
Grand Court of Wisconsin

Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Mary Schultz, GRM

The birds have been chirping and the grass seems greener. I love this time of the year. Not too hot and not too cold.

We have had our Special Session. I thank all of you who attended. Great discussions. Once these are updated by the Grand Secretary, they will go to the Supreme Committee on Grand Court By-Laws and maybe these will be reviewed and approved before the Supreme Assembly at the end of June.

We still have a few Grand Lecturer visits to complete and then the GRP and I have official visits at Milwaukee Court, Racine Laurel Court and Friendship Court.

Thank you to each of you for your support.

HL Mary Schultz, GRM

Message from S.K. Robert Miksch, GRP

As I now re-write my message, less than 24 hours after our Special Grand Court Session, I must admit my surprise on seeing such a wonderful turnout and even more pleasure on the outstanding and important discussions we had going over the proposed by-laws! The review of ALL of the by-laws was truly overdue.

The By-laws committee had gone over and above, in their efforts, that went into drafting the by-laws that were presented during our session. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication to the order. We realize that there may be more work to be done, however I am sure that will be addressed (following the usual process) at our Grand Court Session in October.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Grand Lecturer's Official Visits and our GRM/GRP Official Visits in the next few months. Supreme Council is just around the corner and soon afterwards will be the Annual Delafield Brewhaus event in August.

Finally, as usual my usual joke(s) can be found further on in the newsletter, however I came across some of Red Skelton's jokes for this go around. Hopefully you enjoy them as much as I do.

Till next time,

SK Robert Miksch GRP

Message from H.L. Mary Lubach, GAM

Hope you are enjoying the weather, now that Spring is here. Don't forget about Supreme Session in Pittsburgh. Get your meal reservations and hotel reservations into the proper people. If you are attending the Supreme Session and you are attending the Jurisdiction Breakfast, please send

your \$40.00 to me at your earliest convenience, no later than May 10, 2024. See you soon.

H.L. Mary Lubach
Grand Associate Matron.

Message from S.K. Dale Holmen, GAP

Happy New Year to all! As I write this article, it is Welcome to spring, as you read this, we will have just finished our special session for Grand Court dealing with our bylaws. I do hope that this was painless as possible for all that were able to attend. It was something that needed to be done to save time at our regular Grand Court session in October.

Now that we are in the spring of the year, we will be finishing up the Grand Lecturer's visits and starting the Grand Royal Matron's visits and our Memorial services in our courts. If you are looking for any help, feel free to give me a call and I will help if at all able.

It is time to think about the Supreme Session in Pittsburg in late June-early July. If not, there is still some time, but rooms are going fast. I know for one this will be an exciting time for me for some strange reason. I am sure the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron have some fun activities planned for us.

Spring is a time for new life so let's all make it a plan to put some new life into our courts, we all need new members and maybe younger members. Check out your social groups you might just find the next great member for Wisconsin.

Stay Safe.
Dale Holmen
GAP

Message from S.K Jamison Kifer Grand Secretary

Happy Spring Honored Ladies & Sir Knights,

As your Court comes back into the swing of things after the wonderful Wisconsin winter, we had this year ... please make sure that you have the meetings on your calendar. Remember that your Court has special meetings planned where your support, even as a sideliner, is most necessary! We all, together, can continue to be a great jurisdiction in the Order of the Amaranth. I thank each of the Court Secretaries for their fulfilled duties of sending in the Annual Reports and the Court Treasurers for sending the payment to help us pay our invoice for per capita and insurance.

Looking ahead, you will find from me very soon if you did not receive it already, the Credentials for Supreme Council in June in Pittsburgh, PA for Honored Lady Susan Patchin, Supreme Royal Matron and Sir Knight Mel Fossell, Supreme Royal Patron. Please let me know if you are planning on attending, so I can send your credential card to you rather than send it to your Court Secretary. You must have that card to be allowed to vote.

Going forward, please make sure to let your Court Secretary know if you move, change your contact details, etc. as I need those updates for the directory and to update the Supreme Secretary if you are a member of the Supreme Council. If you have any questions pertaining to the new rituals or constitutions that will be coming from the Supreme Council, I will do my best to answer them as soon as possible. The new Constitution's should be available soon in the similar size to the small ritual binders. If you want the updated copy, send me a letter

notifying me you want a new one and we can work out the details.

