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# 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,

I would like to start my first article with a humbling and heart felt thank you for electing me to the office I now occupy. It is both terrifying and thrilling, but I know with all of your help, this will be a wonderful year. Thank you to Sir Knight Jamison for agreeing to take this journey with me.

As I sit and wonder what to put in to this article, a few things come to mind. I would first like to strongly encourage you to attend as many installations in November as you possibly can. It will begin with Madison Court on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Milwaukee Court on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Racine Laurel on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Fond Du Lac on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Secondly, please be sure to keep an eye on this newsletter as we will have very important information coming out in the next one regarding Leadership and Grand Lecturer's Visits. Sir Knight Bruce is splitting his time between Wisconsin and New York and it is imperative that you know when these visits will be coming. Please also watch the newsletter for any fundraising ideas that may be coming our way. Let us work together to raise funds to help fight Diabetes.

We have a lot of work ahead of us if we would like to make Amaranth thrive again. This is not a single person's job but belongs to all members of the Order. You are all important members and I know that by

working together we will have more members joining us in the future.

If anyone needs the help of our Grand Court or if you have questions that you would like an answer to, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sir Knight Jamison. We are happy to help and work with you for anything you may need.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and I can't wait to see how you are Defying Gravity.

Amaranth Love,  
Amanda Grunewald  
Grand Royal Matron

**Message from  
S.K. Jamison Kifer, GRP**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights of Wisconsin,

I thank you for the honor of being your Grand Royal Patron! I will do my best to uphold the standards of our order by speaking the truth when possible, having as much faith as I can, learn what is needed to obtain wisdom, and be as charitable as can be. I will do my part to assist you and your courts as possible. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Learning the responsibilities of being the Grand Royal Patron will be a challenge for me, but I welcome a good challenge! I am new, in the sense that, being in a position like this one makes one think about how to properly execute the duties of the office. My duty is to promote peace, harmony,

and welfare to our Grand Court while being the constitutional adviser to our Grand Royal Matron. I hope that I will succeed in that endeavor and at the close of this term, we are better for it. I thank H.L. Amanda for asking me to join her on this journey.

These next three months will be filled with much joy and change for us all. Summer has turned to fall and fall will turn into winter. New subordinate court officers will be installed during November and I hope that you will be there to witness and/or take part in the changes your courts are making. Remember to stay safe when traveling and if possible, carpool for maximum welfare of all. Discussion on ideas to promote Amaranth as a whole help us learn our aspirations and our truths about why we are here. We are here to find a cure by being the best we can be! I will do my best to help you! Happy Hunting, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!!

You, the members of Wisconsin, are the Membership Committee for this year. We have less than **100** members in Wisconsin and to me, **that is a major problem**. We should have at least **200** in my opinion. There are good men and women that would benefit from our teachings. You are asked to assist in finding individuals to replace you and grow. If you haven't brought someone to join, why? If you know of someone who would benefit from the teachings in our order, ask them. If you are unsure who to ask, talk to your fellow court members for idea. If you need any help, ask me and I will help you. My brain is ready with ideas on how to promote our Order, but the **Grand Court of Wisconsin need YOU for it to work!**

In closing, quoting Abraham Maslow, "In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or to step back into safety." We must push forward, so that we can defy gravity, and grow Amaranth as a whole. "Its kind of fun to do the impossible" is the motto from this year from my DeMolay Brother Walt Disney. Let's do the best we

can to grow Amaranth and give our all to find a cure for Diabetes!

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

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

Hello everyone,

Got back from Grand Court safe and sound. I think it finally sunk in that I am going thru the line again. I want to thank everyone for their confidence in me again. I promise I will do my best.

I know I had a good time in the Dells. It was fun to see old friends and to make new friends. We had lots of laughs and tons of good food. We now have to transfer our thoughts on our own courts and carry on with business. It was good to see everyone and I hope to see you soon.

Cheri Brus, Grand Associate Matron

**Message from  
S.K. Robert Miksch, GAP**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

I can't believe it.....I actually forgot that I was the GAP...HL Mary had to remind me to get my article in (which may not be the last time I need to be reminded hehehe).

I am looking forward to doing this journey, another time, with HL Cheri. We may have to question her sanity to be willing to put up with me one more time.

Looking forward to a bit of fun this coming year. If you have ideas, please send them my way.

Not much more to say for this newsletter.

