
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Amanda Grunewald, GRM

It's hard to believe that this term is already six months in and there are only six more months until Grand Court. Plans are underway for our upcoming session and I look forward to welcoming you all to the Wisconsin Dells.

For anyone who is going to Supreme Council, please let me know if you need a credential card. Honored Lady Patti Baker, Supreme Secretary, had sent them to me and I will get them to those who need them.

We were all surprised and saddened at the loss of Honored Lady Diana Kifer, Grand Secretary. She was an amazing woman and a font of knowledge. I'm sure that she is up in the heavens laughing and chatting with Honored Lady Barbara Lee. She will forever remain sweet in our memory.

As Grand Royal Matron, it is my duty and responsibility to appoint someone as Grand Secretary pro-tem for the remainder of this Grand Court year. After much discussion with Sir Knight Jamison and Honored Lady Susan Patchin, Supreme Associate Matron, I am pleased to announce that Honored Lady Christin Kifer has been appointed Grand Secretary pro-tem for the remainder of the year. Honored Lady Christin's knowledge and insight will be a great asset to this Grand Court and I know that she will do an amazing job. She had learned much from Honored Lady Diana over the past few years and I know that

she will be able to handle the responsibilities that come with this office. Please give her the respect and courtesy that she deserves. The new email address that will be used by the Grand Secretary is wiamgsec@gmail.com. Please send all future emails and communications through this email address.

Our organization has struggled significantly over the last several years. My hope for the next six months is that we can find a way to work together in moving Amaranth forward. We should be reaching for the stars and Defying Gravity to find our common goals.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas of how to achieve all we have set in motion. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Regards,

HL Amanda Grunewald
Grand Royal Matron

Message from S.K. Jamison Kifer, GRP

Happy Spring Honored Ladies & Sir Knights,

Spring time brings a chance to renew life, to allow for change to happen from the bitter cold of winter, and to plant new ideas to help grow. We, as members of the Order of the Amaranth, need to follow suit. We need to plant thoughts of good deeds and growth to help change what has

happened in the past. I charge each court to plan and execute a membership event to try and help grow our membership! Push to bring in at least 2 new members before we get to Grand Court!

Show the tenets of our order in your lodge, chapter, shrine, temple, church, workplace, favorite coffee shop, bakery, or anywhere you go that being truthful with everything, having faith in what we can do together, gaining wisdom by learning from previous mistakes to help learn, and be charitable, without injury to yourself, can be attained! We can learn together as we were able to learn at the Grand Lecturer visits in April. We can learn to grow and be better than we were yesterday. I have faith in you to do this!

Royal Patrons, who will be leading the Memorial services in your court meetings this May, work on your timings of the scripture readings with the Ladies of the Square, so that you have time to read without rushing those sacred words. Give yourself time to really understand those words written out for our ears to hear. I know that I will make sure to do the same when it the time comes for me to perform that duty at Grand Court in October. If anyone is at the Grand Chapter OES, HL Nancy could use assistance promoting Amaranth. We have, using the budget item approved for this year, procured a retractable banner that stands about seven foot tall to display at Grand Lodge, Grand Court, and elsewhere when promoting our order. We have also procured 2 table runners for the same purpose. These will be displayed whenever possible. If you have a need for it, please contact me as it is in my possession currently.

June 2nd, at the Wisconsin Masonic Center, home of Madison Court No.6, the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of F&AM of WI will be held. Our GRM and Officers will be there to help promote the Order. Anyone willing and able to assist, please contact the

GRM and she will plan with you. For the GRM visits, I will not be able to attend with my work schedule being what it is. 18 wheelers can't stop rolling!

I am looking forward to going to the Supreme Council Assembly and helping represent our Grand Court. I find being a representative of our Order to be a privilege and a responsibility. Whenever displaying our Order, I try to find any way to help it grow. That week will be no different. Being there will be an experience that I am looking forward to. Coming home in July will help grow my mind to helping Amaranth as a whole.

As you all have may have heard, my mother, Honored Lady Diana Lyn Kifer received the eternal crown of life and entered into that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens on April 10th... We all know that she is up there with H.L.'s Barbara Lee, Nancy G., S.K. John Reining, and many others singing great songs and enjoying some well-deserved rest and laughs. I know she is looking down on all of us and I hope, smiling, and feeling proud, that we can keep working on finding a cure for something I know she wanted to cure. I miss her, I love her, and I hope to make her proud. Our family is hurting, but also healing. We are working to move forward and not to give up. I ask that you all try to do the same.

