
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Betty Miller, GRM

I am so excited to announce that plans to open our subordinate courts is "Mushing Forward".

Each secretary will be calling its members to determine if you feel safe to attend an in person meeting at your lodge. If you do not feel safe at this time that is okay.

We need to "Get Back On Track" with our work and fund raising for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

The Royal Matron and Patron will be rescheduling their visit to your court.

H.L. Betty GRM S.K. LeRoy GRP

JUNE COURT MEETING

Assuming our survey has a positive return, we will return to regular court meetings.

MASKS will be required at our meetings till further notice. The June meeting will be Memorial. H.L. are

to wear white formals and S.K. tux or dark suits with a white shirt. As we may need refreshing on our ritual, Grand Lecturer, Mary Lubach will make her visit and assist with your meeting.

Grand Court

We are planning an open Grand Court in October. Details will be forthcoming after arrangements with WinterGreen Resort is finalized. A heads up, reports will need to be separate for the two years. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 even though you were in the same position. More will follow later.

Missouri Grand Court

H.L. Lila Kimball GAM and I attended the Grand Court of MO April 8-10. The Supreme Royal Matron and Patron were in attendance along with other supreme dignitaries. All members worn masks. Table seating's were limited to 5. There were other safety measures in place plus the hotel was mindful of safety for their patrons.

DONNA JOHNSON & DAUGHTER who were initiated into Janesville Court are members. Donna was serving as GAC and was elected to GC. She sent her greetings to all the Wisconsin members she knew.

H.L. Betty Anne Miller, GRM

**Message from
S.K. LeRoy Kifer, GRP**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

It's time to start looking forward to getting back to meeting in person. Yes. I know that it's been a long time and many HL's and SK's would have liked to meet months ago but under the direction of the SRM and all of the restrictions with Covid it has been really hard to "make the call". Let's get through this together.

We will hit the floor running with events starting to be scheduled in June.

I am looking forward to greeting you all "face to face".

SK LeRoy Kifer
Grand Royal Patron

**Message from
H.L. Mary Lubach
Grand Lecturer**

Grand Lecturer visits will be in June for the subordinate courts in Wisconsin. I will be contacting the Royal Matrons of each court to finalize details.

**Message from
Milwaukee Court #2
Lila Kimball, RM
Gene Hass, RP**

We are looking forward to be able to meet in person on June 7. It has been a long time without seeing each other.

**Message from
H.L. Cheri Brus, PGRM**

Well hello everyone,

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. I don't know about you guys but I was never so happy to get the warmer weather. We can now get outside and work in the yard/garden and or go for walks and enjoy the fresh air. I am still working on items for the craft table. But I as one person can only do so much. I am asking all you crafty people out there if you could make some items to sell at the craft table. Doesn't need to be a lot but it would be nice to have some items. Please remember you will have to take home what isn't sold as I do not have storage space. Please have your items priced. Well here's to hoping we can see each other soon. In the please be safe and take care.

Amaranth hugs
Cheri.

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
Nancy Saggio, RM
Jamison Kifer, RP**

Friendship Court #14, has been meeting via Zoom, we plan on a meeting on the June 17th at 7:00 pm. We will meet again via Zoom in May. According to our GRM, we can meet again in person in June. It will be our Memorial. We miss everyone and can't wait to again see your smiling faces!

Nancy and Jamison

**Message from
Lila Kimball, GAM**

Grand Royal Matron Betty Miller and I just got back from attending Missouri Grand Court. The Dresses for next year came the day before we left.

Those attending Supreme Council, the jurisdiction breakfast is on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 am.

The Cost of the breakfast is \$31.00, but as a tradition. Wisconsin members pay for the GRM and GRP breakfast (GRP is not going). and include a small gift.

So if you are going to the Jurisdiction breakfast, please send me a check made out to Lila Kimball for \$36.00 which should cover Betty's breakfast and a small gift.

Please send your check to me by May 10 so I can mail our reservations to the Breakfast Chairman.

My address is:

Lila Kimball
9504 West Maple Court
West Allis, WI 53214-4149

Looking forward to being open soon.

Thanks

H.L. Lila Kimball, Grand Assoc. Matron

**Message from
Dale Holmen, GAP**

Welcome to spring in Wisconsin where we have cool temps, wind and rain. Being now into a second year dealing with a new normal it looks like we might be able to move forward by getting a chance to get together in person soon. What a world this is where you can now enter a business with a mask on and get cheered while getting a much different if not wearing one. We are now considered being close to someone if we are 6 feet apart and everyone is looking forward to being shot.

I have been able to attend a number of Court gatherings all on the flat screen. I can hardly wait until I can see people in three dimensions again. I have been looking to traveling around the state and country seeking Amaranth love with no luck so far. Many Grand Courts have been cancelled or not allowing out of state visitors. I will be traveling out to Portland Oregon in July for the Supreme Session. As we start opening our State I hope everyone makes a special effort to attend the meetings of any organization to show you true support. Men let's make a special effort to attend Blue Lodge meetings as they will need everyone to open in true form per the Grand Masters orders.

