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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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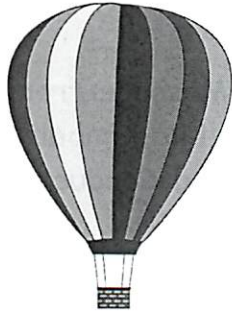
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## Message from Grand Royal Matron Cheri Brus

Hello everyone:

I am so pleased to be your Grand Royal Matron. I will do my best to follow in the shoes of all the Grand Royal Matron's before me.

For those that don't know my fun emblem, it is hot air balloons. Our theme is Let's Soar and we will go up up away with diabetes. The colors for the year are browns and oranges with daisy's and tulips as the flower.

I would like to impress on everyone to do some traveling so you can get your skeleton completed. Those who were not at Grand Court we are building a skeleton by traveling to different courts and participating in some different activities planned throughout the year where you will get body parts to build the skeleton with.

There is not much going on right now, but after the holiday's things will pick up. Please attend as many functions as you can. If you need a ride give someone a call and I am almost positive they will be able to help put. I personally found that out this year.

There will be the school of instruction in Feb. weather permitting the 16th is the date and it will be held at McKinley Lodge (there are no stairs). In June there will be a pirate party which I am positive SK Bob GRP will talk about and in Aug. a Lake Geneva Boat Cruise, not sure what type as of yet could be mail boat run or ice cream social or just a gentle cruise looking at all the beautiful mansions. Also if you can plan on going to Grand Court next October as we have something planned that will be fun and exciting at the Friday night banquet.

I know it is a couple months till the holidays but we don't send out another newsletter until after so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In conclusion, once again I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in me. Hope to see you on the trail for Amaranth.

Hugs and Love, Cher Brus, GRM

## Message from Grand Royal Patron Robert Miksch

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

I was hoping to just reuse a previous GRP newsletter, however it looks like I am unable to find one to use.

We survived another Grand Court and am truly honored to be your Grand Royal Patron. Remember you voted for me – no one to blame but yourselves mua'hahahahaha. I am looking forward

to working with HL Cheri and the rest of the officers.

Can't believe how quickly we shifted to winter (at least it feels that way with all the "brisk" weather). Make sure you stay nice and warm in the coming months. Not much more to say for this newsletter. This is about where I would stick a joke, however I will continue to place the joke(s) in the Humor column, so look for some good and some not so good jokes there. I challenge anyone to also supply a joke to Honored Lady Mary for the Humor column (we could use some "better" jokes ~grin~).

Until the next time, keep safe!

Grand Royal Patron,  
Bob

**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
Betty Miller**

A big thank you to the Grand Court for your confidence in me as your Grand Associate Matron. I look forward to serving the WI Grand Court with the Grand Associate Patron LeRoy. I plan on visiting the Courts more regularly, so I can get to know each of you better. It is important that we support each other and our Grand Royal Matron and Patron.

If you weren't at Grand Court our fun symbols are the fast Husky Dogs and the mighty Moose. You will no doubt learn about them later in the year.

See you down the trail.

Betty Miller, GAM

**Message from  
Grand Associate Patron  
Leroy Kifer**

IM BACK. Yes, you have elected me as your Grand Associate Patron. I will do my best to serve this Grand Court to the best of my ability. The first half of this year I will have other obligations as the Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of Knights

Templar of Wisconsin but will serve when I can. Please support the Grand Officers and the AP in your court to raise funds for the Ways and Means so we can all help to keep the cost of Grand Court under control. You have done a great job in the past and I know you will this year also.

SK LeRoy Kifer

**Message from  
Lila Kimball  
Grand Conductress**

I would like to thank the Grand Court for electing me to serve as the Grand Conductress of Wisconsin. So enjoy representing the Order. I attended Illinois Grand Court last week enjoyed seeing all my friends there.

Look forward to the coming year.

HL Lila Kimball

**Message from  
LuAnn Hansen, PGRM**

I would like to thank everyone for their help at Grand Court. We had several stations that needed to be filled and I appreciate those that were able to step in at the last minute and fill them.

I really enjoyed the breakfast on Saturday with the skits, especially the Chipmunks! Or was it the Chippunks, the Supreme team?? I had fun and I hope that everyone did as well.

I wish Bob and Cheri good health, lots of fun and safe travels this year. I hope that everything that they want to do will fly high for Amaranth.

I hope everyone has safe and healthy holidays.

