
Grand Court of Wisconsin

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Message from Grand Royal Matron LuAnn Hansen

Hello to all. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer so far. I know that I have enjoyed the sunshine and even the quiet rainfall as the garden blooms with this help.

Supreme Council was held in Tucson, AZ, the last week in June. There were 10 members from Wisconsin that were able to attend this year. It was very hot while we were there, 107 degrees, most days. We were encouraged to drink lots of water. There were 7 amendments presented at Supreme Council. Six of the amendments were discussed and voted on. There was one amendment that was returned to the committee that created it to be reviewed and rewritten. We witnessed the installation of new officers: HL June Haas and SK Ron St. Jacques as Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron. The new Supreme Associate Conductress is HL Stella Joyner from Georgia. Next year Supreme Council will be held in St. Louis, MO. Cheri and I have discussed possibly renting a van to take several of us there. If you are interested in this please let us know. As we get closer next spring we will have more info for you.

At Supreme, we also placed flowers at the altar in memory of our departed Honored Lady and Sir Knights: HL Margaret Wiltrout, SK Harland Emerson, SK James Byrnes, and SK Chris Christiansen.

Grand Court is fast approaching. Parker and I are looking forward to hosting all of you at the Wintergreen in the Wisconsin Dells October 11-13. If you are planning on coming up on Wednesday we will be going to a new restaurant for dinner at 6 pm. The restaurant is called the River Walk Pub. It is about 6 miles from the hotel. We have a private room reserved. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS DINNER to HL LuAnn Hansen by September 1st.** We have some fun activities planned as well as the business on Thursday and Friday. Those who have reports to present, please make sure that you have them ready by noon on Thursday, October 11th.

Stay Safe this summer, drink plenty of water when it is hot and enjoy the flowers.

Message from Grand Royal Patron Parker Dow

The 69th session of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth is coming faster than many realize especially me.

Our elevated positions by your vote, *faith, hope, love* and blessing have allowed us to serve you since Grand Court last year. I sincerely hope our officer corps has been more than satisfactory serving you in your eyes. There are those of us who have been raised by the *eagles* and also carried by the *chipmunks*. What a miraculous experience. Thank you all for your kind help, aid and assistance this past year.

Our theme of *patriotism* has been well received. We have seen *red, white and blue* in the Courts. We have seen *white roses* there also. It is a pleasure to see that the men and ladies who are serving in uniform and those that have served in uniform be given praise in the Courts. All in all a very hearty Thank you should go out to all.

Grand Court is going to need all of the *Nutcrackers* doing their thing. We have an excellent team working in the background that rarely gets credit. Without their continual hard work and dedication, I believe, we would have a mess on our hands. Thank you one and all for your hard work and dedication to the Order.

Sir Knights bring your sword to Grand Court, if you have one. If you can't use it at the appropriate time then please do allow someone else to use it for a short time. I will attempt to secure some extra swords to borrow.

I cannot ask anyone to wear a white tie as Grand Court is after Labor Day. I will be wearing a white shirt and red tie. I am hoping that the Sir Knights as officers on the floor are also wearing a white shirt and red tie. But Sir Knights on the sidelines; Can you be wearing a white shirt and blue tie? (*Red, White & Blue*)

Nothing has been heard about Alvin who has been missing since our last Grand Court. Please bring extra funding to Grand Court should we need to raise ransom monies.

I have been "happily" married for 36 years. I have been surrounded by my bride and three daughters during this time. My eldest daughter is also married and has our first granddaughter who will be a year old at the end of October. My youngest daughter will be getting married on 13 October. She requested open dates for a specific building in August, September and October. There was only one day open during that timeframe for her. I am not going to miss this event. I have not been given any timeframes to

schedule around but I am assured that they will be coming. Please excuse me.

I joined Madison Court # 7 in March 1997. I was Royal Patron in 2002. I have been recruited and blessed with being Grand Royal Patron Oct 2017-2018. There are no regrets with the exception of not having more time. Thank you one and all for this tremendous honor.

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Cheri Brus**

Hello everyone,

Hope you are having a fantastic summer. I am having a ball. Been doing some traveling thanks to H.L. LuAnn my partner in crime. She does the driving and I do the riding. I went to Arizona for Supreme Council. Let me tell you it was hot, hot, hot. If I heard it once a day I heard it 4 or 5 times a day drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. Well thanks to that week I have come back home and been drinking more water than I had been. I did have a good time in Arizona, learned a lot at my club meeting and did a bit of socializing.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Court meetings as I do a little more traveling before our Grand Court.

Well everyone have a good rest of the summer and if I don't see you before hope to see everyone in October at Grand Court.

Amaranth love,

Cheri Brus GAM

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Robert Miksch**

Ahoy you scallywags. We had great plans for June, but we just couldn't get the ship, to shore, for us to board. So many good (?) jokes unused....maybe we can try again next year (and you thought you were safe).

Summer has come and has blessed us with HEAT. No matter how hot and muggy it is I still prefer it over the freezing cold (which will be back way too soon). Not much more to say about the summer. Grand Court is approaching quickly and I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

As usual I have supplied a couple of jokes for you amusement, which can be found in the Humor Column. Hope you enjoy them. Keep safe until we meet up again.

Grand Associate Patron,
Bob

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Laura Dessereau, RM
Robert Mehle, RP**

Milwaukee Court's Advance Night is Monday, August 6, 2018. We will be having dinner at Maxims at 5:00 pm with the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Amaranth love,
H.L. Vicki Kuharske, RM-protiem
SK Robert Mehle, RP

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court #6
Amanda Grunewald, RM
Phil Itzenhuiser, RP**

Racine Laurel will be having a stated meeting on Friday, August 10 at 7:00 pm. Our candidate was unable to attend our August 10 meeting so initiation will be postponed to the September 14 meeting.

