 13 - Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, August 16 - Madison Court #7
Friday, September 9 - Racine Laurel #6

If you have not ordered your skirt and pashmina, please do so ASAP. I will be meeting with Lauri from ZBo Fashions in May and will be collecting everyone's orders for distribution. Some of you have asked about accessories, boots and other items. I have found this website that I truly love working in and with: Wild West Mercantile at <http://www.wmmerc.com>. I have just ordered a pair of Victorian boots and a Victorian blouse and the sizing runs really true. If you have internet access, look them up. Many hours of fun.

I have included with the newsletter a flyer for the Wisconsin Grand Court members who are attending the MOOW Jurisdiction Breakfast at Supreme Council. Details about the menu and costs are included. Reservations with payment are due to me by May 20. Please comply with this deadline.

Our Renaissance Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, June 19 at the Delafield. A flyer with details is also included with this newsletter. The meal prices have stayed the same and we know that this is also Father's Day. Why not bring your favorite man to these festivities? I truly hope that we will have

enough reservations so that we will not have to cancel this event this year.

I am working with S.K. LeRoy on a Ways and Means Project which involves hosting a Market Day Event at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center, Sunday July 17. We are selling spaces at a charge of \$30.00 for a 12x12. Proceeds to benefit Grand Court Ways and Means. We have a total of 50 spaces to sell. Please contact Mary Schultz for more information. Look for more details on what we will need for committees. The most important part of this event is selling the spaces. I have enclosed a flyer that may be photocopies and distributed to help with our advertising for this event.

I know that gas prices are really crazy, but it would be great if among our courts we would network with our members to try and car pool to each of our Wisconsin Court's meetings. Each court needs assistance in filling officer positions for the upcoming meetings for Memorial Ceremonies and Advance Nights.

If you have any questions about any of the items listed in my article or in the newsletter in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at 414-526-2715.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your support of the Order of the Amaranth.

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
LeRoy Kifer**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

6 short months have passed and 6 very short months to go before Grand Court. How time flies by when you are having fun. I would like to say thank you to all whom have helped in some way or form in raising the money needed for the budget. There is still more work to be done and more money to be raised. If you have not as of yet sent in your donation for the Ways and Means fund, please do at your convenience. We have put together a raffle that all the courts will help with. The prints and afghan were all donated so all money raised will go to the ways and means. Please

sell these raffle tickets to everyone that you may know. They can be sold to non members of Amaranth. When and if your court needs more tickets, of if your court has not received your tickets, please let me know and I will get the tickets to you. My goal for this raffle is to raise over \$500.00. Please help me achieve this goal.

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Sue Udhardt, RM
Mike Brus, RP**

Our next meeting will be May 2 which is Memorial service. Remember ladies to wear white. June 6 will be Advance Night which we will be initiating two members into Milwaukee Court. We are having a dinner that evening so please make your reservation to R.M. Sue at 414-421-0582 by May 30. I will need members from other Courts to help on May 2 and June 6 meeting. Please call me if you could help out at one of our meetings. I would appreciate it. We are dark in July and August.

Our sunshine person for our Court is H.L. Sally Lutzke and her phone number is 414-744-0848.

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
Mary Louise Schenkenberg, RM
Robert Miksch, RP**

Our May meeting is May 13 and is the Amaranth Memorial Ceremony for us to pay tribute to those who have passed away this last year. Refreshments for the May meeting are Marion Doerr, Michelle Varelas, Bob Miksch and Mary Schultz.

June 10 is a regular stated meeting with refreshments provided by Chris Christiansen, Karen Bishop and Mary Louise Schenkenberg.

Our July meeting date has not yet been decided as most of us will be at the Supreme Council Session or out of state. We will try and contact all of the other courts to let them know what date has been decided.

Please note that the Advance Night for Racine Laurel Court has been moved to September 9, to allow S.K. LeRoy to be in attendance. Details will also be sent out at a later date.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Judy Emerson, RM
Harland Emerson, RP**

Madison Court and Hope Court hope that everyone enjoyed the reception of H.L. Gail Piper, GRM and S.K. Nathaniel Moore, GRP on May 1st. It was a pleasant day with great entertainment and good fellowship.

