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# Grand Court of Wisconsin

## Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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### Message from Grand Royal Matron Sondra Moore

I hope you had a Happy Holiday season. May you be blessed with God's Blessings in this New Year all year long. We are so blessed to have each other as friends.

H.L. Vicki Kuharske, our Grand Lecturer, just had surgery again on her shoulder but we are praying that her shoulder will start to heal. Our School of Instruction and Leadership Training will be January 31, 2015--9:00 am (Bagels, Rolls Coffee, Milk & Juice)--10:00 we will talk of our Supreme Lecturer's points of interest she wants us to go over. Lunch will be at 12 noon. Menu will be vegetable soup, salads, sandwiches, casseroles, relish dish, and desserts. There will be a cost of \$8.00. Please come and join us for a great day of Learning and Fellowship. The Janesville Masonic Center, 2322 E. Milwaukee St.-Janesville, Wisconsin. The phone number is (608) 752-3098. RSVP to HL Ruth Burns, RM phone (608) 752-4938 - or myself at (608)-207-3435.

March are the Grand Lecturer's Visits:

Milwaukee #2	March 2, 2015
Madison #7	March 7, at 9 am
Hope #11	March 7, at 1:30 pm
Racine Laurel #6	March 13, 2015
Friendship #14	March 14, 2015

The Grand Royal Matron's visits are as follows:

Saturday, April 4	Madison Ct #7
Monday, April 6	Milwaukee Ct #2
Friday, April 10	Racine Laurel #6
Saturday, May 2	Hope Ct #11
Saturday, May 9	Friendship Ct #14

We will notify you of any other changes as they are arranged. Check the Newsletter for the different court schedules, since our courts have been dark, and the Newsletter is the best place to see what is coming up. Please join us at all the meetings that you can; we always have a great time when we get together! Safe travels and stay warm! We look forward to seeing you.



### Message from Grand Royal Patron Nathan Moore

HL's and SK's- Well here we go again! Snow and frigid winter is here. I'll be glad when I don't have to shovel and snow blow the snow off our walks. I hope everyone is keeping warm on these cold days; it sure makes us appreciate summer days.

We are working on the School of Instruction so that you will have a good time at our Masonic Center. Bundle up and get car pools together and come to Janesville Masonic Center; you will have a good time as well as learning our new Ritual. Most of our courts are small and needs many of our visitors to fill stations at all of our meetings. Hope to see many of you not only at these special meetings, but at all of our meetings. Please--RSVP as soon as you can to HL Ruth Burns (608) 752-4938 or HL Sondra Moore (608) 207-3435.

Have Safe Travels and think Warm thoughts. See you all soon. Keep Hummin.n.n.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
Barbara Foster**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and the cards sent at the recent death of my son Brian. I can't tell you how much they have meant to me and how they have helped get me through this difficult time. We are a part of a wonderful family!!! Barb Foster and family

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!

As I write this, it is hard to believe we are already halfway through January. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I wish for everyone a fantastic 2015.

Ways and Means will have not one but two raffles! In addition to the Waterford crystal, we will have a second raffle for an autographed Packer football!!!! Both of these raffles will run at the same time (March-August) and winners will also be drawn at the same time (at Friendship Courts August meeting). We are excited for these two opportunities to raise money for Wisconsin Grand Court.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Leadership/School of Instruction on January 31. If not, then I will see you on the trail as we start up local activities in March. Take care and stay warm!

**Message from  
Grand Conductress  
Nancy Saggio**

Welcome to 2015!

I hope your Christmas was everything you hoped for and that the New Year brings only good things to all of you. Many meetings and opportunities are coming in the next few months to get together, to work together and to learn together. May the times be filled with friendship and good ideas to make our great Order grow and prosper. Time goes quickly and we need to stay on task so goals are accomplished and wishes completed. Looking forward to traveling and seeing many of you very soon.

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

Milwaukee Court had a wonderful meeting December 1st with a surprise visit from Grand Royal Matron Sondra Moore and Grand Royal Patron Nathaniel Moore, who brought Christmas Greetings.

We are looking forward to the Grand Lecturer, Vicki Kuharske instruction at Janesville on the Jan. 31.

