
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Betty Miller, GRM

It is so wonderful to be able to get back to the courts and see everyone. Zooming was fun, but it is not the same. Wearing of masks is optional. What makes anyone the most comfortable. Food from any source can be served in the lodge, unless directed by them otherwise. I hope our members will begin to travel around. We need to get reconnected.

Supreme Assembly



I wish to thank the members of Grand Court for allowing me to attend Supreme Assembly in Portland

Oregon. We had 11 members and two honorary, Bruce and Julian. The weather had cooled which was good. The attendance was about half the usual number. Our friends from Canada, Australia, and Philippines were greatly missed due to Covid.



Our new Supreme Royal Matron is Mary Wyatt and George Kuhns is our new Supreme Royal Patron. H.L. Mary will be joining us for our Grand Court Session in October. The new Associate Conductress is Elizabeth (Bizzy) Herbolsheimer. Congratulations to our own H.L. Mary Schultz installed as Supreme Marshal East. *See announcement in this newsletter regarding an honor party for her.*

We passed amendments at Supreme Assembly that moves more and more of our communications to digital. The expense of mailing out business and notices is getting too costly. If you haven't given

your secretary your email please do. It is expensive for your court to also mail notices.

Shirley Breckenridge and committee had a beautiful Memorial ceremony. Instead of each GRM/GRP marching around the room, placing flowers or objects, we remained seated until our state was announced then we stood, GRP (Dale pro-tem) saluted with sword. Two sets of GRM/GRP alternating approached a sky with clouds. They attached a FLY HIGHER Balloon for our members. We honored PSRM Barbara Lee Overton and PGM Annette Anderson. It was very moving. The WI delegation placed flowers at the altar.



Grand Court

Our Grand Court will be held Oct 14-16, 2021 at the Wintergreen conference center.

PLEASE PLEASE read your Ritual regarding opening ceremony and necrology ceremony. Many of you will have a sentence or two. This needs to be memorized. I know many of you say you cannot memorize. Our Supreme Lecturer has given us a way to accomplish this. Take the first 3 or 4 words. Read them out loud over and over, then repeat without looking. When you have learned those words add on the few words. Put the two phrases together, continue till you have your part “memorized” you

can do it. We have almost three months before Session to train for the “**Start of the Race**”.

Those members on committees or responsible for reports will get a separate letter regarding this responsibility. We have two years to cover.

It is unfortunate that we had to cancel our reception party due to covid and other activities. We have to find ways to raise money for Diabetes and our Grand Court.

We received an reward at Supreme for contributing at least \$10 per member and we were one of the top 5 in total contribution. We certainly need to “**Keep Moving Forward.**”

GRM Betty Anne Miller

GRM VISITS

I look forward to making my Official visits with GRP LeRoy to our courts in August.

Monday Aug 2nd – Milwaukee

Saturday Aug 7th – Madison

Friday Aug 13th – Racine Laurel

Saturday Aug 14th – Friendship

Message from S.K. LeRoy Kifer, GRP

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Wisconsin Grand Court is starting to open back up even more and encourage that ALL members are contacted by the Courts and told of this news. Most all ready know this but a phone call by the Royal Matron or Royal Patron would a good touch

in this matter. Encourage them to come back to the meetings but if they are not ready, please do not make them feel pushed to come back. We have scheduled the Grand Royal Matron visits the month of August. We hope to find many members helping out at these meetings for each Court. "We all need the help" is what I have heard and I am confident that that will happen. I cannot wait to see all of you. I just hope that my work does not get in my way of attending any of the GRM visits.

Time is also coming to make plans to attend Grand Court October 14th – 16th at the Wintergreen.

See you in the Court Room,
LeRoy Kifer, GRP

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

Well hello everyone. Just got back from Portland, Oregon and it sure was a good trip. But now down to business. I am manning the ways and means craft table at Grand Court. I would appreciate any body that can help with craft items to sell please bring them to Grand Court, just remember what is not sold must go back home with its original owner. I will also try to promote the sale of slightly used items (no clothes) in good condition. Again items not sold will have to go home with its owners. I truly cannot wait to see everyone. Looking forward to a super Grand Court. See everyone soon.

Amaranth hugs
Cheri.

