# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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### Message from Grand Royal Matron Barbara Foster

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!!!

On Saturday, August 8th, we held the drawing for the Waterford and the Packer football. Here are the lucky winners:

The short vase- Gail Piper, Madison Court; The tall vase-Ruth Burns, Hope Court; The large bowl- Evelyn Eggleston, Hope Court; The green bowl- Sherri Goodwin, OES member; The football- Mary Schultz, Racine-Laurel Court

Thank you to all that participated in this fund raiser!

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!

Our Grand Court Session is now a pleasant memory. It was a wonderful weekend being with friends, making new friends, and enjoying the beautiful fall weather we had those four days. Congratulations to Sondra, Nathan, and your officers on your beautiful session. Now you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the many memories you made this past year.

Our Installation was beautiful! Thank you to all that helped to make it a wonderful evening. I appreciate all that have accepted officer and committee positions. I look forward to working with all of you. I also thank Leland for serving with me as Grand Royal Patron!

The end of Grand Court means the beginning of the year for our local courts. Installations for our local courts will be in November. Please try to attend and support the new local court officers.

While our local courts will be dark during January and February, there is one date you in need to put on your calendars...Sunday, February 28th. This will be our

Leadership-School of Instruction day in Fond du Lac. It will be a day of fellowship and learning and a wonderful way to begin the start of our local court activities.

Fall is in her splendor as I write this- enjoy these beautiful days!

Hedgehog hugs,

Barb Foster, GRM

PS. Violet the hedgehog ran away at Grand Court...has anyone seen her?????

## **MISSING**



Last seen at the Wintergreen Resort
If you have any information on her
whereabouts, please
contact the Editor of this
Newsletter.

### Message from Grand Royal Patron Leland Burlison

To the H L & S K of Wisconsin's Order of Amaranth,

The GRM and I, including HL Marilyn, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in the Order. The Grand Court membership is very low. Please promote our Order in a very positive manner. Explain that without the Order of Amaranth in Wisconsin, our charity would cease as it exists today. Additionally, we need to adapt to today's future members. They are "empty nesters" and those, the young, that use the phone for texting! We need them for their energy and they need us for stability. I hope to see you as the GRM and I travel to your Court.

Until then be Blessed, Leland L Burlison, GRP

### Message from Grand Associate Matron Nancy Saggio

It is with pleasure that I announce that Philip Itzenhuiser, Racine Laurel Court, will be my partner for the coming years. We have worked together in the past and I am looking forward to a fun filled two years. We have many ideas that will soon be implemented and fun activities that are in the works. At this time we are selling green and yellow, Amaranth colors, bracelets that can be thought of as Packer Backer bracelets for \$5.00. We hope to go outside our membership with this fund raiser. I attended Illinois Grand Court and plan to attend more Grand Courts in the coming months. I am very sorry to miss the coming Installations, but my family will be celebrating my daughter and son in laws 10th Anniversary in Disney Land. Plans for next year are on paper and you WILL be hearing from us as to what they are. Hope for many "yeses" from all of you. We plan to continue working on increasing our membership and to explain who and what we are to the Appendant bodies where ever we may go. Our goal is to add at least 10 new members this year to whatever courts in the state.

Nancy Saggio GAM

# Message from Grand Associate Patron Phil Itzenhuiser

I would first like to say that I am truly honored to have been elected to work with HL Nancy Saggio for the coming adventures. Thank you to the membership for showing their faith in me. I'll do my best to not let you all down. As your GAP I know it is important to not just plan for the future, but to help make sure that Ways and Means are attended to. I figure that my name and title are pretty much the same. I'm here as Phil the GAP, and my job is to fill the gap between where we are and where we need to be. So I'll see you all soon at installations, and please look forward to the new ideas and plans we hope to unveil.

Phil Itzenhuiser, GAP

### Message from Grand Conductress LuAnn Hansen

Congratulations to all newly elected Grand Court line officers, especially Cheri Brus. I look forward to working with all of you for the next year. Racine Laurel Court installation is on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We have 6 pm meeting followed by installation at 7:30 pm. During the next term we are planning an open meeting with a date to be announced later. I wish everyone safe travels and happy family gatherings during the coming holidays.

# Message from Grand Associate Conductress Cheri Brus

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights;

I am very delighted to have been elected for the position of Grand Associate Conductress. I am very proud to be a member of Amaranth and the Philanthropic project of Diabetes. I am planning on attending as many functions as I possibly can (thank God I don't get car sick). I am planning on Hot Air balloons as my fun emblem. My colors at this time will be many (subject to change). Please remember if there is anything I can do for you please let me know and I will try my hardest. Once again Honored Ladies and Sir Knights I am extremely pleased to having been elected.

See you on the Amaranth Trail, Cheri Brus GAC

### Message from Sondra Moore, PGRM

I am so proud of our Wisconsin Grand Court and all you have accomplished this last year. I want to thank all of our HL's & SK's - you really did a great job this last year in raising money for Diabetes--over \$5,000.00-W O W! We had a wonderful Grand Court Session that I will always remember and cherish. Keep up the good work! My dream has come true, with all your support, and help.

We now have our courts starting their new year to make this year a good one. Installation for Hope Ct #11 will be Nov 7, 2015, Saturday at 1:30 pm. Janesville Masonic Center - 2322 East Milwaukee Street - Janesville, Wisconsin. We will have refreshments and sugar-free drinks. Please come and have a fun time before winter steps in. Please call HL Ruth Burns, 1-608-752-4938 or HL Sondra Moore, 1-608-207-3435. Please call if you're coming and if you could Pro-tem an office for us. Please call me--we need help. Hope to see you on the Amaranth trail.

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

Congratulations, congratulations!