The May meeting of Madison court is on Tuesday, May 24th, a change of date due to Grand Chapter is held during our regular meeting date. This is our Memorial when we will remember those that have passed away this past year.

We look forward to the Renaissance Banquet, a Mardi Gras theme. This will be at the Delafield Brewhaus on Father's Day, June 19. This is always a great time to visit and enjoy each others company. Madison Court will have its June meeting on the 21st, when we will celebrate summer. This meeting is also the reschedule of the Grand Royal Matron's official visit. We will have a 6:15 pm dinner with reservations to Judy Emerson. (The Madison meeting on April 19 was cancelled due to terrible icy weather).

July finds some of our Wisconsin Members off to Orlando, Florida for Supreme Session. Madison's Royal Matron is looking forward to being on the Supreme Floor as Supreme Truth. An exciting time, as has been this entire year. We look forward to our July 19th meeting when we invite all our Amaranth friends to join us for "Friend's Night"!

Enjoy the summer! Plan to be on the Amaranth trail as much as possible as most of the Wisconsin Courts meet during the summer.

Happy Trails!

**Message from
Hope Court No. 11
Cheryl Tschudy, RM
Norm Burns, RP**

We have initiated a new young lady. She is very lovely and hopes to come often to the meetings.

May 7th - 12.00 Noon - Pot Luck: Everyone brings a dish to pass. Hope Court members, please bring 2 dishes to pass.

1:30pm - Advancing of Officers and Memorial Service. All ladies don't forget to wear white dresses. Refreshments for afterwards: Rosalie Anderson and Doris and Lloyd Laskowski. Members from all court are welcome and we will need help filling some of the stations.

June 2nd 1:30pm - Stated meeting.
Refreshments: Evelyn Eggleston and Annette Kidder

July 2th 1:30PM - Stated Meeting. Celebrate the 4th of July. Wear something red, white and blue.
Refreshments: Margaret and Charles Brown

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
Nancy Saggio, RM
LeRoy Kifer, RP**

Friendship Court's May 14th meeting will feature S.K. Phillip and H. L. Kristen Kifer who will teach a Tai Chi class at 5:00pm. This is an easy activity and can also be done from a sitting position. No previous skill is necessary. Comfortable clothes are recommended. Cost of class is \$10.00 and profits will go to diabetes. Dinner, at 6:00pm, will feature good tasting HEALTHY food, Cost is \$5.00 if taking the class, \$7.00 if just dinner. It is the GRM's visit and Memorial. Please wear white and come to help us celebrate the fun night. RSVP to 920-921-3107 by May 10th.

We have voted to make Jamison Kifer a member and will have an Initiation date posted.

June is honor Fathers and July will be some Summer Fun. Please visit us and join in the fun and friendship we give.

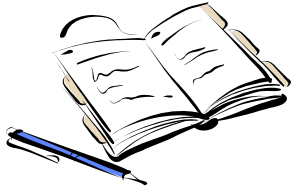
Dresses for Diabetes

Amaranth will again have a booth at Wisconsin Grand Chapter for OES selling our gently used formals - all proceeds to go to Diabetes. We have earned over \$1,000 for Diabetes and hope to continue this great tradition. Grand Chapter will be in May at the Alliant Center in Madison. Please bring your donations to the vendor area at Grand Chapter or send them to Madison with someone who is coming. Outfits not sold will be saved for the marketplace at Grand Court in the fall. We'll also sell jewelry, purses, dress shoes, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine at engelm@tds.net or 608-523-4134.

**Membership Development Update
Gail Piper, Grand Royal Matron**

Congratulations go out to everyone for getting our membership contest off to a great start! I am pleased to report that every Court has either initiated a new member, has an initiation scheduled, or is in the process of getting petitions signed. In the last two months I've seen new members initiated at Hope Court, Janesville and Racine Laurel Court; watched balloting on two candidates at Milwaukee Court; I expect to observe the initiation of a candidate at Friendship Court; and as I write this I await the return of several petitions from candidates for Madison Court.