I look forward to seeing you all down our Amaranth Trail. May you all have good health, fortune, and a prosperous springtime!

Fraternally yours,

S.K. Jamison E. Kifer, Grand Secretary, PGRP

**Message from
S.K. Dale Holmen
Grand Court By-Law Committee**

Well, if you missed it, you really missed it. On Saturday April 27th we held our Special Session at Doric Lodge in Madison. After some Kringle and coffee we open our Grand Court session in full form. It was handled with great precision by everyone (Grand Lecturer talk). As you all know, the reason for the special session was to address our Grand Court bylaws.

We went through all 35 pages of the document in record time, 5 hours including our break for lunch. All kidding aside everyone took an active part and interest in the work. It shows that everyone is interested in making our order the best for everyone.

While we did cover many items there were a number of items that could not be addressed at this time due to the scope of how the changes were presented. This means that there is still room for change and that will have to come in October at our Annual Session.

If you have any bylaw changes that you want to present in October the committee will need to see them in written form either hard copy or email. Things to remember You will need to state the article and section as currently printed, how you want it changed along with the rationale. You will then need

to sign it and list your court. All this needs to be RECEIVED by August 1, 2024. You can get them to me at 13 St. Albans Ave., Madison, WI 53714 or Holmendedd13@att.net.

Thank you for your understanding and your love of the order.

SK Dale Holmen – Chair

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

On May 6 at Milwaukee Court, we will be pleased to welcome our Grand Lecturer, S.K. Dale Holmen. Our meeting starts at 7:00pm with a supper at 5:30 pm. As this meeting is also our Memorial Meeting, we are asking the ladies to wear white and the men to wear dark suits or tuxes.

Our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron's visit will be on June 3rd at 7:00pm. We will also have a dinner before the meeting at 5:30pm.

Our July meeting is TBA.

We love visitors at Milwaukee Court so please come if you are able. Let us know if you will be joining us for either of the dinners.

Marcia H. Earl, Royal Matron

A. Gene Haas, Royal Patron

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
H.L. Larissa Hermans, RM
S.K. Robert Miksch, RP-Protem**

Friday, May 10, 2024 – Memorial Ceremony – dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00; meeting at 7:00 pm. Ladies should wear white formals and gloves. Men should wear white shirts with their dark suit or tux.

Friday, June 14, 2024 – Official Visit of the GRM and GRP – dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00; meeting at 7:00 pm. Our Royal Matron Larissa asks that everyone wear green.

Friday, July 12, 2024 – Patriotic Evening – wear red, white or blue – dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00; meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

The Union Grove Chapter #71 OES has made it possible for the building to have a chair lift for our members and visitors to use to attend our meetings and special events. Don't be shy – come and visit us.

Larissa Hermans, Royal Matron
Robert Miksch, Royal Patron-Protem

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

Madison Court will have its Memorial on Saturday, May 4th. The usual 9 am brunch will be prior to the meeting, with meeting at 10. Please plan a visit to our Court and help us do a good Memorial. We need Ladies of the Square.

June 1st was to be the GRM's visit, which was changed to the April meeting. We will have the 9 am brunch and the meeting following at 10. Some of us will be attending Supreme Council in Pennsylvania the end of June. We always look forward to seeing our Amaranth friends from other states and provinces when there.

Our July 6th meeting will be changed to Tuesday, July 16th, with red, white, and blue outfits in evidence! All plan to dress in these colors, to celebrate our country's independence!

A few of us will not be back from Supreme Council in time for the 1st Saturday meeting date.

We are looking forward to the Supreme Session in Pennsylvania. Always great to see our Amaranth friends from so many places!

We always look forward to having other Courts join us for our meetings. A good time is had by all at the 9 am brunch, and we always can use a protem or two. Plan to join us at any time!

HL Judy Emerson, Royal Matron
SK Dale Holmen, Royal Patron

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

Happy Spring!!! I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and hopefully this nice weather will stick around!!

Friendship Court will be having our Grand Lecturer visit and Memorial meeting on May 11th. Dinner is at 6pm and will be broasted chicken and potato wedges. Cost will be \$10. I need to know if you are planning on coming so please RSVP to me by the 8th so we have enough food for everyone. We don't want anyone to go hungry.

