
Grand Court of Wisconsin Order of Amaranth Newsletter

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Message from H.L. Amanda Grunewald, GRM

Hello Wisconsin Amaranth,

I hope everyone has been able to stay very warm during these cold winter months. I have been super busy with work and life.

As most of you know, HL Diana has been sick lately. I am asking that you give her the privacy and time to heal. If you have any money that needs to be paid to Grand Court, please send the checks to HL Sally Acuff. I believe HL Diana still has access to her email and any communications that will be coming out will still come from her. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during this. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I look forward to the Grand Lecturer visits in the coming months as well as the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron visits.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

HL Amanda Grunewald
Grand Royal Matron

Message from S.K. Jamison Kifer, GRP

Honored Ladies and Sir Knight's,

Happy winter??? It's definitely been an interesting few weeks of weather here in the great "Frozen Tundra" that is Wisconsin! Going from negative temperatures with even worse wind conditions to well over 40 degrees positive and sunny while making everything melt and thaw. Hopefully, the remainder of winter shows up to help the farmers along other usual weather and natural needs.

Thank you all for traveling to and supporting Friendship Court No.14 for their initiation on January 28th. It was great to see many of you for their initiation. Many voices help to beautify the music and help welcome another wonderful lady into our Order. The teaching of the ladies of the square always helps refresh the reasons why we are members of this beautiful order.

Looking forward to the upcoming months, please attend your local court meetings for the Grand Lecturers visit in April. Try to look

into ways to help raise funds for the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation and present them at your home Court. I hope we can raise a good amount of funds, so that the Eagle cannot carry it to the Grand Court Session. We need to continue to defy gravity! Our membership may be small, but we are mighty!

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

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a good holiday. I know I did. Whenever I can spend time with my daughters and their families, I always have a good time.

The weather this year has been very different and now we are finally getting the cold weather skaters and skiers want. If you are one of those or just enjoy the cold weather, please do so with my blessing.

Being Grand Associate Matron means I will be sending letters out in about a month or two. I sincerely hope everyone will consider accepting a position for Sir Knight Bob and me.

I hope everyone stays warm and healthy. I will travel as much as I can to other courts as possible. Also, for everyone who knew I had eye surgery, it went well the bubble finally is gone. It left me for good on Friday the 13th. Just waiting on the final doctor visit to see if there was any improvement.

Please everyone take care and will see you as I can.

Cheri Brus, Grand Associate Matron

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

I think Christopher Columbus had less problems crossing the Atlantic than Honored Lady Mary Schultz had in getting me to do my article - Sorry Mary. Jokes were on time, but my procrastination skills had taken over when it came to the article ~grin~.

Our "dark time" (no January/February meeting) had a wrench thrown in for our court due to the weather - we had a great meeting in January!

Was nice to attend Dale Graevin's installation as Potentate of Tripoli Shrine. Honored Lady Mary and I had the pleasure to sit with Sir Knight Dale and his Lady Deb. Very interesting Installation - first Shrine Installation I ever attended.

Not much else going on to mention of....

Till we meet again, Sir Knight Signing off....

Grand Associate Patron,
Bob

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

Friendship Court will be having Initiation on Jan 28, 2023, we have a new candidate. Please come and welcome our new member. We are dark in February. Hope to see everyone along the Amaranth Trail. Mary

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

Happy New Year to everyone. 2023 has started with a roller coaster of weather. Our state has been quiet as some of our activities needed to be postponed.

Even though our Courts have been quiet, some of our Grand Court committees have been working. It is not too early to start thinking of your reports for Grand Court.

Try and support our subordinate courts and Grand Court activities. I know we all have a busy schedule, we all have many other commitments, but we need to find the balance to make all of this work.

I look forward to all of your support as I start to plan for the Wild Wild West – Return to Deadwood.

Love you all...

Mary Schultz

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

Milwaukee Court is enjoying the cold days of January and February with our feet up and a cup of our favorite hot beverage. Even though we are dark these two months, we are looking forward to seeing everyone in March and April.

For our March 6 meeting, we will celebrate all things Irish. It doesn't matter whether your name is O'Neal or Rodrigues, everyone is a little Irish in March. We will play a trivia game and sing Irish songs. We will also use this meeting to practice for our Grand Lecturer's Visit in April.

For our April meeting, we will welcome our Grand Lecturer with a dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by our meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate Passover and Easter. Bring your Easter basket for an Easter egg hunt.

We love visitors so please come and see us at Milwaukee Court!

Marcia Earl, Royal Matron
A. Gene Hass, Royal Patron

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

Racine Laurel Court had our make up meeting on Friday, January 6. We had our Holiday Celebration.

Saturday, February 25, 2023, will be our breakfast social at Route 20 at 9:30 am.

Friday, March 10, 2023, begins our evening with a potluck baked potato bar at 6:00 pm; meeting is at 7:00 pm. Wear green and bring the luck of the Irish for this St. Patrick's Day meeting.

Saturday, March 18, 2023 we are presenting an informational session to the members of the Union Grove Lodge and Union Grove OES Chapter. We are providing lunch.

Saturday, April 1, 2023 we are having a joint meeting with Madison Court at the Madison Masonic Center. There is a potluck brunch at 9:00 am; meeting at 10:00 am. Please remember we need a quorum of Racine members to make this meeting count.

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 dark during the months of January and February. We decided to meet on our usual 1st Saturday of each month, for brunch. If anyone decides to come join us, we will be meeting at 9:30 am, at Dairyland Restaurant, 716 Cottage Grove Rd. Just off Hwy 51. Please let me know, so I can change our reservation.

In March we will be resuming our Amaranth labors, getting back to work after a long winter's rest. It will be the usual 1st Saturday, with a 9 am brunch, and meeting at 10.