So far, Racine Laurel Court must be considered the winning Court with Milwaukee Court close behind. Once Milwaukee Court's two candidates receive the degree, those two Courts will be tied to win at the Court level. (Individual winners of the contest can not be established until more information is gathered from the Courts relating to who signed the petitions.) But, it's still relatively early in the year with lots of time to get those candidates on board. So, please keep up the good work and keep working on this important effort.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

As always, the Grand Court Newsletter is looking for donations to help defray the costs of this publication. Donations of envelopes, labels, stamps and cash are all welcome. Please make donations payable to the Grand Court of Wisconsin, O of A and send them to Mary Schultz or the Grand Secretary, Sally Acuff.

It Is With Regret

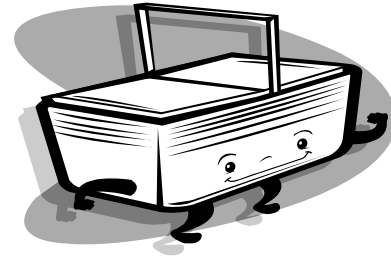
It is with regret that we announce the loss of one of our most valuable families. Mr. and Mrs. Someone Else have moved away, leaving a vacancy that will be hard to fill. The Else's had been with us for many years and for each of those years they did far more than their share of work.

Whenever there was a job to do or a committee member needed, the Else's name was on everyone's list. "Let Someone Else do it." This wonderful family was looked to for ideas, inspiration and results. "Someone Else will bring in the candidates, inspire the members to attend meetings, or come up with a program idea." When there was work to do to reach a fund raising goal, the Else's were especially hard-working members. "Let Someone Else figure out how we'll make that goal."

The Someone Else's were wonderful people, but they were only human. They could only spread themselves so far and so thin. They did the best they could, but people expected too much from them.

And, now the Someone Else's are gone, and we wonder what we are going to do. They left us a wonderful

example to follow, but WHO is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things that Someone Else did? How about YOU?



Thank You Picnic (And Taking Care of Business*) Hosted by H.L. Barbara Lee Overton

H.L. Barbara Lee is inviting Wisconsin Amaranth members to a cook-out picnic at her condominium facilities to extend her thanks for your support during her years in the Supreme Amaranth line and term as Supreme Royal Matron.

Tentative Dates:

Sunday, September 25, 2011

OR

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Final date will be announced via communications to Court Secretaries, Grand Court Newsletter and will posted on our website (www.wisconsinamaranth.org).

Location: Barbara Lee's condominium clubhouse, 6302 Mineral Point Road, Madison.

Time: Arrive at 11am; there will be a cookout lunch following the committee work.

***NOTE:** *At this picnic we ask that the Audit Committee and the Budget Committee meet and take care of their business.*

Save these dates and we will let you know the final date as soon as possible.

***** Please RSVP to Barbara Lee Overton if you will be attending *****

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Milwaukee Court Meeting at 7:30 pm	3	4	5	6	7 Hope Court Advance Night Dinner at noon Meeting at 1:30 pm
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13 Racine Laurel Meeting at 7:30 pm	14 Friendship Court GRM Visit Tai Chi 5:00 pm; dinner 6:00 pm; meeting 7:00 pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Madison Court meeting 7:30 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Hope Court Meeting 1:30 pm
5	6 Milwaukee Court Advance Night 6:00 pm dinner 7:30 pm meeting	7	8	9	10 Racine Laure Ct 7:30 pm meeting	11 Friendship Court 7:00 pm meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Ren Banquet Delafield Brewhaus 1:00 PM	20	21 Madison Court GRM Visit 6:15 pm dinner 7:30 pm meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Hope Court Meeting 1:30 pm
3 Supreme Council Orlando, Florida	4 Supreme Council Orlando, Florida	5 Supreme Council Orlando, Florida	6 Supreme Council Orlando, Florida	7 SRM & SRP Jt. Reception Orlando, Florida	8	9 Friendship Court Meeting 7:00 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Market Day Fond du Lac 9-3 pm	18	19 Madison Court Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30