
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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February, March and April 2017

**Message from
Grand Royal Matron
Nancy Saggio**

May the ice and snow be gone before Mary does another newsletter! Next week January thaw is due, then no one knows what is heading our way. Speaking of heading our way, we, Amaranth members, have two big events approaching very quickly! February 26th at the Racine Center, we will be holding Leadership Training, computer teaching, what we need to know and some fun activities. All this starts with the 11:00 am sign in. Check the enclosed form for all the details. March 12th not only is the start of Daylight Savings, but is our main fund raiser for Diabetes, Bizarre Bazar, to be held at Zor Shrine in Madison. This is something you can bring friends and family to. Make new friends, catch new members have some fun with everyone. Mid – Eastern costumes are welcome! We will shake our tails and dig deep for Diabetes. Again, check the flyer and registration for details included in this newsletter.

Installation season is over and we have some time off before meeting again begin. Our Grand Lecturer, SK LeRoy Kifer, will be starting his visitations to the Courts. Madison Court on March 4th, Milwaukee Court on the 6th, Fond du Lac on the 9th and Racine on the 10th. If you are free, I am pretty sure all courts could use some help in filling stations and would be more than happy to have you attend these meetings.

A big thank you to all who were installed at our Grand Court, it is a wonderful feeling to have such awesome Officers and Representatives for this year! Most of those who were not able to attend have been installed at their own Court meeting by SK Phil.

Any who missed being installed, we will get it done ASAP.

There have been several people sick, some had medical procedures done and we lost SK Michael Brus since October. May the sick recover, may those who had surgery heal and may SK Mike rest in peace. We think of all of you often and miss those not at meetings. Say a prayer for each other that we stay in the hands of God as we travel this journey called life.



HL Nancy Saggio
Grand Royal Matron

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
LuAnn Hansen**

I hope that everyone had a good holiday with family and friends. I wish everyone a blessed 2017. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the school of instruction on February 26 in Racine. It should be an interesting and informative time for all of us.

Don't forget the Bizarre Bazaar in Madison. We should have a lot of fun! Invite your friends and family to see the special groups that are coming to perform. The money raised at this event will go to Diabetes Research.

On March 4 and 5 Amaranth will be represented at the Kenosha Expo. This is a time when many different organizations promote themselves. If you can help out

during these two days please contact me. The times are from 9am to 4 pm on Saturday, March 4th and from 10 am to 4 pm on March 5th. We will have information about Amaranth, Diabetes research and petitions available to hand out. We need to get our name out there so come and help if you can.

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Parker Dow**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights

We had a special newsletter only a short time ago. So an update is the best I can give you.

The musical group for our concert has not yet been decided upon. My first thought was a couple I met this summer. Sean & Anastasia (sp?) Sean's girlfriend is with her mom & dad in Russia. Sean is expecting her return this summer. Timing of her return and the governments involved will have an impact if we can chose them or not. They do give a nice classical music performance. He is learning Russian to talk to her dad for her hand.

Seamstresses volunteers for the creation of adult bibs and our proposed sale of them has been extremely slow.

We will have more than one set of artwork for the creation of our key chains to choose from. We would want something that we could use year after year. This will take some time.

I was told that Madison has 4 High Schools. The Class on etiquette will be a challenge for them and I am sure that they will do well.

George / Georgina - I have not been privileged to any further updates. Phil has not sent out any message from Reginald concerning George / Georgina. Is he hiding something? Only time will tell.

With all due regards
Parker Dow

**Message from
Grand Conductress
Cheri Brus**

Greetings from your Grand Conductress,

I hope everyone had a fantastic Holiday and is keeping warm. I know I did and I am. I also want to thank everyone again for all their prayers for my family with Mike's passing. It was quite unexpected.

I really don't have much to say. Please keep in mind that whenever I travel to your court I will be bringing along 50/50 raffle tickets.

There are also other fund raisers in the making and again if you can find it in your heart to help out that would be fantastic. Remember the slogan for this year is Dig deep for diabetes. Also Feb. is our leadership and school of learning. Please try to attend.

