
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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August, September, October 2014

Message from Grand Royal Matron June Potts

This year has passed incredibly fast, and here we are only three months away from our "Peace and Joy" Session October 9-10-11. To all of you who attended our Renaissance Party on June 8th, and S.K. Chris' and my reception on July 13, thank you for making these two events very special. We have one more activity planned - the Family Day at the Milwaukee Domes on August 30th. S.K. Chris is in charge of this event and is taking reservations. Remember, friends and family are welcome, but anyone attending must be at least 12 years of age.

S.K. Chris and I are now working hard on the preparations for our 65th Session in October. The packets of information and registration will soon be reaching you. Please make every effort to attend - let's do Wisconsin proud! H.L. Sally Acuff will be distributing the packets by the end of July, so if you don't receive yours be sure to contact her so she can get one to you.

If you have any questions or need additional information on any of the upcoming events or meetings, please let me know. And please join us whenever you can. We look forward to seeing you.

Safe travels, and we'll see you at Grand Court on October.

Message from Grand Royal Patron Chris Christiansen

We are all looking forward to the next Grand Court Session. Hope I will see you there. It is going to be a great time that you wouldn't want to miss.

We had a great time at the reception for the GRM and GRP. Those of you who weren't there for one reason or another missed a great meal, and lots of good fellowship.

Speaking of missing - don't forget the planned meeting at the Domes on August 30th. The deadline for reservations and paying is August 15. Don't miss it.

As this is written, there are still some Advance Nights. Come and support the upcoming GRP and incoming officers.

Again, hit the road. The number of members attending a meeting is what will keep a great organization going.

Finally, my hearty thanks for supporting the 2014 corps of officers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Fraternally, Chris



**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Sondra Moore**

I am now back to work for Amaranth- As you know, I lost my right foot to infection. Now, I am back to traveling to your courts. We attended a beautiful reception for H.L. June Potts, GRM and S.K. Chris Christiansen, GRP

Nathan and I have attended our Advance Nights and we have 2 to go--
Hope Ct on August 2nd with a meal at 12:30 and Racine Laurel Ct #6 with a meal at 6:00, on Sept. 12. Hope you can all come.

I am selling homemade Butterfly Aprons in Green, Pink, & Purple. The ones with Ruffles are \$15 each and the Straight ones are \$12. Place your order for one to help Diabetes, I will have them with me when I visit the Courts.

Have a wonderful summer! Grand Court is only 3 months away, and we need your help to keep Amaranth going.

**Message from
Grand Associate Patron
Nathan Moore**

Summer is finally here and my garden is doing great. We have been visiting as many Courts that we can-- Hope Ct & Racine Laurel Ct are our final visits for Advance Nights. We are still selling Raffle tickets so dig in and help our Ways & means.

There is a basket of Wisconsin Bucky Badger items that are really cool! Buy your tickets--the drawing is August 8 at Racine Laurel's meeting.

Also we have the Raffle of the beautiful Butterfly Throw, the Animal Throw that everybody loves, 2 pictures one of a Fish and one of a Duck. The drawing will be at Friendship Ct on Sept. 13 so get your tickets now.

Don't forget the 50-50 drawings at our meetings. Every little bit helps!

Have a wonderful Summer!

**Message from
Grand Conductress
Sally Lutzke**

H. L. Barb and I thank all who have supported the Basket Raffles.

Thank you all for supporting Ways and Means.

Bucky Badger Bonanza - Drawing August 8, 2014 Racine Laurel Ct.

Wishing H. L. June and S.K. Chris a successful Peace and Joy Session.

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Barbara Foster**

Congratulations go Dorothy Byrd of Milwaukee who won the "The Gift Card Bouquet"!

Remember that the drawing for the "Bucky Badger Bucket" will be at Racine Laurel Court on August 8. Good luck to all that have tickets!

It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of July. Where has summer gone? The stores have school supplies out already! I have had the opportunity to travel to Oklahoma Grant Court with our Grand Royal Matron June and to Supreme Council. It was fun to meet so many Amaranth members. Unfortunately, family commitments have kept me from visiting with our Wisconsin members. I hope that things will change soon! I want to thank everyone for supporting the three raffles for Ways and Means. We have had fun doing them and we hope you have enjoyed them. I hope each of you enjoys these remaining days of summer and look forward to greeting you at Grand Court.

Hedgehog hugs,

Barb

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

Hello from Milwaukee Court # 2:

Well summer (such as it is) is flying by. Before you know it all of the Royal Matron's terms will be over and we will be installing new officers.

