
Grand Court of Wisconsin

Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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New Moon Comments **Grand Royal Matron,** **Gail Piper**

S.K. Nathan and I have been serving Wisconsin Grand Court as its Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron for three months now and have completed our early, or 'new moon', phase of serving Grand Court. I want to share with everyone how impressed I am with the dedication I see for Amaranth in your willingness to serve and your hard work for the Order.

Thanks go out to H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, PSRM, who completed her Grand Lecturer visits in November and December. She did an excellent job instructing and coaching the Courts on the Ritual work in the form of Schools of Instruction with each Court focusing on a separate part of a meeting.

H.L. Barbara Lee and H.L. Diana Kifer then joined forces to provide us with instruction on protocol and a working review and practice of balloting during our Day of Training in early January. S.K. Jim Byrnes provided Fraternal Relations instruction that day and taught many of us about the other Masonic bodies in our Masonic family. When we travel the highways and byways we can think of S.K. Jim when we see those car emblems he used as a teaching tool and informative venue that day.

And I am pleased that Membership Development in the Courts is beginning to take shape: two Courts have initiations penciled in for early spring! Both Hope Court, Janesville, and Racine Laurel Court have candidates. Please attend their initiation meetings to either assist the Court by taking a pro tem station or by just being there to support both the Court members and their new candidate(s). A Courtroom with members on the sidelines is so impressive. Keep working on getting those new members! We **MUST** build our membership. If your Court would like to have an open meeting for these purposes, please let either me or H.L. Marilyn Burlison know. There is a script for an open meeting you can use that we would be happy to share with you.

Last but not least, our diabetes research fundraising has experienced a great beginning, and I'm sure the momentum will continue throughout the year. Our first Bead to Bead Diabetes was a success, and I want to acknowledge the hard work that H.L. Diana Kifer put in on that effort. Diana has a second such fundraiser lined up to take place in late April. Also, we now have started the Quilt Raffle, so please help us sell those raffle tickets. Contact H.L. Diana for more information on that raffle and to get your supply of tickets to sell.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy winter and look forward to seeing you again when the snow begins to melt and the crocuses are coming up to greet us. Meanwhile, enjoy the beauty Mother Nature gives Wisconsin with her blankets of snow. We can rest assured it is a temporary inconvenience that makes the rest of the year even more enjoyable as we enjoy our beautiful changing seasons.

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Mary Schultz**

Thank you to the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights that took the time to fill out and return the survey S.K. LeRoy and I sent out. This was very helpful for us in filling officer positions. We do have openings for Grand Representative positions and if you find that you are interested or even could perform 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.

The other Advance Nights are:

Monday, June 6 - Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, August 12 - Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, August 13 - Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, August 16 - Madison Court #7

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. We would also like Amaranth members to assist in setting up on Saturday afternoon, take down on Sunday after the event, concessions and possibly some raffle or auction items. The most important part of this event is selling the spaces.

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,

As the Chairman of the Ways and Means committee I am pleased to say that we have raised a good amount of funds needed for Grand Court through the 50/50 raffles and donations. I am asking all members to help this committee to reach the goal set by the Trustees of the Grand Court.

If you have not sent in your personal donation as of yet, there is time. I will take donations at any time.

There will be more 50/50 raffles at some of the upcoming events. Thank you all for making these a great success.

I will be putting together a raffle that will be drawn at the last Advance Night of all

courts. This will need the help of all of the Associate Patrons from the courts to help sell the raffle tickets. They will be able to be sold to anyone, not just Amaranth members. This is one good way to promote our Order and tell other people about the great things that Amaranth does. The tickets for this will be handed out soon.

Thank you all once again for helping raise these funds.

LeRoy Kifer
Grand Associate Patron

**Message from
Grand Conductress
Laura Dessereau**

I hope everyone has had a very blessed holiday season.

Thank-you's are extended to all for their support and confidence in electing me to serve the Grand Court as your Grand Conductress.

Please try to attend your court's activities/meetings. This is one way to support S.K. LeRoy on his goal to raise money for the Grand Court. As H.L. Mary has stated, most of our events are open so bring friends - this also helps membership as well as our diabetes foundation.

I look forward to getting back "on the trail" and meeting all of you.

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

Racine Laurel Court received two petitions and will be balloting on Friday, March 11. Refreshments will be provided by Marjorie and Gordie Charlton.