June's meeting will be on the 8th with dinner at 6 and meeting at 7. This meeting will be our Grand Royal Matron's official visit. We haven't settled on what the meal will be but plan on something yummy. Also please let me know if you will be attending, so we can have enough food for everyone.

In July, we meet on the 13th. Same schedule of dinner at 6 and meeting at 7. As of right now we don't have anything special planned but we will probably discuss all the fun things that happened at Supreme.

Safe travels to all those attending Supreme and we look forward to seeing everyone on the Amaranth Trail, and as always can use help for our official visits and Memorial for May and June.

With Amaranth Love,

H.L. Christin Kifer
Royal Matron

S.K. LeRoy Kifer
Royal Patron

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? Has your membership changed in your court? 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 20, 2024, to cover the months of August, September and October 2024.

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.

Some of our members need sunshine:

Ruth Burns, Shirley Cogan, Kate Schroeder
LeRoy Kifer on the loss of his sister.

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



Promote Amaranth and WIN!

Do you want to support our Amaranth Courts, members, other Masonic Organizations, diabetes, and help us grow? THEN participate in this contest and be a winner yourself.

Visit other Courts and help them by taking a station. You gain by being with others and maybe make a new friend.

Our youth also need help, show them support by visiting a DeMolay Chapter or a Jobie Bethel. Support their fund raisers. You never know, they could become members if we support them.

Our Philanthropic project is Diabetes, have a fund raiser, make a donation and attend the state fund raiser.

We need more members! Do a presentation to one of the Appendant Bodies. Talk to people, they are amazed when you tell them we have raised money for the insulin pump and the glucose monitor.

Remember our own members by sending cards or emails for whatever reason they may need.

For completing these tasks, you will be awarded a complimentary Distinguished Guest Banquet 🍷

We all win if you make these tasks happen. Booklet is due to me by Thursday of Grand Court.

H.L. Nancy Saggio, Membership Committee

**Message from
The Diabetes Committee
H.L. Mary Schultz**

Mark your calendars for the annual Delafield Brewhaus event to be held on Sunday, August 4, 2024. More details will be forthcoming very soon.

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Annual Session**

October 10, 11, and 12, 2024
Clarion Hotel & Suites and
Wintergreen Conference Center
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www.wisconsinamaranth.org

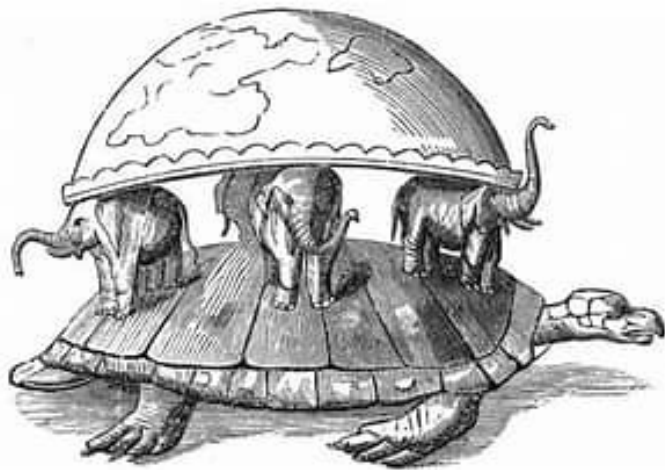
Grand Lecturer's Official Visits

Milwaukee Court #2	Monday, May 6, 2024
Friendship Court #14	Saturday, May 11, 2024

Grand Royal Matron's Official Visits

Milwaukee Court #1
Racine Laurel Court #6
Friendship Court #14

Monday, June 3, 2024
Friday, June 14, 2024
Saturday, June 8, 2024



Wisdom, patience, and longevity

In many cultures and mythologies, the turtle is revered as a symbol of wisdom, patience, and longevity. It is often depicted as a wise and ancient creature that carries the weight of the world on its back. The turtle is also seen as a protector and a symbol of fertility and creation.

Humor Corner

From Bob Miksch

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.

3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So, I suggested the kitchen.

5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said, "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So, I bought her an electric chair.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."

8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!".

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"

I said, "Dust!".

These were the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four-letter word or political. It was just clean and simple fun.