September 14 will be our Advance Night with initiation. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Please let us know if you can assist with the initiation as we are short members to fill all our stations.

We have not yet set our October meeting as it needs to be rescheduled because of our Grand Court Session.

Fraternally, Amanda and Phil

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Barbara Lee Overton, RM
Dale Holmen, RP**

We will be going out to lunch after our meeting on August 4th. Anyone wanting to join us may do so. It will be an opportunity for us to socialize and have fun. Please let me or Dale know if you are planning on attending so we know how many to reserve for.

Our September meeting will be on the 1st. At this time we have no special plans as it is Labor Day weekend. We will try to keep the meeting brief so that if you have plans for the weekend you can still get to them in a timely manner.

October 6th will be our annual meeting. Officers and Committee Chairman please have your reports ready. We will also have election of Officers.

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

Summer is going waaaay too fast! The heat and the rain don't help when you want to have fun. Supreme was great. It was fun meeting all the old friends from the various courts from around the world! New friends were made and lots of laughs were had. They say the heat is different in the west and we experienced that first hand. I would rather have the 109' than the 84' with 90% humidity. At our meeting on the 10th we played baseball trivia, it was surprising how much everyone knew. All received a popcorn baseball.

Friendship Court is moving right along and will have our Advance Night with Honored Lady Cheri on August 11th. There will be a meal before hand and the meeting to follow. At this point we will hold our September meeting on the 8th. With all the other groups we seem to belong to, stay tuned for a possible different date. We do enjoy company! May the rest of the summer slow down a bit. We are looking forward to Grand Court, BUT that is still a loooong way off. Stay cool and enjoy the beautiful days.

Addition: I am hosting a Masonic Family picnic at my house on Wednesday the 29th of August. Fun, friends and some promotion. Bring a dish to share and a friend. 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to sultana313@charter.net

Nancy Saggio, RM
LeRoy Kifer, RP

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 20 FOR ALL
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2018 AND
JANUARY 2019**

**Message from
Grand Lecturer
Barbara Lee Overton**

Wisconsin Grand Court is just around the corner. I want to remind the Grand Floor Officers to review their Rituals for all floor work (see the fine print) and to have your parts memorized. Remember each of us has a very important part and we must work as a TEAM.

The Informal Opening begins on page 235 and the Formal Opening begins on page 243 of our Ritual. Let's make Wisconsin Grand Court the best it can be.

Rehersal Schedule

Thursday October 11, 2018

9:30 am - Introductions and Flag

10:00 am - Bible Work and Memorial

10:45 am - Uncrowning

1:00 pm - All Grand Floor Officers

**Message from
Norm Burns
Chairman, Craft Table**

It is time to remember that we need items for the Craft Table to help support the Grand Associate Patron's Ways and Means project.

Please keep the baked goods coming and remember this is not a rummage sale table. We would like lots of handmade items.

I will make some clocks to help.

Fraternally, Norm Burns

**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 greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com. Thank you.

**Message from
Grand Historian
Karen Bishop**

I would appreciate it if you could share any pictures from this year. You can send them to: Karen Bishop (Historian), 7581 S. Logan Av, Oak Creek 53154. Thank you.

The Bob and Phil Humor Column

(no submission from Phil)

Rookie Officer

A rookie police officer pulled a biker over for speeding and had the following exchange:

- Officer: May I see your driver's license?
- Biker: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.
- Officer: May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?
- Biker: It's not my bike. I stole it.
- Officer: The motorcycle is stolen?
- Biker: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the tool bag when I was putting my gun in there.
- Officer: There's a gun in the tool bag?
- Biker: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the dude who owns this bike and stuffed his dope in the saddle bags.
- Officer: There's drugs in the saddle bags too?!?!?
- Biker: Yes, sir. Hearing this, the rookie immediately called his captain. The biker was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the biker to handle the tense situation:
- Captain: Sir, can I see your license?
- Biker: Sure. Here it is. It was valid.
- Captain: Who's motorcycle is this?

- Biker: It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.
- Captain: Could you slowly open your tool bag so I can see if there's a gun in it?
- Biker: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the tool bag.
- Captain: Would you mind opening your saddle bags? I was told you said there's drugs in them.
- Biker: No problem. The saddle bags were opened; no drugs.
- Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole this motorcycle, had a gun in the tool bag, and that there were drugs in the saddle bags.
- Biker: Yeah, I'll bet he told you I was speeding, too.

Breakfast Help

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen.

'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt! USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him.

'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?'

The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

Submission from Parker Dow

My buddy and I were hired at this construction company.

We worked all day and half way through the nights.

I was always tired, sore and barely able to move when done with the days work.

My buddy always dropped out unable to continue far earlier than expected.

He has tendered his too weak notice.

Amaranth Diabetes

We have a few projects upcoming for Amaranth Diabetes. The first project is something new this year. We are selling O&H Danish Kringles. An order form is enclosed. Price is \$12.00 each and will be available for pick up at the Wisconsin Grand Court session. Checks should be made out to Mary Schultz and orders need to be in my hands by September 30. Please remember that pick up is at Grand Court. They freeze well and are great gifts.

The second project is we will have our Diabetes sales table again this year at Grand Court. Stop by and see what we have for sale.

The other projects are for the Friday night banquet. We will have our silent auction and bag raffle. Baskets and items are needed for both the silent auction and bag raffle.

If you have any questions about the upcoming projects, please contact Diana Kifer or Mary Schultz.