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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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## Message from Grand Royal Matron Laura Dessereau

Well it's about time spring makes its appearance. I'm sure everyone is done with winter. I hope everyone takes some time to enjoy this season of renewal.

Our Grand Lecturer's visits were well received by those who attended. H.L. LuAnn did a great job and I'm sure we all learned something new.

S.K. Mike accompanied me at all of our Courts official visits and we were very impressed by how well our Courts are being led. Books were well kept and minutes were read and approved. Keep up the awesome work.

Milwaukee Court will initiate 4 new members on June 3. Join us for this exciting night - dinner at 6 pm. Call H.L. JoAnn DeKoning (1-262-251-2844) with your reservation.

We have some fun events coming up and we hope you and your family or friends can join us. Below is the calendar.

### May 5 - Cedar Creek Winery Tour

Cost is \$5.00 - free samples!

(Tour is about 1 ½ hours)

Call Laura (414-481-5935) to RSVP

**June 9** - Join us as we go on a "Jungle Jamboree" at the Delafield Brewhaus in Delafield (See enclosed flyer)

**June 26-July 5** - Supreme Assembly in Harrisburg, PA

**August 23-25 Multi-State Gathering** (More details to follow)

If you need more information on any of these events, please call me and I'll help with whatever is needed. Maybe you have an activity that would be of fun and interest to us - let us know and hopefully we can set up a date.

I wish everyone a safe, fun and exciting summer and we hope to see you on Safari.

In Grace & Faith

Laura R. Dessereau

## Message from Grand Royal Patron Michael Brus

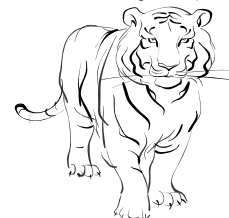
Thank you to all the members of this Grand Court for all of your help, support, enjoyment and courtesies to me during the Grand Royal Matron's visits.

We need to add members. Talk up what Amaranth means. Let the light of Amaranth Shine. Tell them of all the good times they are missing and the great work we do to raise funds for Diabetes Research. Keep a petition with you at all times ready to hand out.

We need to form stronger ties with the other Masonic bodies. Through knowledge of each other we will build strength.

We still have many fun events coming up. Please join us.

Hope to see many of you at Supreme Council in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania this June.



**Message from  
Grand Associate Matron  
June Potts**

As I write this message, Sir Winter has refused to release us from his icy grip. After a few glimmers that spring might be coming, our trees are now encased in ice with an abundance of icicles hanging from branches, rooftops and fences, and the ground looks like it's been powdered. Maybe next week.....

Thank you to all the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who have accepted officer and committee appointments for next year's Grand Court session. Several of you who have been asked to be Grand Representatives have not acknowledged, and there are still several representative positions available. If you are willing to serve as a Grand Representative or pro-tem the position, please let me know.

Also, critically important, Honored Ladies if you have not ordered your dress please do so right away! Odeon wanted these orders in by April 15<sup>th</sup>, so we are already late.

S.K. Chris and I will soon be visiting the courts on our Advance Nights, and look forward to seeing you at that time. I'll be sending out notes to confirm our visits to each court. We understand Milwaukee Court will be initiating at least four new candidates - WOW! - but remember, even if you have no candidates we still need to perform the ritualistic work. However, please keep these meetings light and simple.

The current Advance Night schedule is as follows:

Milwaukee #2	Monday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Friendship #14	Saturday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>
Madison #6	Tuesday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>
Hope #11	Saturday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Racine Laurel #6	Friday, August 9 <sup>th</sup>

**IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND SUPREME SESSION AND THE MOOW BREAKFAST - PLEASE NOTE:** Reservations for the breakfast are due to me by May 1, including payment of \$28.00 per person. Please mail it to me in order to meet this deadline, as I must forward all reservations together.

S.K. Chris still has lots of his wonderful jams and jellies available so don't miss out on getting some of your

favorites! Remember, Christmas is coming and they'll make great presents. If you order them by August, he can count it for his Ways and Means.