HL LuAnn Hansen



**Message from  
Parker Dow, PGRP**

Thank you Honored Ladies & Sir Knights for the great term Oct 2017-2018 it was a pleasure serving you

SK Parker

**Message from  
Milwaukee Court No. 2  
Vicki Kuharske, RM  
Robert Mehle, RP**

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Milwaukee Court wishes to congratulate H.L. LuAnn and S.K. Parker Dow on a successful Session and thank them for their year of Service. We also wish to congratulate our own H.L. Cheri Brus and S.K. Robert Miksch on their elevation to GRM and GRP. We look forward to the coming year and pledge to support you as you work for the good of our Order.

In December we will have a 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner, followed by our meeting at 7:00 PM. We will be doing initiation Call or e- mail Vicki Kuharske, H 414-258-9048, C 414-975-2203, [vickikuharske@att.net](mailto:vickikuharske@att.net), to make a dinner reservation and or offer help with Initiation. H.L.'s wear white and S.K.s wear black tux or dark suit if taking a station.

We will be dark in January and February but watch for news of a fun event or two.

March 4 – Stated Meeting – wear green

We are again selling Kringles from Larson's to be delivered in time for Christmas. Contact H.L. Betty Miller, 414-630-0571, for information.

We hope all of you are able to enjoy the coming Holiday Season with family and friends and that you have a Happy Healthy New Year.

Vicki Kuharske, RM  
Robert Mehle, RP

**Message from  
Racine Laurel Court #6  
Amanda Grunewald, RM  
A. Gene Hass, RP**

Friday, December 14 – Christmas meeting. Come and celebrate the season.

January and February – no meeting

Friday, March 15 – Luck of the Irish

On behalf of the Racine Masonic Center:

Are you a crafter or vendor? Our annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, from 8am to 12pm. If you would like to sell your items, please contact Joy at 262-308-3500 or [joy.mcclelland@gmail.com](mailto:joy.mcclelland@gmail.com) to reserve your space.

Fraternally, Amanda and Gene

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

Madison Court members will be serving post church service refreshments at the VA Hospital on Sunday mornings during the month of December. Our December regularly stated meeting is the first Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Breakfast snacks at 9am, meeting begins at 10am. We will then not meet until March 2<sup>nd</sup> after being dark during the months of January and February.

This article is being submitted by Madison Court's Conductress in that our Royal Matron, H.L. Barbara Lee Overton has been diagnosed with colon cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. She will be receiving chemo treatments for four to six months after which there will be surgery to remove a tumor. Please keep H.L. Barbara in your thoughts and prayers as she battles this disease. Her spirits are good, and Madison Court members are providing all the support we can muster to help her



through this difficult time. H.L. Barbara is continuing to fulfill her duties as Supreme Secretary but is limiting the hours spent in her office, doing some of the work out of her home. H.L. Barbara would appreciate Amaranth members using good judgement in the sharing of this information by not posting it on any social media platforms (e.g. Facebook). Members may feel free to share it with others who would appreciate knowing, just not on social media.

**Message from  
Friendship Court No. 14  
Diana Kifer, RM  
Leland Burleson, RP**

Saturday, December 8, 2018: Celebrate the holidays, crazy sock exchange and sock collection. Cookie exchange, bring 3 dozen and take 2 home. The other for refreshments with hot chocolate.

January & February – social event to be announced.

Saturday, March 9, 2019 - meeting

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND  
COURT NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY  
20 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE  
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH  
AND APRIL 2019**

**It's YOUR Website, Grand Court!  
Submitted by H.L. Gail Piper, Webmaster**

Gentle Amaranth members, this is your Grand Court Webmaster speaking.

Have you visited the Wisconsin Grand Court website? It can be found at [www.wisconsinamaranth.org](http://www.wisconsinamaranth.org). Go out there and explore it a bit. One page is still under construction but I'm working on that. Also, did you know that every newsletter is posted there for you to read? All the way back to the first one.

Please go there real soon and look over the content for me, and if you find anything that needs correcting

please email me at [gailpiper6@aol.com](mailto:gailpiper6@aol.com). When we change officers and committees there is a lot of information typed in and errors do occur. Guaranteed. So, please help me find them.

Also, FYI, new this year: no pro tem officers are listed on the site. That is per a directive from our Supreme Royal Matron, H.L. June Haas. I discussed that issue with her at Grand Court, and we are not to list pro tem officers. They can fill in the spot(s), but are not to be listed.

