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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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**Message from  
Grand Royal Matron  
Laura Dessereau**

As I sit here and write my last article, I need to reflect on where I've been and where I'm going. This year had many ups, but more downs than I had planned. Thank you to all those who have supported S.K. Mike and me this year. It was greatly appreciated more than you will ever know.

We had a great time at the Jungle Jamboree and even raised some \$ for diabetes. H.L. Diana still has tickets available for all sorts of awesome prizes, so be sure to get them!

We are still in the 'planning' stage of the "Gift of Grace" session. It will be held October 10-11-12 at the Wintergreen Resort/Conference Center. We hope you will join us for three days of fun--food--friendship.

Our congratulations to all the H.L.'s and S.K.'s who have either been elected or appointed as Supreme officers or committee members. We wish you the best in your travels.

To all of you who went to Supreme in Harrisburg - Did you enjoy it? I sure did!

Well - I'm finished! Good luck and best wishes to H.L. June and S.K. Chris on a grand year.

In God's Grace

H.L. Laura Dessereau  
Grand Royal Matron

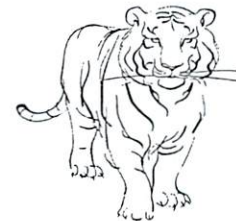
**Message from  
Grand Royal Patron  
Michael Brus**

Thank you Honored Ladies and Sir Knights for all the courtesies given to us during our Grand Royal Matron/Patron visits. Soon Grand Court will be here. I hope to see many of you at our Grand Court Session.

I hope those who were able to attend Supreme Council in Harrisburg enjoyed the fellowship and had a good time.

We need to find more members to join our wonderful organization and work with us in fighting diabetes and to form stronger ties with the other Masonic Bodies, so we can help each other.

See everyone soon.



**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
June Potts**

S.K. Chris and I have begun visiting the courts for our Advance Nights, and have completed the one at Milwaukee Court where they initiated two new candidates. H.L. Cheri Brus was the advancing Royal Matron (first time for her) and she did a very nice job! We will complete Madison's Advance Night before you receive this, but we still have three remaining. I'll be



sending out notes to confirm our visits to each court. Remember, even if you have no candidates we still need to perform the ritualistic work; however, please keep these meetings light and simple. The remaining Advance Night schedule is as follows:

Hope #11	Saturday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Friendship #14	Saturday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Racine Laurel #6	Friday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>

S.K. Chris still has his wonderful jams and jellies available, so don't miss out on getting some of your favorites! They make great presents, and Christmas is just around the corner. If you order them by the end of August, he can count it for his Ways and Means.

It seems hard to believe that this is our last Newsletter before Grand Court! We look forward to seeing everyone there, and wish H.L. Laura and S.K. Mike a VERY successful Session.

Let's keep trying to increase our visits to the courts. Car-pooling is a great way to get to the meetings while saving on gas costs – and also makes the traveling more fun! All the courts can use assistance -- I look forward to seeing you soon and often.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Patron  
Chris Christiansen**

Well, here we are still in the middle of summer, but heading for the last of the Advance Nights and after that, Grand Court. Hope you all are looking forward to both Advance Nights and, of course, Grand Court.

You will be happy to know that with all of your help, in many areas, we are going to meet the requirement to make the money to balance the budget. Hurrah!!!

I still have many jars of jams, although the flavors now are limited more than they were, because I don't want too many left over. The cut off for me is August 31st. After that money goes to the one following me in line. Who? Guess we will find out at Grand Court.

I am looking forward, if elected, to have a wonderful year with my Grand Royal Matron. She is doing a great job getting ready for her year. I know you are all going to be standing by her and be willing to help her. Lets all of us help her. It takes everyone to do it.

See you around the circle - travel as much as you can. My appreciation for your past help. If you know anyone who would be a benefit to our order, give them a petition, we need them to make it a success.

**Message from  
Grand Conductress  
Sondra Moore**

Hi everyone! Hope you are having a good summer. We attended Supreme Council in Harrisburg, Pa., the first week of July. We met old friends and made a lot of new friends. At our Tri-State Breakfast, we had a good time. Our Club Dinner was exciting, meeting friends who are Conductresses in different states. Our club is the "Gardeners". HL Lynda Dobbins and SK David Ekren were installed on Thursday, July 4, 2013 as our new Supreme Royal Matron and Supreme Royal Patron in a beautiful ceremony. Care Bears is their fun emblem.

Now for our Grand Court, we have a lot of work ahead of us. Don't forget to buy raffle tickets for our Fry Cookers and the beautiful throw of "Our Country's Flag". Jellies and Jams are selling well - so many flavors to pick from. Everyone loves them- Keep Selling! Also, don't forget to bring articles for our New Market Sales at Gr. Ct.--Support our Ways and Means to keep Amaranth Strong; we can't do it without you.



