
Grand Court of Wisconsin

Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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November, December 2013 and January 2014

**Message from
Grand Royal Matron
June Potts**

Congratulations to HL Laura and SK Mike on a well-run Gift of Grace Session. You did a beautiful job and all of the jungle animals can now rest after their safari.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the Installation, Coronation, and Reception. Also, thank you to all who accepted officer, representative and committee appointments. It takes everyone to make the year successful, and I appreciate your willingness to help.

We also congratulate HL Barbara Foster for taking the first step on her journey to the Throne. Enjoy the next few years – “time flies” very fast!

We will be holding the Day of Training and Leadership Workshop on Sunday, October 27th at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center, 500 W. Arndt Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served (\$5.00). If you have any questions, please call me at 920-748-2338 or 920-382-6892, or email me at mistiblue01@gmail.com. Focus will be on Subordinate Court Installation procedures, which take place in November. Let's show our support by attending these Installations.

Please note that Madison Court now meets on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This was recently approved, so it is listed incorrectly in our schedule.

Please take the time to read the entire Newsletter. HL Mary Schultz does a beautiful job in preparing and distributing it to all the members and it is always full

of important information for us. It is a great way to keep up with all the activities.

HL Diana Kifer will again be coordinating the cookies for the Amaranth Cookie Sale on Friday, November 29th. We can all help by baking lots of cookies for her. It's a great money-maker for our Grand Court. You can call HL Diana at 920-922-6012 or email her at ldkifer@charter.net to let her know what you can do.

S.K. Chris and I are planning some activities during the year that we hope you will all attend and enjoy. Watch for details in the Newsletter.

Remember, seek Peace in all you do; keep Joy in your heart.

**Message from
Grand Royal Patron
Chris Christiansen**

Since we are now starting a new year with a new corps of officers (mostly reruns) we are ready to start into the year with a great deal of enthusiasm. We know that with our Grand Royal Matron, HL June Potts, things will roll along as smoothly as the preparations did.

Remember what I had said during one of my speeches...the important thing to do is to travel, travel, and travel some more. We need more people as sideliners to fill the positions, because none of us seem to have enough members to do it alone. Don't forget to search among many of your friends who might be able to fill out a petition and become a member. That is best way to strengthen each court.

I want to thank everyone for giving me the honor of representing them as Grand Royal Patron. My intention is to travel as much as possible to be with you, as I alluded before, we can not do this alone.

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Sondra Moore**

I want to Thank You for electing me to be your GAM. It is an honor and I will work hard to be one of the best.

We had a great time at Wisconsin Grand Court last week with all the hugs and smiles of all our friends from different jurisdictions. Now we must get busy for our new year. If you have any ideas for money making projects, please let us know.

Our courts will be having their installations, so be sure to attend them if you can and let's give each other help. I am making plans to sell butterfly and tux bibs, so be looking for them in the near future.

See you at the meetings.

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Nathan Moore**

I had a great time at Wisconsin Grand Court with friends from all different states. Thank you for electing me for being your GAP.

I am making plans to have a Raffle, and sell tickets for our fifty-fifty at all our meetings as we did last year. I will let you know what we come up with in the next month or so. We will need all the help you can give us.

Let's get new members and have a lot of fun together.

**Message from
Grand Conductress
Sally Lutzke**

On August 31, 2013 I was able to attend the reception of HL Jeanne Milton, SAC in Oklahoma City. There were 8 other GACs also.

Congratulations to H.L. Laura, PGRM and SK Mike, PGRP for a very successful year and 'Gift of Grace' session. Congratulations to HL June, GRM and SK Chris, GRP and all the new officers.

HL Diana Kifer, SCofA will continue as my Mentor and I thank her for guidance and support.

Looking forward to working with H.L. Barb, GAC.

Enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Barbara Foster**

It is with a great deal of excitement that I write this as your new Grand Associate Conductress! I want to thank everyone for your warm wishes and support. I look forward to making this journey with all of you.

Installations are fast approaching....best wishes to all the incoming officers! I look forward to seeing you at the Leadership Day and on the Amaranth Trail!