As we gradually come out of Winter's grip, let's try to increase our visits to the courts. Car-pooling is a great way to get to the meetings while saving on gas costs - and also makes the traveling more fun! All the courts can use assistance, especially for Memorials and Advance Nights. I hope to see you soon and often.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Patron  
Chris Christiansen**

Spring is finally here, regardless of how the weather is really. Guess we must take it like it comes. At least we can get on the road without worrying too much about snow or ice. So now we can start visiting the courts when they meet. This is very important since we are so low on members - at least those who get out. Each court needs as many as possible to fill the stations to make a meeting as nice as possible. Let's all make an effort to do as much as possible. While we are about it, cannot you look at some potential members, we sadly need them.

See you at the next meeting.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your orders for jams and jellies - there is still a good supply on hand.

**Message from  
Grand Conductress  
Sondra Moore**

I saw a robin the other day and my flowers are starting to bloom. Do you think Spring is finally here? We are getting ready to spring up and get Amaranth going at full force. We have a lot of work to do before Supreme Council is here. Then our Grand Court is after that. We need your help, which I know you will do to make our Amaranth proud of us.

SK Chris has all the most delicious Jams & Jellies to sell for very reasonable cost. Let's make sure that we get everyone to buy. Also let's buy and sell the Raffle items. Let's help them and get Amaranth rolling.

Please try to attend all the meetings to help our courts. You have been great to help pro-tem offices and make our courts able to do the work well. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings, and activities.

**Message from  
Grand Associate Conductress  
Sally Lutzke**

The Grand Lecturer's visits were a great learning time and Grand Royal Matron's visits were fun.

Remember to purchase raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Raffle prizes will be drawn on the August 9, 2013 Advance Night at Racine Laurel Court. Also remember the 50/50 raffle.

Looking forward to Supreme Assembly in Harrisburg.

Hope to see you at the fun activities planned by H.L. Laura and S.K. Mike.

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

May 6, 2013 will be a stated meeting with our Memorial Ceremony. Honored Ladies should wear a white formal.

June 3, 2013 will be our Advance Night and we will be initiating 4 new members. The meeting will be at 7:30 pm preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Reservations to H.L. JoAnn DeKoning, Associate Matron. Our advancing Royal Matron is H.L. Cheri Brus and with S.K. Mike Brus as Royal Patron. Our special guests will be H.L. June Potts, Grand Associate Matron and S.K. Chris Christiansen, Grand Associate Patron. Our Court is dark in July and August.

**Message from  
Racine Laurel Court No. 6  
LuAnn Hansen, RM  
Ernest Anderson, 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.

Dinner and a show will be performed on Sunday, April 28 at the Racine Masonic Center. Dinner is at 4:00 pm at a cost of \$20.00 per single, \$35.00 per couple, \$10.00 for youth 5-12. The show is at 6:00 pm. The proceeds to benefit Racine Laurel Court, Grand Court Ways and Means and the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

Our May meeting is on Friday, May 10 at with festivities starting at 7:00 pm. We will need assistance from other courts to fill our square ladies and a few other positions. We will have a short rehearsal at 6:45 pm for the Memorial Ceremony. At 7:00 pm we will have the DeMolay perform the Flower Talk in honor of Mother's Day and at 7:30 pm our stated meeting will begin.

June is the month that brings us warmer weather and our meeting in June is on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 pm. This is Flag Day so wear your red white and blue.

The meeting in July is on Friday, July 12 at 7:00 pm. With Advance Night in August we will use this meeting as a teaching meeting for our August meeting which is Advance Night.

Hope to see many of you at our meetings.

**Message from  
Madison Court No. 7  
Barbara Lee Overton, RM  
LaVerne Storkson, RP**

We had a visit from our Grand Lecturer in March and from the Grand Royal Matron accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron in April. At our May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting we will honor those members who have been called to the Master. We will also be discussing changing our meeting date and/or time. Our June meeting will be a stated meeting and we will be having our Advance Night in July. Plans are in the works to have a Friends Night in August.

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

Friendship Court has dinners before each meeting:

Dinner @ 6:00 PM

Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Please RSVP for Dinner's to HL Diana Kifer  
(920)922-6012 or ldkifer@charter.net

**Saturday, May 11, 2013**

Memorial Service - Mother's Day

Ladies Wear White

Special Gift for all Ladies

**Saturday, June 8, 2013**

Advance Night - Father's Day

Special Gift for all Men

**Saturday, July 13, 2013**

Meeting - Picnic

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND COURT  
NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15 FOR ALL  
EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST,  
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2013**

**Grand Court is in Need of Pages  
Vicki Kuharske, Grand Page**

Please contact H.L. Vicki Kuharske, 414-258-9048 or e-mail [vickikuharske@att.net](mailto:vickikuharske@att.net) if you are interested in being a page at the Grand Court Session in October. We will be doing a page drill and assisting the floor officers. All Honored Ladies not serving as floor officers are eligible to be a page. You do not have to have served as Royal Matron to participate. Your help will be appreciated.