Milwaukee Court #2 has had a bylaw change stating that we meet in July and August and are dark in January and February. Well our July meeting went pretty good. We discussed Supreme Consul and the good time that we all had.

August will bring us together to make plans for Grand Court. September and October will be regular meetings with nothing special happening.

Hope to see you on the Amaranth trail and at Grand Court.

H.L. Cheri Brus Royal Matron
S.K. Mike Brus Royal Patron

**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. Why not join us.

Friday, August 8, 2014: This is a stated meeting with a rehearsal for the initiation with the Advancing officers for our meeting in September. Refreshments for this meeting is Gordon Charlton.

Friday, September 12, 2014. This is our Advance Night meeting. We have two candidates for Initiation and have a dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Our meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Refreshments for this meeting are Mary Schultz, Marion Doerr, Gene Hass and Bob Miksch.

Our meeting in October is moved to Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 pm. We will have working lunch at Noon to discuss our budget and have our books audited. Annual reports and election of officers are also on the agenda for this meeting.

Our November activities will be on Sunday, November 9 starting at 1:00 pm with our stated meeting and Installation of Officers will be at 3:00 pm. Please come and support our officers and members.

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

I thank all of our members who worked at the Craft-o-Rama on the 20th of July. It is a good money maker for our Court and for Madison Shrine. I also thank all those who donated food and snacks for the Bakery Sale.

The year is winding down and there are still many activities left for us to do. Our August 2nd meeting will be a fruit basket upset so everyone bring your Rituals. Don't forget the Multi State Event in Valparaiso Indiana on August 22 thru 24. I know the folks in Indiana have a great weekend planned. They have asked that we dress for "Roaring Twenties" for the Saturday Evening Mystery Dinner.

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on September 6th. In October our meeting has been changed to Tuesday Evening October 21st due to Scottish Rite Reunion. It will also be a Friends Night. We hope that many members from the other Courts will be able to join us for fun and fellowship. Also don't forget Grand Court October 9 thru 11.

November 1st will be the Installation of Officers. The meeting will start at 9 AM.

H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, RM
S.K. Roger Reukauf, RP

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

No article submitted.

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

No article submitted.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT
NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 15 FOR ALL
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2014 AND
JANUARY 2015.**

Upcoming Events

**Family Day at the
Milwaukee Botanical Domes**
Saturday, August 30, 2014
(See detailed information included
with this newsletter)

**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

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

Saturday, August 2, 2014 Hope Court #11
Friday, September 12, 2014 Racine Laurel Court #6

(Please remember dates and times
are subject to change)

Madison Court Selling Ritual Tabs Submitted by H.L. Gail Piper

Madison Court is now selling tabs to mark the various sections of our Amaranth rituals. With the new rituals coming out this year we thought members might want these tabs to help them find what they are looking for in the ritual real fast. The tabs are \$5 for each set. All money raised will go to diabetes research. If you are interested, contact Gail Piper at gailpiper6@aol.com or 608-242-9282 for details.

ATTENTION!! Amature Photographers in the Order of the Amaranth.

Did you take any photographs at your Court Advance Nights or Installations? The Grand Historian would really appreciate your sharing them with her. They can be emailed - or sent snail mail. If you send them snail mail it would be nice to have two copies. They will be assembled into photo albums for HL June and SK Chris.

Alice Byrnes, Grand Historian 2013-2014
byrnesac@sbcglobal.net

Thanks a million for your assistance.

Who Reads the Crown & Sword Submitted by H.L. Gail Piper, Crown & Sword Coordinator

Do you think the Crown & Sword publication is just for Supreme and Grand Officers? Well, it's not; it's for everyone. If you are not currently receiving the Crown & Sword, you might seriously consider subscribing to it. It is full of information about what Amaranth is doing both locally and all over the world. You can get ideas for programming and fund raising as well as read about fun activities going on in other jurisdictions. Published four times per year, it's a real bargain at just \$7 per year.

Here is how to subscribe to the Crown & Sword and begin getting your own copy in your own mailbox: send your name and full address with a check for \$7.00 payable to Supreme Council, Order of Amaranth, Inc., to the Supreme Secretary Barbara Lee Overton 6417 Normandy Lane, Suite 203, Madison WI 53719. Again, the check is made out to Supreme Council, Order of Amaranth.

If you missed the Wisconsin Grand Court Renaissance Festival, here are a few photos of some people you just might recognize!



HELP HELP HELP

WE NEED PEOPLE TO

BRING BRING BRING

ITEMS TO SELL SELL SELL

AT THE GRAND COURT CRAFT TABLE.

