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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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## Message from Grand Royal Matron LuAnn Hansen

To the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights of Wisconsin,

Thank you for giving me the honor of serving again as your Grand Royal Matron. Parker and I appreciate and thank those who have agreed to serve as Grand Officers, Grand Representatives and as committee members.

We have several events planned for this year. Hopefully you will be able to join us for some if not all of them. As this letter is being written, we are preparing for a Halloween party to be held at the Racine Masonic Center. Hopefully we will have a good turnout.

In December we will again have our cookie sale for Diabetes. Please help make cookies for this event. This year it will be held in Racine due to the sale of the hotel in Waukesha. It is on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm. If you can come and help sell please let myself or HL Diana Kifer know. We will be packing the cookies on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Racine Masonic Center, starting at noon. Please come and help. Lunch will be provided.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have our school of instruction and leadership training. This will be held at Doric Lodge in Madison. More information will be coming out about the time. We will also hold a reception for the Grand Officers that afternoon. Please plan on attending for the day. We will learn much and have fun too!

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a fun time listening to the awesome music of Rogers and Hammerstein at the Racine Theater Guild. This is a 2:00 pm show and we will go out to dinner after the show. The cost for the show is \$15 per person and reservations are required by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

I hope to see many of you as we travel around the state. Please travel with us if you can.

Our theme this year is Faith, Hope and Love using the patriotic colors. With Faith we can do many things. With Hope we pray for the future of our organization, our country and ourselves. With Love we can achieve many things working together.

May you all enjoy the fall colors and the changing of the seasons. God bless all of you with good health and safe travels. Stay chipper, be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and let our spirits soar for Amaranth.

## Message from Grand Royal Patron Parker Dow

Installation went fine but before we could gather and have a photo opportunity both Alvins on the West dias disappeared.

One was surrendered just after GRM LuAnn Hansen learned that it was on its way to Florida. Although close at hand I was not privy to the conversation during the surrender process.



To the best of my knowledge one Alvin is still unaccounted for. I think we need an all points bulletin sent out to attempt to secure the safe return of him.

I left the festivities early because I did not want to cough on everyone.

With all due regards  
Parker

**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
Cheri Brus**

Hello everyone,

Well Grand Court is over for this year and I wish to thank everyone for having faith in me by electing me your Grand Associate Matron. I am positive this will be a good year and I hope that everyone that is able to attend some of the events that our Grand Royal Matron/Patron have planned. Sounds like fun. My partner and I, S.K. Bob Miksch Grand Associate Patron will not be resting in the west. We will be busy planning our year. My emblem for our year will be Hot Air Balloons. I fell in love with them since I was a little girl and have several hot air balloons in my yard. They are so colorful and Mike and I have gone to quite a few Hot Air Balloon festivals in Waterford.

I hope everyone has a good Halloween and Thanksgiving. Have a joyous Christmas and whatever you do please do it safely. Hope to see you when I go out and about.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Patron  
Robert Miksch**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

I was hoping to just reuse a previous GAP newsletter, from 2006, however, Honored Lady Mary Schultz did not start the newsletter until 2007.

We survived another Grand Court. I am truly honored to be your Grand Associate 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 SK Phil and I are trying to keep you entertained with a 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 Associate Patron,  
Bob

**Message from  
Grand Associate Conductress  
Lila Kimball**

I would like to thank the Grand Court for electing me to the Grand Line. I look forward to the next four years.

HL Lila Kimball,  
Grand Associate Conductress

**Message from  
Milwaukee Court No. 2  
Laura Dessereau, RM  
Robert Mehle, RP**

What a great time at the 2017 Grand Court. Always nice to see old friends and make new ones.

Milwaukee Court will be having a short meeting at 5:30 on Monday, November 6, followed by the Installation at 6:30. The officers are staying in their

current stations for another year as we decide on where we are going in the future.

We want to congratulate HL Lila on her election to our grand line. Good luck and best wishes on this journey.

HL Verna is still in the hospital so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Our December meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4. Not sure about the time yet.

We hope everyone has a fantastic holiday season. See you on the Amaranth Trail.

In God's Grace  
Laura & Bob

**Message from  
Racine Laurel Court No. 6  
Amanda Hansen, RM  
Phil Itzenhuiser, RP**

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (change of date) will be Racine Laurel Court #6 installation of new officers. We will have a meeting at 3:00 pm with installation starting at 4:30 pm. Please plan on joining us.

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having initiation for two, possibly three new members. Please come and help us and welcome Gail and Jackie into our organization. They are excited to join. The meeting will begin at 7:00. There will be a dinner before the meeting at 6:00.

Racine Laurel Court wishes you a healthy Autumn and early Winter season. God Blessings to all.

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

Installation of Madison Court is now in the history books. We thank everyone who had a part in this very special day.

At our morning meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> we are planning on initiating four (4) new members. We look forward to having them as members of our Court. Meeting starts at 9:00 am.

Installation of officers will be on November 4 as well beginning at 1:00 pm.

We will be dark in January and February but are planning a reception for the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron on Sunday February 10, 2018 in conjunction with the Leadership Training and School of Instruction. The event will take place in the afternoon and the dress will be casual but no jeans. Everything will take place at Doric Lodge 85 S. Stoughton Rd., Madison WI. Make sure you put this on your calendars.

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

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Friendship Court will hold a meeting at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm and installation at 7:00 pm. We would love to have visitors join us as a new set of officers are installed to serve for the coming year. Please let me know if you will be joining us for our meal so no one goes hungry. [Sultana131@charter.net](mailto:Sultana131@charter.net)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2018**

**Message from  
Gina Kimball  
Grand Associate Conductress**

**Bob  
Grand Associate Patron**

Until the next time, keep safe!

