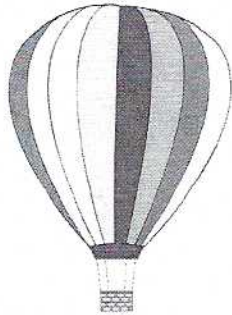

Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from Grand Royal Matron Cheri Brus

Hello everyone,

I sure do hope you are enjoying the beautiful warm and wet weather we are having. I know I am as I love the warm weather but I will admit this is a little too warm. Oh well we better not complain because before you know it the snow will be flying. Down to business.

Just got back from Supreme Council. I rode up with 5 other people and we had a blast. The evening we first arrived we went to an outdoor amphitheater dinner and play. Everything was very good. Even though it was hot and humid they had big fans circulating and it did help. The name of the amphitheater is The Muny and they can seat up to 10,000 people per the guided tour that we had backstage. If you ever get to St. Louis try to get to go to The Muny and see if you can get a backstage tour. Very interesting. The play we saw was 1776. In my eyes it was okay but then again I am not a history buff. Elections brought some new people into the "lime light"

Supreme Secretary is Patty Baker

Supreme Associate Conductress is Susan Patcin
Supreme Associate Patron is George Kunz from

Also please remember if going on the mail boat run in Lake Geneva please send checks to me

Cheri Brus
519 Harbor Heights Drive
Waterford, WI 53185

Need the money by 7-31-19. Cost for 4 and under are free but I still need to know if they are coming because it does qualify for number of guests, 12 to 17 is \$22.15 and adults is \$35.87.

Grand court will be here before you know it. Please try to attend as we will have some out of state guests and it would be very nice to have as many of our members there as possible. Also our Friday night banquet will have some very lively entertainment and some baskets and things to auction off.

Information should be out, let the Grand Secretary if you need a copy or check out our website.

Well that's it for now hope to see you around the trail. Smile and keep up the good work.

Love you all.
Cheri Brus GRM

P.S. While I was in St. Louis our Grand Court received a certificate of appreciation for our diabetes donations above \$10.00 per member. Ours was \$52.65. I will have this certificate with me at Grand Court if you want to see it. Keep up the good work. 😊

**Message from
Grand Royal Patron
Robert Miksch**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

I can't believe it.....I almost got my article submitted on time. Apparently my last submission **was** a fluke (hehehehe).

We had a great time at the Pirate event at the Delafield Brewhaus on June 9th. Honored Lady Sally Acuff took the prize for best female costume and Sir Knight Bruce Kinney, best male costume. Miss Z took the kids prize. I want to thank all of you who came (or wanted to come but unable to because of other more important commitments).

Only about 80 days until our Grand Court (but who is counting). I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in October if not sooner.

Not much more to say for this newsletter.

Grand Royal 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 Honored Lady Mary for the Humor column (we could use some "better" jokes ~grin~).
Until the next time, keep safe!

Grand Royal Patron,
Bob

**Message from
Grand Associate Matron
Betty Miller**

HL & SK It is only a short time before our Grand Court Session with GRM Cheri and GRP Bob. They have had a wonderful year. On Saturday Evening Leroy and I will be installed as the 2019-2020 GRM & P. We look forward to your continued support you have given Amaranth. Leroy and I have spoken to most of you

regarding appointive offices. We will soon have a letter out confirming our conversation. Included in this letter will be our committee appointments. We have many committees and very few members eligible to fill them. Keep in mind that some assignments do not require attendance at Grand Court. Please give our request serious consideration and return card as soon as possible.

Our theme will be: KEEP MOVING FORWARD
Motto: STAY ON TRACK BY MOVING FORWARD
Our Watch words TRUST – CHARITY
Colors: Blue Green and Purple
Our symbols are Husky Sled Dog and the Moose
Our Club name Woofers and Hoofers
Our Charity will be Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.
Our theme will be MUSH For DIABETES

In Amaranth Love
HL Betty Miller, GAM

**Message from
Lila Kimball
Grand Conductress**

Wisconsin had a great turnout at Supreme Council in St. Louis to see H.L. Barbara Lee Overton, PSRM, receive the title of Supreme Secretary Emeritus of the Order of Amaranth Inc.

