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# Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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## Message from H.L. Lila Kimball, GRM

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

I would like to say a great big "THANK YOU" to all our members for saying yes to all the Officers and Committee Members plus the Grand Representatives accepting their offices.

We now have a date for the "Leadership Training and School of Instruction". It will be on February 26, 2022, from 10:00 -4:00 with a lunch break which Dale and I will plan. It is to be at DORIC Temple, 85 South Stoughton Road, Madison, Wisconsin.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the day.



## Message from S.K. Dale Holmen, GRP

Greetings to all! First I want to thank all who attended our Grand Court session this year. It is a humbling experience to be elected your Grand Royal Patron for the next year. HL Lila and I are looking forward to traveling the State and visiting all our Courts. We want to thank all those who were willing to take a position within this Grand Court or committee. We will have the usual Grand Royal Matron Visits and School of Instruction in the spring for sure. The first event we have planned is our Leadership Training and School of Instruction which is scheduled for Saturday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at Doric Masonic Lodge in Madison. The address is 85 S. Stoughton Rd. in Madison and for those who have never been there; it is off Hwy. 51 South and Milwaukee St. The building is on the frontage road.

The saying goes "All work and no play makes for a slow day"! We (I) have come up with a fun winter activity for us; we are going golfing in February! I like to golf and February is the best time of the year for Mini Golf (inside), so let's have some fun and not think about winter. The date is Sunday,

February 20<sup>th</sup> at Vitense Golf Land in Madison. There will be a flyer coming out soon with all the details and registration information. This will be an event for the whole family. I would like to open it up to any potential new members you might have too. It is time to show everyone that we can have fun. This will be just the start of our fun this year. We will have more events as the year progresses.

Now All Aboard for the Train of Life ride to fight diabetes!

### ***B & L Kennel Review***

The B & L team is moving on to the train of life. We personally thank each of you for the support and encouragement received over the past two years.

Everyone stepped up to make a wonderful Grand Court session, even when the trail had a few detours. I was really proud of each of the officers for their ritual delivery during the informal and formal opening, and Memorial Service . All indications are that H.L. Stella SAM gave a good report to H.L. Mary Wyatt SRM, that pleased me very much. It was wonderful that everyone had their reports on time, thus making each session move smoothly and allowing extra time in between.

It was a pleasure for me to serve you along with S.K. LeRoy. Look forward to supporting H.L. Lila and S.K. Dale in their efforts to work towards a cure for diabetes.

With Amaranth Love, PGRM Betty

### **Message from Amanda Grunewald, GAM**

Hello Wisconsin!! Welcome to a new year of Wisconsin Grand Court. I was so very excited to see so many of you at Grand Court this year. It's nice to get back to a sense of normality. I am very grateful for the opportunity that you all have provided for myself and Sir Knight Jamison this year. We have a lot of awesome plans in the works and hope that you will help us in our endeavors to raise funds for the Grand Court.

My hope for this next year is to continue to grow in our membership. Wisconsin is slowly losing more and more members and we all need to work together in order to keep Amaranth in Wisconsin. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you grow and prosper over this next year. I can't wait to see where we grow. If any of the courts need any assistance from myself, please don't hesitate to reach out. I know that my work schedule is going to be drastically changing after the first of the year, but I will do my utmost to help in whatever way that I can.

Regards,  
HL Amanda Grunewald  
Grand Associate Matron

**Message from  
Jamison Kifer, GAP**

Greeting from the Grand Associate Patron

Let us cheer and be glad that we are all healthy, happy, and living here in Wisconsin! I am Jamison Kifer, Grand Associate Patron, from Friendship Court No.14, Fond du Lac and I wanted to introduce myself to you, our Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who might not know who I am. I have been around Amaranth for as long as I can remember with my parents joining when I was young. I joined DeMolay at in 2004 and there was the beginning of my Masonic journey. In 2009 I served as Master Councilor of West Bend Chapter, 2011 as State Master Councilor, and received the Degree of Chevalier in 2012. I was Initiated, Passed, and Raised a Master Mason in Fond du Lac Lodge No.26, F&AM in 2010 where I sat as the Master in 2015. I live in Oshkosh and transferred my membership to Oshkosh No.27 in 2017. I am a Past High Priest of Tyrian Chapter No.15, RAM. Current Thrice Illustrious Master of Oshkosh Council No.8, R&SM. Past Commander of Oshkosh Commandery No.11, KT and currently Recorder.

I have been a member of Friendship Court No.14 since 2011 and current Royal Patron. My wife, Honored Lady Christin, was initiated by the members of Friendship Court No.14 in 2019. She and I look forward to these upcoming months and years of traveling to all 4 courts when we are able to visit and help promote the Order. We have been married since 2015 and met at UW-Oshkosh.