Finally, as our Grand Court year progresses, please consider sending me photos and/or write-ups about what you have been doing at your meetings or for fundraising for diabetes research, etc. I can post information about upcoming events and attach pdf files that can be printed off by the reader. I can't post things to the website that I don't have. If you feel the Grand Court website doesn't have enough things of interest on it, then you might consider doing something about that. Meanwhile I'll keep plugging along doing the best I can with what I come up with on my own! But, please consider contributing. (I need jpeg files of photos and pdf files of flyers, etc.) Also, one final detail. I must have a disclosure form on file for anyone whose name/address/phone number is provided on a flyer. Contact me with any questions. Thank you!

**Bulletin Board Notes**

Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, December 2  
Racine Masonic Center

Milwaukee Court is selling kringles –  
contact Betty Miller

Tripoli Women's Auxiliary is selling stolen –  
contact Diana Kifer

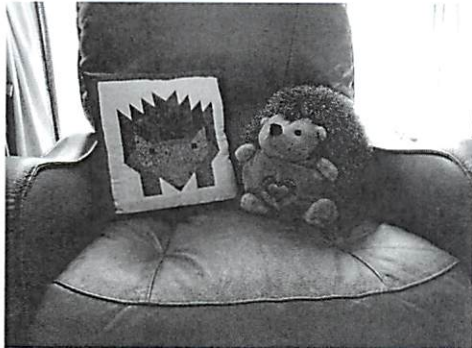
Daughters of the Nile is selling poinsettias –  
contact Diana Kifer

True Kindred is selling nuts –  
contact Betty Miller



**Message from  
Barbara Foster**

Hi WI Grand Court! Mom finally let me come back to Grand Court and I am SO glad I did 😊. It was SO much fun to see old friends, especially Mary and Bob. You still have that fun breakfast on Saturday. It is nice to welcome the chipmunks to the animal crew but where did those great big ones come from? Winter is coming and I will be curling up for a long rest. You continue to have fun....travel a lot and I hope to see you all in Spring. Love, Violet



**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.



**The Humor Column**

**Submission from Robert Miksch**

Lawyers should never ask a Southern grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,

'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'





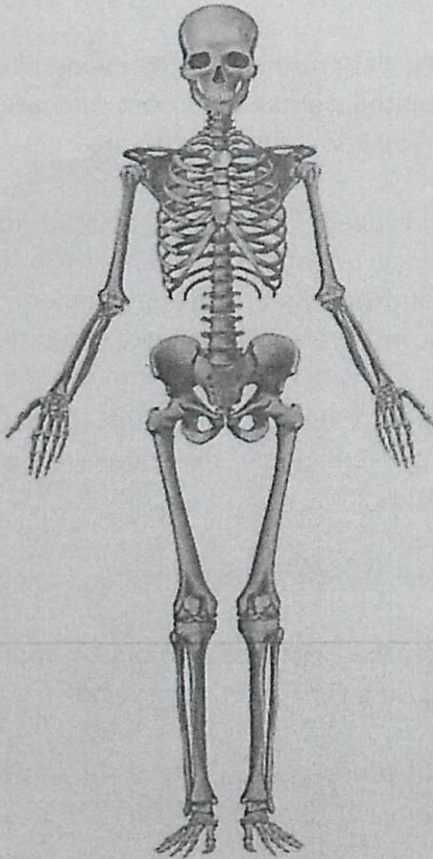
## **GATHER THE BONES**



**Attend state activities.  
Attend special events.  
Attend other Courts meetings  
Turn in a signed petition.  
Make special donations.**

**REWARD: A free night at 2019 Grand Court**

**Assemble the skeleton, add extra pieces.  
Completed skeleton with extra parts WINS!**



**HEAD** Pirate Party  
**BODY** Grand Court Installation  
**PELVIS** Leadership  
**LOWER ARM** Friendship Court  
**UPPER LEG** Madison Court  
**UPPER ARM** Racine Court  
**LOWER LEG** Milwaukee Court  
**HAND** Personal Donation to  
Diabetes  
**FOOT** Personal donation to  
Ways and Means  
**PARROT** Go on Cruise  
**HAT** Turn in signed petition

**Remember: some body parts  
need 2! Only one can be  
collected per court visit.  
Assemble and bring to 2019  
Grand Court. They will  
displayed in the hallway.**