Our Grand Royal Matron's visit will be on Friday, April 8 with a 6:15 dinner at a cost of \$9.00 preceding the meeting. Reservations to H.L. Mary Schultz at 414-526-2715 by April 1. Refreshments will be provided by LuAnn and Amanda Hansen.

At our April meeting we will also have the Initiation Ceremony. If you are visiting our court for the evening, please let the Royal Matron know as we will need a few protem officers to assist in this ceremony.

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

Greetings from Madison Court:

Madison Court held its December meeting in January. It seems the snow storms decided to arrive at the time of our meeting. We were happy to host the "Day of Training" held at Madison Masonic Center. Our meeting followed.

We thank all who attended the school that day. We counted 40 members. A very interesting display and talk by S.K. Jim Byrnes was presented on the various Masonic Bodies. H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, our Grand Lecturer, led a discussion on protocol. After a nice lunch, we went to the Court Room and learned the correct way to ballot. We are now all ready to get those new members into our beautiful order.

We do not meet in February, but look forward to March, to begin again and celebrate Spring! April is the official visit of our GRM, H.L. Gail Piper Piper and GRP S.K. Nathaniel Moore.

We will be honoring them on Sunday, May 1st at the Madison Masonic Center. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend for a great time of fun and fellowship.

We are looking forward to Sunday, March 20th, when we put on the "Pancakes Plus" breakfast and marketplace. Many other Masonic bodies attend with tables to display their brochures and goods to sell. Plan to attend, bring long family and friends. Let's show everyone what all our Masonic orders do.

H.L. Judy Emerson, Royal Matron
S.K. Harland Emerson, Royal Patron

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

We are dark in February but Happy Valentine's Day to all. March is St. Patrick's Day and we are celebrating with a corn beef and cabbage dinner at 6:00 pm. On Saturday, March 12. Cost \$8.00 for a great meal. Some fun activities will go with the evening. Join us, but please make reservations to sultana313@charter.net if you will eat with us so you will not go hungry!

April will be an Easter Celebration. Meeting at 7:00 pm with desserts after.

Our May meeting will be the GRM's visit to our court. Join us then too. Stay warm and drive safely!

**THE CROWN AND SWORD
the newsletter of the
SUPREME COUNCIL
ORDER OF AMARANTH, INC.**

As The Crown and Sword Coordinator for the Grand Court of Wisconsin, I want to encourage you, if you are not already receiving it, to take out a subscription. It is very interesting, and much information is shared on what other Grand Courts are doing. The subscription cost is a mere \$7.00 per year. The information required is minimal - your name, state, address and zip code is all that is required. Subscriptions go to H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, Supreme Secretary, 6417 Normandy Lane, Suite 203, Madison, WI 53719-1184, phone 608/277-1221, or you can get that information to me, H.L. June E. Potts, 222 Tygert Street, Ripon, WI 54971-1373, phone 920/748-2338. The newsletter is issued quarterly, in August, November, February and May.

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.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

The first educational presentation by the 2010-2011 Fraternal Relations Committee appears to have been well received by those in attendance.

A twenty-page booklet "Meet you Masonic Family" last updated in 2003, showing thirty-three organizations, describing the Organization's Names, Officer Titles, and Charities, etc. was discussed. It needs updating again.

A few "OLD" Grand Officer jewels from various Masonic organizations, on loan from the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library and Museum were shown. A program "Have Artifacts Will Travel" is available when requested.

A display of Car Tags "All in the Masonic Family" showing twenty-four separate Masonic Family Organizations, (13 for men, 4 Co-ed. 4 for ladies, and 3 for youth) with four additional extensions added just for balance. It was noted that there are at least fifteen other organizations that do not have car tags available.

Each individual was presented with a photo of the display with spaces to identify the organizations. After a short time, the organization names were uncovered and short descriptions presented. It appeared that PGRP Jack Heady may have been able to identify the most tags.

It was suggested that each Court could take five minutes, or so, at each meeting and have an educational program describing one of our other organizations.

Fraternally: Jim Byrnes, Chairman
PGRP, PGM, PAGG, KCORBE

Message from the Membership Committee Grand Court of Wisconsin, Order of the Amaranth

To the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights of Wisconsin,

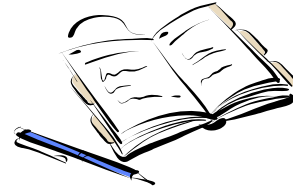
With the start of the New Year and the busy holiday season behind us, please consider the promotion of our organization to others. I have not received any news of signed petitions for initiation in the Wisconsin Courts. I look forward to hearing from you on your progress in obtaining new candidates.

