
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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**Message from
Grand Royal Matron
Barbara Foster**

Happy Summer!

It is hard to believe it is July already! This year is flying by. These past three months have been full of travel, Court official visits, WI Masonic family annual sessions, Supreme Council and Arizona Grand Court. Thank you to each court for the fun and friend hospitality shown to me at each Official Visit. Each one of you is working hard within your own court and it shows. I have had the pleasure representing Amaranth at many functions and annual sessions. There have been many questions about Amaranth and two petitions were requested! It is a pleasure to see what happens when we "Let our light shine!" And now, as my year draws to a close, it is time to put the finishing touches to our annual Grand Court session. I am looking forward to greeting each of you at the "Circle of Friends" Session in October!

Thank you to all the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights at Supreme Council for the very generous love gift. I have chosen to donate it to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation as my remembrance of the Supreme Council breakfast and all that were able to travel to Norfolk, VA. You all are great!!!!

Thank you to all that were able to attend the Antebellum afternoon to support diabetes research! We enjoyed fantastic fellowship, delicious food, and much fun. HL Nancy Saggio had us guess "what is this utensil used for?" Who knew that there could be so many different kinds of utensils! HL Mary Schultz had some very nice items for our bag raffle. Thank you ladies! The highlight was a presentation by Mike Shore on fashions from the Civil War era. A big thank you to him for sharing his expertise! It was a nice afternoon for a good cause!

Hedgehog hugs,
Barb Foster, GRM

October 8, 2016

WI Masonic Day

The incoming Grand Master is asking that ALL groups meeting in a Masonic Center set aside October 8 and hold a joint Masonic Family event. This will be a statewide endeavor. He asks that we work together to promote Masonry and our Masonic groups. Remember to have promotional materials, your promotional board, ADF materials and wear something to identify you as an Amaranth member. Watch the Masonic Journal and this space for more information.

**Message from
Grand Royal Patron
Leland Burlison**

Enjoy the Summer

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Whether you enjoy the summers by relaxing at home, cooking out, vacationing in National Parks, taking the children (Grandchildren) to Bible Camp, Disneyland or the Dells, or a Boy Scout Camp, always remember how blessed we are as citizens of this country. Very few citizens of other countries of the world have the freedoms and successes we enjoy. Even poorest of this nation live better than citizens of many other countries. We indeed have much to be thankful for.

In only three months Grand Court, Order of Amaranth will reconvene and H L Barb and I will have completed our term of office. We hope to see and greet you in the Dells.

Meanwhile, eat well, do good, be safe and enjoy the summer.

Fraternally,
Leland L Burlison, GRP

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Nancy Saggio**

H.L. and S.K.'s:

Summer is going way too quickly, but the days have at least been filled with fun and sunshine (mostly).

I have enjoyed visiting the courts around the state and I am looking forward to the coming Advance Nights (or days). Several Courts will be holding real Initiations and I am very excited to see our Courts growing. You must be sharing our fun and philanthropic excellence with others. Keep up the good work! We need to continue to grow. On August 13th, the drawing for the giant chocolate basket will be held at Friendship Court. Join us and purchase the winning ticket from H.L. Cheri Brus.

I am looking forward to October and would like to thank all of you who have said the word "Yes" for S.K. Phil and me. Can't wait to work with all of you! May the rest of your summer last with continued warm days and sunny skies. Hope to see many of you in the next few weeks.

Nancy Saggio,
GAM

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Cheri Brus**

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe that before you know it summer will be gone. I truly hope everyone is enjoying it. I know I am.

I am still selling raffle tickets for the Chocolate basket. They are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be in August on the 13th at Friendship Court. Remember you do not need to be present to win. I will get the basket to the winner. If you want more tickets just let me know. The money is going to Ways and Means Grand Court. We will be thinking up some new ideas for the next year for ways and means.

If you are looking for something to do in August, come to Milwaukee Court on Monday Aug. 8. We are holding our meeting at 10 AM and having a special guest of a first time Royal Matron from Queensland. After the meeting we will be going out to Maxims for lunch at your own expense.

Please let Laura Dessereau know if you are coming so we can turn a count in to the restaurant.

Please show your love for the order and help out wherever and whenever you can. Remember many hands make light work. Looking forward to Grand Court in October.

See you on the Amaranth trail and hopefully at Grand Court.

Cheri Brus Grand Associate Conductress

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

Milwaukee Court invites everyone to attend their stated meeting on Monday, August 8 at 10:00 am to honor H.L. Denise Dickson, Grand Wisdom of Queensland and Royal Matron of her Court as she is visiting the United States.

