
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Lila Kimball, GRM

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

It's time to get abroad the "Train of Life" before we go very far let's have some fun at the Mini Golf outing (February 6th 1:00 pm). Let Dale Holmen know if you wish to attend.

While we are having a wonderful time. Please send your money to Sir Knight Jamison for having your car washed before we get back.

The School of Instruction and Leadership Training is scheduled for February 26 beginning at 9:00 am with coffee and the actual program beginning at 10:00 am with SK LeRoy Kifer, a break for lunch and then the program with HL Barb Foster and Nancy Saggio. So, start studying your ritual and Grand Court By-Laws.

Grand Lecturer visits to the subordinate courts will be held in March. See schedule in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everybody stay safe and be well.

HL Lila J. Kimball, GRM



Message from S.K. Dale Holmen, GRP

Welcome all to the new year of 2022!! My hope is that we can continue to improve on our in-person activities. At the time you are reading this, we should have already had our first in-person fun activity of the year, a golf outing on February 6th. I do hope everyone that attended had a fun afternoon golfing in Wisconsin in February (indoors).

We will be meeting soon for leadership training and school of instruction. There will also be the annual Grand Lecturer's visits along with our Grand Royal Matron's visit. I plan to attend all of these when possible. If there are any other meetings you might wish me to attend, please let me know so I can make the necessary arrangements.

As of now, I am looking into a few more fun activities for us though out the year. I am ready to cut loose and start having fun again, want to join me?

Stay safe until we meet in person again,
Dale Holmen GRP

**Message from
Betty Miller, PGRM**



Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, Thank You for making my year as Grand Royal Matron memorable. It was sad that the pandemic interfered with some of our plans.

In the end I thought we had a wonderful Grand Court. Each of you who served as officers was prepared for the responsibilities laid out to you. This made for a very smooth Grand Court. I appreciate the effort all members put forth to support SK LeRoy's and my year as your Grand Royal Matron and Patron.

Our Supreme Royal Matron, Mary Wyatt sent us a large SRP Mickey and SRM Minnie from Disney Court #1 to have been included in our silent Auction for

Diabetes. See picture. The Diabetes Committee will be selling raffle tickets with the drawing to be at Grand Court.

Past Grand Royal Matron
H.L. Betty Anne Miller

**Message from
Amanda Grunewald, GAM**

No Message submitted.

**Message from
Jamison Kifer, GAP**

Greeting from the Grand Associate Patron

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Happy New Year!!! I hope each and every one of you had a fantastic holiday season spending time with family and friends. HL Christin and I spent an entire week down in Nashville, TN for a vacation prior to the week of Christmas. It was well needed and extremely fun for the both of us as we needed a break from the hustle and bustle of daily routines and WORK!

As we enter into February, yes, the 2nd month of 2022, remember that even though we may not hold official court meetings, we still can help fight the good fight for Diabetes! You received a letter regarding a D-I-Y Washless Car Wash since we last spoke. Please consider doing a D-I-Y Washless Car Wash and helping raise some funds for the Ways and Means Committee. For those who have already "Ordered" their Car Wash, thank you very much for that! If you have not done your "Order" give some thought and see what you can do. Every penny donated helps out for the future of the Order of the Amaranth and what we stand up for!!

As we get back into the swing of meeting in person again once we come out of our “dark time”, crack open your ritual before and see if you can memorize your part for Opening and Closing. Study the diagrams to see where you should stand and where to walk, so that you may exemplify and display the greatness that is the Amaranthine Ritual! Start at the end of your line(s) and work backward, adding a word each time. That way, even if you have a sticky start, you will end with grace and poise like everyone Honored Lady and Sir Knight can display!

A trucker is driving slowly down the road in the winter, when at a red light, a woman, with Florida License plates, gets out of her car and talks to him. “Excuse me, sir, you are spilling your cargo.” The woman gets back in her car, and when the light turns green, the driver keeps trucking. At the next red light, the woman gets out of her car and says again, “Excuse me sir, you are spilling your cargo.” Green light, the trucker keeps driving. The third red light, the woman gets out, and before she can repeat herself, the trucker says, “Excuse me ma’am, I am driving a plow and salt truck in Wisconsin!” 😊 😊 😊

See you all soon down the Amaranthine Train Tracks!!!