As a reminder of the Membership Contest that was announced in the previous newsletter, the rules are reprinted below for your convenience.

Grand Court of Wisconsin, Order of the Amaranth Membership Contest Rules 2010 - 2011

- **For individuals:**
 - There will be two \$50 cash rewards (in the form of loaded bank cash cards).
 - One will be for the Honored Lady member who brings in the most new members
 - One will be for the Sir Knight member bringing in the most new members.

- To qualify they must be the first signer on the petitions.



- **For the Courts:**

- We will have a meal for the court with the most members who bring in at least one new member.
- This way, the individuals who win will not necessarily and automatically make their Court win. It kind of levels the playing field for the Courts.
- In the case that all new members are brought in by Honored Ladies or all by Sir Knights then the top two would win the prizes.

- **Contest dates:**

- Petitions must be signed after June 1, 2010 (that is when Advance nights began).
- New members must be initiated by October 1, 2011.
- Winners will be announced at Grand Court 2011.

- **Questions:**

- Contact Marilyn Burlison, Membership Committee Chairman
 - Cell Phone: 920.420.6466
 - E-mail: mburlison@voyager.net

Take Care and Good Luck,

Marilyn Burlison
 Membership Chairman
 Grand Court of Wisconsin
 Order of the Amaranth

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY.

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.

Reception to honor
 Ernest Anderson –
 Gr. Rep. to Washington from
 Wisconsin
 for OES.

Thursday, April 7, 2011
 Meeting is at 6:00 pm
 Reception is at 7:00 pm.
 Racine Masonic Center
 1012 Main Street
 Racine, Wisconsin

RSVP to LuAnn Hansen by March 30.
hansen1@execpc.com or
 262-763-6785 after 5:00 pm.

Mark Your Calendars!

Madison Court's
3rd Annual
Pancakes Plus!

Sunday March 20
8:00 to 2:00

Madison Masonic Center
301 Wisconsin Ave., Madison

- Pancake Meal
- Ballroom Marketplace
- Door Prizes

Meal proceeds will benefit
Wisconsin Grand Court Ways & Means.
&
Madison Court #7

Your Court is invited to have a table at the Marketplace.

Contact Gail Piper 608-242-9282
(email gailpiper6@aol.com)
for more information or to reserve your table.

Don't miss it!

If anyone is still interested in the gloves with the pon poms on them please let me know and I will make them for you. I still have an assortment of gloves and yarn. Also if you would like a hat I can make them also. The monies collected go to Diabetes.

Cheryl Grover

SPAGHETTI DINNER



WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

WHERE: MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3450 SOUTH 52nd STREET
GREENFIELD, WI 53220
414-545-2440

COST: \$7 ADULTS & \$4 CHILDREN 12 and under - ADVANCE
(\$8 & \$5 AT THE DOOR)

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Milwaukee Court 7:30 pm meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Hope/Faith Court Meeting 1:30 pm
6	7 Milwaukee Court 7:30 pm meeting	8	9	10	11 Racine Laure Ct 7:30 pm meeting	12 Friendship Court Dinner 7:00 pm meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Madison Court 7:30 pm meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Hope//Faith Court GRM Visit 1:30 pm
3	4 Milwaukee Court GRM Visit 7:30 pm meeting	5	6	7	8 Racine Laurel GRM Visit 6:15 pm dinner 7:30 pm meeting	9 Friendship Court 7:00 pm meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Madison Court GRM Visit 7:30 pm meeting	20	21	22	23 Bead to Beat Diabetes
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Bead to Beat Diabetes

When: Saturday, April 23, 2011

Where: Celteica & The Bead Studio

Galleria West Shopping Center

18900 W. Bluemount Road

Brookfield, WI 53043

Only 20 students per class.

1st Class 10:00 am till 1:00 pm

(A 2nd class will be added when 1st class fills up)

2nd Class 1:30 pm till 4:30 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per student per class

Includes: Fresh Water Pearl Bracelet.

All supplies and Expert instructors.

In addition you may make and take a pair of earrings for \$5, a necklace for \$20 or purchase one or more of the many

kits available, of which 20% goes to:

Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP with Remit to hold your spot to:

Diana Kifer

375 Emma St.

Fond du Lac, WI 54935-4009

(920) 922-6012 or E-mail: ldkifer@chartr.net



Bead to Beat Diabetes

Above you will find the invitation and information about our 2nd Bead to Beat Diabetes.

