
Grand Court of Wisconsin

Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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May, June and July 2014

Message from Grand Royal Matron June Potts

It looked like spring had really arrived to Wisconsin, but today we're back to being covered in white! However, it doesn't look like this will stay around long and, hopefully; all those tender young plants that had started to appear will not be harmed.

S.K. LeRoy Kifer, with the help of his Assistant Grand Lecturers, completed his visits. Thank you to those who stepped up when he had his conflicts on the scheduled Saturday visits to our Courts.

S.K. Chris and I have one Official Visit remaining. Cash books were checked, and minutes were read. All were found to be in order and were approved. Thank you for your excellent work! We will be at Madison Court on Saturday, May 3rd to complete our visits, and look forward to seeing many of you there. They will be serving breakfast at 9:00 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Now we are anticipating our fun events and hope you, your family and friends can join us. The schedule of these events are as follows:

- **Sunday, June 8 - Costume Party**

We will be at the Delafield Brewhaus. H.L. Mary Schultz and S.K. Bob Miksch have been planning to share some new facts about the Renaissance period. Please plan to wear your best Renaissance costumes and come prepared for lots of fun!

- **Sunday, July 13 -**

**Grand Royal Matron and
Grand Royal Patron Reception**

This Reception will be held at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center. Grand Officers, please wear your official attire.

- **Saturday, August 30 -**

Family Day at the Milwaukee Domes

S.K. Chris has made the arrangements for this activity and promises we will have a great time! This is open to members, family and friends - as long as they are at least 12 years of age.

You will find flyers and RSVPs for each of these activities in this Newsletter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know. And please join us whenever you can. We look forward to seeing you.

Safe travels, now that we can get out more and enjoy some wonderful Wisconsin weather.

Message from Grand Royal Patron Chris Christiansen

Now that the weather is somewhat better, we should start thinking to travel to other courts to help them and not just special events, but any one you can make. It is very encouraging for those on the throne to see all the stations filled. We must band together to keep our courts as flourishing as possible or we will find ourselves hurting. Travel, travel, travel. Of course, our first and foremost job is to get new members. There are many persons eligible out there, and only if they are approached in a proper manner will they consider joining. Keep a petition with you so if you find someone interested, don't let them get away.

Included in this newsletter you will find information on the visit to "The Domes." It is open to all members,

friends, neighbors and relatives. It is a wonderful place, with many plants we otherwise will never see. Make it a point to spread the word.

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Sondra Moore**

I am so happy to see the sunshine and the beginning of Spring. We are to get going and enjoy our travels and all our friends in Amaranth.

Thank you to all the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who have accepted officer and committee appointments for next year's Grand Court Session.

Also, critically important, Honored Ladies-if you have not ordered your dress, please do so right away. Kimi, our dress designer wants the orders in by April 15, 2014, so we can get our dresses back to us so any alternations can be made if needed. They are Teal Blue, not the black in the picture I sent to you.

SK Nathan and I will be visiting the courts on our Advance Nights and look forward to seeing you at that time. I will be sending out notes to confirm our visits to each court. Wear your smiles and please let's keep these meetings light and simple. Let's have Fun!!

The current Advance Night schedule is as follows:

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| Milwaukee Court #2 | June 2, 2014 |
| Madison Court #7 | June 17, 2014 |
| Friendship Court #14 | July 12, 2014 |
| Hope Court #11 | August 2, 2014 |
| Racine Laurel Court #6 | September 12, 2014 |

If you are planning to attend Supreme Council and be at the MOOW breakfast, PLEASE NOTE: Reservations for the breakfast are needed by May 1, 2014 for a cost of \$28.00 per person. Please mail this to me in order that we may meet this deadline, as I must forward all reservations together.

Since the price has gone up on gas, see if we can't go together and have more fun and also help each other at our meetings. Hope to see you soon!

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Nathan Moore**

It seems that Spring is finally here so now we can get out to visit with All our Amaranth Courts around the state. Our Grand Conductress and Grand Associate Conductress are doing a great job of the Basket Raffles and you will want to get in on them. They are really neat! We are selling 50/50 drawings at each meeting to help our Ways & Means of Grand Court. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 a piece.

