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# Grand Court of Wisconsin

## Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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### Supreme Review Grand Royal Matron Gail Piper

Our Amaranth year is moving right along and summer is upon us with an abundance of visual pleasures, the bounty of gardens, and doses of warm weather. Before we know it Grand Court will be upon us. I want all members of Amaranth in Wisconsin to know how much I appreciate your support and hard work this year. It has been great working with you.

It was also my honor and pleasure to represent Wisconsin Grand Court at Supreme Assembly last week. I will share with you a few highlights that I feel members unable to attend might find interesting and informative.

The paraphernalia used in the Court room included four banners for the Ladies of the Square that were borrowed from a Court in California. These lovely banners were created in 1898 (!) and display hand painted images, each representing visual attributes or symbols of the station. They are true works of art.

At the informal opening, Supreme Council presented a check to the American Diabetes Foundation for over \$426,000. Wisconsin received a Certificate of Appreciation for our donations of \$4,145, which is \$22.28 per member. The award for the jurisdiction that raised the highest dollar amount went to Georgia where 508 members raised \$45,683. The award for the highest dollar amount raised per member was presented to Alaska where the average amount per their 150 members was \$135.83. All members of Amaranth can be proud of the work we do for this cause.

The CEO of the American Diabetes Association Research Foundation was at the informal opening and shared with everyone information about the five

current research efforts Amaranth is funding. Those areas of research are:

- Investigation of poor blood flow to the brain caused by diabetes;
- Neuropathy caused by diabetes;
- Bone loss cause by diabetes, especially in elderly women;
- Genetic predisposition of Type 1 diabetes - they are trying to identify the gene so it can be silenced;
- Gestational diabetes.

Please know that our hard work in raising money to fight diabetes is very, very much appreciated by ADF and that we are helping many, many people. Hopefully we will be instrumental in finding a cure.

There were reports and more reports and then elections. H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, PSRM, was elected to again serve as Supreme Secretary. H.L. Sally Acuff, DSRM, was elected to serve on the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors, which is a three-year term. H.L. Sally will be serving the Board as their Secretary, and we know she will do an excellent job. H.L. Victoria Ault of Alaska was elected Supreme Associate Conductress. S.K. Anthony Siatta of Pennsylvania was elected Supreme Associate Patron.

H.L. Lillian Worton (Ontario) was installed as our new Supreme Royal Matron and S.K. J.D. Hammett (New Mexico/California) as Supreme Royal Patron. H.L. Lillian and S.K. J.D. are both musicians and are focusing on having fun and enjoying music in our lives. Lillian's fun emblem is the beaver and J.D.'s is two bears: a black American bear named Ivory and a polar bear named Ebony. You can read more about them on the Supreme Amaranth website. H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, PSRM, was the Installing Marshal and did an excellent job.

Now is the time for us all to submit suggested ritual changes to the proper committee for consideration. H.L. Elsie Erwin, PSRM, is to receive your suggestions on the proper form which can be found on the Supreme Amaranth website or secured from your Supreme Secretary, H.L. Barbara Lee. Those changes will be voted on at the 2013 Assembly in Pennsylvania and must get to H.L. Elsie by the end of 2011. Also, please know that the next ritual printed will also be done in large print for those who need them in that format.

While attending Supreme Assembly as your Grand Royal Matron was a great experience, I must confess that the absolute highlight of my trip was on my flight home. Minutes after our plane took off from the Orlando airport the pilot announced that the Space Shuttle had a successful launch and the launching rocket's trail could be seen on one side of our plane. I was lucky to be on that side and could see the long, curved vapor trail streaking across the sky as Atlantis rose to be out there for a short time in our night time sky. Now THAT was exciting!!

### Reminders and Requests from Grand Royal Matron Gail Piper

Here is a list of reminders and requests. Thank you for all your help!

- Please try to attend H.L. Barbara Lee's Thank You picnic on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**. She is doing this to extend thanks to everyone in Wisconsin for all the support you provided to her while she was in the Supreme Line and during her year as Supreme Royal Matron. Details are provided in her notice in this newsletter
- Audit and Budget Committees will meet **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm**; location is Gail Piper's residence, 1909 E. Dayton Street, Madison.
- Remember that all revenues and requests for payments must be received by our Grand Secretary by September 1<sup>st</sup> to provide enough time to get them processed by the close of our books on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

- For Grand Court: remember to have all reports turned in H.L. June Potts, Grand Associate Conductress, by 5pm Thursday at Grand Court. Provide three copies to H.L. June and keep a copy with you at all times so when you are called upon to give your report you are ready to do so. And, if you can email an electronic version to H.L. Sally Acuff, Grand Secretary, please do so. H.L. Sally's email is [saacuff@att.net](mailto:saacuff@att.net). Let's impress H.L. Lillian Worton, SRM, by having ALL our reports submitted in time. (This, of course, does not apply to reports that can not be completed prior to Grand Court. In those cases please have your partial reports ready and with you.)
- Also for Grand Court: please consider creating a basket for the silent auction the evening of the banquet. (See H.L. Diana Kifer's article in this newsletter.) It can be a small, or it can be big - be creative or just practical and down-to-earth with it. This is a great opportunity to raise money for diabetes research.
- H.L. Betty Miller is overseeing the Market Place (previously called the Craft Table) and needs your items to sell. We've renamed this to more accurately reflect the wider variety of items we would like to see sold: baked goods, hand-crafted small items such as greeting cards, ceramics, crocheted/knitted items, dish towels, placemats and the like. This effort raises funds for Ways and Means.
- H.L. Elaine Engelke will again accept your used formals, and has expanded her array of sales to include jewelry, shawls, and dressy shoes in good condition. This raises funds for Diabetes Research.