Hedgehog Hugs,
Barb Foster, GAC

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

Hi everyone:

First off I want to wish everyone a Happy Halloween and hope you don't get too scared by all the little goblins.

I am inviting everyone to Milwaukee Court #2's installation. It will be on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7PM and it is an open installation. HL Cheri Brus is the Royal Matron-elect and SK Mike Brus, PGRP, is the Royal Patron-Elect. Hope to see you there.

We will be having initiation of at least 2 new members (we do have 5 petitions out there and hope to be able to include them). Our initiation will be on Monday, December 2, 2013 with a dinner before the installation. The cost will be \$9 and please RSVP to Cheri Brus at 414-445-4199 or email Cbrus@att.net. I hope you can come to that meeting either as a side liner or if you can assist us that would be greatly appreciated.

After that I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year.

Sometime in March (DTBA) we will be having a Mystery Dinner. It is going to be a fun night for all Masonic Bodies and Friends. As soon as we get it organized invitations will be sent. Hope too see you at as many activities as you can possibly make. See you on the road.

Once again Happy Halloween, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
Karen Bishop, RM
Robert Miksch, 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.

Everyone is always welcome at all times to come to Racine Laurel Court.

November 8: Stated Meeting at 6:00 pm with Installation of Officers at 7:30 pm. Please join us and support the officers for the new term. If possible, ladies should wear pastel colored formals.

December 13: Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm. This is our Christmas meeting. Come early and join in the Holidays in the Mansion festivities. Happy Holidays to everyone!

We are dark in January and February, returning on Friday, March 14 for our Grand Lecturer's visit. Dinner at 6:00 pm with meeting to follow at 7:00 pm. Officers please review your parts.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Barbara Lee Overton, RM
Roger Reukauf, RP**

Madison Court will have a closed Installation on Saturday, November 2nd starting at 10:00 AM. We will have refreshments at 9:00 AM.

Our December meeting will be held on either the Saturday the 14th or Tuesday the 17th due to a conflict with Scottish Rite Reunion.

We are hoping to have a fun event in January and February depending on the weather.

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

Hope Court will have a CLOSED INSTALLATION on November 2 after a short stated meeting starting at 1:30PM. All members of the Order are invited.

December will be a stated meeting starting at 1:30PM. January we are dark. Hope too see some of you in March 2014.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season with family and friends.

Congratulations to all the newly installed Officers of Grand Court. S.K. Norm and I wish for you the best in the coming year.

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

Please join Friendship Court #14
Order of the Amaranth
for the Installation of Officers on
November 9, 2013 at the
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 W. Arndt.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
At 7:00 P. M.
Dinner at 6:00 P. M.
Cost of \$8.00
RSVP November 6, 2013
To: 920-922-6012 or
Email: ldkifer@charter.net
Refreshment to follow.
In Amaranth Love and Service
H. L. Kristin Kifer, RM Elect.
S. K. Phillip. Kifer, RP Elect.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15 FOR ALL
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF
FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2014.**



**Members Recognized in Wisconsin
Submitted by
Gail Piper, Reporter**

At Wisconsin Grand Court's session in October 2013, two members received recognition as very special members in our jurisdiction. On behalf of H.L. Lynda Dobbins, SRM, H.L. Dianne Dean, SC, recognized H.L. Mary Louise Schenkenberg and S.K. Jamison Kifer for being the oldest and youngest members of Amaranth in Wisconsin.

H.L. Mary Louise Schenkenberg, age 94, is Wisconsin's oldest member of Amaranth. She was initiated in 2000 and is an active member of Racine Laurel Court, Racine WI. Mary Louise is a Past Royal Matron of her Court where she remains a very supportive and involved member.

S.K. Jamison, age 21, Wisconsin's youngest member, was initiated in 2011 and is an active member of Friendship Court located in Fond du Lac, WI. Jamison is Past Grand Master Councilor of Wisconsin DeMolay. He also had the honor of becoming a Chevalier in October 2012.

The recognition of these members was appreciated by all present, as everyone there knows just how much both H.L. Mary Louise and S.K. Jamison do for the Order. It also brought to light the wide diversity in the friendships we have and enjoy in the Order of the Amaranth.