Thank you to the HLs and SKs who have accepted Officer and Committee appointment for next year's Grand Court Session. Also remember the Supreme Breakfast, the MOOW Breakfast. Reservations are due May 1, 2014 and the money of \$28 each to GAM, Sondra. Please RSVP.

Hope to see you at our meetings!!

**Message from
Grand Conductress
Sally Lutzke**

Basket Raffles - Ways and Means

Remember to purchase tickets for the final basket

Tickets (1) one for \$1.00 (6) six for \$5.00

Thank you all for supporting Ways and Means.

GRP Chris Christiansen won the Chocolate Basket and the Spring Bouquet Gift Card will be drawn on May 3, 2014 at Madison Court.

Bucky Badger Bonanza - Drawing on August 8, 2014 at Racine Laurel Court.

See you at the Grand Associate Matron visits (Advance Nights)

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Barbara Foster**

CONGRATULATIONS to our Grand Royal Patron Chris, the winner of the Chocolate Lover's Basket! Thank you to all that purchased tickets. I hear he is sharing.....

Thank you too for all the donations to the basket. It was so much fun putting it together.

Our Grand Royal Matron is out visiting and it is time to buy your chances for Basket #2- the Card Bouquet. We have 17 different vendors in the basket that has a total value of \$200.00. The drawing will be May 3rd at the Grand Royal Matron's visit to Madison Court.

GOOD LUCK!

Basket #3 will be ready just in time for Badger Football!!!!!!

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you at our Grand Lecturer's Visits and at our Leadership Day. Isn't it great to finally be out of the house? Winter has lasted way too long! There are many opportunities coming up on our Amaranth calendar and I hope you have added them to your calendars!

Today, my 18 month old grandson and I were able to spend time outside. All I can say is that his mother is going to have a very busy summer!!! We had a great time looking for dogs and birds and listening to the birds. I hope your Spring is full of fun discoveries...

Hedgehog hugs,

Barb

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Cheri Brus, RM
Michael Brus, RP**

Hello everyone from Milw. Ct. # 2:

I hope everyone is having a good year. I know I am having a greeeeaaaat time. (Sorry I forgot this is not tiger time anymore.) I also hope that everyone who came to the Mystery Dinner had a good time. The Jobe's put on several good skits and we laughed a lot. May 5th is our Memorial. If you plan on coming to that meeting please wear white in case we need your assistance.

June 2 is our Advance night and we will be having a dinner at 6PM. The cost will be \$8. If you plan on coming to that meeting and the dinner please call either Cheri Brus at 414-445-4199 or JoAnn DeKoning at 262-251-2844. Everyone remember to sign up for Supreme Council. If you get to Ohio on Sat. June 28 maybe you could sign up for the River Boat Dinner Cruise. I am almost positive that anyone going on that will have a very good time. Oh well hope to see everyone at Council that can manage to go.

We are dark in July and August, so everyone have a very good summer.

Also I would like to make a comment that I hope everyone will think about. As I have been traveling to different organizations and meetings I have noticed that hardly any organization will do a meet and greet of members and visitors. Sometimes it made me feel like I am not welcome and I just wanted to go back home. I know it means a lot to a person if they are at least acknowledged.

Thank you for taking time to think about this and once again I hope everyone travels safely and has a good summer.

H.L. Cheri Brus Royal Matron
S.K. Mike Brus Royal Patron

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
Karen Bishop, RM
Robert Miksch, RP**

Racine Laurel Court meets the second Friday of each month and our meetings start at 7:00 pm. We keep our meetings short to have fellowship after and still have our members home at a reasonable time. Why not join us.

Friday, May 9, 2014: This is our stated meeting with our Memorial Ceremony. Officers are asked to meet at 6:30 pm for a rehearsal on the Memorial Ceremony. We will also have balloting on our petitions this evening. Refreshments for the meeting are Amanda and Larissa.