**Message from  
Grand Associate Conductress  
Sally Lutzke**

Hope everyone had a fun and safe summer.

Attended the Grand Court of Ohio in Worthington and met the newly elected GAC H.L. Clara Arndt.

We arrived in Harrisburg early prior to Supreme Council Assembly to do sightseeing and a full day in Philadelphia. Congratulations to H.L. Jeanne Milton from Oklahoma newly elected SAC. At our club meeting there were 12 other GAC's.

Remember to purchase those raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Also remember the 50/50 raffle.

See you at the Wintergreen in October.

**Message from  
Milwaukee Court No. 2  
Pam Padgett, RM  
Michael Brus, RP**

Milwaukee Court hopes to see each of you at the reception for H.L. Laura, GRM, and S.K. Michael, GRP, on August 11th at the Venice Club. Reservations and checks with choice of Beef Tips, Stuffed Pork Chop or Talapia at a cost of \$25.00 each should be sent to Mrs. Vicki Kuharske at 3125 N. 102nd St, Wauwatosa, WI 53222-3317. A count needs to be turned in by August 5th and there will be no refunds after that date. If you have questions please contact Vicki at 414-258-9048 or 414-975-2203 (Cell) or [vickikuharske@att.net](mailto:vickikuharske@att.net). Social hour is 12:30 PM with dinner served at 1:30PM followed by entertainment.

We are dark in August, will meet at 7:30PM on September 2 and at 7:30 PM on October 7th. October 7th is our Annual Meeting and we will have our election of officers who will be installed in November. We welcome visitors so join us for fun and fellowship if you can.

On our advance night in June we were pleased to initiate and welcome H.L. Marcia Earl and H.L. Janis Heinemann as new members. We were also pleased to welcome H.L. Cheryl Grover as a dual member. We are looking forward to more new members in the future.

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

Racine Laurel Court meets the second Friday of each month 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.

August 9 meeting: 6:00 pm chili supper at a cost of \$6.00. Reservations to Joyce Kupper at 262-886-5806. The dinner time will be used to put together the Racine Laurel budget for 2013-2014. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will be used as a rehearsal for Advancing Officers for initiation in September. Refreshments for the meeting is Annette and Ernie Anderson.

August 30: Rummage sale at the Racine Masonic Center from 8 am to 1 pm. Bring rummage to next meeting on August 9 or call LuAnn Hansen at 262-763-6253.

September 13: 6:00 pm dinner at a cost of \$10.00. Reservations to Joyce Kupper at 262-886-5806. This meeting starts at 7:00 pm and is our Advance Night with special guests Grand Associate Matron, H.L. June Potts and Grand Associate Patron, S.K. Chris Christiansen. We have actual candidates for our Initiation ceremony. Everyone brush up on your ritual work so we can do our best for our ceremonies. Refreshments for this meeting are Amanda and Larissa.

October 6: Soup and sandwich lunch at noon. Inventory and Audit...(Reschedule of meeting of October 11). Meeting starts at 1:30 pm with Annual reports and election of officers.

November 8: Business meeting at 6:00 pm and installation of new officers at 7:30 pm.

December 13: Meeting at 7:00 pm.



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

I would like to thank all those who attended our Advance Night on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We had a delicious potluck prior to the meeting and some wonderful fellowship after the meeting.

We are planning on having a "Friends Night" at our September meeting. We hope that many of our friends from the other Courts will be able to join us.

In October we will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and hold our Installation in November

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

Hope Court will have Advance Afternoon on August 3rd at 1:30PM. There will be a Pot Luck at 12:00 Noon. Meat will be furnished by our court. If there is anyone who could assist us for this meeting, please call me at 608-752-4938 or you can email me at [brlopd@att.net](mailto:brlopd@att.net). We are getting very small.

September 7th is a stated meeting at 1:30PM. October 5th will be Election of Officers and Annual Reports. The meeting will start at 1:30PM.

**ATTENTION: All Ways and Means monies need to be turned in to the Grand Associate Patron, S.K. Chris Christiansen by August 31 for him to get credit for these monies. Thank you.**

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

Friendship Court invites you to attend  
Our Advance Night

Saturday August 10, 2013  
Fond du Lac Masonic Center  
500 W. Arndt St.

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP to: H. L. Diana Kifer

(920) 922-6012 or [ldkifer@charter.net](mailto:ldkifer@charter.net)

Advancing Officers:

H.L. Kristin Kifer

S. K. Phillip Kifer

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2013 AND JANUARY 2014.**

**Grand Court is in Need of Pages  
Vicki Kuharske, Grand Page**

**Help Wanted!** We need Honored Ladies who are not serving as floor officers to be Pages at Grand Court in October. The work is easy with time to rest and you will be helping some of the finest Honored Ladies and Sir Knights in the Order of the Amaranth.