Well I hope to see all of you somewhere on the Amaranth trail.

Hugs and love to all
Cheri Brus, Grand Conductress

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

S.K. Bob and I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Are you all enjoying this wonderful winter weather?

Our March 6th meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and we would like our Gr. Reps to come and be honored. After the meeting, there will be a soup, sandwich, and salad lunch for \$8.00. Hope you can make it!

After talking with S.K. LeRoy K., Gr. Lecturer, we will have his visit on Monday, April 3rd. We want to start at 9:00 a.m. so that LeRoy can come from work. This will allow him some extra down time.

Have a safe but fun winter and we will see everyone in the spring.

Laura and Bob

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
LuAnn Hansen, RM
Robert Miksch, RP**

Happy new year to everyone. Racine Laurel Court will have an initiation on Friday, March 10th. I am looking for someone to do Wisdom and Charity. If you can help out please let me know – hansen1@execpc.com or 262-763-6785. This will also be our Grand Lecturer Visit and there will be a 6 pm dinner at a cost of \$10.00. Come and join us even if you are not being an officer.

Our April 14th meeting will be our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron official visit. Please come and join us. I look forward to seeing everyone as we travel to the courts.

Stay safe and warm this winter. Travel safely.

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

There will be a special meeting to initiate candidates on Saturday February 4, 2017. Breakfast will be at 9 am and the meeting will start at 10 am. At this time we have two (2) candidates.

Upcoming events that need your support are:

February 4, 2017 - Initiation

March 4, 2017 – Stated Meeting

April 1, 2017 – Grand Lecturer's Official Visit
(subject to change)

May 6, 2017 – Stated Meeting with Memorial Service

June 20, 2017 – Grand Royal Matron's Visit
(subject to change)

On June 3, 2017 we have the opportunity for a Ways and Means project. We will be having a garage sale at the home of Gail Piper. Please start saving items for that sale. We will be setting up on the Friday before the sale. Any help will be appreciated on either day.

We are also planning another Ways and Means Event which we hope you will support. We haven't set the date as yet, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information in the future.

Please contact H.L. Marilyn Osterlie (655-4930) if someone is in need of Sunshine.

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

No meeting in February

March meeting has been moved to Thursday March 9th. It will be our Grand Lecturers visit. Meeting will be at 5:00 PM with Dinner to follow.

April meeting Saturday April 8th with the Official Visit of the Grand Royal Matron. Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY 2017.

**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.

Chili Judge
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this essay! <==

Recently I was honored to be selected as an Outstanding Famous Celebrity in my Community to be a judge at a chili cook-off because no one else wanted to do it. Also the original person called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking directions to the beer wagon when the call came. I was assured by the other two judges that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy, and besides they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I accepted this as being one of those burdens you endure when you're an internet writer and therefore known and adored by all. Here are the scorecards from the event:

Chili # 1: Mike's Maniac Mobster Monster Chili

JUDGE ONE: A little too heavy on tomato. Amusing kick.

JUDGE TWO: Nice, smooth tomato flavor Very mild.

CAMERON: Holy smokes, what is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway with it. Took me two beers to put the flames out. Hope that's the worst one. These people are crazy.

Chili # 2: Arthur's Afterburner Chili

JUDGE ONE: Smoky (barbecue?) with a hint of pork. Slight Jalapeno tang.

JUDGE TWO: Exciting BBQ flavor, needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

CAMERON: Keep this out of reach of children! I'm not sure what I am supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver. Shoved my way to the front of the beer line. The barmaid looks like a professional wrestler after a bad night. She was so irritated over my gagging sounds that the snake tattoo under her eye started to twitch. She has arms like Popeye and a face like Winston Churchill. I will NOT pick a fight with her.

Chili # 3: Fred's Famous Burn Down the Barn Chili

JUDGE ONE: Excellent firehouse chili! Great kick. Needs more beans.

JUDGE TWO: A beanless chili, a bit salty, good use of red peppers.