Milwaukee Court will have a practice on the 27 of Feb. at 6:00 p.m. before our meeting the March 2nd.

Looking forward to seeing all our friends.

**Message from  
Racine Laurel Court No. 6  
Amanda Hansen, RM  
Ernest Anderson, RP**

Racine Laurel Court meets the second Friday of each month except January and February 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. Our schedule for the months of February, March and April are as follows:

February 15 - Pork Chop Dinner and Silent Auction - 4-7 pm; cost is \$10.00. Need to purchase tickets in advance from LuAnn and Amanda Hansen.

March 8 - Rehearsal for Grand Lecturer's Visit at 1:00 pm. Lunch at noon.

March 13 - Grand Lecturer's Visit and Initiation. Dinner at 6:00 pm; Meeting at 7:00 pm. We are having a Disney Themed Meeting. Please bring toy donations for Children's Hospital.

April 10 - Grand Royal Matron's Official Visit. Dinner at 6:00 pm; Meeting at 7:00 pm. Wear your favorite Easter Bonnet.

Cost of our dinners is \$10.00. Please make reservations to our Secretary, Mary Schultz.

**Message from  
Madison Court No. 7  
Gail Piper, RM  
Jack Heady, RP**

Madison Court will return from our winter break with a very busy meeting on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (meeting begins at 9am). It is our Grand Lecturer's visit, and we will have initiation that day. We will be in need of help from other members around the state to help us out with that initiation. Thank you in advance for your assistance and willingness to travel to Madison to work with us in getting new members.

Madison Court continues to be busy with our Craftacular lunch sale fundraisers. February 7<sup>th</sup> is yet another one where we will serve food and sell baked goods to raise money for our ways and means. As always, if you are in the area, stop by the Madison Masonic Center ballroom and check out the sale and have some refreshments that we will be serving in the small dining room.

We continue to sell Seroogy's chocolate bars for our ways and means. Please let any member of Madison Court know if you are interested in purchasing these delicious chocolate candy bars that are made right here in Wisconsin. We have a fairly good supply on hand but it is beginning to dwindle as we also sell them at the Craftacular lunches.

Our ritual tab sales are coming to a close. We have a handful of sets left if anyone is interested. There is an order form on the Grand Court web site, or you can contact H.L. Gail Piper at 608-242-9282. All money raised goes to diabetes research.

A summary of our upcoming meetings: Saturday, March 7, stated meeting with initiation begins at 9am. We will have refreshments at 8am that day. We then meet on April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stated meetings beginning at 10am. Refreshments at 9am. We would love to have you with us!



Sally Acuff, ADF Secretary, working at the Nov 2014 Craftacular in Madison



Jack Heady, PGRP, gets coffee duty at the Nov 2014 Craftacular in Madison.

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

January 31 - School of Instruction  
9:00AM - donuts, rolls, bagels, coffee, juice  
12:00 Noon - Soup and Sandwich lunch; \$8.00  
Reservations to Ruth Burns (608-752-4939)  
email ([brlopd@att.net](mailto:brlopd@att.net))

March 7 -- 12:00 Noon Pot Luck Luncheon  
1:30PM - Official Visit of Grand Lecturer

**Message from  
Friendship Court #14  
Nancy Saggio, RM  
Leland Burlison, RP**

Installation went well, thanks for all who helped install our Court. We are looking forward to some fun meetings and would love to have you join us in working and playing here in Fond du Lac. Thank goodness we don't meet in January! It was WAY too cold. Keep warm and stay on the road.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2015.**

**Let's Form A Degree Team  
H.L. Gail Piper, PRM**

Everyone reading this knows that Wisconsin Amaranth's membership is shrinking. We are all working on getting new members in our Courts, and when we do find that person who is a willing and interested candidate it is very important that our initiatory work does justice to the beauty of the degree and its ritual.

The idea of having a "degree team" in Wisconsin has been discussed in the past but, alas, no action has been taken. I plan to bring this up again at the School of Instruction and Leadership Training to be held in Janesville on January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you were not part of the discussion, a degree team is a group of committed members who are willing to assist other Courts with their degree work when help filling stations is needed.