**Message from
Lila Kimball, GAM**

We will be busy getting everything ready for the Grand Court. Dale and I are so looking forward to all of things we are doing. Our session will be Train of

Life. All abroad to fight diabetes. Fun emblems. Clowns and Frogs. Flower violet.

Thanks
H.L. Lila Kimball, Grand Assoc. Matron

**Message from
Dale Holmen, GAP**

We are all back to some kind of normal and our Courts have opened up for business. As I say when I meet up with people I know "It is nice to see you again in three dimension" which is always good for a good chuckle. The first order of business for our Courts was to cover what had and had not been taken care for the past year. Then it was on to memorials which I am pleased to say I was able to attend at all our Courts. The work was handled in a very respectful way by all. Great job!!

In August there will be the official GRM & GRP visits to our Courts. It has been a long time and time is getting short before our own Grand Court Session. There is a lot of work that needs to be done between now and then. Everyone needs to make sure they are up on all reports that need to be examined as well as making our GRM & GRP feel welcomed.

I am writing this soon after returning from our Supreme Session in Portland OR where I had an extended stay with relatives in the area. For the record the heat came down to normal while we were there, it was over 100 degrees the week before we arrived. After the session was over I spent a few days on the coast where the temp never got over 65 degrees, what a difference a couple of hundred miles make.

I think we all need to congratulate HL Mary Schultz on being the new Supreme Marshall East for the next year. It is a nice honor for Mary as well as the

Grand Court of Wisconsin. I for sure want to offer her any support that she might need.

With States/Courts opening up all over the country I am looking to do some traveling in the next year and if anyone is interested we can always make plans to travel as a group.

With our Grand Court Session coming in October, HL Lila and I are making plans for the next year if all goes as planned and we are elected to move up in office. It has been a long time since appointments were talked about and I hope all that were willing to serve are still willing. Hope no one forgot that they said yes over a year ago.

Until the next time or we see each other in person stay safe and check on your friends and members you have not heard from. A friendly call is all it takes to brighten up someone's day.

SK Dale Holmen
Grand Associate Patron

Lost and Found

While at Supreme Assembly in July, I lost my husky dog apron. I think it was some WI mushers who snatched it away. If I have to pay a ransom. PLEASE HELP ME get my apron back.

GRM Betty



Message from Milwaukee Court No. 2 Lila Kimball, RM Gene Hass, RP

We are all trying to catch up after a wonderful week at Supreme. We will have had practice at our July meeting to be ready for GRM Betty and GRP LeRoy's visit on Monday, August 2, 2021. We will have dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. RSVP to Verna Aschauer at 262-242-3963 by July 28 if you are attending the dinner. Hope to see many of you at our meeting.

Message from Racine Laurel Court No. 6 LuAnn Hansen, RM Gene Hass, RP

Our GRM official visit will be on Friday, August 13 beginning at 6:00 pm with dinner. Our meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Look forward to seeing many of you. Contact Mary Schultz, Secretary at 414-526-2715 if you are attending the dinner by August 7. Thank you.

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

Madison Court will be having our Grand Royal Matron visit at our meeting on Saturday, August 7th. We will have a social hour at 9am in the small dining room and the meeting at 10am in Lodge Room 2. All are invited!

Future meetings this fall/winter are on the following Saturdays: September 4th (elections), October 2nd (reports due), November 6th and December 4th.

Our dog house decorating is coming right along! How about yours? We look forward to seeing them all at Grand Court.

Madison Court is still selling Seroogy's candy bars. We have several flavors in stock – lots of mint! We will have them out for sale at our social hours.

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

Our OV with GRM Betty Miller and GRP LeRoy Kifer will be Saturday, August 14, 2021 beginning with a dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Guests are more than welcome! Please RSVP to Mary Lubach, Secretary at 920-893-5289 by August 7, 2021.

Our Court is sponsoring an All Masonic Family Picnic and Promotional event on the 25th of July starting at 2:00 pm at our lodge. Members pay \$5.00 to help cover the costs, visitors are free. We will supply the meat and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. Bring interested adults and older children as possible new members for any of the Masonic bodies, either here or for your group no matter where located. Younger children are more than welcome, we will get them as members when they are old enough. There will games and a community service project you can use for your groups. Flat Stanley will also be present for pictures.

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.