I do hope we have been able to reach out to ALL our members during these times of isolation, remember there are many of us that are not real sure of our time on computers and being home along for a year can be a real mind issue. We are family stay close and be a real friend.

Stay Safe

Dale Holmen GAP

**Message from
Amanda Grunewald
Grand Conductress**

I hope to hear that all are doing well. I have been working a lot the last few months and enjoying my son as he grows up. We are quickly beginning planning for his 1st birthday in May. We are doing just a small family celebration instead of a big one. It is so very hard to believe that a year has passed since he has come in to our lives. He has brought so much joy and laughter, as well as frustration and tears. I'm sure it won't be the last time. He is crawling right now and stubbornly refusing to stand on his own. Pretty sure he gets that stubbornness from his dad. I've attached a few pictures for your enjoyment.



**Message from
Racine Laurel Court #6
LuAnn Hansen, RM
Gene Hass, RP**

Racine Laurel Court has a social lunch on the first Tuesday of the month (except July) at the Culver's on 43rd and Ryan Road at 11:30 am. A good time for all. If you are in the area, stop in and join us. Masks are required.

Our first in person meeting will be on Friday, June 11 at 7:00 pm at the Racine Masonic Center with a kitchen supper at 6:15 pm. Masks are required and social distancing will be followed. Look forward to seeing many of you. Let Mary Schultz know if you are attending the supper by June 8. Thank you.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Gail Piper, RM
Dale Holmen, RP**

This Royal Matron wishes she had some real news to share about Madison Court!

We've been plugging along like so many others all over, just waiting until the world as we once knew it returns. But, alas, that might be a long ways off.

Madison Court has been having 10am coffee hour Zoom meetings on the first Saturday of each month (our regular meeting day and time). If anyone has not received an invitation and would like to attend those Zoom meetings, please let me know at gailpiper6@aol.com. We will have at least one more on May 1st. We might be meeting in person in June – but that is yet to be confirmed. If we do meet in person it will be at 10am on June 15th. (We must reschedule our June meetings due to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin holding their annual

communication in the building the first weekend of June every year.)

Speaking of Grand Lodge, they are now in charge of the Masonic Center in Madison. It is no longer the "Madison Masonic Center". It is now the "Wisconsin Masonic Center". They have done a lot of work in the building during the pandemic in that very few people have been in the building and workers were free to install electrical wiring, paint walls and woodwork, etc. They also have done some mass cleaning out and evaluating of "stuff" stored in the plethora of places in that building where people have stashed items over the decades. Madison Court will still be meeting in Lodge Room #2 in the Wisconsin Masonic Center so there's no real change in that respect for us.

Again, our tentative first in-person meeting is Tuesday, June 15th at 10am in Lodge Room #2 at the Wisconsin Masonic Center. We do not plan on having any refreshments. The building still does not allow the organizations who meet there to serve food yet. Be prepared to wear a mask and practice social distancing should you decide to attend that day. Everyone is welcome! Perhaps we will see you and that would be nice in that it feels like forever since we've seen anyone except on a computer screen.

Stay safe and healthy!

**Message from
Sunshine Committee
H.L. 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.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the sunshine notes I have sent by snail mail and by email.

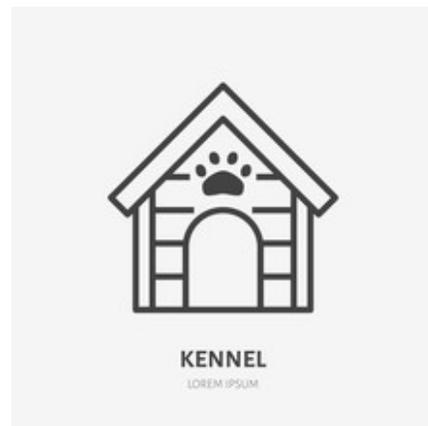
**Message from
The Diabetes Committee
H.L. Mary Schultz and
H.L. Diana Kifer**

Did you get your doghouse put together?

Please remember on occasion to put your spare change in the dog house for diabetes.

Are any of you free on Sunday, August 1 that you could join me at a craft fair to sell items for Amaranth Diabetes. The hours are from 9 am to 4 pm. You would not need to be there the whole day. Please let me know.

Does anybody remember the wooden dog houses that were given to each court at the School of Instruction in February 2020. Well guess what, we will need your court's decorated dog house at our Grand Court Session for judging and penny wars. Save your pennies...



Newsletter

Do you have an email address? Does the Grand Court know that you have an email address? If not, please let your court know. A suggestion at our last Grand Court session is to ask those members who receive the newsletter via the United States Postal Service to give a donation of \$10.00 to help defray the costs of this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth

Red Lion on the River Hotel
Portland, Oregon
July 4-8th, 2021

Many deadlines for Supreme Council are approaching:

- ✓ **May 10** – Meal money of \$36.00 due to Lila for Jurisdiction Breakfast
- ✓ **May 10** – Donations due to Diana Kifer for Memorial to BLO ad for Supreme Council
- ✓ **May 15** – Ads for Supreme Council are due
- ✓ **May 15** – Reservation due for Dinner Cruise
- ✓ **June 1** – Preregistration fees are due
- ✓ **June 10** – New officer luncheon money is due
- ✓ **June 15** – Hotel reservations, meal reservations and transportation reservations are due
- ✓ **July 15** – Transactions and Directory orders are due

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Clarion Hotel & Suites and
Wintergreen Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
October 14, 15, 16, 2021

Baby Updates:

Ahlana turned 1 on April 20, 2021.
Mom Michelle Varelas and Grandpa Bob Miksch
Racine Laurel Court



Humor Corner

***From Bob Miksch
Racine Laurel Court***

Adam's Task

God said,
"Adam, I want you to do something for Me."

