



Colorado Amaranth Newsletter

APRIL 2021



COURT	DATE and TIME	MEETING TYPE	PRACTICE / MEAL / OTHER
Pikes Peak Court No. 20 1150 Panorama Drive Colorado Springs	Saturday APRIL 3 2021 7:00 PM	Regular MEETING	RSVP HL Jacqué
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 35 people	
Liberty Court No. 1 350 S. Broadway Denver	Thursday APRIL 8, 2021 7:30	HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Regular Meeting	RSVP HL Nancy HL Lula
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 30 people	
Laurel Court No. 16 18275 Furrow Road Monument	Saturday April 10, 2021 1:00 PM	Regular Meeting	RSVP HL Mary RM HL Sheryl
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 20 people	
Violett Court No. 22 126 Broadway Pueblo	Friday APRIL 16, 2021 7:00	Regular Meeting	RSVP HL IYNN
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 50 people	
Faith Court No. 18 2532 9th Avenue Greeley	Saturday APRIL 17, 2021 7:30 PM	Regular Meeting	RSVP HL Lorita
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 25 people	
Edgewater Court No. 14 8185 Bradburn Drive Westminster	Friday APRIL 23, 2021 7:30	Regular Meeting STOP AND GO	RSVP HL Drina HL Pat
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 35 people	
Friendship Court No. 7 400 10th Street Golden Westminster	Tuesday APRIL 27, 2021 7:30 PM	Regular Meeting STOP AND GO	NO Dinner
*Temple Board guidelines		MAX 50 people	

SEE you all SOON—on the YELLOW BRICK ROAD!

COVID – 19 Restrictions CO Counties BLUE - YELLOW

Please – RSVP to RM / Secretary for ALL MEETINGS

Restrictions are loosening – continue to WWW-watch distance, wear mask, wash hands!

SUBORDINATE COURT NEWS

LIBERTY Court No. 1 Regular Meeting – April 8, 2021. 7:30 PM. The building capacity is now 30 people. Ladies CAN use the Ladies Lounge for changing clothes before or after the meeting, kitchen is closed, and social distancing is enforced. Please contact me if you are planning to be at the meeting. This month, Liberty celebrates their Birthday! **HAPPINESS:** - HL Helen Miles received first covid injection- second to follow I. A few weeks, GRP SK Jim received first covid injection, HL Nancy Koenig received both injections as did HL Joanne SK Jim Handy. HL Nancy has enjoyed a holiday in Mexico! HL Wanda McClune has been to the dentist and had some dental work performed.

ILLNESS and DISTRESS: None reported. Stay safe.

FRIENDSHIP Court No. 7: Meeting April 27th @ 7:30PM This will be a STOP 'n' GO, NO DINNER, Refreshments Following. Cupcakes left from the Installation made by HL JoAnn Handy plus Icecream Cups. Coffee & Water. Finally all our Courts are Installed & we can begin our year. Our April meeting will start off the year with Stop N Go. Opening & Closing. The 'Stop N Go' meeting is our personal "School of Instruction" so we hope to see all Officers & many members. 50 is our limit. Business will be done as we normally do. Escorting, Balloting & Initiation will be a walk thru demonstration, in order to keep our Social Distancing. Please distance 2 arms length & wear a mask. We invite members who have not been to a meeting in awhile to join us. We will have some changes this year that I think you will enjoy. Dinners will start again in September. HL Drina Johnson (Ways N Means Chairman) & myself decided we should step back for a brief period, adjust to all these CDC policies that add so much to our meetings, then come back with some simple dinners. A menu planned so we can notify you of what the meal will be. \$10 is a great price for some delicious home cooking.

Drina & I plan to go thru both the paraphernalia room & the cabinets in the kitchen that are ours to organize them.

HAPPINESS: Happy Birthday & Anniversary to all who have Birthdays or Anniversaries in April. Congratulations to HL Pat Ogden a great-great grandmother again(!) This new little great-great grandson was born in a gas station, delivered by his father – on the way to the hospital! Congratulations also to HL Colleen Lloyd the Great Grandmother (and family) of a beautiful 5lb. great grandson FINI!