Racine Laurel Court will be having a Dinner/Theater Night

GRM Cheri Brus is hosting a Mail Boat Run on Lake Geneva in honor of her and Mike's 50th Anniversary.

Looking forward to SRM Dorothy Kippie and SRP Gerry Milton another great year.

HL Lila Kimball, GC

**Message from
Milwaukee Court No. 2
Vicki Kuharske, RM
Robert Mehle, RP**

Dear Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

Milwaukee Court's next meeting is August 5th. We will have a picnic pot-luck dinner at 5:30 PM in honor of H.L. Betty Miller, GAM and LeRoy Kifer, GAP. Our meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend and we certainly could use help filling our stations to make the evening special. The cost for dinner is \$5.00. Please make reservations with H.L. Vicki (414-975-2203) or H.L. Sue Udhardt (414-421-0582). H.L.'s please wear a formal and S.K.'s please wear a black tux or dark suit.

We will be meeting on September 2nd at 7:00 PM. Please join us for dinner at Maxims at 5:00 PM. We will be ordering off the menu. Make reservations with either H.L. Vicki or Sue.

At our Meeting on October 7th we will have Annual Reports and Election of Officers to lead us for the next year. Please attend this meeting.

October is a special month as Milwaukee Ct. looks forward to our Grand Court Session. You have all received the invitation and reservation forms for the Session, Hotel, and Meals. The Session is Oct. 10-12 and culminates with Installation of the 2019-2020 Corp of Officers on Saturday, October 12, 1919. Our Court is very proud of H.L. Cheri, GRM and S.K. Bob, GRP and we know they will have a successful Session. We are looking forward to the Installation of H.L. Betty Miller and S.K. LeRoy and know they will also have a great year. Attend if you can and support the Grand Officers.

H.L. Sue Hansen has moved to Heritage Senior Living at 7901 W National Ave and we mourn the passing of H.L. Marlea Krueger. H.L. Sondra Brelsford has returned to Beloit and resides with her son Mark.

Amaranth Love,
Vicki, RM and Bob, RP

**Message from
Racine Laurel Court #6
Amanda Grunewald, RM
A. Gene Hass, RP**

Hello. Many things are happening: please put these items on your calendar.

Sunday, August 4: Jobie craft fair at Racine Masonic Center 9-4

Friday, August 9: Racine Laurel Court stated meeting, this is our Advance Night. Let the RM or Secretary know if you are not advancing, or if you are not attending the meeting. Please review the ritual for Opening, Closing, Escort and Initiation. The GAM and GAP have been invited. Dinner is at 6:00 pm for \$10.00, meeting is at 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 25: Lake Geneva Boat Cruise – if interested, let GRM Cheri know asap.

Friday, September 13: Kitchen Supper 6:00 pm; Racine Laurel Court stated meeting at 7:00 pm. Any bills from members need to be turned in as our books close at the close of this meeting.

Sunday, September 29: Racine Laurel Court Audit and inventory at 10:30 am. Lunch at noon; stated meeting at 1:00 pm. Annual reports from the following: RM, RP, AM, Trustees, Budget, Sunshine, Secretary, Treasurer, Ways and Means, aluminum cans and Audit. Election of officers. (This is our October meeting as our meeting falls during the Grand Court Session.)

Monday, September 30: Grand Court deadline for meals (Mary Schultz), preregistration (Diana Kifer) and kringles (Mary Schultz).

Saturday, October 4: Grand Court deadline for ads to Nancy Saggio

Wednesday, October 9: Dutch Treat social at Buffalo Phils (6:00 pm) in Wisconsin Dells

Thursday, October 10 thru Saturday, October 12:
Grand Court of Wisconsin in Wisconsin Dells. Let the
Grand Secretary, Diana Kifer, know if you did not get
your information.

Racine Laurel Court meets the second Friday of each
month (except for January and February) and our
meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Fraternally, Amanda and Gene

**Message from
Madison Court No. 7
Barbara Lee Overton, RM
Dale Holmen, RP**

Madison Meetings (all subject to change depending
on availability of the building)

August 3 at 10:00 AM

September 7 at 10:00 AM

October 5 at 10:00 AM – Annual Meeting

November 2 at 10:00 AM – Installation ????