Milwaukee Court meets at McKinley Lodge in Brookfield, WI

We will go to lunch on our own after the meeting. Please make reservations to H.L. Laura Dessereau or H.L. Lila Kimball.

Please try to attend this important meeting.

Thank you.

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
LuAnn Hansen, RM
Robert Miksch, RP**

Friday, August 12 is our stated meeting at 7:00 pm with a dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. We will have initiation for our candidates. If you are able to take an officer part, please contact our Royal Matron, LuAnn Hansen.

Friday, September 9 is our Advance Night. Advancing officers are responsible for the opening, closing, escorts and initiation. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Once again, we will need protem officers, please contact our Royal Matron, LuAnn Hansen.

Our October meeting will be on Saturday, October 8. Our morning will begin at 9:00 am with our annual inventory and audit of the books. Stated meeting will begin at 10:00 am. This meeting will be annual reports, election of officers and other Grand Court business. A light lunch will follow the meeting

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

On June 4th Madison Court participated in a neighborhood yard sale on the near East side of Madison to raise money for ways and means. We raised a total of \$229 for our ways and means that day selling our old junk (excuse me) treasures and Seroogy's chocolate bars, which were a big hit with some local kids. (We were glad to find buyers who like the "pop rock" version of those candy bars. They are obviously targeted toward the younger generations.) We were also glad to be able to tell a number of people about Amaranth and our Amaranth Diabetes Foundation that day. It was a fun event with our members socializing over pizza while dodging a few pesky raindrops that finally went away.

We extend our thanks to everyone who traveled to Madison on June 19th to help us fill empty officer slots for our conferring of the degree work that evening as we welcomed in a new member. We had pro tem officers from every other Court in the state there to assist. Your willingness to travel to Madison to help us was very much appreciated, and Madison Court members want to return the favor. As we continue to build our membership we need to lean on one another just as we witnessed at our June meeting. Sometimes we need that support and other times we provide it. That is the only way we can grow.

Upcoming meeting dates in Madison are Saturdays at 10am on August 6th, September 3rd, and October 1st. We have a light breakfast prior to these Saturday morning meetings at 9am, and we would love to have you join us! You can always call H.L. Gail Piper at 608-242-9282 to confirm dates and times.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND
SAVE THIS DATE!**

Friday evening, August 26th through Sunday morning, August 28th for the Amaranth Multi-state gathering. We are the hosts this year; details are included in this newsletter.

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

Friendship Court #14:

Friendship Court has received 3 petitions! We will hold the Initiation August 13th the same night as our Advance Night. Help is needed! This will also be the night of the drawing for the giant chocolate basket so it is a double whammy night. Please join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, cost \$8.00. RSVP to sultana313@charter.net so we can feed the hordes that will be attending.

On August 16th our Court will be doing a Salads to You to raise money for Ways and Means. This is a fund raiser done by getting orders for the salads and sandwiches from business in the community, making them and then delivering them at a time requested. It is fun and crazy getting the orders ready, but the profit usually pays off well. We are also thinking of restocking books at the grade school across the street from our lodge. This would get our name out to the community.

The meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 10 is rescheduled for Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm due to conflicts with Masonic schedules.

The stated meeting on Saturday, October 8 at 7:00 pm is our stated meeting with elections, annual reports and the Uncrowning Ceremony.

Nancy Saggio, RM
LeRoy Kifer, RP

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 15 FOR ALL
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY
2017.**

Change in Grand Court By-Laws

Paper reports for Grand Court are due to the Grand Associate Conductress before noon on the Thursday evening of the session, with the exception of Courtesy and Hospitality, Craft Table, Credentials, Jurisprudence and Registration. The Grand Secretary may also receive a copy of the same reports and addresses electronically at least three days prior to the Annual Session.

**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

**Multi-state weekend hosted by
Wisconsin
August 26-28, 2016
Details are included
in this newsletter**

**Pre-session Fun and Fellowship Night
October 12, 2016
Buffalo Phil's
Wisconsin Dells
(Across the street to the West of
the Wintergreen Resort)
6:00 pm
(RSVP to GRM Barbara Foster)**

**Grand Court of Wisconsin
Order of the Amaranth
Annual Session
October 13, 14 and 15, 2016
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**

This session is open to ALL members not just the voting members of Grand Court.

Grand Court Session information has been distributed to all the members of Wisconsin by Sally Acuff our Grand Secretary. Lots of information about the rehearsal schedule, schedule of events, meals and hotel are included in this distribution. Let Sally know if you have not received this information.

