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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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## Message from Grand Royal Matron Sondra Moore

The flowers are in bloom and the birds are singing. Oh how wonderful this weather is after the horrible winter we had! Now is the time to get our courts working toward our plans of getting our projects on their way.

We had a great School of Instruction - thank you to all for coming and making this a wonderful day. We all enjoyed the day.

H.L. Vicki Kuharske, our Grand Lecturer, has completed all her visits, and with her injured right arm- she did a great job. Thank you!

I have beautiful Butterfly pins, matching earrings, Blue Crystal Hummingbird pins, & Turquoise Dangling Butterfly earrings all for \$5 each. Proceeds go to Diabetes. They are selling fast- everyone likes them!

### MAY - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Our GRM & GRP visits have 3 more Courts left to go - PLEASE WEAR WHITE for our Memorial Service- Hope Court #11, Saturday, May 2, RSVP Ruth Burns 608-752-4938 or Sondra Moore 608-207-3435

Racine Laurel Court #6, Friday, May 8, 6:00 pm Dinner, Meeting 7:30 pm  
RSVP Mary Schultz 414-526-2715

Friendship Court #14 May, Saturday, May 9, Dinner 6:00 pm, RSVP Meeting 7:00 pm

We are anticipating our fun events and hope you, your family and friends can join us. The schedule of these events are as follows:

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 21 - 24, 2015  
Supreme Council Assembly  
June 25, 2015  
Supreme Council Assembly  
SRM & SRP Reception  
Seattle, Washington

Sunday, July 19, 2015  
GRAND ROYAL MATRON &  
GRAND ROYAL PATRON RECEPTION  
Janesville Masonic Center  
2322 Milwaukee Street  
Janesville WI 53545-2145  
RSVP JULY 10, 2015  
HL Ruth Burns 608-752-4938 or  
HL Arnetta Reining 815-239-2595

Sunday, August 9, 2015  
"Old Fashion Garden Party"  
Delafield Brewhaus  
Delicious food. Fun & Games. \$20.

You will be getting flyers for these events and RSVP's. If you have any questions, please call me 608-207-3435 Home - Cell 608-346-1948. Please join us whenever you can. We look forward to seeing you.

Safe travels, now that we can get out and enjoy this wonderful weather.



**Message from  
Grand Royal Patron  
Nathan Moore**

This time of the year is the greatest - I got my garden plowed!

Spring is great, and we should be thinking about traveling to other courts to help them; -- not just special events, but one you can make. It is very encouraging for those on the throne to see all the stations filled. We must band together to keep our courts as flourishing as possible, or we will be hurting. Travel and talk Amaranth everywhere. There are people that would join, but they have to be approached in a proper manner. Keep a petition with you so if you find someone interested, don't let them get away!

PLEASE JOIN IN OUR FUN EVENTS, and bring someone with you. I have Hummingbird pins that are very attractive, with stones from Czechoslovakia. \$5.00 each.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Amaranth Trail.  
Drive Safe.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
Barbara Foster**

Raffle tickets have been delivered to each court! Have fun selling chances for the 4 Waterford crystal items and the signed Packer football. As always...GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

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Spring flowers are in bloom, the grass is greening up, the days are getting warmed and longer and our courts have started their activities after the cold weather recess. I have enjoyed seeing many of you at recent meetings! You all did a wonderful job at the Grand Lecturer's visits and we are now enjoying the official visits of our GRM and GRP. It has been nice to see many of you traveling to the other courts and enjoying the fellowship that comes with these special meetings.

I look forward to the many activities planned for the rest of the year!

**Message from  
Grand Conductress  
Nancy Saggio**

I hope you are enjoying the greening of our outside spaces. The flowers are peeking out and the sun is shining it is a great time to be alive and to travel!

The Grand Lecturer's visits were fun and I know a lot was learned, now we need to put that knowledge to work in our Courts. OV's have started and more friendships and good times will be had. These good times need to be shared with others besides the members of Amaranth.

Have you done your display boards? Are the display boards in your building where others can see them and possibly ask questions about Amaranth. Oshkosh Lodge is holding a Gallery Walk, open to the public, and we are going to have display board about the Appendant Bodies there. Hopefully people going through will ask about us and we can gain some more members. What does your lodge do that you could have information available to others.

We need to work to keep our courts alive and growing. Plant the seeds and just like the Spring flowers, we too shall blossom and grown.

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

Milwaukee Court #2 had a great turn-out for our Official Visit.

We will be having the Memorial Service at our May meeting.

We are looking forward to the Supreme Council, to be in Seattle, WA.

Then on with the Advance Nights at the Courts coming in August /September.