As the head of the Ways and Means committee for our Grand Court, I have a few ideas that are being discussed by the Committee as possible ways to raise funds. Stay tuned and try to attend your Court meetings as you are able to find out what is coming your way! Trust me...you'll enjoy what is coming!!!

I thank each and every one of you, who take time to travel, talk, and help in the fight to cure Diabetes!!!

As someone who has grown up knowing many people who fight this disease everyday in my personal, professional, and masonic life, it means **A TON** that **YOU FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!!!**

As some of you know, I got back into and enjoy hunting deer and I love good jokes... So, **A man and woman were on their first date. The woman was trying to make conversation and said, "So I hear you hunt deer." The man looked away and turned red. "What's wrong?" asked the woman. "I'm not used to someone calling me dear on the first date," the man said.**

Respectfully and lovingly submitted,  
S.K. Jamison E. Kifer, G.A.P.

**Message from  
Cheri Brus, GC**

Well Grand Court is over. We had a very nice turn out. I wish to thank everyone for putting their faith in me once again. All I can say is I will do the best I can. I am trying to come up with a theme and all that good stuff. Just remember there is no "I" in teamwork and I would like to count on a lot of teamwork. I will be out there as much as I can. Any questions or ideas you can call me or email me. Lets keep up the good work and show everyone Wisconsin cares. Hopefully I will see you on the Amaranth trail.

Cheri Brus, Grand Conductress

**Message from  
Mary Lubach, GAC**

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Thank You to everyone for your support at Grand Court. Hope to see many of you at upcoming Installations

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

Installation of Officers for Milwaukee will be Monday Dec 6, 2021 at 7:00pm. This will be a closed installation held during our regular meeting. H.L. Sue Udhardt will be installed as Royal Matron and S.K. Gene Hass as Royal Patron.

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

Installation of Officers for Racine Laurel Court will be on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 7:30 pm. We will have a short business meeting at 6:00 pm. Please join us at our temporary meeting place at the Union Grove Masonic Lodge, 1021 11th Ave, Union Grove, WI 53182. HL SuAnn Gascoigne is our Royal Matron Elect.

Our December meeting is on Friday, December 10 at 7:30 pm at the Union Grove Masonic Lodge. Come and celebrate the Holidays with us.

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

Madison Court will have a closed installation on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> with coffee and brunch at 9am and our meeting with closed installation beginning at 10am. We sure hope you can join us! You may park in the lot behind the building and in

that it's during a weekday morning there should be no problem getting a parking space in that lot.

We are selling Seroogy's candy bars as a ways and means project this year and will have them out for sale at our Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you haven't tried the peanut butter meltaways, you should! They are yummy.

December meeting is on Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 am.

There's not much else to report from Madison Court. We hope you made it home from Grand Court safely and are staying healthy.

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

Friendship Court No.14 will have their Installation of Officers on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Fond du Lac with food following the Installation. We are excited to have some new members as Officers and a few more coming in soon. All are welcome and encouraged to come to FDL as we will gladly have plenty of guests with us for the evening! Please RSVP to H.L. Mary Lubach and R.M. Nancy Saggio by Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> if you are coming so enough food can be prepared. See you soon!

December 11<sup>th</sup> will be a Christmas party at 6:00 with a potluck and games before the 7:00 pm meeting.



### GET ON BOARD!

If you attended Grand Court, you will receive a train engine. More parts when you attend events through the year. Prizes for most parts, the whole train, individual parts. You can also buy parts and contribute to our Diabetes project.

14	Carol Hoyt	36
14	Mary Lubach	37
2	Kay Johannes	40
6	Gordon Charlton	43
6	Ernest Anderson	44
7	Judy Emerson	41
7	David Mahoney	47
7	Marilyn Osterlie	47
7	Roger Reukauf	41
7	Carole Yngsdahl	45
2	Honora Kumm	58
2	Janice Nielsen	64
7	Dawayne Schatzka	52
7	Sally Acuff	54
7	Mary Lou Reilly	69

### Membership Recognition

In Recognition of the many years of service our members have given to our Order, certificates were given at the 71st Grand CT to the following

COURT	NAME	YEARS
2	Betty Fuher	28
2	Donna Kerr	28
2	Vicki Kuharske	29
6	Bob Miksch	28
7	Jack Heady	25
	Alice Byrnes	
14	(in WI)	26
14	Barb Foster	27
14	Diana Kifer	27
14	LeRoy Kifer	27
14	Jessica Kifer	25
14	Nany Saggio	25
2	Lois Schmatzhagen	32
6	LuAnn Hansen	35
6	JoAnne Meade	34
6	Mary Schultz	36
6	Joyce Kupper	38
	Genevieve	
7	Peterson	37
14	Nancy Gasparine	34

Several of the Beloit and Janesville members have been members a long time but actual years are unknown. Belong to Madison Court

Ruth Burns	40+
Annette Kidder	40+
Arnetta Reining	50
John Reining	50
Martha Shaw	50+
Evelyn Eggleston	50+

### 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**

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.