CAMERON: This has got to be a joke. Call the EPA, I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I

have been sneezing Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now and got out of my way so I could make it to the beer wagon. Barmaid pounded me on the back; now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. She said her friends call her "Sally." Probably behind her back they call her "Forklift."

Chili # 4: Bubba's Black Magic

JUDGE ONE: Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

JUDGE TWO: A hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a chili.

CAMERON: I felt something scraping across my tongue but was unable to taste it. Sally was standing behind me with fresh refills so I wouldn't have to dash over to see her. When she winked at me her snake sort of coiled and uncoiled--it's kinda cute.

Chili # 5: Linda's Legal Lip Remover

JUDGE ONE: Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground adding considerable kick. Very impressive.

JUDGE TWO: Chili using shredded beef; could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

CAMERON: My ears are ringing and I can no longer focus my eyes. I belched and four people in front of me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed hurt when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue by pouring beer directly on it from a pitcher. Sort of irritates me that one of the other judges asked me to stop screaming.

Chili # 6: Vera's Very Vegetarian Variety

JUDGE ONE: Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spice and peppers.

JUDGE TWO: The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb.

CAMERON: My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous flames. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except Sally. I asked if she wants to go dancing later.

Chili # 7: Susan's Screaming Sensation Chili

JUDGE ONE: A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

JUDGE TWO: Ho Hum, tastes as if the chef threw in canned chili peppers at the last moment. I should note that I am a bit worried about Judge Number 3, he appears to be in a bit of distress.

CAMERON: You could put a hand grenade in my mouth and pull the pin and I wouldn't feel it. I've lost the sight in one eye and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My clothes are covered with

chili which slid unnoticed out of my mouth at some point. Good, at autopsy they'll know what killed me. Go Sally, save yourself before it's too late. Tell our children I'm sorry I was not there to conceive them. I've decided to stop breathing, it's too painful and I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air I'll just let it in through the hole in my stomach. Call the X-Files people and tell them I've found a super nova on my tongue.

Chili # 8: Helen's Mount Saint Chili

JUDGE ONE: This final entry is a good, balanced chili, neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge Number 3 fell and pulled the chili pot on top of himself.

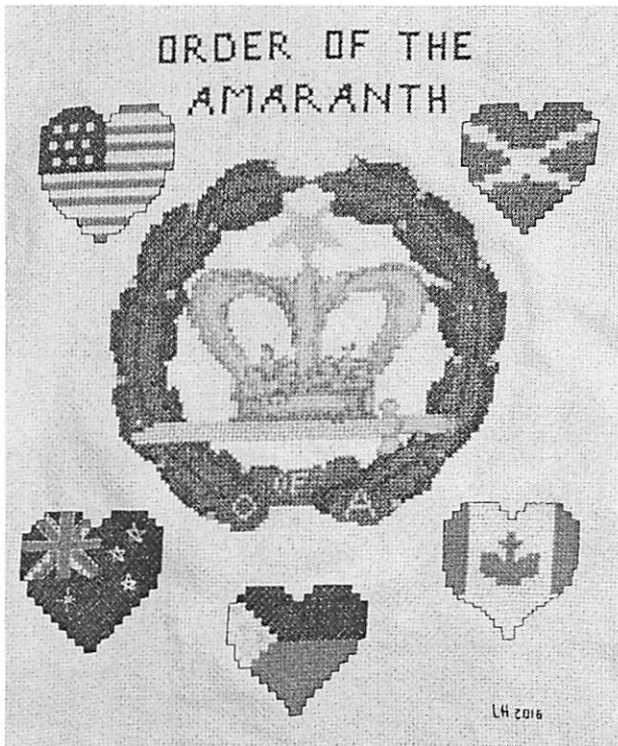
JUDGE TWO: A perfect ending, this is a nice blend chili, safe for all, not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.

CAMERON: Momma?



