
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Amanda Grunewald, GRM

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

It is truly hard to believe how fast this year has gone. With this being my last article for this Grand Court year, there are a few items I wish to bring your attention to.

I would like to remind everyone that the Grand Court Session information is now available. If you have not received it or you have questions about any of the information, please do not hesitate to reach out or contact someone. I know that SK Jayme and I look forward to welcoming everyone to the Defy Gravity Session. This will truly be a session to remember.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all of the officers and members this year. You have made this a year that I will never forget and I truly appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for everything.

I have received a letter from Honored Lady Susan Patchin, Supreme Royal Matron. She wishes for me to inform you that she is very much looking forward to attending our Grand Court Session. She does wish for me to let everyone know that she does have several severe allergies, the most relevant one being to latex and latex balloons. I know we don't usually have latex at our sessions, but she wished for me to pass along the information.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Amanda Grunewald

Grand Royal Matron

Message from S.K. Jamison Kifer, GRP

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

It has been my pleasure to serve this Grand Court as your Grand Royal Patron for the 2022-2023 term! I am looking forward to my upcoming travels to visit with you and participate in conversations to help the continuation of Amaranth! I hope that this 73rd session of our Grand Court will be one for the record books! Keep in mind that we are starting Thursday evening an hour earlier than in years past. Our Grand Royal Matron and I want to make sure that everyone will enjoy the evening and have more time for conversation at the reception following the opening as we know that our Supreme Royal Matron and our Supreme Royal Patron along with many of our Supreme Officers will be with us!

Our Grand Court is just around the corner and I hope to see many of you there starting Wednesday evening for our BBQ social! Please make sure to get your registration to our Grand Secretary Protem, H.L. Christin, right away. Make sure to send your meals to our Grand Page, H.L. SuAnn! If you are

submitting any amendments to our Grand Court By-Laws, make sure that they are mailed to the Chairman of that committee, S.K. Dale Holmen by August 1th to ensure they are mailed 60 days prior to the start of the 73rd Grand Court Session. See page 30 and 31 of your copy of the By-laws for details. If you are planning to submit an Ad for the Ad Book, see the different deadline than years past. It being earlier, please plan accordingly! Please, do your best to find a costume for the Friday night Banquet, information on the Trifold on the website. Please communicate if you are looking to take a Grand Officer position to the Grand Line officers. If they do not know, nothing can happen. I encourage you to step up and volunteer to take a position or accept whatever appointment you can.

We need good people and I know you want that too. I look forward to greeting you all very soon! If you cannot tell, I am excited for Grand Court!

Attending the 125th Annual Assembly of our Supreme Council in Georgia will remain sweet in my memory as it gave opportunities for reflection on how we do things here in Wisconsin. We need to look outside the box and come up with new ideas to encourage membership. We can do anything if we put our mind to it. Like the great Bald Eagle can catch a fish as it swims in a glass smooth lake or a Cardinal can be

heard from great distances while it sings, we Wisconsinites can do anything we wish! So, get out there to spread the words of Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity! I have included some photos from the Supreme Assembly for those who could not be with us and would like a glimpse of what it looks like with over 300 members present from around the world! The Banners used were from Georgia Grand Court and are amazing to see!





Grand Royal Matrons and Patrons along with Royal Matrons and Patrons of Courts under Supreme Jurisdiction at the Installation of H.L. Susan Patchin, SRM and S.K. Mel Fossell, SRP.

We have new promotional displays to help show Amaranth if anyone wishes to give Amaranth presentations at Lodges. I have a few presentations on my calendar and I hope that if you wish to use these, please feel free to contact me. They will be on display at Grand Court starting Wednesday!

Remember to always speak the truth, have faith, obtain wisdom, and give charitably. I look forward to "Defying Gravity" with you all these upcoming months finishing out our Grand Court year and celebrating 73 years of Amaranth in Wisconsin.

See you in the court room,

S.K. Jamison E. Kifer, GRP

Message from H.L. Cheri Brus, GAM

Hello everyone,

Well this is the last letter for this year. I don't know about anyone else but I am enjoying my Summer. I know it's been hot but I enjoy the heat much more than the cold. Oh well, that's just me.

If you haven't made any of the Grand Court reservations make sure you do it soon.

SK Bob and I are working on our year. Hopefully we will be able to pull off 1 or 2 fun things to do. I want to thank everyone who has responded to our letter for officers and or committees. I will let you know this year is going to be very simple. If you have any questions or problems please contact me by phone 262-332-7812 and leave a message or email me at cheribrus@gmail.com. Can also text at above phone number.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and will see you at Grand Court in October.

