
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from Grand Royal Matron Mary Schultz

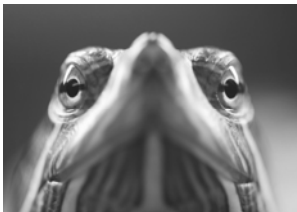
Happy New Year!! Some of our courts have been dark for January and February, but it is now time to get back to business and get the wagon train moving. Lots of activities are planned between now and October.

Grand Lecturer visits and Grand Royal Matron visits will be happening during the months of March and April. Many courts are having dinners for these special meetings. Please try and attend these meetings and support all of our Wisconsin courts and don't forget your passport.

Also on a side note, if members are sending correspondence to other courts I found it is better to send the correspondence to the secretary's home. The secretary can keep a better handle of business that may need the attention of the Royal Matron of that court. Sometimes mail is misplaced when sent to a Masonic Center and items of importance can be addressed immediately.

If at anytime you need to contact me please call my cell phone at 414-526-271 at any time or email me at greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com. I am here to offer my assistance and try to answer any of your questions.

Hope to see all of you along our Wagon Trail of Events.



Message from Grand Royal Patron LeRoy Kifer

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, The first quarter of the year has past and winter has finally arrived. Most of the courts are dark but now is the best time to prepare for many things that will happen very soon.

We have the Grand Lecturer visits and the Grand Royal Matron visits coming up soon. Now is a good time to have a practice with the members of your court and go over the initiation of candidates. Get together and plan for these upcoming events. I hope to see some new members this year in the state. Go out and talk up what great things the Order of the Amaranth has to offer.

I hope you also make plans on joining Honored Lady Mary and I when we travel to Supreme Council in Ontario Canada this June. Plans are being made for this most memorable trip out of the country.

Like I said at Grand Court "Be ready. Participate. Travel when you can. Get out and spread the word about the great things that Amaranth has to offer."

Message from Grand Associate Matron Laura Dessereau

Thank heavens! Winter has finally arrived in Wisconsin.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

I wish to thank all of you for electing me to this position. I look forward to the work and fun we will have in 2012. There are a number of great events on the calendar and I look forward to seeing you at each of them.

Have a safe and blessed year!

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Mike Brus**

Hi Everyone:

I know this is late in coming but I wish to thank everyone for showing their faith in electing me as Grand Associate Patron. I will do my best in doing my job.

We will be having a fund raiser from Kernel Popcorn's Factory. I will be sending everything to your courts as soon as I receive it. There is a wide variety of popcorn that you can choose from. IE: Pina Colada, Peppermint Patti, Cinnamon Bun just to name a couple. The best thing about this corn is it is already popped and ready to eat. Cheri and I were told that if you reseal the leftovers they will last for about 2-3 months. We did buy a small container and it did stay fresh for quite awhile.

We also have a Sterling Silver Tray, coffee pot, creamer and sugar bowl that we will be bringing to meetings to raffle. The winner will be announced at Grand Court and you do not need to be present to win. We will make sure we get it to you.

Hope to see you on the Wagon Trail.

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Sondra Moore**

Thank you for this opportunity to serve all of you along our Wagon Trail of events. It would be nice to see all of you at as many events as you can. We have a Big Black Bear throw that is soft, cuddly, and beautiful. We are going to raffle it off at the last meeting of the Grand Lecturer's visit which is Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Help us catch the Bear to make our Ways & Means flourish. Jump on the wagon with us.

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Vicki Kuharske, RM
Warren Krueger, RP**

Happy New Year! Are you missing your Amaranth Friends in the New Year? Then travel to Milwaukee Ct. No. 2 on Monday, February 6th for our Diabetes Fund Raiser and, "Friend's Night". We will be "Dining for Diabetes" at 6:00 PM at a cost of \$8.00. All proceeds will go for Diabetes Research. This is the only scheduled Amaranth Meeting until March. Make your reservation by Feb. 3rd with RM, Vicki (414-258-9048).