I look forward to seeing you all defying gravity and helping find a cure sooner rather than later.

With Amaranth Love,
S.K. Jamison E. Kifer, GRP

Message from H.L. Cheri Brus, GAM

Hello Everyone,

Well here we are almost at Summer. I really am looking forward to sitting on my porch, reading or doing some sort of knitting or crochet project.

It's hard to believe that Grand Court is almost here. I hope that everyone is kinda sorta preparing themselves for their station so you don't have to rush to look at it at the last minute.

S. K. Bob and I are trying to think of some fun things to do during our year. If we come up with something hope everyone can plan on coming.

If you received a letter asking to assist us during our year and have not responded yet please do so soon. The reason is if we need to make some changes I don't want everyone to find out at the last minute. It also gives the new person time to think about it also. I would also like everyone to remember that I am not allowed to drive at night. I try my hardest to get someone to take me places but that doesn't always work for me or my options. You can always call or text me, but please a message at 262-332-7812 or email me at cheribrus@gmail.com.

Have a very good Summer and see you all soon.

Cheri Brus Grand Associate Matron

Message from S.K. Bob Miksch, GAP

No official duties performed this go around, so nothing to report upon and not much else for me this go around. Going to be a short and sweet article. Seems like we went through the seasons 3 time since

the last newsletter, so it has been tough getting into a pattern to get things done. Looking forward to seeing everyone as we all travel around. Grand Court is only a short 6 months away, so we have that to look forward to. Until next time, you all keep safe and keep smiling.

Grand Associate Patron,
Bob

Message from H.L. Mary Lubach, GC

We are looking forward to a good rest of the year and getting ready for Grand Court in Oct. Safe travels to the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights that are traveling to Supreme Session. Please support the other Courts for their Memorial meetings in May. Hope to see you along the way.

Mary Lubach,
Grand Conductress.

Message from H.L. Mary Schultz, GAC

Wisconsin Grand Court is fast approaching. As Chairman of Addresses and Distribution I would like to remind you, it is important to start thinking of your reports, speeches, addresses, etc. Four copies of your report, speech, address should be given to the Grand Associate Conductress before 12 Noon on the Thursday evening of the session.

It is also important to include any type of money in your report. Did you have money allowed to you from our Grand Court Budget, or did you expend any monies, this needs to be stated in your report. If you need help with your report, please let me know.

See everyone soon.

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

Milwaukee Court will have their May Memorial meeting at 2:00 pm on Monday May 1st.

We need square ladies. Please let Marcia know if you can help.

Marcia Earl, Royal Matron
A. Gene Hass, Royal Patron

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

Friday, May 12, 2023 – Racine Laurel Court meeting – taco bar buffet at 6:00 pm; 7:00 pm meeting. Please let the RM LuAnn know what you would like to bring for the buffet. Please remember we have members with special dietary needs. This is our Memorial meeting. Ladies should wear white formals, tops or skirts. Men dark suits or tuxes with a white shirt. Please look over your ritual parts.

Friday, June 9, 2023 – Racine Laurel Court meeting – dinner at 6:00 pm; meeting 7:00 pm meeting; this is the official visit of our Grand Royal Matron, Amanda Grunewald and our Grand Royal Patron, Jamison Kifer.

Friday, July 14, 2023 – Racine Laurel Court meeting – potluck dinner at 6:00 pm; 7:00 pm meeting. This is our Patriotic meeting wear red, white and blue.

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 will be doing our Memorial Service on Saturday, May 6th. We are looking for help as we'll be needing Ladies of the Square and Marshals in the East and West. Please try to be there for this special meeting. We have brunch at 9 am with our meeting at 10. I know if you can be there.

Our June meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday since the Grand Lodge will be the first weekend. If you plan to join us, it will be Tuesday, June 20th, 9 am brunch, 10 am meeting. We will celebrate Flag Day and Father's Day.

The July meeting is probably going to be changed to the 3rd Tuesday since a few of us will not be home from Supreme Council. The meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th. I will let you know the outcome of this.

Looking forward to a nice warm, sunny summer and hoping you will all be enjoying the season.

Judy Emerson
R.M.
Mike Heitke
R.P.

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

Happy Spring Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our April meeting and help initiate our newest member, Kate! It was a wonderful night.