ILLNESS and DISTRESS: Condolences to SK Randy Jensen in the loss of his Sister. Get Well Wishes to SK Art Light who spent some more time in the hospital due to some medication given him

EDGEWATER Court No. 14: Friday April 23, 2021 7:30 - Regular Meeting. STOP N GO No Dinner Refreshments after meeting. Masks required. **RSVP** to HL Drina / HL Pat. Maximum attendees 50. – **RSVP** - HL Drina / HL Pat **Edgewater UPDATE** Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Violette Ct., Friendship Ct. and of course our very own court. FINALLY all courts are heading down the Yellow Brick Road with fingers crossed. PLEASE NOTE - April meeting will be a Stop-n-Go, review your ritual, if any questions, there will be an officer or Grand Officer to assist in our work. The feedback from our absentee members attending the business portion of our March meeting by zoom - was very positive and they enjoyed being able to observe.

HAPPINESS - Our congratulations to all members who are celebrating Anniversaries and Birthday, (especially SK Ken Jacobson a big 92 on 3/25). I think, by now, everyone has had both vaccination shots, HOORAY. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all who are celebrating this month.

ILLNESS & DISTRESS - H.L. Barbara is continuing to improve and wishes to extend a Hi to all. H.L. Linda Rice is recuperating at home while continuing with her therapy. HL Patti continues to improve!! STAY WELL! Wishing everyone a safe and Happy EASTER – and a HAPPY SPRING!!

LAUREL Court No. 16: meeting April 10, 2021 1:00 PM in Monument, Colorado.

HAPPINESS Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those Celebrating in April.

We wish you all a happy and healthy Easter Season, May the Lord Bless you in all you do and keep you safe in the palm of his hands. Congratulations to H.L. Brandi Long for passing her exams and becoming a member of the International Society for Clinical Densitometry as a Certified in Bone Densitometry Technologist.

We are very happy to announce that we have had several of our members pass very impressive Amaranth Milestones!

50-year membership in the Order of The Amaranth

H.L. Peggy Hoff PRM S.K. Bud Hoff PGRP H.L. Barbara Anderson PRM
S.K. Larry Anderson PRP H.L. Eileen Baughman PRM H.L. Betty Jean Schweers

25-year membership in the Order of The Amaranth

H.L. Brandi Long GRM H.L. Misti Kauffman PRM H.L. Jody Duren
H.L. Cheryl Toppen S.K. William (Bill) Toppen

We thank you for your commitment, hard work, passion, and dedication you have given to our order over the years. “People who shine from within don't need the spotlight!” -Todd Creason

Remember if you have info that you would like in the May newsletter please send the info to H.L. Sheryl Wilson Sassycat53@MSN.com or H.L. Mary Wilkes RM mary_wilkes@comcast.net

ILLNESS & DISTRESS: No reports of any illnesses so NO news is good news!

FAITH Court No. 18: Saturday, April 17, 2021. 7:30 PM. Regular meeting. We will be able to have a few visitors. We are wearing masks and practicing social distancing. **This is Good News!** Max – 25 – Please RSVP to Lorita. We are looking forward to initiating a new member in May.

HAPPINESS: Welcome SPRING!

ILLNESS AND DISTRESS: H.L. Martha Sweigard has been in the hospital a couple of times for observation and treatments. H.L. Joyce Patterson is still having issues with the cochlear implant that she had done. The infection she developed has still not been cured. HL Pam Park fell resulting in a simple leg fracture. Fortunately – no surgery is necessary!

PIKES PEAK Court No. 20: April 3, 2021 7pm - Regular Meeting, Limit 35 – RSVP to HL Jacqué

General: We will be meeting in person again in March! As we discussed in February, it will be a closed meeting, with our 2 newly elected officers being installed during New Business. All of the officers are staying in place.

Happiness: HL Pat Mammenga will be installed Queen of Ruhamah Temple, Daughters of the Nile on April 17th. Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all of our members celebrating in April!

