
Grand Court of Wisconsin

Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Mary Schultz, GRM

Hello:

The year has gone swiftly by and we as a Grand Court still have many things to do.

Grand Lecturer and Official Visits have been completed. We had a Special Session to review our Grand Court By-Laws, Supreme Council Assembly has been completed for 2024.

The new password has been distributed. Please obtain this new password from your Royal Matron or myself if you did not receive this at your subordinate court meeting. Royal Matrons, please remember to email me that you have distributed the new password to your members.

The Delafield Brewhaus event on on August 4. Thank you to all who put in a reservation. We should have attendance at 40 people this year. The entertainment for this event will truly be one to remember.

The Grand Court information is available and has been emailed or snail mailed to all members. This information may also be found on the Wisconsin Grand Court website. Please read this information over carefully as the rehearsal schedule was changed to follow the Grand Court Program.

Just to summarize: Wednesday, October 9 is a reception for our Supreme Sentinel, Dale Holmen, Thursday, rehearsals, reports are due by noon, opening of Grand Court, reception honoring our Supreme Royal Matron, Friday is elections and our Memorial Ceremony. Friday evening the "Return to Deadwood" Banquet, Saturday morning is our breakfast. Subordinate Courts have the opportunity to show us their talents with providing a skit and Saturday session should wrap up the 74th Grand Court Session.

I just received notice that the amendments to our Grand Court By-Laws have been approved by the Supreme Council on Grand Court By-Laws. Our Grand Secretary will be in contact with the membership to let everyone know his plan of attack on our new Grand Court By-Laws.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Wisconsin Grand Court once again.

HL Mary Schultz, GRM

Message from S.K. Robert Miksch, GRP

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

I cannot believe how fast this last year has gone. I blinked and the Grand Court is just around the corner.

Seems like all I have been doing is yard work, cutting grass when it is not raining, and traveling around from one Amaranth activity/duty to another. Didn't even get out once this summer to go fishing. Delafield Brewhaus event is next week and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I am also looking forward to Our "Return to Deadwood" session in October. Only 73 days till Grand Court, but who is counting. Remember we cannot do this alone; we need everyone to make this a fun and meaningful event.

With that said, I hope everyone stays safe and enjoy life as much as you can and always keep a smile on your face (make everyone wonder what you are up too).

Fraternally,
Bob
Grand Royal Patron

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

Hello everyone Hope you are having a good summer and holding up to the heat. We had a good time in Pittsburgh at Supreme Council. Don't forget to make your reservations for Grand Court as it will be here before we know it. Hope to see a lot of you at the Advance Nights and the Delafield Brewhaus.

Mary Lubach GAM

**Message from
S.K. Dale Holmen, GAP**

Welcome to spring and summer! Rain and hot weather have been the norm for most of the summer. Now we are moving into the fall season and need to do some planning and then work the plan.

We had nine members present at Supreme this year in Pittsburg and we had a good time and still got the work of the Order completed in good order. It was a hot week for sure and we were able to watch the fireworks over the Three Rivers area on the 4th of July from the comfort of our room on the 22nd floor of the hotel. Good view, no crowd or noise.

Now that we are home it is back to business in all our courts. Membership is always a concern so we need to keep an eye out for that next great member of our order.

October brings us to OUR Grand Court session in the Dells again. The registration material is out on the web site as well as sent to everyone by email or snail mail. Everyone needs to make their hotel reservation as soon as possible along with your meal choices. This is OUR Grand court and we need to have everyone attend and do their part. The order is only as good as WE want it to be and you help it to be.

We will be electing our new officers for the next year and they will need everyone's help so we ask for your support. If asked to serve in some area please give us your best effort. Working together is the means to make Wisconsin the best Grand Court ever.

This will be a special year for me for sure. With your support I hope to serve you again as Grand Royal Patron. I will also serve Wisconsin as the Supreme Sentinel for the 2024/2025 Amaranth year. I do plan to travel and spread the good will of Wisconsin.

Have a great fall and we will see you around the State.