Friday, June 13, 2014. Stated meeting at 7:00 pm. Refreshments for this meeting are Mary Louise, Karen, Chris and Lucille.

Friday, July 11, 2014. Stated meeting at 7:00 pm. No one is signed up for refreshments.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Barbara Lee Overton, RM
Roger Reukauf, RP**

Our May 3rd meeting will be the visit of our Grand Royal Matron, H.L. June accompanied by our Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Chris. We will also be honoring those Honored Ladies and Sir Knights that have been called to that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Our June meeting will be the third Tuesday beginning at 7:00 pm. It will be Advance Night with H.L. Gail Piper and S.K. Jack Heady advancing. There will be a meal prior to the meeting at 6:00 pm.

On July 5th we will be having a stated meeting beginning at 10:00am with breakfast at 9:00 am. July 20th will be another Craft Show. Hopefully a lot of us can help as it is a Madison Court Ways and Means project.

**Message from
Hope Court #11
Ruth Burns, RM
Norm Burns, RP**

April was a wonderful meeting for us. HL June Potts, accompanied by SK Chris Christiansen made her official visit. All went well with the help of members from the other courts. Thank you all so much for the help given to us.

May 3rd is the day we will pay our tribute to the memory of the members who have passed away during this last year. Honored Ladies - remember to wear your white dresses and Sir Knights wear your tuxes or a black suit. We will also be honoring Mothers and paying tribute to the men and women who are in our military services.

June 7th we will honor Fathers and Flag Day. All those going to Supreme Council, have a good time and be safe. Hope to see some of you during the summer.

Amaranth Love,
HL Ruth Burns - RM
SK Norm Burns - RP

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
Kristen Kifer, RM
Phillip Kifer, RP**

Happy Spring to everyone!

With warmer weather (finally) making an appearance, it brings thoughts of all the fun gatherings that have been planned, from the Grand Court costume party at the Delafield Brewhaus on June 8; to the Botanical Gardens outing in August. Speaking of Grand Court, Friendship Court is happy to be hosting the reception for our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron in July and we are all looking forward to seeing everyone there. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please let Honored Lady Diana or myself know, it is always such a joy to see all the Courts get involved together and I know it will be a good time.

For our own court, I would like to do a school supply drive. If anyone visiting would like to drop off something for the local students, please feel free to do so. Final donation day will be at our August meeting. Have a wonderful Spring and may travels be safe and adventures many!

Honored Lady Kristin Kifer, RM
Sir Knight Phillip Kifer, RP

Amaranth Housekeeping Items

As some of you may know new rituals are on the horizon. If you wish to order a new ritual please contact your Subordinate Court Secretary by May 20th. We do not have prices or "kinds" because there is an amendment at the upcoming Supreme Council session to allow 3 ring binder type plus the coil binding. Therefore, the new rituals will not be printed until after Supreme.

Supreme Council Session information should have arrived to your household. If you are a voting delegate for Wisconsin Amaranth and may be attending the Supreme Council Session, please let your Subordinate Court Secretary know so that credentials may be processed for you. The secretaries should know this by May 20th as well.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2014.

Upcoming Events

Renaissance Enlightenment

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Delafield Brewhaus

3832 Hillside Drive

Delafield, WI 53018

(see detailed information included with the newsletter)

Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron Reception

Sunday, July 13, 2014

Fond du Lac Masonic Center

500 W. Arndt Street

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

(See detailed information included with this newsletter)

Family Day at the Milwaukee Botanical Domes

Saturday, August 30, 2014

(See detailed information included with this newsletter)

Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of the Amaranth

Annual Session

October 9, 10 and 11, 2014

Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center

PO Box 296, 60 Gasser Road

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-0296

1-800-648-4765

Email: www.wintergreen-resort.com

Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

Supreme Session

June 29 – July 3, 2014

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza

Cincinnati, Ohio

Advance Nights

**Grand Associate Matron
And Grand Associate Patron**

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(Please remember dates and times are subject to change)

ATTENTION!! Amature Photographers in the Order of the Amaranth.

