
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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May, June and July 2016

Message from Grand Royal Matron Barbara Foster

June 12, 2016 the Antebellum Afternoon for Diabetes Research (detailed flyer attached to this newsletter).

COME AND BRING A FRIEND! Which court can have the most people attending?

SEE YOU IN JUNE!

Violet is still missing. She has had fun-her daughter, Viola, was sent to the 2/28 Leadership and Special Grand Court Day. The sad news is that I anticipate a VERY large vet bill for Violet's care: for eating the wrong food (hedgehogs do not do well with Oreos) and pre-baby care and delivery.

Please be generous and send your donations for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation to HL Mary Schultz so Violet can come home.

October 8, 2016

WI Masonic Day

The incoming Grand Master is asking that ALL groups meeting in a Masonic Center set aside October 8 and hold a joint Masonic Family event. This will be a statewide endeavor. He asks that we work together to promote Masonry and our Masonic groups. Remember to have promotional materials, your promotional board, ADF materials and wear something to identify you as an Amaranth member. Watch the Masonic Journal and this space for more information.

Thank you for all your cards as I recovered from surgery at the start of this year!

Spring is trying very hard to take hold here in WI! February 28, Grand Court started their activities with Leadership-School of Instruction and a special meeting of Grand Court. Thank you to all that came. HL Diana will have finished her Grand Lecturer visits when you read this. A big "thank you" goes to her for sharing her experience with us. We have a busy time ahead with Memorials in May and we will start summer with the Grand Royal Matron's visits in June. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you at these events. Remember the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation "Antebellum Afternoon". This is a fun event and a great opportunity to bring friends to and let them get to know Amaranth. This is a first step to increasing the membership in your court. Remember to include these potential members in the fun summer activities that you plan! As I close, I thank each one of you for all you do for Amaranth!

Hedgehog hugs,
Barb Foster, GRM

Still Missing!



I have not heard from Violet for quite some time. Please start collecting your loose pocket change so I may collect ransom money as I will be traveling to each of the courts for the Grand Royal Matron's visits. Time is running out to collect enough ransom money to have Violet returned for the Grand Court Session.

Thank you, Mary Schultz

**Message from
Grand Royal Patron
Leland Burlison**

Do your Best

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights it is that time again when we write something profound. Well perhaps only a comment you may find interesting. I have heard from several members that "they enjoyed" the Grand Royal Patrons motto this year. ARE YOU ALL SCRAMBLING FOR THE MOTTO? I found this, of all places, posted in a hospital and I committed it to memory as I was impressed with the philosophy. It tells anyone who thinks about its meaning- that all of us are able to do something, but are we curious enough, disciplined enough and have the internal integrity to do what is correct, whether we like it or not. Whether it benefits the Order of Amaranth in this case, or the Masonic Fraternity in general. Or if it is the proper act for you or your family even at the cost of your personal interests.

I would ask you as a member are you willing to work with your hands (body), your mind (intellect), and your heart (spirit). If so I believe you will be successful and our organization will have a long future.
If not?

Fraternally,
Leland L Burlison, GRP

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Nancy Saggio**

The snow is gone, hopefully no more in May, and the birds are back. It is time to check to see if there are any potential new members in the trees. I see other Appendant bodies are initiating new members and a Jobie Bethel just received 13 petitions! Where are our new members? Do you talk to people about our Order? Do you tell them we have raised over 15 million dollars and are responsible for the grant that invented the insulin pump. Have you talked to other groups in your lodge? We have a great foundation of members, but they can only do so much to keep us going. It is hard to fill all of the required officers for Grand Court due to the lack of qualified members. We are a fun organization and are there for each other, let's get busy and recruit members and have more fun! Looking forward to Advance Nights (or days) and to seeing everyone again.

Nancy Saggio
GAM

**Message from
Grand Conductress
LuAnn Hansen**

Welcome to spring! Hopefully it will get here soon. Unfortunately the Grand Court fundraiser of the spaghetti dinner in Racine on April 3 only made enough money to pay my expenses. Even with phone calls to members of Amaranth and Racine Lodge we didn't get enough attendance. We did get a few from the general public. HL Cheri Brus has a chocolate basket that we are raffling off. Please buy tickets and help us raise money for Grand Court. See you soon.

**Message from
Grand Associate Conductress
Cheri Brus**

Greetings one and all,

I hope everyone is having a good year. It is hard to believe that my year as Associate Grand conductress is almost half way over. I did get some good news. Our Grand Associate Patron SK Phil approved my creating a chocolate basket and selling tickets for a raffle for ways and means. The cost of the tickets are one (\$1) dollar a piece or six (6) for five (\$5) dollars. There is a bottle of chocolate wine in the basket plus lots of other goodies. The drawing will be in August at Friendship court which is August 13, 2016 that way the money can be turned into the Grand Court in a timely manner. You do not need to be present to win. I will be traveling around to all of the courts and the basket will be with me. Please help ways and means for our Grand Court Session's. See you all on the Amaranth trail and please have a good rest of the year.

Cheri Brus, Grand Associate Conductress

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

Milwaukee Court is looking forward to our official visit which will be on June 6th. We will have the books checked over at 10:30 to 11:15, then we are having an 11:30 lunch and a 1 o'clock the meeting.

We are trying a morning meeting.

If you are coming to our memorial service in May that is to be held at 10 AM after which we will be going out to the

Maxim's for lunch. Be sure you wear a white formal for the Memorial Ceremony.