**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.

May 8 - GRM/GRP Official visit - dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm. Memorial Ceremony, ladies should wear white formals. Cost of our dinners is \$10.00. Please make reservations to our Secretary, Mary Schultz.

June 12 - Stated meeting at 6:00 pm; 7:30 pm Open Meeting - invite friends, family, other Masonic families to attend. Celebrate Flag Day wear red, white and blue.

July 10 - Stated meeting 7:00 pm; practice for Advance Night

Remember to bring stuffed animals for Royal Matron Amanda's project.

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

Madison Court thanks everyone from the other Courts who have helped us out in the past few months with both initiation and our Grand Lecturer's and Grand Royal Matron's visits. As all our Courts' membership numbers decline we must rely on each other for support in filling stations when empty chairs simply will not due. Thank you to all who drove to Madison and helped us out.

Our ritual tabs sales are finished as we are totally out of them now. Thank you for your support in our effort to both raise money for diabetes research and to provide a handy tool for members to use. At this time it's not certain if we will be printing up any more of them or not. We raised \$225 for diabetes research with that project.

We are currently planning a "Masonic Family Reunion" which will take place Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Madison Masonic Center. This event is intended to provide all interested Masonic orders an opportunity to share information about their order and perhaps get a new member or two. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to that date.

Our upcoming meetings: Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am (memorial); Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 (both are stated meetings). We would love to have you join us!

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

Grand Royal Matron and  
Grand Royal Patron  
Official Visit on Saturday, May 2, 2015

Lunch at noon

Donation \$8.00 per person

Meeting starts at 1:30 pm

Reservations are appreciated, please contact:

Ruth Burns - Royal Matron

608-754938 email: [brlop@att.net](mailto:brlop@att.net)

Arneta Reining - Secretary

815-239-2595 email: [reiningja@gmail.com](mailto:reiningja@gmail.com)

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

Friendship Court is preparing for our OV by our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron on May 9, 2015. Dinner is at 6:00 pm with the Meeting at 7:00 pm. The Court of good cooks will be preparing the meal for everyone to enjoy, but we need a head count to make sure you receive your fair share. Cost will be \$8.00. Please RSVP to [sultana313@charter.net](mailto:sultana313@charter.net) or when you see me. That night will also be our Memorial Service. Please wear white when you come. I will be calling to see who can help us fill some stations as we are in need of all Square Ladies, Associate Conductress and there is always need for extra last minute Officers. If you let me know which station you would prefer before I call, you can pick your favorite station to fill! Thanks!

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2015.

**Degree Team Followup**  
**H.L. Gail Piper, PRM**

If you were at our School of Instruction in January you know we discussed forming a "degree team" in Wisconsin. Questionnaires were collected that day with information from willing members indicating what positions they would and could fill should the need arise (contingent upon their calendar and availability, of course).

After tallying the results gathered it looks like we would not be able to fill all the stations for the degree using the people who responded that day, unless we could clone a few people. Several members listed a lot of stations they would and could fill, some listed a handful and others just one or two but they are all valuable and often needed. The bad news is that we really do not have enough people at this time to create such a team if that team were to fill every station at an initiation. But, the good news is there are members in other Courts who are willing to fill in for us when we need their assistance. (We need to also remember that not all members were at that School of Instruction so the information gathered that day is not 100% complete.)

I have created a simple spreadsheet that lists the stations and the names of members willing to pro tem. If anyone wants a copy of that spreadsheet, please email me at [gailpiper6@aol.com](mailto:gailpiper6@aol.com).

**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.

**Wisconsin Amaranth Diabetes**

Spring is just around the corner.  
Well maybe.

But I know many of you have started your spring cleaning. Going through those Formals and Tux's/Suits that are in good shape but you know you will never wear again. Well I have a deal for you. Donate them to our Gentle Used Gown and Tux/Suit Sale to benefit Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

We will once again be having our sale at Grand Chapter OES WI. Thanks to WGM Jane Blackwood for allowing us to have it there at no charge. A big Thank You to Elaine Engelke for taking this over at Grand Chapter this year as I will be a little busy while there. So you may drop them off there or if you are not attending let me know and we can make arrangements to get them from you. This Gentle Used Gown and Tux/Suit Sale has been ongoing for several years and continues to bring in money for ADF. I thank all who have donated and purchased items. It all goes to a worthy cause.

In Amaranth Love and Service,  
HL Diana Kifer  
Diabetes Coordinator for Wisconsin

**Joke**

Most people don't know that back in 1912, Hellmann's Mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after its stop in New York. This would have been the largest single shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico.

... But as we know, the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank. The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, and were eagerly awaiting its delivery, were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great, that they declared a National Day of Mourning.