This adorable doll is up for sale. She says the Pledge of Allegiance when you place her hand over her heart. Donated by HL Alice Byrnes for a fund raiser for our great organization. She, and 2 others just like her, will be at the Bizarre Bazaar on March 12, 2017. Make sure you attend so you can take her home.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from **GAM LuAnn Hansen**; tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00; proceeds to benefit Wisconsin Grand Court Ways and Means



George/Georgina is missing his/her mate and their little one needs mommy/daddy. Haven't heard anything about the katnapping since before Christmas and am getting more than a little worried. Please katnappers, please let us know what to do!

BIZARRE BAZAAR

**WHERE YOU WILL SHAKE YOUR TAILS
AND DIG DEEP FOR DIABETES**

MARCH 12, 2017

ZOR SHRINE

575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI

FOOD

GAMES

**ENTERTAINMENT by LOCAL BELLY DANCERS
AND**

**as an extra special treat
A Really Bizarre Dance Troupe
(Brought to you at great expense!)**

Members, friends, relatives, members of other organizations,
non Masonic people, anyone who wants to see a cure for
diabetes is welcome!

COST: \$25.00 per person

Name _____ How many _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Remit to: Nancy Saggio, N5109 Oak Hill Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54937
by March 1, 2017

Payable to: Wisconsin Grand Court

Time is 11:30 for social and games; lunch 12:30; entertainment 1:30 pm

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND RITUAL REFRESHER

FEBRUARY 26, 2017
Racine Masonic Center



REGISTRATION AT 11:00 AM
11:30 am OPENING AND CLOSING AS PER RITUAL
LED BY S.K. LEROY KIFER, GRAND LECTURER
(Bring your Ritual)

LUNCH 12:30 PM A fun time will be had by all. Be prepared to laugh a lot!

TECH TIME with SK Phil. More sharing of those terms none of us understand, but
will when Phil is done with us
(Bring your electronic gadgets to learn how to use them)

HL Mary Lubach will lead us in the basic bylaws and procedures. We can ALL
learn these things.
(Bring your blue books along)



Cost \$6.00 payable to Wisconsin Grand Court

Mail to:

HL Nancy Saggio N5109 Oak Hill Road Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Reserve your spot by February 14th (Valentine's Day)

Name _____

Enclosed \$ _____

Hope to see you there

2017 Multi-State Outing

Please complete this form and return it with your check made
PAYABLE TO Kelly Hill
Mail to: Kelly Hill
27075 Sorrell Dr.
Laquey, Mo. 65534

RESERVATION DEADLINE DATE – SATURDAY, July 22, 2017

5:30 P.M. Saturday, August 19, 2017 “Chuck Wagon Dinner and Gee Haw show, followed by a Train ride in Jackson, Missouri” All included in price below. Dress Comfortable....

Adult \$32.50-----Children 2-12 \$22.00-----Children 1 and under Free

Entrée: Smoked Chicken and Barbecued Pork Steak

Sides: Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and Hot Rolls

Dessert: Watermelon

Drinks: Water, Lemonade, Coffee and Tea

Name: _____ Jurisdiction _____

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Contact (person filling out form):Name _____

Phone A/C () _____ Address: _____

Adult _____ Persons X \$32.50 = \$ _____

2-12 year _____ Persons X \$22.00 = \$ _____

1 and Under _____ Persons X \$0.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

ALL ABOARD

Come Join us at the Multi-State Outing
for a Chuck Wagon Dinner and Gee Haw Show,
followed by a Train ride at Iron Mountain Junction
Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 5:30 PM