Our May meeting will be our Memorial meeting. We will need assistance filling in the Ladies of the Square so if you are able to attend, please let me know! We will be having a Taco Bar at 5pm and our meeting will begin at 6pm! The cost for dinner will be \$10. Please RSVP to me so we have enough food for everyone!

June will be our official visit of our Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. In honor of our Grand Royal Matron, we will be having Grown up Grilled Cheese with homemade Tomato Soup! Dinner will start at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. Dinner will be \$10 and please let me know if you will be joining us!

July we will be honoring our country and our American Flag. We will have dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. Wear your most Patriotic colors for some fun and maybe even some prizes. Dinner will be a summer cook out with brats and all the summer cook out fixings! The cost will be \$10 and let me know if you will be able to join in the fun!

Looking ahead to August, the Kifer family has planned a celebration of life for Diana on August 13th, her birthday. More details to come but the Kifer family and Friendship Court would love to see as many of you there as possible to celebrate Diana's life, share memories and enjoy each other's company. The loss of Diana was unexpected, and she will always remain Sweet in Our Memory.



With Amaranth Love,

HL Christin Kifer
Royal Matron

SK Stephen Britton
Royal Patron

**Message from
Lila Kimball, PGRM
GR to Tennessee and Oklahoma**

I had a wonderful time at Grand Court of Tennessee this year.

My daughter-in-law was Grand Truth.

This year she will be Grand Prelate and my son Steve will be Grand Warder. So glad they are active.

Then went to Grand Court of Missouri the next week had a great time there also.

Lila Kimball PGRM

Grand Representative to Tennessee and Oklahoma

**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

The Committee is kicking off another project with this newsletter. Once upon a time, the Eagle flew at a Master Councilor's Installation. We are once again hoping for another appearance of this Eagle at our Grand Court Session. Please see flyer attached and donate generously. As of right now we do not have enough donations for the Eagle to even fly.

More projects are in the planning stages. Thank you each and every one for your donations and support.

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.

Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth Stone Mountain, Georgia June 25-June 28, 2023

Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of the Amaranth Annual Session

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

Humor Corner

From Bob Miksch

Thesaurus

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed.

Ole & Sven in Hell

Ole and Sven die in a snowmobiling accident, drunker than skunks, and go to Hell. The Devil observes that they are really enjoying themselves. He says to them 'Doesn't the heat and smoke bother you?' Ole replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve're from norderen Minnesoota, da land of snow an ice, an ve're yust happy fer a chance ta varm up a little bit, ya know.'

The devil decides that these two aren't miserable enough and turns up the heat even more. When he returns to the room of the two from Minnesota, the devil finds them in light jackets and hats, grilling Walleye and drinking beer. The devil is astonished and exclaims, 'Everyone down here is in misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves?' Sven replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve don't git too much varm veather up dere at da Falls, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry vhen da veather's dis nice.'

The devil is absolutely furious. He can hardly see straight. Finally he comes up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they have been cold all their lives. The devil decides to turn all the heat off in Hell. The next morning, the temperature is 60 below zero, icicles are hanging everywhere, and people are shivering so bad that they are unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth. The devil smiles and heads for the room with Ole and Sven. He gets there and finds them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They are jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

The devil is dumbfounded, 'I don't understand, when I turn up the heat you're happy. Now it's freezing cold and you're still happy. What is wrong with you two?'

They both look at the devil in surprise and say, 'Vell, don't ya know, if hell iss froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl.'

From SuAnn Gascoigne

I ate a clock yesterday... it was very time consuming

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure? Because he was a little shellfish.

Why did the elephants keep getting kicked out of the pool? They kept dropping their trunks.

My Boss told me to have a good day... so I went home.

Why couldn't Dracula's wife get to sleep? Because of his coffin.



There once was a lad, he has a supportive wife, mom and dad

He forged a path day by day and became a State DeMolay

At an event he took a chance and performed an Eagle Dance

Now he is the Grand Royal Patron and his heart is good and true

He would once again perform the Eagle Dance one last time
if people donate quarters, nickels and dimes, paper money too.

The money raised would be for a cure, to the
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation we hold so dear.

Checks should be made out to Grand Court of Wisconsin, O of A;
please put Diabetes in the memo area.

Mail to Mary Schultz, 9170 South 41 Street, Franklin, WI 53132-8615