Fraternally yours,
S.K. Jamison E. Kifer, G.A.P.

**Message from
Cheri Brus, GC**

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a very good holiday. I know I did. Just spending time with family is always a good time. I sincerely hope everyone is keeping warm. Just think warm thoughts and before you know it warm weather will be here. Not much going on right now. Hope to see all of you at the golf outing and at

school of instruction. In the meantime keep warm and safe.

Cheri Brus, Grand Conductress

**Message from
Mary Lubach, GAC**

Hi this is Mary. Hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season.

I do have Salsa for sale again at \$5.00 a pint, unfortunately it does not come with chips. I heard that it is very good on Baked Potatoes, Scrambled eggs and various other foods. The proceeds will go to Ways and Means.

Thank you for your love and support. See you soon. Mary Lubach Grand Associate Conductress

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Sue Udhardt, RM
Gene Hass, RP**

February we will be attending Leadership and School of Instruction and miniature golf Outing. If you need a ride let me know. Look for more detail in this Newsletter.

March 7 will be having our Grand Lecturer Visit with S.K. LeRoy Kifer. We are having a dinner prior to our meeting 5:30 PM. Cost is \$10.00. Make your reservation to H.L. Sue Udhardt. Meeting at 7 PM. Everyone wear green and if you can fill our empty stations let me know.

April 4 is our Easter Meeting.

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court No. 6
SuAnn Gascoigne, RM
Robert Miksch, RP Protem**

March 11, 2022 – Racine Laurel Court Meeting – Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm. Cheri Brus has refreshments.

April 15, 2022 – Racine Laurel Court Meeting (note date change) – Grand Lecturer’s Visit. Dinner at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP to Mary Schultz for dinner. We will need protems. Please let us know if you can assist.

Remember we are meeting at the Union Grove Masonic Center located at 1021 11th Ave, Union Grove, WI 53182.

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Judy Emerson, RM
Jack Heady, RP**

Installation of officers was done in November, with the help of members from other Courts. Many thanks to all who traveled to Madison that day. Our December meeting was held in the lodge room, which was shortened down to be closer together. It worked very well! We always enjoy being together for our 9 am brunch, prior to the meeting!

Madison Court is dark during the months of January and February. We had fun at the golf outing in February. It was nice to see many members together, still being safe, and enjoying each other’s company.

We now look forward to the visit of our Grand Lecturer, LeRoy, on Saturday, March 5th. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us and help us fill our

stations for this event. Remember that there will be a nice brunch at 9 am, with the meeting at 10.

Judy Emerson, R.M.
Jack Heady, R.P.

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

Friendship Court will have their Grand Lecturer’s visit on Sunday, March 13 at 1:00 pm. Lunch at noon with a Baked Potato Bar for \$8.00. Members of Friendship Court to bring a pie. Everyone should wear green. We would love help, but please RSVP for lunch and or to help.

Our April 9 meeting will hopefully bring warmer weather and the Easter Bunny. We will have a dinner at 6:00 pm and we will learn about Passover. Potato latkes and noodle kugel are on the menu. Again please join us but RSVP. We may have an initiation of two new candidates on the petitions we received.

Nancy, RM
Jamison, RP

**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.

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



GET ON BOARD!



CONNECT THE TRAIN CARS 2022

Attend state activities Attend special events
Attend other Courts meeting or activities
Turn in petitions Make special donations

Attended Grand Court 2021 Engine
Other Court's Installation Caboose
Leadership/Instruction Oil Car
Visit another Court their Car
GRM/GRP Reception Boxcar
Personal Donation to Diabetes Box car
Personal donation to Ways and Means Flat car
Turn in Petition Cattle car
Grand Lecturers Visit Coal Car
Gulf Outing Tanker Car
Grand Royal Matron Visit Lavender Car
Milwaukee Court Green Car
Racine Court Red Car
Madison Court Yellow Car
Friendship Court Blue car
Assemble and turn in at Grand Court 2022 for prizes! Will be displayed in the hallway.