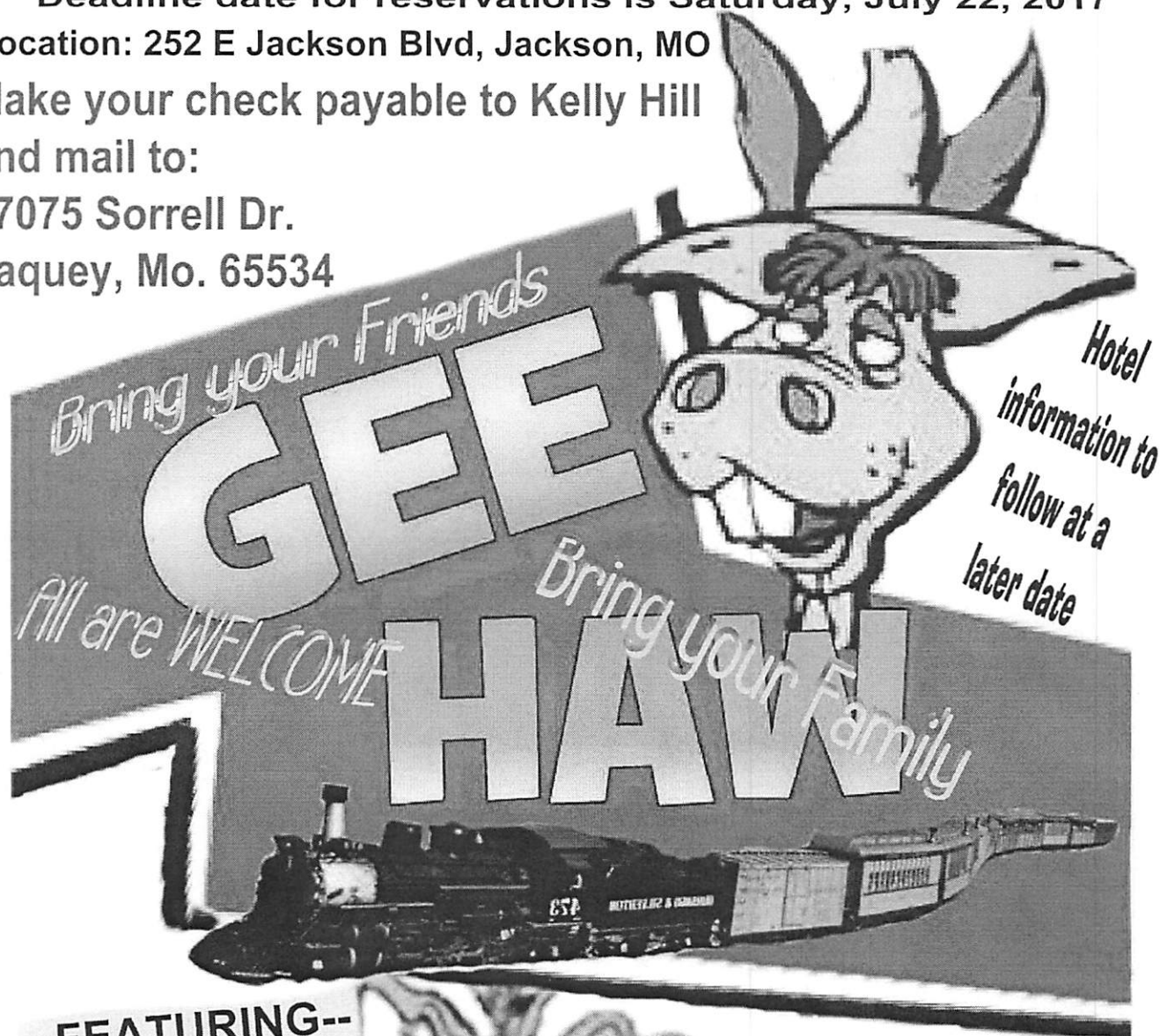
Deadline date for reservations is Saturday, July 22, 2017

Location: 252 E Jackson Blvd, Jackson, MO

Make your check payable to Kelly Hill
and mail to:

27075 Sorrell Dr.

Laquey, Mo. 65534



--FEATURING--

Smoked Chicken and Barbecued Pork Steak,
Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Hot Rolls
and Watermelon for dessert

Chuck Wagon Dinner will feature
their version
of Hee Haw with lots of good music
and crazy fun.

Dinner will be served at the
Iron Mountain Junction Village
before boarding the train.

Adult tickets \$32.50,

Children 2-12 tickets \$22.

Children 1 and under tickets Free.