Did you take any photographs at your Court Advance Nights or Installations? The Grand Historian would really appreciate your sharing them with her. They can be emailed - or sent snail mail. If you send them snail mail it would be nice to have two copies. They will be assembled into photo albums for HL June and SK Chris.

Alice Byrnes, Grand Historian 2013-2014
byrnesac@sbcglobal.net

Thanks a million for your assistance.

MULTI-STATE FUNCTION

August 22 - 24, 2014

Valparaiso Indiana

Aug 22

Check in & socialization

Aug 23

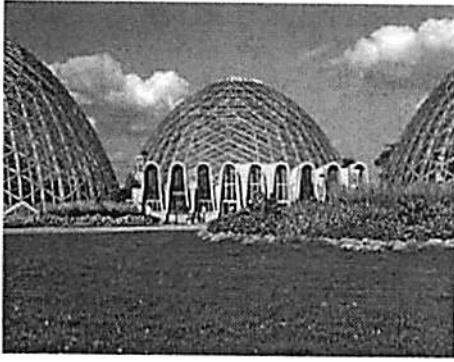
Morning & Afternoon - tours etc.

Evening Murder Mystery & dinner

Aug 24

Breakfast & farewell

Let's put this date on our calendars and have a good group of people attend.



Wisconsin Amaranth Trip to Milwaukee County Domes Saturday, August 30, 2014

Please note the change in the date from the original announcement in our installation program due to maintenance work on the facility. Sorry no buses are available so you will travel by private auto, but there is plenty of parking space.

Directions on getting there are:

Take I94 to the 35th Street exit. Go south to National Drive. Turn left (east) and go 8 blocks to Layton Boulevard (27th Street). Turn left (north) for 1 ½ blocks and there it is on your right. If you cross the bridge, you have gone too far.

Arrival time is 8:30 am so we go in as a group. This is under Grand Court of Wisconsin, but non-members, relatives and friends are welcome. (We would like to see a large crowd). It is an adult excursion so no one under 12 is to be included. The price per person is \$10.00. When making your reservations make a check out to LEWIS CHRISTIANSEN, 229 Willow Lane, South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Reservations are a must and due on August 15, 2014, to give the facility time to make preparations. Sorry no rebates. There are plenty of places to rest when you get tired.

When we arrive there will be a short talk about "The Domes." Then we will be guided to the three domes. There are plenty of places to rest when you get tired. After that we will meet in the restaurant area for refreshments (at your own expense). Bring along some money for that and to buy gifts, plants, etc. After eating you are welcome to revisit areas you are interested in seeing again. You are welcome to stay the entire day if you wish. Dress is casual street clothes and good walking shoes.

Come prepared to have a good and interesting time. Hope to see you there.

Milwaukee Icons: Mitchell Park Domes is the star of the show from the designs to the architecture and plants with interesting stores about all the people connected to the domes followed by tour time in the domes.

Mitchell Park: Past, Present, Future: Learn how the park evolved from a trading post to the Mitchell's to a horticultural destination and farmers' market.

The Domes are truly one-of-a-kind! Here is a sampling of what you will see...

Lobby And Show: History of Domes and Design of the Domes. Enter a themed floral exhibit filling the Floral Show Dome with gardens of color. Five seasonal displays each year will delight you with their beauty and will serve to inspire your own gardens.

Arid (Desert): Come to the deserts of Africa, Madagascar, South America and North America in the Desert Dome where one of the world's finest collections of cacti, succulents, shrubs and arid-land bulbs grow. An Oasis of desert palms beckons as paths lead you past many plant oddities with intriguing geometric forms, subtle coloration and unique adaptations to hot, dry habitats.

Tropical Domes: Stroll the jungle-like trails of the Tropical Dome and see a rich diversity of plants from the rain forests of five continents. Showy flowers, fruits, nuts, spices and a multitude of orchids and bromeliads surround you as you're drawn toward a rushing waterfall in this paradise. Be sure to look for the colorful birds that call the Tropical Dome their home.