We are excited and trilled to have our own H.L. Cheri Brus elected to serve as Associate Conductress for Wisconsin Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth. We look forward to working with her the next 4 years. Hope you have a many wonderful memories.

S.K. Mike Brus and I were re-elected to serve the Milwaukee Court on the throne again next year.

Hope we see many at our Installation in Nov. 2, 2015. Installation is at 7:30. Looking forward to a great year.

Message from Racine Laurel Court No. 6 Amanda Hansen, RM Ernest Anderson, RP

Racine Laurel Court meets the second Friday of each month except January and February and our meetings

start at 7:00 pm. We keep our meetings short to have fellowship after and still have our members home at a reasonable time. Why not join us. Our schedule for the months of November, December and January are as follows:

November 6, 2015 – Stated meeting at 6:00 pm, with an open installation at 7:30 pm.

December 11, 2015 – Stated meeting at 7:00 pm; celebrate some holiday cheer with us.

January 2015 - Racine Laurel Court is dark.

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

Madison Court congratulates the newly elected Grand Court officers, and we wish them the best during this current and all future years serving Grand Court.

At the time of the writing of this article we are just one week from our major membership development event, the "Masonic Family Reunion" which is scheduled to take place Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm the Madison Masonic Center. We have 13 speakers representing the Masonic orders lined up to talk and hope to have a nice turnout. We will report in our next article how the event goes. Thanks to S.K. Dale Holmen and H.L. Barbara Overton for their work in getting this arranged, and to H.L. Pamela Dorton for her assistance with the refreshments.

In November Madison Court will be raising ways and means funds again by providing the lunch for the Craftacular event held in the Madison Masonic Center on Saturday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: We will also have a bake sale at the event! We have a new batch of Seroogies Chocolate bars that we are again selling for ways and means. When you visit our Court let us know if you are interested in feeding your chocolate habit with these delicious candy bars made in Wisconsin.

Madison Court wishes everyone a safe, healthy and enjoyable holiday season this year. Thanksgiving and Christmas bring a nice end to the calendar year, and we hope you enjoy good times with family and friends.

Our upcoming meetings: Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm with a closed installation; Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We do not meet in January and February. 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.

Message from Hope Court #11 Ruth Burns, RM Norm Burns, RP

Installation
Of 2015-2016 Officers
November 7, 2015
Regular Meeting
At 12:30 pm
Open Installation
At 1:30 pm
Please come to our Special Event

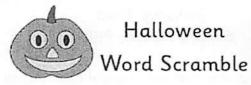
Message from Friendship Court #14 Nancy Saggio, RM Leland Burlison, RP

We held our election and we have some new Officers that will be installed on November 21st. This is not our usual date, but too many of our Officers are not able to attend so we changed it so they can all be installed. A 5:00 pm dinner with a 6:00 pm meeting with Installation at 7:00 pm is what is planned. We would love to have visitors! Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:sultana313@charter.com">sultana313@charter.com</a> if you are able to attend. The Installation itself will not be long as I am the Royal Matron now and do not need to be reinstalled. Our court is looking forward to a great year and new members!

Nancy Saggio Royal Matron

LeRoy Kifer Royal Patron, elect

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2016.





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### 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 <a href="mailto:greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com">greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com</a>. Thank you.

#### Joke

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure..' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.. She stares at the plate for a moment 'where's my toast?'

School of Instruction and Leadership Training Sunday, February 28, 2016 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Location to be determined

Ante Bellum Afternoon To benefit Diabetes Sunday, May 1, 2016 Details to follow

## Grand Royal Matron's Official Visits (Accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron)

Milwaukee Court #2	June 6, 2016
Racine Laurel Court #6	June 10, 2016
Madison Court #7	June 21, 2016
Janesville Court #11	June 4, 2016
Friendship Court #14	June 11, 2016

Supreme Council
Order of the Amaranth Inc.
Session
June 26–29, 2016
Norfolk, VA

Grand Royal Matron and
Grand Royal Patron Reception Lunch
Sunday, August 13, 2016
Location to be determined

Multi-state weekend hosted by
Wisconsin
August 26-28, 2016
Details to follow

Pre-session Fun and Fellowship Night
October 12, 2016

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

## It's that time of year again for the annual World Largest Cookie Sale

Country Springs Hotel • 2810 Golf Road • Pewaukee, WI 53072



We need your help in continuing with this great fundraiser for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation

We are looking for Bakers, we need 250 dozen cookies.

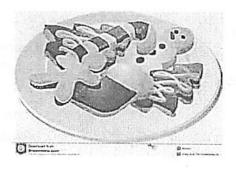
We need help in packing cookies on Sunday November 22, 2015.

We need help in Setting Up, Decorating our Booth, Selling and Cleanup on Friday November 27, 2015

Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Contact HL Diana Kifer to sign up.

(920) 922-6012 or email: ldkifer@charter.net



#### Letters from Violet

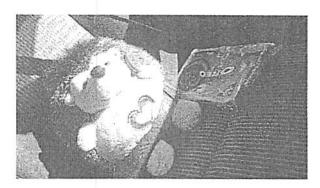
Dear Grand Royal Matron:

I was minding my own business and "T" (I think my new best friend) led me astray.



I was kidnapped. As you can see by the pictures, I was seen leaving the Wintergreen and was secured in a vehicle.





To pass the time I ate Halloween oreo cookies. I don't know what path he is taking me on but I have been told that I cannot return back to Wisconsin Grand Court until I raise funds for Diabetes. Please help me return to Wisconsin Grand Court by sending donations for Diabetes. Please send your donations to H.L. Mary Schultz at 9170 South Street, Franklin, Wisconsin 53132. Thank you. Please know that I am well and have been promised to be treated well as long as the donations come in. I will write as often as possible to tell you about my whereabouts.