Cheri Grand Associate Matron

Message from S.K. Bob Miksch, GAP

Late getting Mary the article as usual. Why Oh ,why do I procrastinate so much. Just me I guess....

We are getting closer and closer to Grand Court and it should be an interesting year. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

We are working hard on the entertainment for the Diabetes Delafield Brewhaus event . I think it will be fun and entertaining. Because of the timing of the newsletter, hopefully I will see a lot of you there or had seen you there. grin~. All I have for now.

See you all soon.

Sir Knight Robert Miksch PGRP

**Message from
H.L. Mary Lubach, GC**

I hope everyone is enjoying our summer days, however, they are passing quickly. Before you know it Grand Court will be here. Time to get your room reservations, meals and registration in.

I look forward to seeing all of you in a couple of weeks.

Mary Lubach
Grand Conductress

**Message from
H.L. Mary Schultz, GAC**

Wisconsin Grand Court is in just a few weeks. It seems we just had the installation of the 2022-2023 officers. Many of us are busy with writing reports and preparing for the session.

As Chairman of Addresses and Distribution Committee, it is important that all addresses, ceremonies, farewells, reports, welcomes and prayers be given to me no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 12, 2023. All of these documents should have five (5) copies, typewritten on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Four (4) copies are given to me, the Grand Associate Conductress and you keep one with yourself at all times so that you are prepared to give your report when called upon to do so.

If you do not have a resource for typing up your report, maybe contact someone for assistance.

I look forward to meeting and greeting all you at our Wisconsin Grand Court.

Mary Schultz
Grand Associate Conductress

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
H.L. Marcia Earl, RM
S.K. A. Gene Hass, RP**

Milwaukee Court #2 will be welcoming our Grand Royal Patron, Jamison Kifer, at our next meeting on August 7 at 7:00 pm. There will also be a brats and hot dog supper prior to the meeting at 5:30 with birthday cake as it's someone's birthday that night (and she's not revealing her age!).

September meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 4, 2023, but may change depending on our discussion at the August meeting. Our October meeting is on Monday, October 2.

At Milwaukee Court, we LOVE visitors so please come. We also need help with protems so if you're willing to fill a station, we can find a spot for you.

Marcia Earl, Royal Matron

A. Gene Haas, Royal Patron

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
H.L. LuAnn Hansen, RM
S.K. Ernest Anderson, RP**

Friday, August 11, 2023 – Racine Laurel Court meeting. This is our Advance Night. Associate Matron Larissa will be presiding at our meeting. We will be going to Mulberry's across the street from the Union Grove Lodge for a dutch treat dinner at 5:30 pm. Please contact Mary Schultz by August 7 so reservations can be made with Mulberry's.

Friday, September 8, 2023 – Racine Laurel Court meeting. Wind down of this term. Last minute planning for Grand Court.

Saturday, September 30, 2023 – Union Grove Lodge Casino Night.

Saturday, October 7, 2023 – Union Grove OES Meatball dinner.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – Racine Laurel Court meeting. Audit of books, annual reports, inventory, election of officers, etc. Light supper before the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Please remember we meet at the Union Grove Masonic Lodge, 1021 – Eleventh Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182-1305

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
H.L. Judy Emerson, RM
S.K. Michael Heitke, RP**

Madison Court is looking forward to our future. We have been having trouble getting a quorum, that is with unexpected happenings and work schedules. Now that the Supreme Council has passed 6 for a quorum, we are much more hopeful. However, I am looking to have at least 7 at our meetings, maybe more. It is time for us all to work on our existing members to come back. It will take personal contact and time. A good visit with our Amaranth friends, who we see at other Masonic functions, or elsewhere. We have to say how we are doing great, having good meetings, having fun. Let them know we can do better with them with us, and we do miss them.

Most of our members are planning on being at the Brewhaus event in August. It is always a fun time, with good friends and great food! I hope many are planning to be there!

Our New York member, SK Bruce will be with us for a couple of meetings. September and October. We plan on going to a Badger/Buffalo football game on the day of our September meeting. The game is later afternoon, so it'll work for us. He would like to be with us more often, but the miles between us make it hard. I am hoping that some of our Amaranth friends come to the September meeting, enjoy the usual good fellowship we always have and enjoy a good brunch!

Upcoming meetings are Saturday, August 5, Saturday, September 2 and Saturday, October 7.

In October we have our reports and election. Then our Grand Court at the Wintergreen. We are so lucky to have this place for our Grand Court. We have to thank Shirley Lewandowski each time we see her for all her support all these years. She makes it easier for us, knowing what things we need to make a good Grand Court happen.

Let's all continue to make all things, "Sweet in our Memories".