SK Dale Holmen
Grand Associate Patron

**Message from
S.K Jamison Kifer
Grand Secretary**

Happy Summer Honored Ladies and Sir Knights! As we enter the dog days of summer, make sure to keep your home air filters clear of dust, bugs, and other items that may cause your air conditioning units to clog and cause issues for you at home! Make sure to prepare for traveling to Wisconsin Dells in October as you should have received an email or a physical mail from me in regard to our seventy-fourth Annual Session of the Grand Court of Wisconsin to happen in October. Please let me know if you have not received this and I will get you the information right away!

We are waiting for a response from the Supreme Committee on Grand Court By-Laws. After our Special Session I was able to complete the update and send it to the, now, previous committee, but due to the nature of the work, it was to be passed onto the new committee at Supreme Council. As soon as I hear anything, I will communicate it to you all. Please reference Page 30 of our current By-Laws for details for turning in any changes you wish to make at the upcoming session. This deadline of sixty days prior to the start is crucial to the effective preparation of these documents.

If you are submitting any bills that pertain to the budget, this is your reminder that books close for the current budget on September 15th and that all money must be handled prior to that date or it goes against the new budget and will not be handled until after the new budget is approved in October. I am asking you to send to me your report, electronically, one week prior to the Session as it will help the workload after. You are still to bring 3 copies of your report to the Session. Make sure to bring one for yourself to read separate from the turned-in copies. Many thanks for this!

Supreme Constitution updates will be available in the new enlarged size, same size as the small rituals, when they are finished at the Supreme Council. There will not be any further updates in the current size. If you want new copies of the Constitution, please let me know right away via email: wiamgsec@gmail.com or phone at 920-573-1236 and please leave a message. The sooner I can get these numbers to the Supreme Secretary the better the cost is for printing and mailing.

I thank you all for supporting my first year as your Grand Secretary. I hope as we finish this 74th year of our Grand Court that I continue to make you proud with my small contribution and I look forward to seeing you all down the Amaranth trail!

With Amaranth Love,

S.K. Jamison E. Kifer,
Grand Secretary



And how could I not give a joke for old times' sake... 😊

Secretaries are like magicians, they always have a few tricks up their sleeves – like extra pens, papers, and Post-its!!!

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

Milwaukee Court #2 is enjoying the rest of the summer by inviting everyone to our August meeting on Monday, August 5th. This is our Advance Night and we will welcome as our guest, H. L. Mary Lubach, We will have a pizza dinner with dessert at 5:30 before our meeting at 7:00

p.m. RSVP for the Pizza dinner to Marcia Earl at 262-389-1803.

Our next meeting will be held on September 2nd with a picnic before the meeting at 5:30pm. This will be a casual meeting. The ladies may wear slacks and the men do not have to wear a sports coat. This is, of course, up to the discretion of each member. RSVP for the picnic to Vicki Kuharski at 414-975-2203.

Our October 7 meeting is our elections meeting. The starting time is at 7:00 pm.

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, August 9, 2024 – Dinner at 6:00 pm, cost is \$5.00 if you bring a dish to share and \$10.00 if you don't bring a dish to share, Culinary Committee is providing chicken and potatoes; meeting at 7:00 pm.

Friday, September 13, 2024 – Stated Meeting – Wear Fall Colors - dinner at 6:00 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm.

October meeting is to be determined – this meeting is elections and annual reports. For those of you who should do an annual report, it is important that your annual report be in writing. Trustees need to do an inventory, books of Secretary and Treasurer are audited, election of officers. Members, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

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 had a red, white and blue day at our July meeting. Dress and brunch tied into the idea of celebrating the 4th of July.

We now look forward to our last month of the summer, August. It is usually the hottest time of the year, so it was decided to do a “business casual” meeting. Come and join us on the 1st Saturday, August 3rd. 9 am brunch, 10 am meeting. Our New York member, SK Bruce will be in attendance, and we are happy for that.

We are looking forward to the Brewhaus gathering on Sunday, August 4th. Always a great time to be had by all!

September 7th is our fall meeting, sort of a “Back to School.” Time to gear up on our ritual. Thinking about the soon to be Grand Session of Wisconsin Grand Court. It is never too early to prepare.

October 5th is our meeting date, with the usual 9 am brunch, 10 am meeting. We are ready for the fun breakfast at Grand Court. Skit is being

practiced for some time. You've got to be there to see the really great talents of Madison Court.