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Hinnori Coriwan (we could use some better jokes to also support a joke to honor our lady for the some not so good jokes there. I challenge anyone



**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.

**Georgina Has Been Returned...**

GRM Nancy was thrilled with the return of Georgina at the Saturday Fun Breakfast. But here are some fun facts for HL Nancy to be very aware of since Georgina and George were apart for a whole year:

There may be a blessed event for these two Gestation is 70-77 days.

A litter can be 1 to 4 pups with the average being 3 pups.

Georgina is able to have up to 5 litters a year. Pregnancy can occur any time during the year

HL Nancy....you may need an addition on your house for this family!!!!

**Grand Court Craft Table**

I would like to THANK everyone who helped me on the Grand Associate Patron's Ways and Means table. And all great Sir Knights and Honored Ladies who bought homemade items, breads and pies.

Profits totaled \$428.00.

With a big HEART!!!!!! Norm

**Message from  
Barbara Foster  
Supreme Historian**

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

I would like to thank all the members that were able to attend my honor night as a Supreme Officer.

Thank you to GRM Nancy for partnering it with the Fun Evening before Grand Court....great idea to put the two celebrations together. I had a wonderful time with everyone!!! I have enjoyed the candy and Violet has welcomed the new hedgehog into the heggie family.

This evening with my Amaranth family will be a highlight of my year as Supreme Historian. Again, thank you to everyone that made this a special evening for me.

Hedgehog hugs,  
HL Barb Foster



**Message from  
Nancy Saggio  
PGRM**

Whew! Grand Court is past and will be stored in my memory as a good time. It was because of all the Officers, Committee members, visitors and friends who joined in to make our weekend work. Without everyone working together, our Grand Court would not have happened. Thank you to all who played any part in making the gathering of the "Mob" "Sweet in my Memory."

## The Bob and Phil Humor Column

### COLD IS A RELATIVE THING

60 above zero:

Floridians turn on the heat.

People in Wisconsin plant gardens.

50 above zero:

Californians shiver uncontrollably.

People in Wisconsin sunbathe.

40 above zero:

Italian & English cars won't start.

People in Wisconsin drive with the windows down.

32 above zero:

Distilled water freezes.

Wisconsinites chill their beer outdoors.

20 above zero:

Floridians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats.

People in Wisconsin throw on a flannel shirt.

15 above zero:

New York landlords finally turn up the heat.

People in Wisconsin have the last cookout before it gets cold.

Zero:

People in Miami all die.

Wisconsinites close the windows.

10 below zero:

Californians fly away to Mexico.

People in Wisconsin get out their winter coats.

25 below zero:

Hollywood disintegrates.

The Girl Scouts in Wisconsin are selling cookies door to door.

40 below zero:

Washington DC runs out of hot air.

People in Wisconsin let the dogs sleep indoors.

100 below zero:

Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.

Wisconsinites get upset because they can't start the Mini-Van.

460 (-459.67 F below zero):

ALL atomic motion stops (absolute zero, zero on the Kelvin scale.)

People in Wisconsin start saying..."Cold enough fer ya?"

500 below zero:

Hell freezes over.

Wisconsin public schools will open 2 hours late.

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Why do birds fly south for the winter?

It's way too far to walk!!!

What do you get from sitting on the ice too long?

Polaroids!!

Why was the snowman sad?

He had a meltdown!!!

Too soon for winter jokes??? Okay, here are some autumn ones:

How do you fix a broken jack-o-lantern?

With a pumpkin patch!!

You know that we're in the cutest season right??

It's Awwwtumn

What do you call a tree that doubts Autumn is real?

Disbe-leaf!!



## Diabetes

H. L. Diana L. Kifer, DSRM, Diabetes Coordinator

I want to once again thank all who gave so generously to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation during the year. Those who put together Baskets for the silent auction and individual items for the raffle. Those who crafted pillow from the upcycle formal sale and bake cookies for the World's Largest Cookie Sale. Plus, projects to far in number to list. Without you the fund made available to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation would not be possible.

A check for \$4000.00 was present to HL Judy Mosier SRM by HL Nancy Saggio Jr. PGRM at the Friday night Banquet. Below you will find a breakdown of where the funds came from during the year and at Grand Court.

Category	During the Year	At Grand Court
Court Donations	\$599.50	\$190.87
Memorial	\$75.00	
Cookie Sale	\$810.00	
Bizarre Bazaar	\$110.00	
Outside donations	\$30.00	\$80.00
Past Grand donation	\$100.00	
Donation from the Dr. Ruth Miller trust 1/3 of the Interest through the Trustees	\$2,341.45	
Interest	\$.12	
Ransom		\$150.74
In Honor Of		\$65.00
Dress Sale		\$58.00
Upcycle Pillow		\$250.00
Bag Raffle		\$300.00
Silent Auction		\$593.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,066.07</b>	<b>\$1,687.81</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$5,753.88</b>

HL LuAnn Hansen GRM has secured a place to sell cookies this holiday season at the Racine Masonic Center on the day that they hold Breakfast with Santa so we need help with baking cookies packaging and selling. We will be packing them on Sunday, November 26 from 1:00 PM till done probable around and hour or two at the Racine Masonic Center. The Sale is on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact me for time available. If we want to make this a success we will need help. This is also a great time for a membership drive.

It is your unselfish acts of time and donations that makes this all possible.

In Amaranth Love and Service

HL Diana Kifer, DSRM, Diabetes Coordinator.