WE NEED PEOPLE TO

BUY BUY BUY

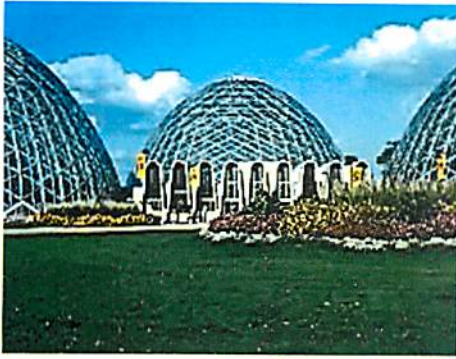
TO HELP THE FUNDS

GROW GROW GROW

FOR THE NEXT
GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON

WAYS AND MEANS EFFORTS.

THANK YOU.



Wisconsin Amaranth Trip to Milwaukee County Domes Saturday, August 30, 2014

Please note the change in the date from the original announcement in our installation program due to maintenance work on the facility. Sorry no buses are available so you will travel by private auto, but there is plenty of parking space.

Directions on getting there are:

Take I94 to the 35th Street exit. Go south to National Drive. Turn left (east) and go 8 blocks to Layton Boulevard (27th Street). Turn left (north) for 1 ½ blocks and there it is on your right. If you cross the bridge, you have gone too far.

Arrival time is 8:30 am so we go in as a group. This is under Grand Court of Wisconsin, but non-members, relatives and friends are welcome. (We would like to see a large crowd). It is an adult excursion so no one under 12 is to be included. The price per person is \$10.00. When making your reservations make a check out to LEWIS CHRISTIANSEN, 229 Willow Lane, South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Reservations are a must and due on August 15, 2014, to give the facility time to make preparations. Sorry no rebates. There are plenty of places to rest when you get tired.

When we arrive there will be a short talk about "The Domes." Then we will be guided to the three domes. There are plenty of places to rest when you get tired. After that we will meet in the restaurant area for refreshments (at your own expense). Bring along some money for that and to buy gifts, plants, etc. After eating you are welcome to revisit areas you are interested in seeing again. You are welcome to stay the entire day if you wish. Dress is casual street clothes and good walking shoes.

Come prepared to have a good and interesting time. Hope to see you there.

Milwaukee Icons: Mitchell Park Domes is the star of the show from the designs to the architecture and plants with interesting stores about all the people connected to the domes followed by tour time in the domes.

Mitchell Park: Past, Present, Future: Learn how the park evolved from a trading post to the Mitchell's to a horticultural destination and farmers' market.

The Domes are truly one-of-a-kind! Here is a sampling of what you will see...

Lobby And Show: History of Domes and Design of the Domes. Enter a themed floral exhibit filling the Floral Show Dome with gardens of color. Five seasonal displays each year will delight you with their beauty and will serve to inspire your own gardens.

Arid (Desert): Come to the deserts of Africa, Madagascar, South America and North America in the Desert Dome where one of the world's finest collections of cacti, succulents, shrubs and arid-land bulbs grow. An Oasis of desert palms beckons as paths lead you past many plant oddities with intriguing geometric forms, subtle coloration and unique adaptations to hot, dry habitats.

Tropical Domes: Stroll the jungle-like trails of the Tropical Dome and see a rich diversity of plants from the rain forests of five continents. Showy flowers, fruits, nuts, spices and a multitude of orchids and bromeliads surround you as you're drawn toward a rushing waterfall in this paradise. Be sure to look for the colorful birds that call the Tropical Dome their home.

Ritual Guidelines 2014-2015

HL Marilynn Young, Supreme Lecturer

1. **Do not copy the ritual.** Front cover page

2. **In General Instructions** when the AC is working alone at the Altar; Pages 12-13

During installation, or at Grand Court sessions, or at Supreme Assembly, or any time she attends the altar by herself, **following the appropriate line of march she will walk up to the West side of the Altar, stop, nod to the Throne, lift the wreath, place it either on the right side of the Altar beside the Bible or back on the Bible. Without backing up, she turns North, takes two steps, turns East, takes two steps, turns North and leaves the Square.**

3. **During the flag salute, Veterans, even though not in uniform may use the Page 27 military salute rather than hand over the heart.**

4. In the opening charges the AM responds with "On the Throne..." **(and does not Page 38 salute before this charge.)**

5. **In Escort**

Under priority of rank Number 8 is divided. Page 45 **(a) Grand Representatives attending the Annual Session of the Jurisdiction to which they have been appointed. (b) All Present Appointive Grand Officers**

6. **During Escort only the SRM, SRP, GRM and GRP salute the Throne with the Page 49**

Secret Sign of Salutation; the Marshals with an inclination of the head. PSRM's, PSRP's, PGRM's & PGRP's will no longer stop behind the Square during escort.