Yes, October 10th thru the 12th, is our Grand Court. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there and the many visitors that come.

We wish you all good health and happiness for this autumn season.

Judy Emerson
Royal Matron

Dale Holmen
Royal Patron

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

It's hard to believe that we are coming to a close on another Grand Court year. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Friendship Court has been busy with updating our rules & regulations and trying to have some fun at our meetings!

Our next meeting is August 10th. The meeting is at 7pm and dinner is at 6pm. Dinner will be a Summer Picnic with burgers and lots of yummy side dishes. If you are planning to attend, please let me know. The cost for the meal is \$10. At this meeting, we will be voting to adopt our new rules and regulations. If our court adopts these then we will have some changes in times on our upcoming meetings.

September's meeting will be our Advance Night. H.L. Alice and S.K. Stephen will be ascending the throne! This meeting is on the 14th and pending our rules and regulations being adopted, dinner will be at 5pm and meeting will be at 6pm. Dinner will be Lasagna! If you are planning to attend, please let me know. The cost for the meal is \$10.

October is a busy night with elections, annual reports, and last-minute preparations for Grand Court. This meeting will be on October 5th (since our regular meeting night is during Grand Court). Dinner will be a potluck. If you are planning to attend, please let me know. The cost for the meal is \$10.



At our July meeting, we celebrated H.L. Alice Britton who has been a member of this order for 65 years! We are so happy to have H.L. Alice as a part of Friendship Court and can't wait to celebrate many more years with her and all of our members!

We can't wait to see everyone at Grand Court and hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

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? Has your personal information changed? 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 October 20, 2024, to cover the months of November, December 2024 and January 2025.

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:

HL Alice Britton has been feeling better and has celebrated 65 years as a member of the Order of the Amaranth, HL Linda Schoebel is in rehab to get her knees and legs going, SK Ernie Anderson's brother passed away at 100 years old, SK Roger Reukauf could use some encouragement as his wife has been moved to hospice.



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 ticket 🍷

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

Ad Book HL Nancy Saggio, Chair

Ads are needed for the Grand Court Ad Book. This Ad book is a nice little fundraiser for the Grand Court. Various sized ads are available. Appendant bodies may purchase an quarter page ad for \$10.00. Ads need to be to Nancy Saggio by September 18, 2024.

Message from The Diabetes Committee H.L. Mary Schultz

The Brewhaus event is on Sunday, August 4 at the Delafield Brewhaus. This year the theme is Western and we should have 40 people in attendance. Will report at Grand Court what the proceeds will be for Diabetes.

Kringles are back. Order forms are included in this newsletter and will be on the website. Cost per Kringle is \$15.00 and will be available for pickup at Grand Court beginning on Wednesday, October 9.

Speaking of Grand Court. The Diabetes Committee will have their sales table. Stop by and do some shopping as Christmas is right around the corner.

We are also looking for small items for the bag raffle and larger items and baskets for the silent auction.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schultz.

Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of the Amaranth Annual Session

October 10, 11, and 12, 2024
Clarion Hotel & Suites and
Wintergreen Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-0296
Email: www.wintergreen-resort.com

Reception for Dale Holmen, Supreme Sentinel, will be on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Detailed information was included in the Grand Court information and is also available on our website.

Check out our Website:

www.wisconsinamaranth.org

Humor Corner

From Bob Miksch

Fishing

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time, I ran out of worms.

Then, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in his mouth.

"Frogs are good bass bait," I thought to myself.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth, I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Just then, I realized I had a problem, how was I going to release the snake without getting bit?

So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniel's and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. The snake's

eyes rolled back, and he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

A little later, I felt a nudge at my foot.

There was that same snake with two more frogs in his mouth.

Herd

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Montana when suddenly a brand-new 2016 7 Series BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray-Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" Bud looks at the man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Apple i phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Apple iPad that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Galaxy S5 and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer,

turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars' worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know crap about how working people make a living or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep."

"Now give me back my dog."

AND THAT FOLKS IS WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

Speaking of magic...

I was at a magic show, when after one particularly amazing trick, someone screamed out, "wow, how did you do that." I would tell you", answered the magician predictably, "but then I'd have to kill you." After moments pause the same voice screamed out "can you tell my mother-in-law?"