The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May And is known, of course, as - Sinko De Mayo.

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

Hope Court #11	May 2, 2015 1:30 pm
Racine Laurel Court #6	May 8, 2015 7:30 pm
Friendship Court #14	May 9, 2015 7 pm

**Advance Nights  
Grand Associate Matron  
And Grand Associate Patron**

Milwaukee Court #2	August 3, 2015
Racine-Laurel Court #6	August 14, 2015
Madison Court #7	September 5, 2015
Hope Court #11	August 1, 2015
Friendship Court #14	August 8, 2015

(Please remember dates and times  
are subject to change)

**Grand Royal Matron and  
Grand Royal Patron Reception  
Sunday, July 19, 2015  
Janesville Masonic Center  
2322 Milwaukee Street  
Janesville, WI 53545**

**Garden Party  
Sunday, August 9, 2015  
Delafield Brewhaus  
3832 Hillside Drive  
Delafield, WI 53018**

**Grand Court of Wisconsin  
Order of the Amaranth  
Annual Session  
October 8, 9 and 10, 2015  
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)**

**MASONIC FAMILY REUNION**

On Friday October 23, 2015 Madison Court is working on a "Masonic Family Reunion" to be held in Lodge room #2 at the Madison Masonic Center. Please put this date on your calendars. More details to follow after all our plans are made. We plan to bring a representative from each and every Masonic body together to "toot their horn" and explain what they do and why someone should join.

There are people out in the world that do not know what groups there are or what they are about, we hope to change that and work to bring unity within the family. This will be open to anyone and everyone so we can bring family and friends alike. This will be for the whole family.

If anyone has contact information for any of the bodies (such as Tall Cedars, National Sojourners, etc.) that are working within the State please let us know as we plan to contact the top leadership of each body to be the presenter if possible.

Dale Holman, Chairman  
Barbara Lee Overton, Co-Chairman

Cut 150 calories a day from your diet. Skip the cookies. The cost of health care is at the heart of the nation's fiscal problems. Our fiscal future depends on getting our health costs in line. Start by eating less. The national eating binge has consequences; starting with diabetes. Today, 28.5 million people are diabetic, and another 66 Million are prediabetic. Their medical bill, now \$174 billion a year, is projected to soar, according to a United Health Care study, costing the nation \$3.4 trillion in the decade ending 2020. More than 60 percent of those costs will be paid by the federal government. Cutting calories cuts the risk of diabetes, which saves money. (AARP May October 2011)



I went to a Garden Party to reminisce with my old friends  
A chance to share old memories and play our songs again....

(Ricky Nelson)

Come and smell the roses on Sunday, the 9th of August, 2015

Dinner will be served at two o'clock in the afternoon,

You, your family, friends, neighbors are all welcome

To attend the "Old Fashioned Garden Party"

The Hummingbird and Butterfly social begins (cash bar) at one o'clock:

A time for good friends, a time for good cheer

at

Delafield Brewhaus  
3832 Hillside Drive  
Delafield, WI 53018

You are greatly encouraged to dress for the occasion. The setting is the late 1800's for this "Old Fashioned Garden Party."

A luncheon buffet will be served including:

- Sliced Roast Beef
- Sliced Turkey
- Parsley Buttered Potatoes
- Tossed Salad
- Fresh Fruit
- Vegetable Medley
- Assorted Bars for Dessert

Included are hot rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and milk.

The cost is a mere \$20.00 per person and the proceeds will benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. (No refunds after August 1, 2015)

Please return the enclosed RSVP by August 1, 2015 with your payment  
(checks to be made payable and sent to):

Mary J. Schultz  
9170 South 41 Street  
Franklin, WI 53132  
414-526-2715 or [greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com](mailto:greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com)



## RSVP

Please complete the bottom half of the form, cut on dash line, and send with payment  
(please remember no refunds after August 1, 2015):

Mary J. Schultz  
9170 South 41 Street  
Franklin, WI 53132  
414-526-2715 or [greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com](mailto:greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com)

### Directions to Delafield Brewhaus:

From Milwaukee:

Just 35 minutes from Milwaukee! Take I-94 west and exit on Hwy 55 in Pewaukee. Stay on the north side service drive (Golf Road) heading west. At the third stop sign (Hwy. E) turn left; go under the expressway and take the first right turn (Hillside Drive). We're at the top of hill on the left.

From Madison:

Take I-94 east and exit on Hwy 83 in Delafield. Turn right, heading south. Turn left at the second traffic light (Hillside Drive) Go past the theater and Home Depot, we're at the top of the hill on the right.

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_