We will also have a dinner on March 5th preceding the Grand Lecturer's Visit and April 9th preceding the Official Visit of H.L. Mary Schultz, GRM accompanied by S.K. LeRoy Kifer, GRP. All of our dinners are served at 6:00 PM and are followed by our meeting at 7:30 PM. Make all reservations with H.L. Vicki by the Friday before our meeting which would be March 2nd and April 6th.

As you know we will need your help to fill our stations for these meetings. Any help you can give us will be appreciated especially for our March and April meetings. We hope to see many of you on the Amaranth Trail.

Love and friendship,
H.L. Vicki Kuharske, RM, S.K. Warren Krueger, RP

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
Michelle Varelas, RM
Robert Miksch, RP**

Racine Laurel Court has been dark the last couple of months, but now is eager to get those wheels moving on the wagons.

Our March 9 meeting is our Grand Lecturer's Visit and we start the evening with a dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$8.00. Reservations should be made by March 5 to H.L. Marion Doerr at 414-541-3306.

The official visit of the Grand Royal Matron accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron will be on

April 13. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$8.00 and reservations should be made to H.L. Marion Doerr at 414-541-3306.

Come and join Racine Laurel Court's festivities on this wagon trail of events.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Barbara Lee Overton, RM
LaVerne Storkson, RP**

We are planning on Valentine Party on February 21st. We ask our members to bring a valentine and a snack to share. You may also invite non-members to join us.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Grand Lecturer, H.L. Marilyn to our meeting on March 20th with a 6:15 pm potluck dinner preceding the 7:30 pm meeting. We would be pleased to have members of other Courts join us for this important meeting. Anyone wanting to attend the dinner please contact Barbara at (608) 271-8703 prior to March 12th.

On April 17th Madison Court will have the privilege of having our Grand Royal Matron visit our Court officially accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron. There will be a 6:15 p.m. dinner preceding the meeting at 7:30 p.m. When more information is known we will get it out to the courts. We hope many of our special friends from other Courts will join us for fun and fellowship. Who knows maybe the Easter Bunny will have visited and left us some goodies.

**Message from
Hope Court No. 11
Sondra Moore, RM
Nathan Moore, RP**

Dec. 17, 2011, we had a Holiday Dinner Theater which Janesville, (Hope Ct.), prepared dinner. Then we went to the beautiful production of "White Christmas". Everyone really enjoyed themselves - even the ice and snow played their part.

The Grand Lecturer's Visit starts at 12:30 pm on Saturday, March 3, 2012 with a pot luck, the cost will be \$5.00 followed by our meeting at 1:30 pm. H.L.

Ruth and S.K. Norm will serve refreshments afterwards.

The Grand Royal Matron's visit is on Saturday, April 7.

See you along the Amaranth Trail!

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
June Potts, RM
Phillip Kifer, RP**

Friendship Court will remain dark during the month of February, but will reconvene on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. This will be the Grand Lecturer's Official Visit, and we will be serving dinner at 6:00 p.m. (cost of \$10.00). We can use several pro-tem officers, so if you are willing to help us out, please let me know (jepotts@centurylink.net or 920-748-2338). Remember, if you visit this meeting and serve as a pro-tem officer, you can earn two stickers on your Passport! Because of the two-month hiatus, our members felt we would be well served by having a practice, which is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th. We'll have a pot-luck lunch at 2:00 p.m., followed by the practice.

April 14th will be the Official Visit of our Grand Royal Matron, accompanied by our Grand Royal Patron. We will have a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00, with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.



This issue of the Wisconsin Grand Court Newsletter has been paid for through donations by the membership of Madison Court #7.



Harland Emerson is recovering from knee surgery and Marilyn Osterlie is doing well since her knee surgery.

Norm Burns is recovering from shoulder surgery, Marty Shaw is recovering from knee surgery and Erma Biederman had a mild stroke.

Nancy Saggio, PRM, had a successful kidney transplant surgery on Sunday, January 9th. She is already home and has been out to a few Jobie meetings.

Cards, well wishes and phone calls are always appreciated.