Grand Court Assistance Needed

1. Items are needed for the craft table – handmade items, bakery, etc. This money is to help jump start the Grand Associate Patron's Ways and Means fund.
2. Baskets are needed for Friday evening for our Annual Basket Auction. Baskets should arrive to Grand Court on Thursday, October 13. Proceeds to benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.
3. Change this year – no bag raffle – we will be selling Bingo cards for \$5.00 a piece. Members are asked to bring donations of gift cards with a minimum value of \$10.00. These gift cards will be used as the prizes for Bingo which is the entertainment for the banquet on Friday night at Grand Court

GRAND COURT SESSION IN A NUT SHELL

Wednesday, October 12: Join us for pre session fun with dinner (Dutch treat) at Buffalo Phil's, RSVP to GRM Barbara Foster. Buffalo Phil's is located across the street to the west of the Wintergreen Resort.

Thursday, October 13: AM – Rehearsals (review tri-fold for new format); Kick Off Lunch- NEW!; PM – Rehearsals; Registration and Credentials; Session Opens Thursday evening.

Friday, October 14: AM – Morning session, elections; Golden Chain Lunch (NEW DAY) to welcome and celebrate the election of our new GRM and GRP; PM – Afternoon session, Memorial Ceremony; Evening - Garden Rhapsody Banquet to celebrate our WI Masonic family

Saturday, October 15: AM Critter Choir Fun Breakfast, Each court should have a skit for our entertainment; Morning session; Past Grand Association lunch (NEW DAY); Tech Thyme- a time to ask all those techie questions from those in the know; PM – Installation Rehearsals; Box Dinner (NEW); Evening – Installation of Wisconsin Grand Court officers

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WHAT IS AMARANTH?
Arranged from a Definition by Doris B. Bell,
Supreme Royal Matron

Amaranth's a way of life,
A path we walk each day.
It teaches truths that come from God,
To guide us on our way.

It isn't a religion,
A moral law, or creed,
But still extends a helping hand
To fill each daily need.

It gathers every member
In friendship strong, today,
That in fraternal brotherhood,
We walk the Amaranth Way.

It's made up of true harmony
Which comes from perfect love.
It's growth is made by service
To the Lord in Heav'n above.

It teaches that of him who hath,
Much always is expected,
For Honored Ladies and Sir Knights
Are royally connected.

It's members use the Golden Rule
With understanding, true,
And do to others all that they
Want them in turn to do.

And so the strength of each of them
United in this way
Can spread the lighted lamp of Truth
Through all the world today.

And as we from the past have learned,
Our growth continues ever,
That those who follow in our way
May live in light forever.

What is the Amaranth? you ask,
It is my life, I say,
For with it as my textbook,
I walk with God, today.

Still Missing!



Have received this from the kidnapers:

Grand Court Members and Friends:

This is a final notice for collecting ransom for Violet. Ransom money has not yet made the goal of \$250.00. The ransom money collected stands at about \$170.00. If you want to see Violet at the Grand Court Session, please meet the demands.

Ransom money should be sent to Mary Schultz at 9170 South 41 Street, Franklin, WI 53132

MULTI STATE

August 26 – 28, 2016

Hotel:

**American Madison West
516 Grand Canyon Dr.
Madison WI 53719**

Make Reservations before August 5, 2016

Phone: 608 662-1990

Group Name is Multi State

Cost is \$89.90 plus tax per night (includes breakfast)

Events:

Friday Aug 26 at 6 pm – Dutch Treat Fish Fry

Saturday Aug 27 at 9 am – group gathering

Saturday Aug 27 at 6 pm – Country Fair

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Place:

Marbella Condo Clubhouse

6302 Mineral Pt. Rd.

Madison WI 53705

Sunday Aug 28 - Farewell

Menu for picnic:

**Brats & condiments (mustard, ketchup, sauerkraut, onion)
Potato Salad – Baked Beans – Corn on the Cob – Fresh Fruit
Cake, Pie, Root beer/Orange Floats, Coffee, Tea
Anything harder bring your own**

Reservations with remittance of \$15.00 by August 5th to:

**Barbara Lee Overton
6302 Mineral Pt Rd #311
Madison WI 53705**

MULTI STATE COUNTRY FAIR

August 26—28, 2016
Madison Wisconsin



We are planning on going to a fish fry
On Friday night at approximately 6pm
Dutch Treat
Bring a favorite stuffed Animal
these will be judged

Saturday Evening we will have
a picnic at the Marbella Condominium Clubhouse starting at 6 pm. A bunko party is
also in the works.



There will be a pie and cake judging
Bring your favorite pie or cake
After the judging it will be our dessert