Thanks again for all you do for Amaranth!

### Message from Grand Royal Patron Nathan Moore

Our year is winding down. Before you know it Grand Court will be here. I hope to see many of you at our Grand Court Session.

Everyone has been so wonderful with helping with our projects. You make our Grand Court proud!! Keep helping with the projects - they are great and a lot of fun too!!

Thank you to all of you for support. See YOU along the Amaranth Trail!

**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
Mary Schultz**

Thank you to the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who have accepted officer and committee positions. We do have openings for Grand Representative positions and if you find that you are interested or even could protem one of these positions, please let me know.

Our Advance Nights are almost completed. We only have two more to go. They are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, August 16 - Madison Court #7

Friday, September 9 - Racine Laurel #6

Thank you to all who supported our Market Day event on Sunday, July 17. It was a good first time event and we are planning on the event next year in September pending the Fond du Lac Lodge approval.

I know that gas prices are really crazy, but it would be great if among our courts we would network with our members to try and car pool to each of our Wisconsin Court's meetings. Each court needs assistance in filling officer positions for the upcoming meetings for Memorial Ceremonies and Advance Nights.

Grand Court is approaching faster than we all think. Please read this newsletter carefully as there are many details in it regarding the upcoming session and some last minute meetings.

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,

We are rounding the last corner and the finish line is in sight. We have done a good job raising monies for the Ways & Means fund but a little more help is needed.

Your donations and help in many, many, many ways have raised 2/3's of the budgeted amount set by the Trustees of the Grand Court.

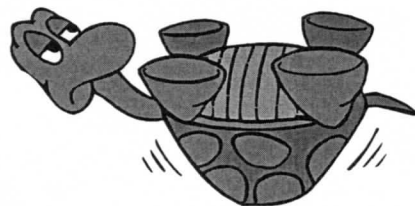
I want to say **THANK YOU** to all who have sent in a donation and to those who may send in a donation. You still have time before the deadline on September 1<sup>st</sup> when the books close for this year's Ways & Means. **Please help us reach our goal.**

We have tried a few different things with more ideas down the road.

We just had the Market Day in Fond du Lac and had some success with only a few vendors but most said that they would be interested in doing it again next year but maybe later in the year might be better. Thank you to all who were there to help.

To the Sir Knight's serving as the Associate Patrons, please see that all tickets and money are in my hands before the Advance Night in Madison on August 16th for the Afghan and Print raffle.

I would also like to say that it has been my honor to serve this Grand Court as the Grand Associate Patron and hope that I have done you good.



**Message from  
Grand Conductress and  
Grand Associate Conductress  
Laura Dessereau and June Potts**

Grand Court is almost here! We hope everyone had a great summer.

Just a reminder: We are selling raffle tickets for one free night at the Wintergreen Resort during our Grand Court Session. The tickets sell for only \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00 (what a deal). Both Laura and June are selling them so be sure to contact either of them by phone or email:

Laura's phone number is 414-481-5935; email [ddessereau@wi.rr.com](mailto:ddessereau@wi.rr.com)

June's phone number is 920-748-2338; email [jepotts@centurylink.net](mailto:jepotts@centurylink.net)

We both are looking forward to seeing you at Grand Court. Safe travels!

**Message from  
Market Place Coordinator  
Betty Miller**

Attention Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

It does not seem possible but Grand Court is fast approaching.

Our Ways and Means Craft Table will be the MARKET PLACE. The committee would like to expand the items offered on this table. As usual we welcome all jewelry, art, crafts and food items. We would love to have more small items that you feel might be of interest to others i.e.: candles, picture frames, pottery placemats, hand towels, etc. The ideas are endless but keep in mind this is not a rummage sale.

In the formal dress area, H.L. Elaine will take 2<sup>nd</sup> hand jewelry, formal shoes and shawls. Remember the profits from this area go to our Diabetes Research Fund.

Spend the summer gathering your items. It would be nice to have everyone contribute something to the various market and auction areas. Have some one in your court bring your items if you will not be attending Grand Court in October.

**Message from  
Milwaukee Court No. 2  
Sue Udhardt, RM  
Mike Brus, RP**

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are dark in August.

Our next meeting will September 5 which is Labor Day. We will meet at Maxim's for Dutch Treat Dinner at 5:30 PM followed by a 7:30 PM meeting.

October 3 will be Election of Officers and Annual Reports.

November 7 we will have a meeting at 6:00 PM followed by a 7:30 PM Installation. We will look forward to many of you in assisting in our installation.