Illness/Distress: The Court was saddened by the death of SK George Cann on March 10th. SK George Cann’s memorial service will be on Sunday, April 18th at 2 PM SK Art Light was in the hospital again for a severe bloody nose. SK Art is in a rehab facility to work on strength HL Nola had an emergency root canal. SK Carl Wagner spent a day in the hospital, but is home recovering

VIOLETT Court No. 22: REGULAR Meeting April 16, 2021 7:30 PM Stop N GO

Happiness: HL Jill Quedenfeld and HL Joan Briggs went to Mexico on a Medical Tour and had dental work done. Both are doing well. They drove into Mexico and coming home there was a long line and it took longer to get home than going into Mexico. HL Ima is enjoying a week in Mazatlán. HL Mary Beth Messer with her grandson visited her daughter in IL and had an enjoyable time. She is also enjoying working on her own now that she has learned the rules and routine that the company she is working for requires. HL Glenda and SK Brent are back in CO and their address is 218 Maple St., Walsenburg, CO. SK Leon Sonksen will be playing nurse for his new wife Ardys as she has had back surgery 3 weeks ago and it was successful. At this time, she is in Long Term Care to be going home tomorrow. HL Maggie’s daughter has past her real estate test so will be selling real estate in the near future-later this week. HL Donna Forrest is doing well in NM. HL Mary Beth and SK James Yeager were in CO for the installation of Edgewater Court. It was great to see them.

Illness/Distress: HL Donna Forrest will have laser surgery on her left eye at the end of April. Nothing additional reported. Happy Easter to all.

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:

FRIENDSHIP COURT No.7	LIBERTY COURT No. 1	EDGEWATER COURT No. 14
HL Ruth Hurlburt	HL Lillian Mallery	HL Margaret L Minnick
3377 Mill Vista RD., Apt 3522	1076 Timbervale Trl	4801 S Wadsworth Blvd., Apt. 8-106
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129	Highlands Ranch, CO 80129-6947	Littleton, CO 80123
		She writes “Frank passed in Dec. My sister & I are sharing an apt”

A MESSAGE FROM HL BRANDI - Grand Royal Matron

Honored Ladies & Sir Knights,

I am happy to report that the Jubilee Diamonds are now all installed into office. Constantly this last year I have been reminded of Job.

"Patience is a Virtue to be practiced and cherished in our daily lives."

I wish to express to the members of our Order, that leadership is not a position or a title, it is an action and example. Great leaders do what is right, not what is always the easiest. You all have found the rainbow after the rain and I look forward to our Journey down "The Yellow Brick Road."

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'
--Mary Anne Radmacher, American author and artist

Avoid Negativity:

Some behaviors should be avoided at all costs. You will find that your task can quickly go off the rails if even just one member:

- becomes overly aggressive.
- displays unhappiness with any decisions made.
- disrespects others and criticizes their ideas without suggesting alternatives.
- distracts focus by acting out.
- fails to contribute to a compromised outcome.

While disagreements are inevitable, we should create an environment in which we are comfortable communicating, advocating our positions and not feel punished for disagreeing in our point of view.

Try to ensure that discussion and disagreements are focused on the task at hand remember to keep the communication open, honest, and respectful!

Amaranth Love and Hugs,
H.L. Brandi Long - GRM

A MESSAGE FROM SK JIM – Grand Royal Patron

Well finally, we have finished all of our Installations and it has only taken us one year! I for one am happy to be back out on the Yellow Brick Road with all of my Colorado Amaranth members. Zoom meetings are fine and they have their place but, they just don't do it for me. I need to be out with the members, before my case of COVID brain fog gets any worse.



I wish you all a Happy Easter.
May the renewal of life
At Easter bring new
Blessings of Love, Hope, Peace, Good Health and
Happiness to you and your loved ones.
Embrace the renewal of life!



In your Easter Bonnet with all the frills upon it,
I'll be all in clover and when they look you over,
On the avenue, fifth avenue, the photographers will snap us,
Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter Bonnet,

You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade.
I'll be the proudest fellow in the Easter Parade.
And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.
And of the girl I'm taking to the Easter Parade!