**Message from
Sunshine Committee
H.L. Mary Schultz, Chairman**

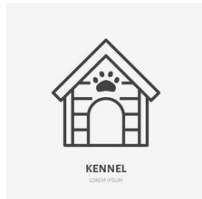
Honored Ladies and Sir Knights: Please contact me when you know of someone in our Wisconsin Grand Court family or other jurisdictions that may be in need of sunshine. I can be contacted at 414-526-2715 or greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com.

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 at the Racine Masonic Center. 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...

The Diabetes Committee will also be hosting the annual Silent Auction Baskets and Bag Raffle Fundraiser at our Grand Court Session, October 14-16, 2021. Please consider donating a basket or items for the bag raffle. This is our major fundraiser to raise monies for Wisconsin for Diabetes. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Kringle sales have returned. Each kringle is \$12.50 and will be available for pick up at our Wisconsin Grand Court Session. Flavors this year are pecan, raspberry, almond, apple, blueberry, cherry, cherry cheese, cinnamon roll, cream cheese, turtle and Wisconsin. Kringles freeze well so stock up. Orders

and payment are due to Mary Schultz by September 30. Flyers are attached and may be found on our Wisconsin Grand Court website.

Mush your Way to:

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

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

See attached paperwork or go to our
Wisconsin Grand Court website.



**Supreme Council Order
of the Amaranth**

Tulsa, Oklahoma
July 11-14, 2022

Humor Corner

***From GRM Betty Miller,
Milwaukee Court***

What is a belt made of clocks called?
A waist of time.

**From Bob Miksch
Racine Laurel Court**

Lena is pregnant with Ole's child. Late one night, Lena wakes Ole and says, 'I tink it's time!' So Ole fired up the John Deere tractor and took her to the hospital to have their first baby.

She had a little boy, and the doctor looked over at Ole and said, 'A son! Ain't dat Great!' Well, Ole got excited by dis, but just then the doctor spoke up and said, 'Hold on! We ain't finished yet!'

The doctor then held up a little girl.. He said, 'Hey, Ole! You got you a daughter!' She's a pretty little ting, too.'

Ole got kind of puzzled by this, an then the doctor said, 'Holey Moly Ole, we still ain't done yet!' The doctor then delivered another boy and said, "Ole, you yust had yourself another boy!" Ole was flabbergasted by this news!

A couple days later, Ole brought Lena and their 3 children home in the self-propelled combine. He was real serious and he asked Lena, 'How come we got tree on the first try?'

Lena said, 'You remember dat night we ran out of Vaseline and you vent out in the garage and got dat dere 3-in-1 Oil?'

Ole said, 'Yeah, I do.. Uffda! It's a darn good ting I didn't get the WD-40!!

**From Gail Piper
Madison Court**

Why don't monsters like to eat ghosts?
Because they taste like sheet.

What do vegetarian zombies eat?
Grains.

Where do trout keep their money?
In a river bank.

Culinary Corner

Peppermint Stick Pie

INGREDIENTS:

3 pints (1 & 1/2 quarts) peppermint ice cream
1 chocolate flavored crumb pie shell
1 - 12 oz. jar fudge ice cream topping.
Coarsely crushed candy cane or striped round peppermint candies (optional)

TO PREPARE:

1. In a chilled bowl stir ice cream until softened.
2. Spoon ice cream onto pie shell, spreading evenly. Return to freezer for at least 4 hours.
3. To serve, warm the fudge topping in the microwave oven according to directions on the jar. Let pie stand at room temperature for 5 minutes before slicing.

Served with warmed topping. If desired, sprinkle with crushed candies.

SERVES: 8

-Anonymous

A Little Corner of the Grand Secretaries Desk



Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

I hope everyone is enjoying our warm but beautiful summer. It's good to be able to spend time in person with our family and friends.

The information for Grand Court is attached to the newsletter and also on our website: wisconsinamaranth.org I hope you are able to join us Oct. 13 – 16, 2021 at the Wintergreen for our Grand Court Session. It will be good to be together again not only for our annual meeting, but for a little fun.

Remember that I have new size Grand Court By-laws in a larger format size 5 1/2" x 8 1/2". They are \$10.00 per set. No amendment will ever again be printed to fit the old size GC By-laws. They have a 3-hole punch so you can put them in with your Small Rituals 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.

Point to Ponder: Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint and he has to touch it.

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE IMPORTANT.

Till we meet again,

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