December 7 at 10:00 AM – Christmas Party

**Message from
Friendship Court No. 14
Diana Kifer, RM
Leland Burlison, RP**

Can you believe it, Summer is almost over?

School Supplies are on the shelves.

Craft stores have Christmas items out.

Where did the Summer go?

Our meetings are on the following Saturdays
starting with a 6:00 pm Dinner.

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

Aug 10, 2019 – Meeting

Sept 14, 2019 – Meeting – Advance Night

Saturday, October 5, 2019 –

(this meeting is one week early)

Elections - Annual Reports - Go out for Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 2019 –

Farwell and Installation

All our courts are in need of our visiting members
to help to fill stations. If you are able to travel, I
know all the courts would appreciate the help.

If you will be joining us at our meeting please give a
call so we make sure to have plenty of food. You
are always welcome.

See you in Court.

HL Diana Kifer, PGRM, RM &

SK Leland Burlison, PGRP, RP

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT GRAND
COURT NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER
20 FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE
MONTHS OF NOVEMBER,
DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY
2020**



ROAD CLOSURE

The Pilgrim Road bridge over Capital Drive will be
closed beginning approx. June 1st. It may still be
open for our June meeting. We will let you know.
This closure will be in effect until early Sept. The
instructions for assessing McKinley Lodge are:

Coming from the West you will need to reach
Capital Drive via Calhoun or Barker.

From Bluemound Road. Go East on Capital, you
will want to turn Left across West bound Capital
Drive as you near Pilgrim Road bridge. At the top
of the hill near North Shore Bank there is a street
that goes behind small shopping area that includes
Walgreens. This street will bring you to the North
side of bridge.

Coming from the East on Capital, no problem. Exit will be same.

As you leave McKinley everyone will want to go to street on the right behind Walgreens, follow around shopping area. You may exit onto Capital Drive to go either East or West.

**Message from
The Diabetes Committee
H.L. Diana Kifer, Chairman
H.L. Mary Schultz**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

We will be again holding our Bag Raffle and Basket/Item Silent Auction on Friday evening at Grand Court. Talk with your court and please consider contributing a basket or two towards our philanthropic project, Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. If you have small items for the Bag Raffle and larger items for the Silent Auction that would be wonderful. Please only new items.

Remember we are also holding our Kringle Sale. Honored Lady Mary Schultz is taking orders. They will be delivered to you at Grand Court for pick-up, just in time for the holidays. Remember they freeze well, buy extra for Christmas and/or give as a gift. We will also have the clothing available; I could really use help in selling it.

Don't forget if your Court will be making a court donation (Checks made out to Grand Court of WI) they will need to be mailed to the Grand Secretary by September 1, 2019.

Thank you in advance for all your donation and help over the years.

H. L. Diana Kifer & H. L. Mary Schultz

Do You Have Your Body Parts?

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

After hearing some of you say you wish you could somehow get all the Skeleton parts that you were or might miss receiving, we put our heads together and came up with a way that will benefit you, Ways and Means AND our Diabetes Foundation.

You may PURCHASE the body part you are or will be missing. It is as follows:

Arms and Legs \$1.00 each
Hands and Feet \$5.00
Pelvis, Head, Parrot \$6.00
Hat \$7.00
Body \$8.00

Remember, if you buy the body parts, they add up to prizes and the top prize is a FREE night at Grand Court this Fall.

I will have ALL BODY PARTS with me at ALL functions I attend. Please pay in cash. Can't wait to start giving out more parts!

Nancy Saggio
Keeper of the Parts

Kringle Sales

We are once again selling O&H Bakery kringles to benefit the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. Order forms are included with this mailing. Cost of each kringle is \$12.00 and orders and money are due to Mary Schultz by September 30, 2019. Let Mary know if you have any questions, her information is on the kringle order form.

Dawn of the Dead Breakfast Saturday, October 12, 2019

Don't forget that skits are needed for entertainment at the Saturday morning breakfast at Grand Court.

Ways and Means Craft Table

Would all the courts that have crafters and or bakers please help us out for ways and means.