Upcoming Events

Day of Instruction

Sunday, October 27, 2013
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 W. Arndt Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Amaranth Cookie Sale

Friday, November 29, 2013
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Country Springs Hotel
Grand Ballroom
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Costume Party

Sunday, June 8, 2014
Delafield Brewhaus
3832 Hillside Drive
Delafield, WI 53018

Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron Reception

Sunday, July 13, 2014
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 W. Arndt Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Family Day at the Milwaukee Botanical Domes

Saturday, August 9, 2014
(Details Forthcoming)

Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of the Amaranth Annual Session

October 9, 10 and 11, 2014
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

Grand Lecturer's Visits

Saturday, March 1, 2014	Madison Court #7 Hope Court #11
Monday, March 3, 2014	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, March 7, 2014	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, March 8, 2014	Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, March 18, 2014	Madison Court #7

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

Saturday, April 5, 2014	Madison Court #7 Hope Court #11
Monday, April 7, 2014	Milwaukee Court #2
Friday, April 11, 2014	Racine Laurel Court #6
Saturday, April 12, 2014	Friendship Court #14
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Madison Court #7

Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

Supreme Session

June 29 – July 3, 2014
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, Ohio

Advance Nights

Grand Associate Matron And Grand Associate Patron

Monday, June 2, 2014	Milwaukee Court #2
Saturday, July 12, 2014	Friendship Court #14
To be Announced	Madison Court #7
Saturday, August 2, 2014	Hope Court #11
Friday, August 8, 2014	Racine Laurel Court #6

(Please remember dates and times
are subject to change)

**Holidays in the Mansion
Racine Masonic Center**

Save the following dates for this year's Holiday in the Mansion. We hope you can be part of helping us to build on the success of this event for our community.

General Hours Open to the Public – Cost is \$8.00:

Saturday, December 7 – 1 pm to 7 pm
Sunday, December 8 – 1 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, December 14 – 1 pm to 7 pm
Sunday, December 15 – 1 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, December 21 – 1 pm to 7 pm

Royal Tea Party

Saturday, November 30

Breakfast with Santa – 8 am to 12 noon

Sunday, December 1
Sunday, December 22

Wine and Beer Tasting

Friday, December 13

Reserved Groups and Guided Tours

Friday, December 6
Friday, December 20

Stocking raffle will benefit Shriner's Hospital.

**A Friendly Reminder
Grand Court Order of the Amaranth,
Wisconsin
will be holding a
Day of Instruction
(Leadership and School of Instruction)**

**Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013
Fond du Lac Masonic Center
500 W. Arndt Street Fond du Lac, WI**

**Registration Plus 9:30
(in other words there will be coffee, tea, hot
chocolate and goodies)**

**Leadership 10:00 AM
Chili Lunch for \$5.00 provided by
Friendship Court No. 14 12:00 PM
School of Instruction 1:00 PM
(With S. K. LeRoy Kifer, Supreme Lecturer)
Farwell 3:30 PM**

**Bring Ritual, Grand Court By-laws,
Manual of Procedure, and Supreme
Constitution.
Pen, Paper and questions.**

**We hope that many will be able to
attend.**

**We always learn something new.
If you know someone who does not have
email please let them know. Thank you.**

**If you could please RSVP so we have
enough goodies for everyone to:
HL Diana Kifer
email: ldkifer@charter.net or call 920-
922-6012
Thank you**

**Grand Court Order of the Amaranth
State of Wisconsin**



CHRISTMAS LETTER

Our Christmas Prayer

Emily Carey Alleman



*Dear Lord, in humbleness we pray
For Thy firm guidance, day by day
Help us to know the right from wrong
To greet each morning with a song.*

*Let Thy people everywhere
Know that we are glad to share.
Bless their homes, Lord, bless their land!*

*Help us all to understand
The problems that our neighbors face –
The problems of the human race.
Bring Peace and Joy to all mankind.
Let goodwill travel unconfined.*

*Our best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a truly
Blessed and Happy New Year*

*June E. Potts
Grand Royal Matron*

*Chris Christiansen
Grand Royal Patron*

*and the Officers and Members
of the Grand Court of Wisconsin
Order of the Amaranth*