7. This line is added RM - **You will unite in extending (the appropriate) honors to these members.** Page 57

8. In Uncrowning Ceremony follow the instructions in the fine print. The RM/GRM/SRM surrenders the sword to the SwB before the UM says "You will kneel". **Add Sword Bearer to the Uncrowning Ceremony.** Pages 120-123. **Add Supreme Sword Bearer to Uncrowning Ceremony.** 125-128

9. **During Installation of Officers**

The wording for the Ladies of the Square is different. The IO and the Marshal need to check their parts. **Honored Ladies who will guard..., Page 143 ...appointed Grand Officers of the Square, Page 163 the Supreme Officers of the Square.** Page 186

10. **For Open Installation the Guards may assemble in the anteroom(s) and Page 199 wait in the doorway(s) to the room for the command of the CM.**

11. **In Grand/Supreme Opening**

The Grand/Supreme Officers return immediately bearing the "colors", the color Page 242 bearer(s) in the center, **flag(s) carried in the right hand** and the Guard on either side.

12. **U.S. veterans may use the military salute.** Page 242

13. **In the Memorial Ceremony**

The HL's of the Square when placing the Drape upon the Altar face the corners Page 256 of the Altar and slowly place the Drape. **Truth and Wisdom right about face, Faith and Charity left about face marching directly to their Stations where they slowly turn inward, facing the Altar.**

14. The RM descends the Throne and is escorted to the altar by the ME and MW where Page 259 all three (3) halt on a line between the stations of Truth and Charity. **The Secretary reads the names of all Members of the court who have passed away since the last Memorial Service (Subordinate Courts only, if there were none, this is omitted).**

15. The baskets or vases are placed on the North and South side of the Altar and Page 259 touching the Altar at the same time as the Royal Matron is returning from the Altar to the Throne. The Members placing the baskets or vases shall enter the Square from the West and leave by way of the North and South.

Corrections made after the first printing of the old Blue Ritual.

(Not everyone made these changes in their old ritual so this is a change for them.)

16. **In Initiation**, in Wisdom's lecture the word "to" is inserted between "not" and Page 90 "be" and so will read **that are not to be revealed**. Par. 1, line 1.

17. After Obligation at Installation of Officers (G,S) the 8th(6th,4th) paragraph was corrected. **The IO/AIO waits to seat the Court (Grand Court, Supreme Page 136 Assembly) until the Marshal and Aide have escorted the RM(G,S), RP Page 155 (G,S), AM(G,S) and AP(G,S) back to their chairs at the front of the "A".** Page 178 Officers, Members and guests should sit at the same time.

18. **In Memorial**, In the RP's work the word "how" was changed to "now". It reads; Page 258 **The hour is coming and now is**, Par. 10, line 1.



INDIANA GRAND COURT
ORDER OF THE AMARANTH
HOSTS

THIRD ANNUAL MULTI-STATE GET TOGETHER

Your hostess this year is:
H.L. Debby Jo Davies, Grand Royal Matron

WHEN: Friday, August 22 thru Saturday, August 23, 2014

WHERE: Courtyard by Marriott, Valparaiso
2301 E. Northland Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: (219) 465-1700 (Call them directly for reservations – be sure to let them know this is
For Order of the Amaranth – no elevator so let them know if you need first floor)

PRICE OF ROOM: \$99.00 PER NIGHT (INCLUDES BOTH BREAKFAST AND ALL TAXES)

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014, Picnic on the Patio Friday evening - AT NO COST TO YOU

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014 – during the day you can do any/all of the following:

Tour Valparaiso University Cathedral and Art Display

Tour Albanese Candy Factory

Visit a Casino

Or you are more than welcome to just enjoy visiting with others around the pool, etc.

SATURDAY EVENING:

A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre is planned – Roaring 20's theme.

Come ready to have a great time, dress in period costumes if possible.

COST: \$30.00 per person

CONTACT: H.L. Virginia Shobe, PGM

413 N. 400 East

Valparaiso, IN 46383

(219) 462-5319

RSVP no later than August 10, 2013

Make Checks payable to Indiana Grand Court - \$30.00

**BE SURE TO BRING ANY ITEMS YOUR GRAND COURT MAY BE SELLING
AS FUNDRAISERS – WE WILL BE SETTING UP OUR OWN SHOPPING AREA BOTH DAYS.**