We are also planning a special meeting for August so please watch for information.

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

Racine is excited to have read two petitions at our April meeting! We will be initiating them on August 12th. We will have a 6 pm dinner before our 7 pm meeting. We will need help with officers. I need a Conductress, St. Bearer, Wisdom, Charity, and Musician. If you can help please let me know at 262-763-6785 or hansen1@execpc.com.

Please also join us for our Memorial meeting on May 13 and our Grand Royal Matron's visit on June 10. I will need officers for those as well, especially Conductress and Associate Conductress. Let me know if you can help. Our June 10th meeting has a dinner at 6 pm.

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

Spring and summer will be busy for Madison Court. We have our Grand Royal Matron visit Tuesday, June 21st with a dinner at 5pm followed by a pound auction at 6pm. The meeting begins at 7:30pm. We would love to have you join us! If you're not familiar with a pound auction, our members will bring in one pound of something – anything – wrapped so you can't see what it is. There will be a hint as to what is in the wrapped package and we take bids on it. Sometimes there are some wonderful homemade eatables auctioned off! If you plan to come and want to join us for dinner, we need your reservation by June 17th in that it will be a catered meal. Call H.L. Gail Piper at 608-242-9282 or email her at gailpiper6@aol.com. Price of the meal is \$15. (Madison Masonic Center has a new caterer, by the way. Come and help us find out how well they cook!)

On June 4th Madison Court will participate in a neighborhood yard sale on the near East side of Madison to raise money for ways and means. It will be at H.L. Gail Piper's house at 1909 E. Dayton Street if you are in the area and want to stop by. One person's trash is another person's treasure, you know.

We still have Seroogies Chocolate bars for sale. When you visit our Court let us know if you are interested in purchasing some of these delicious candy bars made in Wisconsin.

Finally, Madison Court is once again a bronze level sponsor for the Walk for Dyslexia-Madison to be held on Saturday, May 21st. If you want to participate or make a donation to this great cause, you can get all the information at www.walkfordyslexiamadison.org. All money raised stays right here in the greater Madison area.

Upcoming meeting dates are: Tuesday, June 21 at 7:30pm. (June is our Grand Royal Matron Visit.) Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00pm (our Advance Night – note the early start), and Saturday, August 6. We would love to have you join us! You can always call H.L. Gail Piper at 608-242-9282 to confirm dates and times.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT
NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15 FOR ALL
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST,
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016.**

Joke

The Porch:

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a "handy woman" and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do. "Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch" he said. "How much will you charge me?" Delighted, the girl quickly responded, "How about . . . \$50?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint and brushes and everything she would need were in the garage. The man's wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, "Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?" "That's a bit cynical, isn't it?" he responded. The wife replied, "You're right. I guess I'm starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes."

A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already??" the startled husband asked. "Yes," the blonde replied, "and I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her along with a \$10 tip. "Thank you," the blonde said, "And, by the way, it's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

New Grand Court By-Laws

The Supreme Committee has approved the changes made at the Special Grand Court session on 2/28/16 to our Grand Court By-laws. They go into effect immediately.

Here is a BRIEF summary:

1. The Grand Musician will have 1 night paid for their room at Grand Court
2. The Grand Musician will no longer receive a \$50.00 gift.
3. The Grand Royal Matron will be reimbursed up to \$600.00 to attend Supreme Council.
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5. Two more members may be appointed by the Grand Royal Matron to serve on the Grand Court Ways and Means committee.
6. All checks to Grand Court meals and the ad book will be made out to WI Grand Court. The chairmen of the Ad Book and Meal Reservation committees will give a report at the Grand Court Session. All overages will be applied to Ways and Means.
7. The chairman of Address & Distribution will receive paper copies of all reports and addresses by noon on Thursday of the session except: Courtesy & Hospitality, Craft Table, Credentials, Registration, and Jurisprudence. The Grand Secretary may also receive a copy of the same reports/addresses electronically at least 3 days prior to the annual session.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THIS DATE!

Friday evening, August 26th through Sunday morning, August 28th for the Amaranth Multi-state gathering. We are the hosts this year; we are working on the details!

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

Sunday, June 12, 2016 Antebellum Event Delafield Brewhaus

The Antebellum Period in American history is generally considered to be the period before the civil war and after the War of 1812, although some historians expand it to all the years from the adoption of the Constitution in 1789 to the beginning of the Civil War.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12 at the Delafield Brewhaus to learn more of the Antebellum Period. This event brings us into another era of our American history.

The flyer for this event is included with this newsletter.

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

Milwaukee Court #2	June 6, 2016
Racine Laurel Court #6	June 10, 2016
Madison Court #7	June 21, 2016
Janesville Court #11	June 4, 2016
Friendship Court #14	June 11, 2016

**Supreme Council
Order of the Amaranth Inc.
Session
June 26-29, 2016
Norfolk, VA**

**Grand Royal Matron and
Grand Royal Patron Reception Lunch
Sunday, August 13, 2016
Location to be determined**

**Multi-state weekend hosted by
Wisconsin
August 26-28, 2016
Details to follow**

**Pre-session Fun and Fellowship Night
October 12, 2016**

**Grand Court of Wisconsin
Order of the Amaranth
Annual Session
October 13, 14 and 15, 2016
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**

This session is open to ALL members not just the voting members of Grand Court.