Apply for these positions with:  
Honored Lady,  
Vicki Kuharske, Grand Page  
414-258-9048 Cell: 414-975-2203  
[vickikuharske@att.net](mailto:vickikuharske@att.net)

**Country Craft Table  
Marion Doerr, Chairperson**

**Help! Help! Help!**

We need items to sell at Grand Court in October at the Craft Table.

Items needed: craft items, baked goods, jewelry (men and women's), books and any other items you may think would sell. This is not a rummage sale, however, new and gently used items will be accepted.

These monies will benefit the Ways and Means project for the newly elected Grand Associate Patron.

Let's give him a good start, thank you in advance.

**Message from  
Grand Historian  
H.L. Alice Byrnes**

SK Jim and I have been unable to attend many of the activities that have taken place during this Grand Court year. Undoubtedly many people have attended - with camera in hand. It would be greatly appreciated if pictures of Grand Court installation, Grand Court activities, Subordinate Court installations, Advance Nights and "fun" activities within your court could be forwarded for inclusion in the Grand Court history books for our GRM and GRP. It would be helpful if you identified the people in pictures. A few years from now it will be appreciated to have them identified.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Grand Court in October.

**Upcoming Diabetes Fundraising Projects for  
2012 - 2013 Grand Court Year**

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

**Raffle:** \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing to be held on Friday night, October 11, 2013 at The Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells

- \* Colby 19" LED HDTV Super Slim
- \* 1 Night Stay at the Wintergreen in WI. Dells, WI (2 Drawings) (Restrictions Apply: Only good Sun.-Thru. and not during peak times)
- \* 1 Juke Box AM/FM Radio & CD Player.
- \* 1 set of Grand Court Meals at the Grand Court of WI for 2013 (Includes Friday Banquet - Fun Breakfast - Saturday In Coming Lunch)
- \* Tiger Fleece

We are asking each court to put together baskets again this year for the annual raffle at Grand Court. Also if you have small item for the individual raffle that you would care to donate.

If you have been going through your closets and you find those formals, suits and accessories you do not wear or need we will gladly take them off your hands for the Dresses Plus sale. Please bring your item to Grand Court, or let me know if they need to be picked up.

I also have the pins and charms from Supreme this year they are \$5.00. They are in the shape of a heart with gold and silver with 3 tiny foot print on the side.

HL Diana Kifer  
WI Amaranth Diabetes Coordinator



## Upcoming Events

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

October 10, 11 and 12, 2013  
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](http://www.wintergreen-resort.com)

### Advance Nights Grand Associate Matron & Grand Associate Patron

Saturday, August 3, 2013 Hope Court #11  
Saturday, August 10, 2013 Friendship Court #14  
Friday, September 13, 2013 Racine Laurel Court #6

## MULTI STATE EVENT Sponsored by the Grand Court of Wisconsin August 23, 24, 25, 2013

Super 8 Motel  
4765 Hayes Rd.  
Madison WI 53704  
Just off I90/94/39 at Exit 135A (Hwy 151)  
Room Rate: \$52.00 plus 14% tax  
Breakfast is included  
Mention Order of the Amaranth

Mystery Dinner on Saturday Evening  
Cost \$20.00 - Dress Casual  
Reservations by August 20, 2013 with Barbara  
Lee Overton

Please plan to join us and get acquainted with  
members from the jurisdictions of  
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota,  
Missouri and Wisconsin

## Kudos to Order of the Amaranth In Wisconsin



Congratulations to all Wisconsin Amaranth members for your contributions to Diabetes Research during the Grand Court term for the Wild Wild West Year for H.L. Mary Schultz and S.K. LeRoy Kifer. We received an award for the 5<sup>th</sup> highest dollar amount per member contribution to Diabetes Research from the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. The Order of the Amaranth gave a check to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation in the amount of \$410,000 at the Supreme Council Session held in July of this year.

## Fond du Lac Lodge #26 Looking for Vendors

Fond du Lac Lodge #26 is looking for vendors for the Market Day event to be held on Sunday, September 22 from 10:00 to 3:00 pm at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center.

The event will be held outdoors on the grass area just west of the building. The booth fees are \$30.00 for an approximate 12 x 12 size booth.

In conjunction with this event, the Fond du Lac Lodge will be hosting a pancake breakfast 8:30 am to noon.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the Fond du Lac Lodge #26 Scholarship Fund. Please contact S.K. LeRoy Kifer at 920-904-0555 or email at [ldkifer@charter.net](mailto:ldkifer@charter.net) for more information.