Adam said,
"Gladly, Lord, what do you want me to do?"

God said,
"Go down into that valley."
Adam said,
"What's a valley?"

God explained it to him.
Then God said,
"Cross the river."

Adam said,
"What's a river?"

God explained that to him, and then said,
"Go over to the hill...."
Adam said,
"What is a hill?"

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was.
He told Adam,
"On the other side of the hill you will find a cave."

Adam said,
"What's a cave?"

After God explained,
He said, "In the cave you will find a woman."

Adam said,
"What's a woman?"

So God explained that to him, too.
Then, God said, "I want you to reproduce."

Adam said,
"How do I do that?"

God first said (under his breath),
"Geez....."

And then, just like everything else,
God explained that to Adam, as well.

So, Adam goes down into the valley,
across the river, and over the hill, into the cave,
and finds the woman.

Then, in about five minutes, he was back.

God, his patience wearing thin, said angrily,
"What is it now?"

And Adam said....

(YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS !!!!!!!)

"What's a headache?"

WHY OUR HEALTH CARE COSTS ARE SO HIGH!!!

Bubba had shingles.
Those of us who spend much time in a doctor's
office should appreciate this! Doesn't it seem more
and more that physicians are running their
practices like an assembly line?

Here's what happened to Bubba:

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the
receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said:
"Shingles" So she wrote down his name, address,

medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles' So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles.' So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had.

Bubba said, 'Shingles.' The doctor asked, 'Where?' Bubba said, 'Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em??'

HOPE THIS MAKES YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD LIKE I DID... THAT'S WHY I HAD TO SEND THIS TO YOU....THESE DAYS WE NEED ALL THE LAUGHS WE CAN GET!!

***From my mom, Marion Doerr
Mary Schultz, Racine Laurel Court***

Why don't you ever see elephants hiding in trees?

Because they are very good at it!

***From Arnetta Reining
Madison Court***

I CAN'T REMEMBER

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead.

Though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in the head.

I got used to my Arthritis, to my dentures, I'm resigned.

I can manage my bifocals, but gosh, I miss my mind. For sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stairs, if I must go up for something, or have I just come down from there.

Before the fridge so often, my poor mind is filled with doubt. Have I just put food away, or have I come to take some out.

And there's time when it is dark, with my nightcap on my head, I don't know if I'm retiring, or just getting out of bed. So, if it's my turn to write to you, there's no need for getting sore. I may think that I have written and don't want to be a bore. So remember that I love you, and wish that you were near. But now it's nearly mail time so I must say goodbye dear. There I stand beside the mailbox with a face so very red. Instead of mailing you my letter, I had opened it instead.

Once again our best to you and everyone else. John and I sure hope everyone is safe. We sure hope this Covid stuff will be over soon.

God Bless, Arnetta

A Little Corner of the Grand Secretaries Desk



Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Even though we still have some cool evenings, it nice to see the early spring flowers peaking out of the earth. A sign of renewal and hopes of us getting closer to be meeting once again.

Your Court Secretaries are busy as always. They all have complete your Courts Annual Reports, Philanthropic Report and filed you EZ postcards to the IRS. So next time you see them please tell them thank you for keeping your courts on track.

If you haven't purchased your new Grand Court By-laws (larger format size 5 1/2" x 8 1/2") for \$10.00 per set. They have a 3-hole punch so you can put them in with your Small Rituals and/or Manual of Procedures. Binders are not included. I am adding \$1.00 for postage. To order yours either let your court secretaries know, or email, call or snail mail you order to me. Checks to: Grand Court of WI O of A for \$11.00 and sent to Diana Kifer 375 Emma St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935-4009 Phone is 920-922-6012 or email: ldkifer@charter.net

Remember that if you have moved, or changed your email and/or phone number let your Court Secretaries know. We can only keep you informed if we have your current information.

I will be putting a Memorial Ad in the Supreme Ad Book for HL Barbara Lee Overton from WI, if anyone would like to contribute, please let me know. Donations should be mailed to me by May 10.

If you are a member of Supreme Council and will be attending this year season in Portland Oregon, I have credentials. Please let me know so I may get them to you.

Now a little point to ponder: How come you press harder on a remote-control when you know the battery is dead?

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE IMPORTANT.

Till we meet again,

*In Amaranth Love and Service
H.L. Diana L. Kifer, PGRM
Grand Secretary of Wisconsin*



**PS: Diana's Address is:
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Fond du Lac, WI 54935-4009**