Members, if you have any items for the Grand Court Market Place I will be happy to take them to Grand Court for you in October, so bring your items to our October meeting.

Our sunshine person for our Court is H.L. Sally Lutzke and her phone number is 414-744-0848.

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

Our August meeting is Friday, August 12. We will be balloting on two more petitions. We will also be using this meeting as an initiation practice for our Advance Night in September.

Our Advance Night for Racine Laurel Court is on Friday, September 9. The evening begins with a 6:00 pm dinner at a cost of \$8.00. Reservations should be

made to H.L. Mary Louise at 262-886-4746 or H.L. Michelle at 262-391-3503. If you could assist with our initiation ceremony, please contact H.L. Mary Louise. Also note that beginning with our September meeting our meetings will start at 7:00 pm.

Our meeting in October conflicts with Grand Court so we will be moving this meeting to Friday, October 7 at 7:00 pm. Annual reports and election of officers will be on our agenda.

Hope to see many of you at our meetings.

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

A few of our members attended Supreme Council in Orlando, Florida. H.L. July took her station as Supreme Truth, H.L. Barbara Lee was re-elected as Supreme Secretary and H.L. Sally Acuff was elected to the Amaranth Diabetes Board of Directors. H.L. Gail and S.K. Nathan sat with the Grand Royal Matrons and Grand Royal Patrons. S.K. Harland was a dedicated sideliners to cheer us on. It was a great session, with lots of fun and fellowship with our Amaranth friends from around the world.

Madison Court is having Advance Night at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. H.L. Barbara Lee will be advancing to the Throne. We look forward to having H.L. Mary and S.K. LeRoy as our guests that evening. Those wishing to attend the dinner, please get your reservations in to H.L. Judy, Royal Matron, the cost will be \$9.00, dinner at 6:15 pm, meeting to start at 7:30.

A stated meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to Grand Court at the Wintergreen in the Dells, October 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> and wish H.L. Gail a very successful and harmonious session.

Our October meeting is the 18<sup>th</sup> with reports and elections.

Installation for our officers will be Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Please plan to attend and support our officers.

**Message from  
Hope Court No. 11  
Cheryl Tschudy, RM  
Norm Burns, RP**

Hope Court will meet on Saturday, August 6 at 1:30 pm., Saturday, September 3 at 1:30 pm and Saturday, October 1 at 1:30 pm. The October meeting will be our annual reports and elections of officers.

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

Our next couple of meetings are Saturday, August 13 with a picnic supper before the meeting. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. We will be having initiation as petitions are on their way. We will need assistance from other courts to perform our initiation ceremony.

Saturday, October 9 at 7:00 pm. This meeting is our annual reports and election of officers.

**Message from  
Sondra Moore  
Grand Page**

If you are not a floor officer and will be attending our Grand Court Session, I would like your assistance in volunteering to be a Page or Assistant Sentinel. Please call me at 608-449-5055 if you are willing to serve.



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

**Message from  
Grand Trustees  
Vicki Kuharske, Chairman**

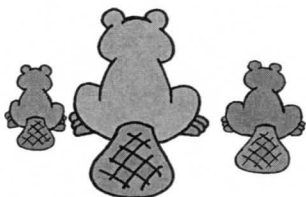
From the Grand Trustees:

We are missing the following badges:

- (1) Trustee
- (2) Commissioner of Appeal
- Prelate
- Marshal
- Marshal East
- Lecturer
- Truth
- Musician
- Grand Standard Bearer

Please check to see if you have one of these badges. It will cost approximately \$30 each to replace each badge. Please contact me if you locate a badge.

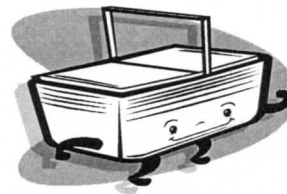
Thank you,  
H.L. Vicki Kuharske, Chairman of Trustees  
414-258-9048  
(C) 414-975-2003  
e-mail vickikuharske @att.net



**"Kudos to Jack Heady"**

My friends, I wanted to let everyone know that on Thursday May 12, 2011, I received the highest honor that is given by a local council of the Boy Scouts of America. I received the Silver Beaver from Glaciers Edge Council of Madison. I was among 9 Scouters who received this honor.

Jack Heady, Past Grand Royal Patron



**Thank You Picnic  
Hosted by H.L. Barbara Lee Overton**

WHEN: August 14, 2011

TIME: 11:00 AM to ??

WHERE: Marbella Club House  
6302 Mineral Point Rd  
Madison WI 53705

RSVP to: Barbara Lee Overton by Wednesday, August 10, 2011 to 608 332-8703 (Cell Phone)

**Ponder This  
Submitted by H.L. Gail Piper, GRM**

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can get along without pep pills,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can take criticism without resentment,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you have no prejudice against creed, sex, color, religion, national origin, gender preference or politics...  
Then you've ALMOST reached the same level of development as your dog or cat.

I was behind a rather large woman at the check out. She had on a pair of jeans that said "guess." I said, "I don't know....maybe 350 pounds." That is how I got the black eye.

Guess who submitted this joke.....