
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from Grand Royal Matron LuAnn Hansen

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to spend time with family and friends this holiday season. I also hope everyone stayed warm. A new year brings new beginnings and I wish everyone well in this year of 2018.

We started off this year saying goodbye to a good friend and member – PGRP SK Chris Christiansen. He was always an active part of Racine Laurel Court and will be missed by many. He will always remain “Sweet in our Memory”.

We also had joy in the celebrating of HL Amanda Hansen’s marriage held on January 6th.

We have several events coming up that I hope everyone can attend.

February 10th is our school of instruction and reception for all grand officers. If you are not able to attend please let HL Barbara Lee and myself know so we know which officers will not be there. It will be held at Doric Masonic Center in Madison. The reception will be a fun event. This is not formal attire but also no jeans. Invite prospective members to the reception.

The next event is the Kenosha Expo. This is held on **March 3rd and 4th** at UW Parkside. This is a good way to get word out about our organization. We will be sharing a table with Kenosha Chapter OES. If you can help with this I would appreciate it. On Saturday, March 3rd the expo is from 10 am to 4 pm. On Sunday, March 4th it is from 10 am to 3 pm. If you

can work for a couple of hours during these days please let me know.

Next is a fun event held at the Racine Theater Guild. This will be on **Sunday, April 22nd**. It is called “An Evening with Rogers and Hammerstein”. It is actually held at 2:00 pm. The cost of the show is \$15. We will go out to dinner after the show. Dinner will be at a local restaurant near the theater. Dinner cost is your own expense. **Reservations are required.** Please see the flyer in this mailing.

Parker and I will make our official visits to each court in April. We look forward to seeing all of you as we start traveling again. Please travel safely through these cold months and stay warm. Enjoy the sunshine.

Message from Grand Royal Patron Parker Dow

Being the 68th Grand Royal Patron is indeed quite an honor. Thank you. Your confidence and faith in me is fantastic. It is my hope that I can serve you well with wisdom for our Grand Court's future this term.

The emblems this year are the Chipmunks and Eagles. Please DO NOT obtain any Chipmunks or Eagles for me. I, simply, have no place to put them. If you see an artifact that you would desire to present then please do look at the price tag, replace the artifact and make a donation to our charity to stop diabetes for that same value.

One day's schedule. Today, I have been (3-6 am) plowing snow, (8:30) Doctor's office as my daughter broke her leg and needed a pre-op visit - not bad only 1 hour one way to get there, (11-2) plowing snow, (2-?) office, thawing Kurt's 3 or 4" x 30' inside a pipe ice cube is still scheduled to be done today - he caught me at 6am about it. I am not going to a meeting tonight because I would be afraid of falling asleep at the wheel. Truth hurts only for a little while but it is unchanging and everlasting. Why do we put in all these hours? Love for the job. Love for the family. Love for the fraternity. We all have it. We all display it somehow. Now for the kicker - before the season is over - commit a random act of kindness. [Another form of Love] No need to report what you did but it might be a nice thing to report that you did do a random act of kindness on this or that date.

Make excellence a habit not an act

With all due regards
Parker

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Cheri Brus**

Hello everyone and Happy New Year. I do hope everyone had a good Holiday. I also hope everyone is keeping warm. It sure is nice being dark during January and February, but I sure do miss seeing everyone. There is not much going on for the next couple of months. I will be getting in touch with the Royal Matron's to see when they want their court's Advance Night. Please also remember the School of Instruction and Grand Officer Reception in February. Hope to see a lot of you there. Please everyone keep warm and be safe.

See you soon.

Cheri Grand Associate Matron

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Robert Miksch**

Now I know how Speedy Gonzalez felt. No time to relax. Why couldn't I be more like Slow Poke Rodriguez? What can I say - I am a Loony Tunes fan ~grin~. (Hope you guys remember some of the best cartoons ever!)

We survived another Holiday season and I hope I find you well or at least still kicking and fighting. I want to thank all of you who have contributed to the GAP Tea Party so far. It is never too late to send in a donation to the GAP ways and means fund raising. We should be starting up the 50/50 raffles after we get off of the winter breaks.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the School of Instruction on February 10, 2018.

It has been too cold to do anything fun so there is not much to address with everyone so I will keep this short. Make sure you stay nice and warm in the coming months.

My usual joke(s) can be found in the Humor section of the newsletter. SK Phil and I will continue to entertain you, however 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 am looking forward to the training session and reception at Madison. Hope all are able to come and enjoy the day see you there.