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.



Your Golden Ticket to Leadership Training and School of Instruction. Put February 26, 2022 on your calendar! Meet at Doric Lodge, 85 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin. Registration at 9:30am with a Kringle and warm drink.

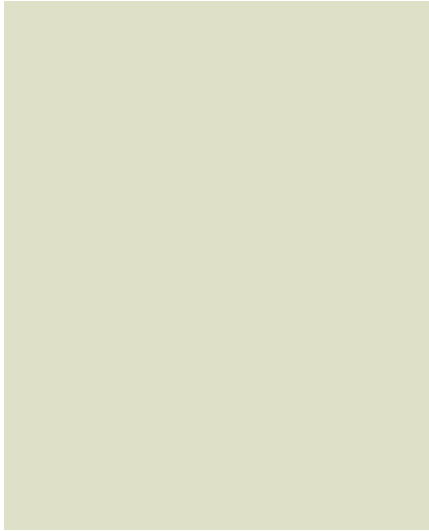
Adventure starts at 10:00 am when SK LeRoy Kifer will impart his wisdom to the attendees. Lunch at noon followed by challenging your minds about Ritual and ByLaws.; ends at 4:00 pm. Learn, review, refresh! Never learned this way before! Bring your Rituals and bylaws and make sure you brush up on them before you attend! We will have some fun with them. Will complete day so those who wish can attend the other scheduled events that day.

- > Register with:
 - > Barb Foster
 - > 56 Hillside Circle
 - > Fond du Lac, WI 54937
 - > Cost is \$10.00 with any extra going to Diabetes.
 - > Make check payable to
 - > Barb Foster
 - > Due by February 20th.
- Lunch and registration \$10.00 Extra will go to DIABETES!

**Message from
The Diabetes Committee
H.L. Mary Schultz and
S.K. Robert Miksch**

Each Court should have received a glass block bank to be put out at your meetings for members to put donations in for Diabetes. The bank can be filled with coins or paper money. How is your bank doing?

The Diabetes Committee will be selling raffle tickets for the Minnie and Mickey mentioned in PGRM Betty's message. Minnie is 25 inches tall and Mickey is 28 inches tall.



Come and board the Train to Fight Diabetes.

**Message from
Grand Lecturer
S.K. LeRoy Kifer, PGRP**

HL's and SK's,

Please come prepared to take part in the School of Instruction. Bring your ritual and questions, on any subject regarding the ritual, written out on paper in case I need to look something up to ensure that you receive the correct answer.

We will concentrate on Introductions, Subordinate and Grand, and more subject matter as time allows.

Grand Officers should be ready to take their stations.

See you there,
SK LeRoy Kifer
Grand Lecturer, protem

Leadership Training and School of Instruction

Saturday, February 26, 2022
10:00-4:00; \$10.00
Doric Lodge
85 S. Stoughton Road
Madison, Wisconsin

Grand Lecturer Visits

Milwaukee Court #2	March 7, 2022
Racine Laurel Court #6	April 15, 2022
Madison Court #7	March 5, 2022
Friendship Court #14	March 13, 2022

Grand Royal Matron's Official Visit Accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron

Milwaukee Court #2	June 6, 2022
Racine Laurel Court #6	June 10, 2022
Madison Court #7	June 21, 2022
Friendship Court #14	June 11, 2022

(Please remember dates and times are subject to change)



**Supreme Council Order
of the Amaranth**
Tulsa, Oklahoma
July 11-14, 2022

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

October 13, 14, 15, 2022
Clarion Hotel & Suites and
Wintergreen Conference Center
PO Box 296, 60 Gasser Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-0296
Email: www.wintergreen-resort.com

Humor Corner

Northern Wisconsin Home

A couple purchased an old home in Northern Wisconsin from two elderly sisters. Winter was fast approaching and the years first snow came early and the wife was concerned about the house's lack of insulation. "If they could live here all those years, SO CAN WE!!" her husband confidently declared. One November night the temperature plunged to below zero, and they woke up to find interior walls covered with frost. The husband called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up and said, "For the past 30 years, they had gone to Florida for the winter....."