Grand Associate Patron,  
Bob

As usual I have placed the joke(s) in the Humor column, so look for some good and some not so good jokes there. I challenge anyone to also supply a joke to HL Mary for the Humor column (we could use some "better" jokes ~grin~).

Until the next time, keep safe!

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

Hello Everyone,

Thank you everyone for electing me as Grand Conductress.

Nnext will be Installations for the Subordinate Courts. Hope to see a lot of you there. Will try to make as many as possible. Then we will be busy with the Holidays. Hope everyone stays safe and has a good Holiday Season.

Mary Lubach, Grand Conductress

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

Much to my surprise I was elected as the Grand Associate Conductress. I am truly humbled that the members of the Wisconsin Grand Court have their faith in me to do this journey again. I look forward to working with all the line officers and all the members of Wisconsin in keeping our lines of communication open.

Please contact me if you need assistance at your meetings or if you would like to carpool.

Remember my last session as GRM? Well just wait, you may need to dust off those cowboy boots – The Wild Wild West – Return to Deadwood will be back in a few years.

Love you all...

Mary Schultz

**Message from  
H.L. Lila Kimball  
Jr. Past GRM**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

It was an extreme honor to serve as your Grand Royal Matron with Sir Knight Dale Holmen at my side as Grand Royal Patron.

We had a lot of fun raising money for ADF, meeting friends along the way as they boarded and got off our train working to make our Amaranth courts stronger after the pandemic.

Thank you to all the officers and committee members who had to wait 2 years for the train to pull into your station to pick you up.

I hope to see each of you as this train continues to travel searching for the cure for diabetes.

In Amaranth Love,  
Lila Kimball  
Jr. Past Grand Royal Matron

**Message from  
S.K. Dale Holmen  
Jr. Past GRP**

NOTE'S FROM THE PAST!

Grand Court has now past and the Train of Life has pulled out of the station. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all your help and

encouragement this past year. Both Lila and I have so many great memories of our train ride around Wisconsin.

The train ride is over but Wisconsin Amaranth is still moving along and I am here to help in any way possible. I am just a phone call or email away. I am sure the new year will bring many new and exciting events and memories for each of us. It is up to us to engage and be a part of things to come. I am sure everyone knows of at least one person that could benefit from Order. Why not invite them to join and spread the Amaranth love.

SK Dale Holmen  
Jr. Past Grand Royal Patron

**Message from  
S.K. Bruce Kenney  
Grand Lecturer**

#### **RITUAL NOTES FROM THE GRAND LECTURER**

Thank you to Honored Lady Amanda, GRM for this appointment. Thank you also to the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who attended the school of instruction on Sunday Morning at the Dells. You all were very involved and made the school both enjoyable and, I hope, successful. Many seemed to learn a lot and lot seemed to learn something. If there is one thing that came out of this school, is that there is an absolute treasure trove of information in the General Instructions section of the Ritual. It is a good place to begin study, not just to learn facts but also to learn some of the reasons that we do things in a particular manner.

One of my goals this year will be to inspire every member to find one part of the ritual and become an expert for that part. Whether it is one of the Ladies of the Square lectures in the Degree, the Associate Conductress' part in balloting or any other part, learn

it well enough to be in high demand because of ritual excellence.

There will be a mini school at each of my Official Visits to your Courts later in the year (dates TBD). I would like to hit on a few things like balloting, certain sections of Initiation, Memorial, or possibly even a funeral service. If you have any requests for any other sections of the Ritual, let me know. I can be contacted at any time with any Ritual question.

S.K. Bruce E. Kenney, Grand Lecturer

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

Milwaukee Court would like to congratulate H.L. Lila Kimball on a job well done as Grand Royal Matron at Grand Court in October. We are very proud of her.

Monday, November 7 will have a meeting at 7:00 pm with a closed Installation of Officers during the meeting. We do need help with the installation. H.L. Marcia Earl will be installed as Royal Matron. Please come and support her and her officers.

Monday, December 5 we will celebrate the wonderful seasons of December at our meeting. Think of a special memory of Christmas or Hanukkah that you would like to share. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift for a fun gift exchange after the meeting.

January and February we are dark.

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

On Friday, November 11 Racine Laurel Court will begin their evening with a 6:00 pm stated meeting; an open installation will follow at 7:30 pm. Refreshments following the installation. On Friday, December 9 we will have a Stop and Go meeting, please bring your rituals. Dinner at 6 pm. Meeting at 7 pm. We need a Conductress and an Associate Conductress. We are doing all floor work except for initiation and memorial. Come and join us.