HL Lila Kimball,
Grand Associate Conductress

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

Hello everyone,

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I enjoyed the holidays very much spending time with my grand babies and my daughters, son and their spouses. In March we are having our Grand Lecturer visit on the 5th and it will be at 7:30 PM.

In God's Grace
Laura & Bob

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

Sunday, March 4: Dinner at 4:00 pm, meeting at 5:00 pm. Grand Lecturer's official visit with initiation ceremony as we have two more candidates. Our court could use assistance from members of the other Wisconsin courts. Please contact Amanda if you could assist.

Friday, April 13: Dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Official visit of our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron.

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

We were privileged to initiate three (3) new members at our November meeting and are very pleased to have them join our Court.

We will be dark in January. In February we are hosting a reception for the Grand Officers of Wisconsin on Sunday February 10, 2018. This will be in conjunction with the Leadership Training and School of Instruction at Doric Lodge 85 S. Stoughton Rd., Madison WI.

There will be coffee and donuts at 9:00 AM and the School of Instruction will begin at 9:30 AM followed by Leadership Training. At 1:00 PM we will have a Luncheon to honor our Grand Officers. Dress will be casual but no jeans.

We will be having a Diabetes Auction after the Luncheon. Anyone wanting to donate an item may do so.

Our March 3rd meeting will be the Official Visit of the Grand Lecturer. Due to a Man to Mason day by the Grand Lodge we will probably change our April 7th meeting to April 17th. This will be discussed at our March meeting.

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

Hopefully by the time of our March meeting, the snow will be disappearing and we can look forward to warmer weather. Our March 10th meeting is a St. Patrick's meeting and it is Potato Day! Guess what we will have for dinner! First guess doesn't count. April is Earth Day and there will be some muddied things to dig through. We are working on changing our meeting day due to too many of our members have other obligations on Saturday nights. It has been a challenge, but we are getting close to a new day. Stay tuned for the out come.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15 FOR ALL
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY,
JUNE, JULY 2018**

"Sweet In Our Memory"

**S.K. Chris Christiansen
S.K. Harland Emerson**

Day of Training

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

Day of Training and Honoring Our Grand Officers
Saturday, Feb 10th in Madison. Meal cost is \$12.
Form to respond that you are attending the Training
and to order your meal(s) is attached. Directions to
Doric Lodge have been updated on this attached
form.

Deadline to order your meal is FEBRUARY 1.

NOTE: It seems some GPS's are confused as to the
name of the street where Doric Lodge is located.
Some GPS's show a different name (Robertson Road).
Just put in 85 South Stoughton Road and it should
get you there just fine.

--AND--

There will be a **silent auction/raffle to raise money
for diabetes research** at our Feb 10th School of
Instruction Day.

Would you like to help raise money for diabetes
research?

Did you get a gift last month that you like but will
never use? (Or, maybe you didn't even like it
..) Would you be willing to re-gift that item for this
raffle?

If so, bring it along that day for the raffle. You will be
helping to raise money for diabetes research!

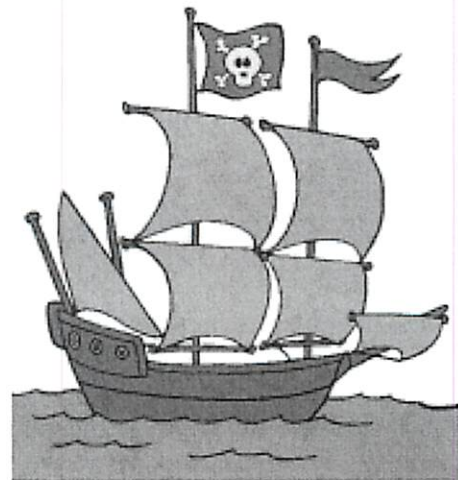
We would be happy to accept your donations for this
raffle/silent auction.

H.L. Gail Piper
gailpiper6@aol.com
608-242-9282

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.

The Pirates are Returning



**Prepare to be Boarded...
Sunday, June 10, 2018
Delafield Brewhaus**

The Bob and Phil Humor Column

Frozen Lake

Ole and Lena lived Little Norway Wisconsin.

It was early winter and the lower portion of their lake had frozen over.

Ole asked Lena if she would walk across the frozen part of the lake to the general store and get him some smokes and beer. A very reasonable thing to do, I might add. She asked him for some money, but he told her, "Nah, just put it on our tab. Old man Stacey won't mind."

So Lena, being the good wife walked across the ice, got the smokes and beer at the store and then walked back home across the cove.

When she got home with the items she said, "Ole, you always tell me not to run up the tab at Stacey's store.