We need some homemade items that we can sell at our Grand Court Session for ways and means. It doesn't need to be anything big or a lot of one item. A variety would be nice. We could also use some baked goods to sell at the table for little snacks for the members and guests.

All this money that is raised will go to the ways and means. Please remember it is up to all the courts to help with this project.

Thank you

Message from Hospitality Committee Judy Emerson, Chairman

I am in need of donations for the Hospitality Room. If you can assist with a donation, please contact me so we can discuss what is needed. Cash or food items will be welcome.

We do not need paper supplies.

Message from Sunshine Committee 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 am also looking for a donation of cards. Sympathy, birthday and special holidays (I do not need Christmas).

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. With the cost of postage, we are considering charging members to have the newsletter mailed to them.

Grand Secretaries Corner of the Desk

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

You should by now have received your information for Wisconsin Grand Court. If you have not received this information either by e-mail or snail mail please let me know. I may not have your correct mailing information. Speaking about your information, PLEASE remember to inform your Court Secretaries about any changes to your address, email, phone number, etc.

We as Secretaries can only do a good job if we have the correct information that you provide us with. I am so fortunate to have such a great group of court secretaries to work with, who get your information to me in such a timely manner so I as Grand Secretary can do my job.

Have you said Thank you to your court Secretaries lately? I don't think many members realize the hours of extra work these ladies do. The things they have to remember. Your Court Secretary plays an important role in your meetings success. A line of communication with them is essential.

I have had the privilege to work with our own Honored Lady Barbara Lee Overton, PSRM, Grand and Supreme Secretary Emeritus for the past 9 years in the Supreme Office and of course travel with her for too many years to count. I've seen firsthand the work and time she has dedicated to Supreme Council and to our Grand Court where she was our Grand Secretary. She has been a great mentor to all. When you see her please thank her for her dedication and service to our Order.

As this Grand Court books for the year will close on September 15, I am asking that all funds be in the hands of the Grand Secretary by September 1st so they can be deposited before our books close.

Things to do:

Get your Grand Court Registration, Directory and Proceeding orders in. It makes it easier for everyone if you can pre-register. The Grand Court can be more efficient if we have names and numbers to work with.

Get your Grand Court Meal choices with payment to H. L. Mary Schultz.

Don't forget those Kringle orders.

Ask your court to donate a basket for the silent auction. Individual auction items are always appreciated.

Get funds to the Grand Secretary by September 1st.

Say Thank You to your Court Secretaries for all the work they do.

Finally Enjoy the rest of your Summer and look forward to a beautiful fall.

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



The Humor Column

Submission from Robert Miksch

Rookie Officer:

A rookie police officer pulled a biker over for speeding and had the following exchange:

Officer: *May I see your driver's license?*

Biker: *I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.*

Officer: *May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?*

Biker: *It's not my bike. I stole it.*

Officer: *The motorcycle is stolen?*

Biker: *That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the tool bag when I was putting my gun in there.*

Officer: *There's a gun in the tool bag?*

Biker: *Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the dude who owns this bike and stuffed his dope in the saddle bags.*

Officer: *There's drugs in the saddle bags too?!?!?*

Biker: *Yes, sir. (Hearing this, the rookie immediately called his captain. The biker was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the biker to handle the tense situation).*

Captain: *Sir, can I see your license?*

Biker: *Sure. Here it is. (It was valid).*

Captain: *Who's motorcycle is this?*

Biker: *It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.*

Captain: *Could you slowly open your tool bag so I can see if there's a gun in it?*

Biker: *Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. (Sure enough, there was nothing in the tool bag).*

Captain: *Would you mind opening your saddle bags? I was told you said there's drugs in them.*

Biker: *No problem. (The saddle bags were opened; no drugs).*

Captain: *I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole this motorcycle, had a gun in the tool bag, and that there were drugs in the saddle bags.*

Biker: *Yeah, I'll bet he told you I was speeding, too.*

Submission from the Grand Royal Matron:

A teacher was teaching the children a lesson on the elements. She told the class that the element for water was H₂O. The next day she asked Johnny what the element for water was and he stated H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O. The teacher asked him how he got that answer and he replied, yesterday you said water was h to o