Snow Plow

A blonde, driving her car, became lost in a snowstorm. She didn't panic however, because she remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, just wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it." Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it. She followed the plow for about forty-five minutes. Finally, the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. And she explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in a snow storm, to follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to Best Buy now?"

It Was So Snowy that.

Hitchhikers were holding up pictures of thumbs!
Roosters were rushing into Kentucky Fried Chicken and begging to use the pressure cooker!
When I dialed 911, a recorded message said to phone back in the spring!
The optician was giving away free snow scrapers with every new pair of eyeglasses!
Kids were using a new excuse to stay up late: "But Mom, my pajamas haven't thawed out yet!"
Richard Simmons started wearing pants!
A streaker froze in mid-streak!
The town councilman just stuck a plaque on him and pretended he was a Greek statue until spring.
UN weapons inspectors suddenly decided that chemical weapons might be hidden in Hawaii!
Pickpockets were sticking their hands in strangers' pockets just to keep them warm!
The squirrels in the park were throwing themselves at an electric fence!
My Dad was wearing golfing gloves on both hands!

Jobs

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it.... couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.

8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.

9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.

10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.

11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.

12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job..

13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.

15. SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

Bus Ride

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts...so the driver happily munches them.

Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts.

Driver: "Why don't you eat them yourself?"

Old Lady: "I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth."

Driver: "Then why do you buy them?"

Old Lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolate around them."

Cold



COLD IS RELATIVE

60°F
Floridians turn on the heat. People in Wisconsin plant gardens.

50°F
Californians shiver uncontrollably. People in Wisconsin sunbathe.

40°F
Italian & English cars won't start. People in Wisconsin drive with the windows down and the sunroof open.

32°F
Distilled water freezes. Wisconsinites chill their beer outdoors & strip to their skivies to take their docks out.

20°F
Floridians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats. People in Wisconsin grab a flannel shirt & drive their trucks on the lake to go fishing.

15°F
New York landlords finally turn up the heat. People in Wisconsin have the last cookout before it gets cold.

0°F
People in Miami all die. Wisconsinites finish raking leaves.

-10°F
Californians fly away to Mexico. People in Wisconsin get out their blaze orange wind breakers for opening gun deer season.

-25°F
Hollywood disintegrates. Sturgeon Spearers saw through 2 feet of ice on Lake Winnebago so they can sit in uninsulated metal boxes and wait weeks for a prehistoric fish to swim by.

-40°F
Washington DC runs out of hot air. People in Wisconsin let the dogs sleep indoors.

-100°F
Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. Wisconsinites get upset because they can't start the Mini-Van to go to Friday night fish fry.

-460°F
ALL atomic motion stops (absolute zero, zero on the Kelvin scale.) People in Wisconsin start saying..."Cold enough fer ya?"

-500°F
Hell freezes over. Wisconsin public schools open 2 hours late.

Little Corner of the Grand Secretaries Desk



Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and that you were able to spend time with your families and friends. Please continue to stay safe and warm during this winter season, especially during the cold snaps we've been experiencing.

I would like to talk about In Memoriams and how they are handled. As your Grand Secretary it is my duty to prepare an In Memoriam for members of Grand Court and send them to the Court Secretaries. I like to include the Obituary with the Memoriam so members, if they wish to attend the services can do so. I want to thank the court secretaries for finding that information for me.

If your court would like to send out an In Memoriam for an Honored Lady or Sir Knight who is not a member of Grand Court they may do so. If they would like me to, I will help them put together the Memoriams and send it out. I just need information to put it together.

Let's face it as we get smaller, we are all family, with many different personalities and at the end of our days we want our family to be there for each other no matter what.

So as far as In Memoriams go I try to do my best to keep everyone informed. I would like to thank H.L. Mary Schultz for sending them out in her group e- mail it is most helpful, and I appreciate it very much.

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: If you drove your car at the speed of light, and you turned your headlights on, would they work?

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE IMPORTANT

See you in Court,

Till we meet again,

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