Judy Emerson
Royal Matron

Michael Heitke
Royal Patron

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
H.L. Christin Kifer, RM
S.K. Stephen Britton, RP**

Hello Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!! I hope you are all are enjoying your summer, although I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by! It is hard

to believe that we are starting to wrap up our Amaranth year already.

Looking forward to August, Friendship Court is not having any officers advancing we are planning a regular meeting on August 12th with a Potluck dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

The next day, August 13th, will be the Celebration of Life for H.L. Diana Kifer. It will be held at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center from 1-5pm. We will have food available and can't wait to share stories and memories of Diana's life. If you are able to attend, please email S.K. LeRoy at ldkifer@charter.net so preparations can be made accordingly.

September is going to be a busy meeting. Our meeting is on September 9th, and we will be having pizza at 6pm and then our meeting will begin at 7pm. This meeting is our Grand Court planning meeting, so we will have a lot to talk about and plan.

Our meeting in October is going to be a busy one as well. Our meeting will be October 7th, and just like everyone else, we will be reading reports, auditing books, and electing our new officers.

We look forward to seeing you all at Grand Court and celebrating another great year of Amaranth in WI!

With Amaranth Love,

H.L. Christin Kifer
Royal Matron

S.K. Stephen Britton
Royal Patron

LOOKING AHEAD TO GRAND COURT

Welcome to summertime in Wisconsin. Don't like the weather wait a little while and it will change. That is unless you like it hot and dry.

It has been an eventful year for sure in Wisconsin. With the passing of our Grand Secretary, it left an

opening on the By-laws committee for which she was Chairperson. I have been appointed the next Chairperson by our Grand Royal Matron for the balance of the year.

In my new position I would like to remind everyone that any possible by-law changes need to be submitted to our committee in writing by August 1st to be considered at our Grand Court session in October.

All potential by-law changes should be set to me either by snail mail or email and received by August 1st

My address is: 13 St. Albans Ave., Madison, WI 53714 and the email address is Holmendd13@att.net.

Thank you for all your thoughts and concerns for our great Grand Court.

SK Dale Holmen PGRP

Message from Sunshine Committee H.L. Mary Schultz

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.

It is extremely hard for me to do my job as a member of the Sunshine Committee if I do not know of people who may need sunshine. Please if you know something, say something.

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

Newsletter

Do you have an email address? Does the Grand Court know that you have an email address? Did your court bring in a new member? Please let your court know. It is important to let the Secretary of your court know. These secretaries then let the Grand Secretary know so that the directory has the most current information.

Deadline for the next newsletter is July 24, 2023, to cover the months of August, September and October of 2023.

Message from The Diabetes Committee H.L. Mary Schultz

Thank you to all who attended this year's event at the Delafield Brewhaus. We had 34 people attend and the entertainment was the radio show "The Shadow".

Kringles are back. Watch for the flyer and other important information about this fundraiser.

We only collected \$50.00 for the Eagle Project, so I do not think the Eagle will be flying at our Grand Court Session.

The Diabetes Committee will once again have our sales table in the atrium outside the Grand Court courtroom. We will have many different items for sale. If you wish to donate baked goods or other items, please contact me.

Friday evening during the Friday night banquet festivities we will once again have our bag raffle and silent auction items. I would be most grateful if those attending Grand Court could donate larger items for the Silent Auction and smaller items for the bag raffle.

Subordinate Courts may donate a basket of goodies if they wish to.

All proceeds from the sales table, raffles and auctions will go to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

I have also included with this newsletter items that may be purchased through Supreme Council to benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Be sure to identify the Wisconsin Jurisdiction when ordering so that Wisconsin receives credit.

Please contact me if you have any questions at greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com or 414-526-2715.

Daughters of the Nile Madison, Wisconsin

Judy Emerson, Sally Acuff and Elaine Engelke are in Daughters of the Nile, Antioch Temple, Madison. They are having a fundraiser this year collecting gently used shoes for a vendor. If you have shoes to donate, please contact Judy Emerson or Elaine Engelke.

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October 12, 13, 14, 2023
Clarion Hotel & Suites and
Wintergreen Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-0296
Email: www.wintergreen-resort.com

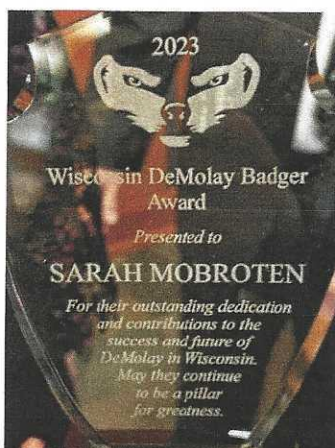
Check out our Website:

www.wisconsinamaranth.org

Kudos to Sarah Mobroten

This is from the Executive Officer of Wisconsin DeMolay, Gavin DeGrave:

The Badger award was presented to "Mom" Mobroten in recognition of her tireless and successful efforts to revitalize Green Bay Chapter. Since her arrival, the chapter has been one of the top recruiting chapters in the state along with having one of the more comprehensive term planning programs. She is very dedicated and deserving of this award.