Why didn't you just give me some money?"

Ole replied, "Vell, Dear, I didn't want to send you out there with cash when I wasn't sure how thick the ice was!"

Crazy About Snow

December 8: 6:00 PM. It started to snow the first of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses print. So romantic we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow!

December 9: We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a more lovely place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had. Shoveled for the first time in years, felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This

afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I got to shovel again. What a perfect life.

December 12: The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment. My neighbor tells me not to worry, we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man, I'm glad he's our neighbor.

December 14: Snow, lovely snow! 8" last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

December 15: 20 inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and two extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all... We're in Wisconsin!

December 16: Ice storm this morning. Fell on my butt on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like hell. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

December 17: Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for five hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her.

Sheesh, I hate it when she's right! I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

December 20: Electricity's back on, but had another 14" of the damn stuff last night. More shoveling. Took all day. gosh darn snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower, and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

December 22: Bob was right about a white Christmas, because 13 more inches of the white crap fell today, and it's so cold it probably won't melt 'til August. Took me 45 minutes to get all dressed up to go out to shovel, and then I had to pee. By the time I got undressed, peed and dressed again, I was too tired to shovel! Tried to hire Bob, who has a plow on his truck, for the rest of the winter; but he says he's too busy. I think the jerk is lying.

December 23: Only 2" of snow today, and it warmed up to zero. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What, is she nuts?!? Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did, but I think she's lying.

December 24: 6" Snow packed so hard by snowplow, I broke the shovel. Thought I was having a heart attack. If I ever catch the clown who drives that snowplow, I'll drag him through the snow by his ankles and beat him to death with my broken shovel. I know he hides around the corner and waits for me to finish shoveling and then he comes down the street at a 100 miles an hour and throws snow all over everywhere I've just been! Tonight the wife wanted me to sing Christmas carols with her and open

our presents, but I was too busy watching for the damned snowplow.

December 25: Merry @x&*#%\$ Christmas. 20 more inches of the #*@%&@!#*# slop tonight. Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. Sheesh, I hate the snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's a fricking idiot. If I have to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to stuff her into the microwave.

December 26: Still snowed in. Why the hell did I ever move here? It was all *her* idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

December 27: Temperature dropped to -30, and the pipes froze. Plumber came after 14 hours of waiting for him; he only charged me \$1,400 to replace all my pipes.

December 28: Warmed up to above -50. Still snowed in. The broad is driving me crazy!!!

December 29: 10 more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

December 30: Roof caved in. I beat up the snow plow driver. He is now suing me for a million dollars; not for only the beating I gave him, but also for trying to shove the broken snow shovel up his rectum. The wife went home to her mother. 9" predicted.

December 31: I set fire to what's left of the house. No more shoveling.

January 8: Feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed?



Wisconsin Grand Court – Order of the Amaranth
Day of Training & Honoring of Our Grand Officers

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Doric Lodge

85 South Stoughton Road, Madison WI 57314

Gathering: 9:00 am

Training: 9:30 am to 12:30pm

A fun luncheon event will honor all Grand Court Officers and will be served at the end of our training.

Meal price: \$12.00; Reservations Required.

Dress is Casual (no jeans; no formals)

We will have a Silent Auction and Bag Raffle to benefit diabetes research.



Doric Lodge is located on a frontage road (Robertson Road) near the intersection of Stoughton Road and Milwaukee Street. It is across Stoughton Road from Woodmans Market. You access Robertson Road via Milwaukee Street. The turn is very close to Stoughton Road.

Mail your reservations with a check payable to Sally Acuff to:
Sally Acuff (608-249-0511)
1217 Burning Wood Way, Madison WI 53704-1053

Name(s) Meals are Reserved for: _____

Your Name & Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Meals: _____ @ \$ _____ each = \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to SALLY ACUFF.

_____ Member(s) will be attending Day of Training.

Reservation deadline is February 1st.

An Evening with Rogers and Hammerstein

Sunday April 22nd at 2:00 pm

Racine Theater Guild
2519 Northwestern Avenue

What is your favorite song from their music?
Come and listen to music we are all familiar with and maybe sing along.

We will go out to dinner after the show.
Reservations are required.

Cost is \$15 per person for the show.

Please send the form below with a check made out to:

HL LuAnn Hansen
N6271 Paradise Dr.
Burlington, WI 53105

no later than **March 1st**.

Reservation form for the show on April 22nd.

Name _____

Number attending the show _____

Number attending the dinner _____

Check is enclosed for \$ _____