**Message from
Grand Lecturer
H.L. Marilyn Osterlie**

The work of our Order is so beautiful and impressive when exemplified with PRIDE, ENTHUSIAM and a DESIRE TO DO THE VERY BEST at all times. With the support of all, we can make this a great year of learning by working together. Your Assistant Grand Lecturers and myself will endeavor to give all instruction with a spirit of kindness and understanding. We will be there to help with the floor work but the memory work is up to the Officer. If help is needed with the speaking part, use the ritual, then put it away. The prompter should be the only one with an open ritual.

This year I would like to make a special effort to help the Marshals. They have an integral part in many aspects of the ritual. Also, if anyone has any other concerns or questions regarding the work, I will try to address these.

For my Official Visit, if a Court has candidates, let me know ahead of time if you have any questions. If there are no candidates, I will hold a "mini school of instruction". I will be corresponding with the Royal Matrons and Assistant Grand Lecturers closer to March.

I look forward to visiting the Courts and hopefully I can be of some help.

AMARANTH PASSPORT

Remember to have your passport with you almost all of the time. You can earn a sticker by attending the events that are listed in your passport and also by attending and participating in events that may not be listed in your passport. Stickers may be earned when visiting another court and if you protem at that court as well. However, you may not earn a sticker when attending your own court or proteming in your own court. Carry your passport along the Amaranth Wagon Trail to earn your stickers.



If you are not a Grand Officer or do not have a special job at Grand Court. PLEASE think about being a "PAGE."

The requirements are:

1. You need to have your best Amaranth Smile.



2. Go and find your imagination and start to use it. Keep everyone guessing.

3. Your favorite pastel formal and comfortable shoes.

We would like to practice Happy Living, partake in laughter and show lots of Amaranth Love and Friendship.

More information in next newsletter.

Please call Joyce Kupper, Grand Page at 262-886-5806 to sign up to be a "PAGE."

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY, 2012.

Grand Lecturer's Official Visits

Saturday, March 3, 2012	Hope Court #11
Monday, March 5, 2012	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, March 9, 2012	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, March 10, 2012	Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, March 20, 2012	Madison Court #7

Grand Royal Matron's Official Visits

Monday, April 2, 2012	Milwaukee Court #2
Saturday, April 7, 2012	Hope Court #11
Friday, April 13, 2012	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, April 14, 2012	Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, April 17, 2012	Madison Court #7

Paint for Diabetes

Saturday, May 19, 2012
9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Memorial United Methodist Church
3450 South 52 Street
Greenfield, WI 53219

Country Faire

Sunday, June 10, 2012
Activities and Social begin at 12:30 pm
Dinner at 2:00 pm
Delafield Brewhaus
3832 Hillside Drive
Delafield, WI 53018

Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth*

115th Assembly
June 24-27, 2012
Doubletree Hotel
Toronto Airport, Ontario Canada

Advance Nights

Saturday, May 5, 2012	Hope Court #11
Monday, June 4, 2012	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, August 10, 2012	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, August 11, 2012	Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Madison Court #7

**Western Hoedown
Grand Royal Matron and
Grand Royal Patron Reception**

Sunday, August 19, 2012
(details to be announced)
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 West Arndt Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Market Day

Sunday, September 16, 2012
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 West Arndt Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**Grand Court of Wisconsin
Order of the Amaranth
Annual Session**

October 11, 12 and 13, 2012
Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center
PO Box 296, 60 Gasser Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-0296
Email: www.wintergreen-resort.com



SPAGHETTI DINNER

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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

COST: ADVANCE TICKETS
\$8 ADULTS & \$5 CHILDREN 12 and under
(\$9 & \$6 AT THE DOOR)

Dinner/Theater Night

The first dinner theater night was a great success. We actually expanded the event and met at the Janesville Masonic Center earlier in the afternoon and travelled to visit with H.L. Shirley Brenz, S.K. Ed Shaw and H.L. Marty Shaw. We then headed back to the Janesville Masonic Center for a delicious dinner prepared by Nathan and Sondra Moore. After dinner we travelled to the Janesville Performing Arts Center for the performance of "White Christmas." A most excellent performance.