Humor Corner

From Bob Miksch

Start of human race

A little girl asked her father,
"How did the human race start?"
The father answered,
"God made Adam and Eve, they had children and
so all mankind was made."

Two days later the girl asked her mother the same question. The mother answered:

"Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her father and said,
"Dad, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Mom said they developed from monkeys?"

The father answered,
"It is very simple.

I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers."

Skinny Dipping!

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said,

'I'm here to feed the alligator...' Some old men can still think fast.

It's Time to Find a Cure!

2023-2024 Supreme Diabetes Coordinator

Travel Neck Wallet \$10
Crystal Koala Necklace \$25
Hourglass & Koala Notecards (3 pack) \$5.00
Hourglass & Koala Notecards (5 pack) \$8.00
10-inch Cuddly Koala \$20
Hourglass & Koala Notecard \$1.75
Hourglass & Koala Pin \$10
Hourglass & Koala Pendant \$20 (18", 20", 24" chain)

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Item	Quantity	Price	Total

Make checks payable to: Coordinator to whom you send order

Items will be mailed by priority mail. Flat Rate Envelope \$9.65, Small Flat Rate Box \$10.20, Small Padded Envelope \$10.40, Medium Flat Rate Box \$17.10, Large Flat Rate Box \$22.80

Mail form and payment to: Eastern US, HL Amy Jones, PO Box 268, Briceville, TN 37710

Central US: HL Susan McKinney, PO Box 1012, St. Joseph, IL 61873

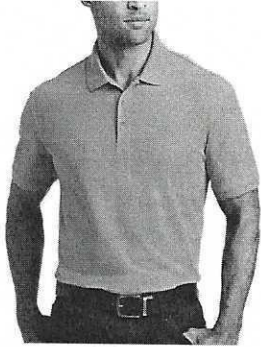
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“The Time is Now” to find a cure

Support Diabetes Research!



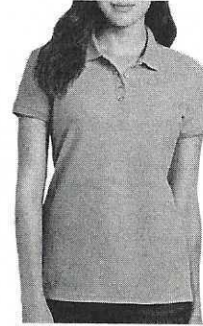
Mens Polo Shirt

Size	Price	Size	Price
S	\$30	XXL	\$30
M	\$30	XXL	\$30
L	\$30	3XL	\$33
XL	\$30	4XL	\$35



**With Embroidered
Logo**

Polo Shirts are 60/40
cotton/poly pique.
Machine Washable.



Ladies Polo Shirt

Size	Price	Size	Price
S	\$28	XXL	\$30
M	\$28	XXL	\$30
L	\$29	3XL	\$32
XL	\$29	4XL	\$34

**Ladies shirt run small. Order up a
size.

Supreme Diabetes Polo Shirt Order Form

Name _____ Jurisdiction _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Shipping Cost: \$7 per shirt

Make checks payable to: Terri Politte

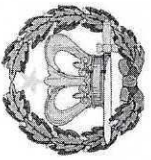
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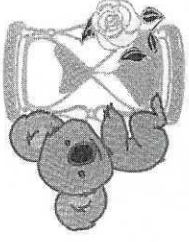
Note: \$5 from the purchase of each shirt will be donated to Diabetes Research.

Date Paid _____ Amount Paid _____

Method of Payment: _____ Cash _____ Check Number _____



2023-2024 Garment Bag Order Form



ITEM	LENGTH	PRICE
Formal/Garment Bag	60" Long	\$ 100.00
Dress/Suit Bag	40" Long	\$ 75.00
Includes: Koala with Hour Glass Design along with your name underneath.		
Name:		
Additional lines of embroidery (each)		
Example: Title		\$ 5.00
Line 1:		\$ 5.00
Line 2:		
Shipping		\$ 7.00
TOTAL		\$
Use separate order sheet for multiple orders		

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

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Make checks payable to:

Debi Olson

Mail form and payment to:

Debi Olson, 1705 New Jamestown

Rd, St. Louis, MO 63138

Cell: 314-413-0653

Email: oes88keys@gmail.com

*****NET PROCEEDS TO AMARANTH DIABETES FOUNDATION*****