**Upcoming Diabetes Fundraising Projects for  
2012 - 2013 Grand Court Year  
H. L. Diana Kifer, Diabetes Coordinator**

**Raffle:** \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing to be held on Friday night, October 11, 2013 at The Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells

\* Colby 19" LED HDTV Super Slim

\* 1 Night Stay at the Wintergreen in WI. Dells, WI (2 Drawings) (Restrictions Apply: Only good Sun.-Thru. and not during peak times)

\* 1 Juke Box AM/FM Radio & CD Player.

\* 1 set of Grand Court Meals at the Grand Court of WI for 2013 (Includes Friday Banquet - Fun Breakfast - Saturday In Coming Lunch)

\* Tiger Fleece

**Dresses and Accessories:** Is it that time again when we clean our closet and need to thin our wardrobe. If you have gently used formals that you no longer need please consider donating them to our Amaranth Diabetes fund raiser. All donations are welcomed. We will be having a booth at WI Grand Chapter OES in May. Please stop by and shop. Remember it is only a donation to purchase any gently used formal or accessories.

**Marty Merry Card Makers Cards:** We still have a variety of cards for \$2.00 each. Stop by and stock up. You never know when you are in need of cards.

**Bead to Beat Diabetes**

When: April 27, 2013

Where: Eclectica & The Bead Studio

Galleria West Shopping Center

18900 W. Bluemound Road - Brookfield, WI 53043

Please contact HL Laura Dessereau GRM for more information and to sign-up.

**Upcoming Events**

**"Jungle Jamboree"**

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Delafield Brewhaus

3832 Hillside Drive

Delafield, WI 53018

**Supreme Council  
Order of the Amaranth**

June 26-July 4, 2013  
Harrisburg, PA  
July 4 School of Instruction and  
Leadership Training  
Installation  
July 5 SRM/SRP Reception

**Grand Court of Wisconsin  
Order of the Amaranth  
Annual Session**

October 10, 11 and 12, 2013  
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)

**Advance Nights  
Grand Associate Matron &  
Grand Associate Patron**

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**S.K. John Reining, PGRP & H.L. Arneta  
Reining, PGRM receive Awards in IL**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012 in Peoria, IL Arneta Reining was the recipient of the Companion of the Temple award. It was presented during a special ceremony and issued by order of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Arneta is hereby granted all the rights and privileges belonging under the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The special award for ladies gives credit to those who have contributed outstanding service to the Commandery through the years as well as other areas of Masonry.

In addition to the York Rite, Arneta has worked with the Scottish Rite. Although her award was not for service in Eastern Star or White Shrine for her over

55 years of membership, she has been able to assist them in the bringing of many thousands of dollars to the Masonic Temple in Freeport by helping serve many large banquets and smaller meals from which much of the profits have gone to the preservation of the building. Many times she has spent her evenings at the ticket window of the auditorium, handling customer sales for the shows. When the Scottish Rite Woman's Club was having problems, she stepped in and led the way back to the healthy organization, which it is at the present time. She handles the meals for the Scottish Rite reunions as well as those for the Commandery inspections. During all this, she is a 6 time Past Worthy Matron and is presently Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and a Past Worthy High Priestess, presently an 18 year secretary of the White Shrine.

Although husband John has received most of the awards in Masonry, beginning with the Thirty Third degree back in 1976, the presentation that will take place in May is not Masonic, but deals with his many years in aviation. John has been elected to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place in Moline, IL in May during a two-day assembly with many dignitaries present.

**Country Craft Table  
Marion Doerr, Chairperson**

**Help! Help! Help!**

We need items to sell at Grand Court in October at the Craft Table.

Items needed: craft items, baked goods, jewelry (men and women's), books and any other items you may think would sell. This is not a rummage sale, however, new and gently used items will be accepted.

These monies will benefit the Ways and Means project for the newly elected Grand Associate Patron.

Let's give him a good start, thank you in advance.