If you know or have known a part (or parts) of the degree work in our ritual, please consider being a part of this. It is important to understand that the work must be memorized when the degree work is done. None of us has any of our work commended to memory all the time, but if you had it memorized in the past it probably would not take you long to brush up on it and be able to say the part from memory again.

There are also parts that do not involve any memorization that you might sign up to do, such as pinning the flowers on in the South, or being a courtesy candidate to even up the number of candidates.

Please consider helping with this effort. The future of Amaranth could very well depend on our putting forth some planning and work in this area. If you cannot attend the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, please contact Gail Piper at 608-242-9282 to discuss how you might assist.

**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](mailto:greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com). Thank you.

**Newsletter**

As you can see, we are missing items to make this newsletter complete. This newsletter can only be the best it can be with the assistance of everyone. This is an awesome tool and a really great way to inform all the members of our Order in the State of Wisconsin.

It is also put on our Grand Court Website for others to see what our state is doing.

I cannot do this alone, I need input from everyone. Perhaps assign a member from your individual courts to compile your news and send it to me.

This newsletter can only succeed if we all work together.

**Joke**

Two years ago my neighbor accidentally shot his best friend who died at the hospital. Bubba asked the doctor if there was anything else he could have done to save his friend. The doctor said well it would have helped if you had not field dressed him.

(Editor note: Do you have any guesses as to who submitted this?)

**School of Instruction and  
Leadership Training  
Saturday, January 31, 2015  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Janesville Masonic Center  
2322 Milwaukee Street  
Janesville, WI 53545**

**Grand Court of Wisconsin  
Order of the Amaranth  
Annual Session  
October 8, 9 and 10, 2015  
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](http://www.wintergreen-resort.com)**

### **Grand Lecturer's Visits**

Milwaukee Court #2	March 2, 2015 7 pm
Madison Court #7	March 7, 2015 9 am
Hope Court #11	March 7, 2015 1:30 pm
Racine Laurel Court #6	March 13, 2015 7 pm
Friendship Court #14	March 14, 2015 7 pm

### **Grand Royal Matron's Official Visits (Accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron)**

Madison Court #7	April 4, 2015 10 am
Milwaukee Court #2	April 6, 2015 7 pm
Racine Laurel Court #6	April 10, 2015 7 pm
Hope Court #11	May 2, 2015 1:30 pm
Friendship Court #14	May 9, 2015 7 pm

### **Advance Nights Grand Associate Matron And Grand Associate Patron**

Milwaukee Court #2	August 3, 2015
Racine-Laurel Court #6	August 14, 2015
Madison Court #7	September 5, 2015
Hope Court #11	August 1, 2015
Friendship Court #14	August 8, 2015

(Please remember dates and times  
are subject to change)

**Grand Royal Matron and  
Grand Royal Patron Reception  
Sunday, July 19, 2015  
Janesville Masonic Center  
2322 Milwaukee Street  
Janesville, WI 53545**

School of Instruction and Leadership Training

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Social 9:00 am; Leadership 10:00 am; Lunch noon; School 1:00

Lunch is at a cost of \$8.00

Janesville Masonic Center

2322 Milwaukee Street

Janesville, WI 53545

All Grand Officers and members of the Order of the  
Amaranth are highly encouraged to attend.

Reservations should be made.

## PORK CHOP DINNER

Racine Laurel Court

1012 Main Street

Racine, Wisconsin

Sunday, February 15, 2015

4 - 7 pm; Cost is \$10.00

Advance reservations are required.

Contact LuAnn and Amanda Hansen for tickets.





YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE  
BETTY AND H. JON MILLER'S  
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
ACTUAL DATE FEBRUARY 28, 2015.



We hope you can come and celebrate this milestone with them.

Friday Feb. 27th is Open House from 4 pm - 6 pm  
in Community Room of their Senior Apartment Building  
695 N. Brookfield Road Brookfield Rd.  
( One block N. of Bluemound Rd at the Pro Health Regency)  
It will be reception with appetizers and beverages  
We are planning that Jon will be there during that time.  
Drop in at your convenience.

Chris Miller & Angie Schmidt

Anne, Matt, Christina & Eli Hartley