Please note the Date Change. I know this is the day before Easter, but look at it this way what a wonderful memory you could have by bringing your daughter, granddaughter or just hanging out with special friends. Now just to let you know Men are welcome too. You could make a beautiful bracelet for that special someone in your life.

We will be having a tea as our refreshment.

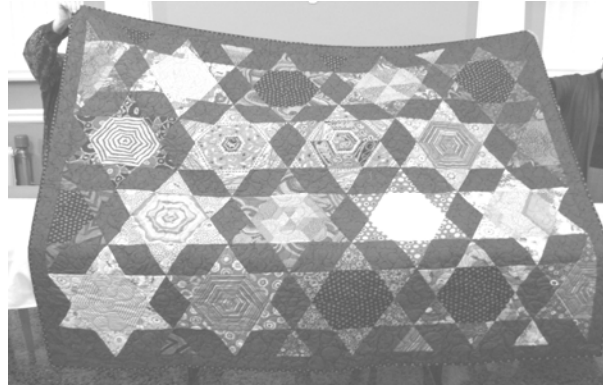
Assorted Teas and Tea Sandwiches and cakes.

Mark your calendars and make reservation

Please join us for a fun filled time of fellowship.

COMING SOON

AMARANTH BIGGEST LOSSER CONTEST
WISCONSIN CHALLENGE



Raffle tickets are now available for this beautiful Quilt.

They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The Quilt is comprised of a multitude of colors and the craftsmanship is outstanding.

The quilt is 64 by 76 inches. Large enough for a full size bed or to cover the top nicely of a queen size.

Drawing will be held on October 14, 2011.

(at the Friday night Banquet)

All proceeds will go to Amaranth Diabetes.

If you would like tickets to sell

or to get your tickets to win,

Contact: H.L. Diana Kifer at 920-922-6012

or email her at ldkifer@charter.net

She will get them to you.

Tickets can be sold to anyone (we have raffle license) so if you can help out please get some tickets and sell them to your family, friend and other groups. The making of the Quilt and all materials were donated. So again all the money that is made goes to Diabetes and some lucky person will walk away with this BEAUTIFUL QUILT.

I wanted to Thank all the participated in the 1st Beads to Beat Diabetes event held on November 27, 2010.

Following is a breakdown:

There were 16 @ \$10 ea. = \$160

20% of sales = \$210.86 + .14 to round up = \$211

For a total of \$371

So not only did we make and take a bracelet, you purchased other things to make. We enjoyed holiday cookies and hot chocolate and I hope everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you all for your donation and continuing support to Diabetes Research and to the Grand Court of Wisconsin.

H.L. Diana L. Kifer, Diabetes Coordinator

Thanks to H. L. Martha Shaw, PGRM and her Merry Card Makers, we have an assortment of beautiful cards that they made and donated for Diabetes. They are available for sale through H. L. Diana Kifer for a cost of only \$2 each.

Now where can you get a homemade card for only \$2 and if you have ever seen H. L. Marty's cards you know they are just beautiful.

Grand Court of Wisconsin
Order of the Amaranth

Reception Honoring
Grand Royal Matron, H.L. Gail Piper
Grand Royal Patron, S.K. Nathaniel Moore



Sunday, May 1, 2011
Noon – Cash Bar
1:00 Meal



Madison Masonic Center Ballroom
301 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison

Reservations: \$30

Apple Pork Filet Mignon

Bacon-wrapped center cut boneless pork chop topped with tangy apple Madeira wine sauce
Red buttered parsley potatoes; California medley vegetables

~ OR ~

Portabella Mushroom En Croute

A spring vegetable medley with Portabella Mushrooms
Baked in puff pastry and accompanied by a wine cream sauce

Please send your completed form with your payment to:

Arnetta Reining
17813 Blair Rd.
Pecatonica, IL 61063-9050
Phone: (815)239-2595
E-mail: REINING@aeroinc.net



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Grand Royal Matron & Grand Royal Patron Reception Reservation Form

Name(s) & Title(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Please reserve _____ meal(s).

Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$ _____ (\$30 per meal).

Please indicate your menu choices:

___ Apple Pork Filet Mignon

___ Portabella Mushroom En Croute

*** Reservation checks are to be made payable to Arnetta Reining. ***