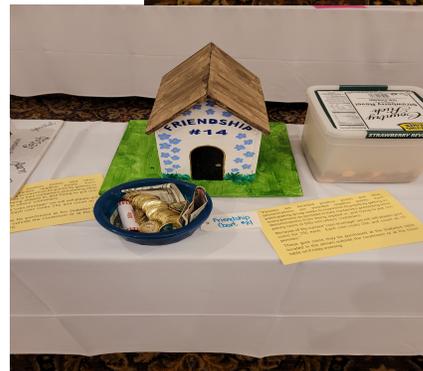


Your Golden Ticket to Leadership Training and School of Instruction. Put February 26, 2022 on your calendar! March 5<sup>th</sup> is the snow date. Meet at Doric Lodge. Adventure starts at 10:00 am; ends at 4:00 pm. Learn, review, refresh! Never learned this way before! Lunch and registration \$10.00 Extra will go to DIABETES! More soon.

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

Penny wars was a lot of fun – thank you all for your support on this project.

At the Friday night banquet, GRM Betty presented a check for \$5000 to HL Stella Joyner SAM for Diabetes and once all the bookkeeping is verified and finalized, our profits from the Grand Court session totaled approximately \$2505. Thank you to everyone for supporting all the projects.



To start this new term, each Court will be receiving 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

The committee will have some new ideas for next year.

Come and board the Train to Fight Diabetes.



**Supreme Council Order  
of the Amaranth**

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
July 11-14, 2022

**Golf Outing**

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Vitense Golf Land in Madison. More details to follow.

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

**Grand Lecturer Visits**

Milwaukee Court #2	March 7, 2022
Racine Laurel Court #6	March 11, 2022
Madison Court #7	March 5, 2022
Friendship Court #14	March 12, 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)

***Humor Corner***

**Nice Try**

On the way home from a hunt in which he harvested no deer meat, a hunter stops by the grocery store. "Give me a few of your cheapest kind of steaks," he says. "We're out of steaks but we have hotdogs and chicken," says the butcher. "Hotdogs and chicken?!" yells the hunter. "How can I tell my wife I bagged a couple of hotdogs and chickens?"

**Cold Winter**

The Indians asked their Chief in Autumn if the Winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the

Winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared. Being a good leader, he then went to the next phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter to be cold?" The man on the phone responded, "This Winter is going to be quite cold indeed." So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes", the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold Winter." So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again: "Are you absolutely sure that the Winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replies, "the Indians are collecting wood like crazy!"

### **Ear Muffs**

Winters are fierce in Minnesota where he lives, so the owner of a construction project felt he was doing a good deed when he bought earmuffs for his foreman. Noticing, however, that the foreman wasn't wearing the earmuffs even on the bitterest day, the project manager asked, "Didn't you like the muffs?" The Foreman said, "They're a thing of beauty." "Why don't you wear them?" The Project Manager said. The Foreman explained, "I was wearing them the first day, and somebody offered to buy me lunch, but I didn't hear him! Never again, never again!"

### **Skinny Dipping!**

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator...' Some old men can still think fast.

### **Jehovah's Witness**

There was a knock on the door this morning.

I opened it to find a young man standing there who said:

"Hello , I'm a Jehovah's Witness."

I said "Come in and sit down."

I offered him coffee and asked "What do you want to talk about?"

He said, "Beats me, I've never gotten this far before."

## A Little Corner of the Grand Secretaries Desk



*Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,*

*The days are getting shorter and the cold nights are coming in. The hustle and bustle of the holiday season will be soon be upon us. We will hopefully be able to be with family and friends.*

*I hope everyone enjoyed their time at Grand Court. It was good to be able to spend time in person with our Masonic family and friends. If you could not be with us, you were missed.*

*Mark your calendars for next year Grand Court Oct. 13 – 15, 2022 at the Clarion Hotel and Wintergreen Conference Center. Please note that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. Our by-laws state we start on the second Thursday in October, and next year the 1<sup>st</sup> is on a Saturday.*

*Remember that I have new size Grand Court By-laws, they are \$10.00 per set, plus \$1.00 for mailing. As soon as the By-laws that passed at Grand Court come back from the Supreme Committee on Grand Court By-laws they will be printed and distributed to your court secretaries. There is no cost for Amendments.*

*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: Why doesn't GLUE stick to the inside of the bottle?*

*Remember that you are important. So, stay safe and be well.*

*See you in Court,*

*Till we meet again,*

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