Thank you to everyone who made this event really great. Ruth and Norm Burns for trekking back and forth to the lodge to let us in for rest stops and for making arrangements for the use of the building. Nathan and Sondra Moore for the cooking of the meal. Diana and LeRoy Kifer, Barbara Lee Overton, Marion Doerr, Bob Miksch, Ernie and Annette Anderson and Mary Schultz for taking the extra time to visit with our shut-ins and sharing and giving in the Holiday Spirit.

Supreme Council Transportation

I would truly like to get a more definite number as to whom would like to go to Supreme Council in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. I am still working on a bus/van type transportation that would support at least 15 people. Please let me know by February 15, 2012.



Valentine's day Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters L O V E B I R D S. Don't guess - use logic

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St. Patrick's Day Word Search

Find the hidden words associated with Ireland.

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 CONNACHT
 CORK
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 DUBLIN
 EMERALDISLE
 FAERIES
 GAELIC
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 GREEN
 HURLING
 IRELAND
 IRISH
 JIG
 KILKENNY
 LEINSTER
 LEPRECHAUN
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 MUNSTER
 RAINBOW
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 SHAMROCK
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Diabetes

I would like to extend a huge Thank you for all the bakers, packagers and sellers who worked extremely hard for the World Largest Cookie Sale. We earned \$629.00 that will be added to our Diabetes Fund. Thank you seems hardly enough for all you efforts.

Thank you to all who attended the Bead to Beat Diabetes event held on Jan. 7th at Eclectica & The Bead Studio at Galleria West Shopping Center. We are able to add to our donations \$177.20. All participants had a great time either designing their own piece of jewelry or putting together jewelry from the wide selection of kits available. If there is still interest we will do this again. Please let me know if you would be interested.

We again have an opportunity to so our Resale shop at Grand Chapter OES on May 14 - 16 but we need people to man the booth. HL Elaine is on Arrangements and I am WM and on a committee. We can get items there and set up, but we need help in sitting there and selling our resale, along with cards and raffle tickets. If you can help let me know, so I can put together a list.

On May 19 we will be having a Ceramic for Diabetes event. Attendees will have the opportunity to make a Zig Zag plate. All supplies will be provided to complete this project. The cost of the Zig Zag plate project is \$20.00. Once you have completed your Zig Zag plate, you will have another opportunity to make a lace vase in either green or orange. The cost of this vase project will be \$10.00. Space is limited to 20 people so reservations are a must and need to be made with H.L. Marion Doerr at 414-541-3306 by May 14.



As we get ready to get back to our meetings. I will have our Raffle tickets for sale. Please consider purchasing several, and purchase a few more. We have to offer: 2 wildlife prints, 1 afghan, 1 Juke Box which is MP3 ready with a CD Player and AM/FM Radio, and a 1 night stay plus 2 Banquet tickets to be used at the 2012 Grand Court Session. Tickets will be \$1.00 each and 6 for \$5.00.

A challenge has been made by HL Michelle Varelas, Royal Matron of Racine Laurel Court and SK Phillip Kifer, Royal Patron of Friendship Court to see who can raises the most money to benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. So who ever does not win will have to either wear a formal (SK Phillip) or a tux (HL Michelle). We will have jar set out from now till Grand Court. So start saving you change. Let's see who will be dressed in what. The winner or should I say the one that does not win will be announced before our raffle starts on Friday night. I do not like to use loser for this contest as no one will be a loser except Diabetes. So participate and help find a cure for Diabetes.

HL Diana L. Kifer, DSRM
Wisconsin Amaranth Diabetes Coordinator

Our Grand Associate Patron is really a clown.
He wears a red nose and big shoes, but never a frown.

Clowns do tricks, play games and make faces at
different times and many places.

Our clown, Mike, needs our help, to raise money
for our Grand Court funds.
This is serious business, no tricks or games or puns.

If you can take a moment – look in your pockets, purses or
wallets for those dollars, pennies and dimes
or write a check to save yourself some time.

Our clown, Mike, will jump for joy and his face will light up and glow
as he watches our Grand Court funds grow and grow.

Thank you for your support.

Checks to be made out to:

Grand Court of Wisconsin, O of A

Contributions mailed to:

**Michael Brus
2824 North 52nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210**