Happy Holidays to all.

We are dark in January and February.  
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 having a closed installation at our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10:00 am. As usual there will be the 9:00 am brunch.

We are celebrating Christmas at our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We invite all to come join us for fun and fellowship at our 9:00 am brunch. Members are encouraged to wear their best Christmas outfit, there may be prizes.

January and February are dark months for us. We plan a lunch out sometime during this time. It may be cold and snowy, but we'll find a good weather day. If it happens, I will put out an email and anyone wanting to join, please do!

We are wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep warm and stay safe.

Judy Emerson, Royal Matron  
Mike Heitke, Royal Patron

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

Greetings from Friendship Court #14!!

It was wonderful to see everyone at Grand Court. Congratulations to H.L. Lila and S.K. Dale on a wonderful year and great session. To H.L. Amanda and S.K. Jamison, good luck to you and your officers and if you need anything know that Friendship Court is here to help!

Our next meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup> and we will be installing our new officers. The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM with installation to begin at 7:00 PM. We will have a reception of sweet treats to follow. We hope to see you all there!

At our November meeting we will be balloting on a petition for a new member! A date and time for Initiation will be discussed at this meeting so more details to come! Stay tuned!!

Our December meeting has been moved to December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM to accommodate some scheduling conflicts. We will have a Holiday potluck after the meeting and wear your ugliest sweaters to celebrate the holidays!!

We will be dark in January, but hope to plan a fun event or two with the members of Fond du Lac lodge and our members. We want to take this time to still meet and enjoy each other's company!

We hope that everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday season and stays happy and healthy. We look forward to seeing you along the Amaranth trail!

H.L Christin Kifer  
Royal Matron Elect  
S.K. Stephen Britton  
Royal Patron Elect

**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](mailto:greeneyesgerman@wi.rr.com).

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

Cheri Brus has had eye surgery. Bruce Kenney will be having colon cancer surgery on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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. It is important to let the Secretary of your court know if your information changes. These secretaries then let the Grand Secretary know so that the directory has the most current information.

Deadline for the next Wisconsin Grand Court Newsletter is Friday, January 20, 2023 to cover the months of February, March and April of 2023.

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

The Diabetes Committee is working on some new ideas. We will have information out shortly.

This past year Wisconsin was able to raise approximately \$5000.00 for Diabetes research. Thank you to all who contributed and supported all the projects we had at the Wisconsin Grand Court. Special thanks to H.L. Joyce, H.L. Michelle and H.L. Mary L for their contributions. The committee appreciates your support.

(Please remember dates and times are subject to change)

**Grand Lecturer Visits**

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Madison Court #7       | April 1, 2023  |
| Milwaukee Court #2     | April 3, 2023  |
| Friendship Court #14   | April 8, 2023  |
| Racine Laurel Court #6 | April 14, 2023 |

**Grand Royal Matron Visits  
Accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron**

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Madison Court #7       | June 3, 2023  |
| Milwaukee Court #2     | June 5, 2023  |
| Racine Laurel Court #6 | June 9, 2023  |
| Friendship Court #14   | June 10, 2023 |

**Advance Nights**

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Madison Court #7       | August 5, 2023  |
| Milwaukee Court #2     | August 7, 2023  |
| Racine Laurel Court #6 | August 11, 2023 |
| Friendship Court #14   | August 12, 2023 |

**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](http://www.wintergreen-resort.com)

Check out our Website:

[www.wisconsinamaranth.org](http://www.wisconsinamaranth.org)

## Humor Corner

### 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.

### 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."





*You are cordially invited  
to attend the  
Installation of Officers at  
Racine Laurel Court #6  
Union Grove Masonic Lodge  
1021 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Union Grove, WI 53182-1305*

*Friday November 11, 2022  
Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Installation 7:30 pm  
Reception to Follow*

*HL LuAnn Hansen, RM Elect  
SK Ernest Anderson, RP Elect*







*You are cordially invited  
to attend the  
Installation of Officers at  
Friendship Court No. 14  
Fond du Lac, WI  
Friday Nov. 12, 2022  
Meeting at 5:00 PM  
Installation 7:00ish  
Sweet Treat Reception to Follow*

*H/L Christin Kifer, RM Elect  
SK Stephen Britton, RP Elect*