April Fool's Day is our Grand Lecturer official visit. We welcome Racine Laurel Court to join us for this meeting. It will be a joint effort to be good officers, and ready to have a good time together. We look forward to S.K. Bruce's visit, as our Grand Lecturer. We anticipate a great learning experience. Plan to join us at any of our meetings, 9:00 brunch, 10 meeting.

We look forward to a good year for our Court. This is S.K. Mike Heitke's first time as R.P. It will be an interesting and exciting year for us all.

We wish all our Wisconsin Courts a great new year, and hope that most of us will try to visit each other as the year progresses!



Judy Emerson
R.M.
Mike Heitke
R.P.

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

Happy New Year Honored Ladies and Sir Knights!!!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Things have been pretty quiet since we are dark in January and February. Unfortunately, due to Mother Nature, we had to cancel our initiation we had planned in January. Thank you to all those that volunteered to help us out. We will be working a time to reschedule this event, so stay tuned!!!

February, we don't have a whole lot planned as of right now, but we are hoping to have some social time with our members since we do not have a meeting planned.

Our next meeting is March 18th at 3pm with a potluck dinner to follow. We will be switching things up with a "Badge in a Bag" meeting. We are excited to try something different and new!!

April's meeting will be on the 8th at our normal time of 7pm with dinner at 6pm. More details to come on the meal, but we are looking forward to some springtime weather and enjoying some warmer temperatures!!

We look forward to seeing everyone on the Amaranth trail!

HL Christin Kifer
Royal Matron

SK Stephen Britton
Royal Patron

**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.

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.

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

Betty Fuher had hip surgery, Verna Aschauer and Diana Kifer could use some cheer.

Mary Louise Schenkenberg is 104 years young on February 2 and Ernie Anderson is 90 years young on February 3.

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 newsletter is April 20, 2023, to cover the months of May, June and July of 2023.

Message from The Diabetes Committee H.L. Mary Schultz

The Diabetes Committee hosted "Letters from Santa". We sent out a total of 9 letters at \$10.00 each and received a \$20.00 donation.

This project was well received and have been requested to do this again next Christmas.

The Committee is kicking off another project with this newsletter. Once upon a time, the Eagle flew at a Master Councilor's Installation. We are once again hoping for another appearance of this Eagle at our Grand Court Session. Please see flyer attached and donate generously.

More projects are in the planning stages. Thank you each and every one for your donations and support.

Upcoming Dates

(Please remember dates and times are subject to change)

Grand Lecturer Visits

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

Grand Royal Matron Visits Accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron

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

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

Check out our Website:

www.wisconsinamaranth.org

Humor Corner

What does the snowman take when he's worried about melting?

A "chill pill".

How do you get a snow monster to go away?

Get into a "heated" argument.

What is a leprechaun's favorite type of music?

Sham-rock 'n' roll!!!

What do you get when two leprechauns have a conversation?

A lot of small talk!

How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

Have you ever seen the Easter Bunny with glasses?!

How does Easter end?

With an "R"!

Crocodile Farm Proposal

When a group of tourists visited a crocodile farm, the owner of the place launched a daring proposal;

-Whoever dares to jump, swim to shore and survive, I will give 1 million dollars.

Nobody dared to move, suddenly a man jumped into the water and desperately swam towards the shore while he was chased by all the crocodiles.

With great luck he arrived, taking the admiration of everyone in the place, then the owner announced;

-We have a brave winner.

After collecting their reward, the couple returned to the hotel, upon arrival, the manager told him; he was very brave to jump, then the man said;

-I didn't jump, someone pushed me!

His wife smiled ...

Moral: "Behind every successful man, there is a woman who pushes him."

Ole & Sven in Hell

Ole and Sven die in a snowmobiling accident, drunker than skunks and go to Hell. The Devil observes that they are really enjoying themselves. He says to them 'Doesn't the heat and smoke bother you?' Ole replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve're from norderen Minnesoota, da land of snow an ice, an ve're yust happy fer a chance ta varm up a little bit, ya know.'

The devil decides that these two aren't miserable enough and turns up the heat even more. When he returns to the room of the two from Minnesota, the devil finds them in light jackets and hats, grilling Walleye and drinking beer. The devil is astonished and exclaims, 'Everyone down here is in misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves?' Sven replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve don't git too much varm veather up dere at da Falls, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry vhen da veather's dis nice.'

The devil is absolutely furious. He can hardly see straight. Finally he comes up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they have been cold all their lives. The devil decides to turn all the heat off in Hell. The next morning, the temperature is 60 below zero, icicles are hanging everywhere, and people are shivering so bad that they are unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth. The devil smiles and heads for the room with Ole and Sven. He gets there and finds them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They are jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

The devil is dumbfounded, 'I don't understand when I turn up the heat you're happy. Now it's freezing cold and you're still happy. What is wrong with you two?'

They both look at the devil in surprise and say, 'Vell, don't ya know, if hell iss froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl.'

Why do African Crocodiles have mental health issues?

Because they are in da Nile.



There once was a lad, he has a supportive wife, mom and dad

He forged a path day by day and became a State DeMolay

At an event he took a chance and performed an Eagle Dance

Now he is the Grand Royal Patron and his heart is good and true

He would once again perform the Eagle Dance one last time
if people donate quarters, nickels and dimes, paper money too.

The money raised would be for a cure, to the
Amaranth Diabetes Foundation we hold so dear.

Checks should be made out to Grand Court of Wisconsin, O of A;
please put Diabetes in the memo area.

Mail to Mary Schultz, 9170 South 41 Street, Franklin, WI 53132-8615