Irving Berlin

GRAND COURT OF COLORADO
Is saddened by the loss of
SK George Cann, PRP, Pikes Peak Court No. 20
May they always remain
"Sweet in our Memory"

Leadership from the Hummingbird

After a raging fire started its destructive path through the animals' African Kingdom, the animal leaders were focused on only one thing – “Who Started the Fire?” Incredibly, the search for the answer took precedence over the urgency of putting the fire out! Along comes a hummingbird who understands that the primary goal must be to put the fire out and save their Kingdom. He tries unsuccessfully to get the attention of the leaders and other animals. They ignore him, eventually knocking him to the ground. Unable to persuade the animal leaders to work on putting out the fire, the hummingbird flies over to the lake, and fills his beak with water, flies over the fire, and drops his tiny beak full of water. The water evaporates before it reaches the flames. Not discouraged, He persists and returns over and over dropping beaks of water on the fire.

Finally, a zebra sees what the hummingbird is trying to do and understands. The hummingbird is sacrificing himself to save the homeland for all the animals. The zebra gathers his herd and stops the advancing fire by kicking dirt on the flames. Other animals join them. Exhausted, the hummingbird retreats to a rock and encourages all the animals to continue the good fight. Eventually, and finally, the elephants go to the lake, fill their trunks, and spray the water onto the fire. After several days with all the animals working together to put out the fire, they achieve success and save their homes.

The hummingbird was initially ignored by the animal leader, King Elephant, and his band of decision makers. They viewed the hummingbird as insignificant, something too small to make a positive difference. The hummingbird could not possibly put out the fire. The arrogance of the animal leaders led them to believe only they knew how to put out the fire. In their overconfidence the fire continued to rage. They disregarded the solution to put out the fire offered by the hummingbird. The poor leadership of King Elephant and his buddies, left unchecked, would have resulted in destruction of their Kingdom. Thanks to the wisdom of the zebra, a solution to putting out the fire began to emerge. The zebra was open to seeing other points of view. The leadership of the hummingbird became apparent. The zebra was not concerned about who would get the credit for coming up with a plan to put out the fire. He wanted his home safe, and he saw that the hummingbird was leading by example. Only after all the other animals and birds joined in a massive and united effort to put out the fire did the elephants understand and rally their mighty support to extinguish the horrific fire and save their homes.

In the end, the elephant leaders understood, honored, and celebrated the leadership of the hummingbird. They knew the hummingbird was a hero.

His caring love for his homeland and his friends, combined with his persistence, focus, a sharp mind, and dedication to a solution sets him apart as a leader with uncommon eminence.

THE HUMMINGBIRD'S LEADERSHIP EXEMPLIFIES THE POSITIVE HUMAN FACTOR QUALITIES OF LOVE, GRACE, COMPASSION, AND FORGIVENESS



AT A GLANCE - The Grand Court Illness/Updated report:

Liberty Court #1:

Friendship Court #7:

S.K. Randy Jensen's sister in CA passed away 3/22/2021. The service will probably be next year due to COVID.

S.K. Art Light went to the hospital because he has been on blood thinner medicine and it messed with him and so the Dr. is trying to put him on something else that will be better for him. Colleen Lloyd had another great grandson, congratulations.

Edgewater Court #14:

H.L. Cori Meyer was sick and now better. S.K. Larry and H.L. Pam Bottolfson's daughter Ashley found her 19-month-old son Cash, who passed over night from SIDS, Tuesday 3/16. H.L. Patti Baker had surgery, she is at home now recovering and doing well.

Laurel Court #16:

No Health issues known.

Faith Court #18:

H.L. Pam Parks fell and fractured her leg and sprained her ankle. Sounds like she will not need surgery, but she is not in a cast or boot as more damage could occur. Using crutches to get around right now.

Pikes Peak Court #20:

S.K. George Cann passed away and the memorial services will be on Sunday, April 18th at 2 pm. If you would like to attend, must RSVP and if you would like to take part in the Amaranth service, please contact S.K. Art Light. Detailed information was sent out by email. H.L. Karen Wagner took her husband, S.K. Carl Wagner to the hospital, the doctors are keeping him over night to get a colonoscopy and should be released the next day.

Violet Court #22:

Please keep each member in your prayers for healing and the families for those that have passed.

THANK YOU!

SK Tom Shafer wishes to thank everyone for the calls and cards he received during his recent surgery. Tom is progressing according to plan and will begin cardiac rehab in April. The cards and calls really brightened his day. Thank you again.

SK Tom – HL Norma Shafer

From Barbara Meaughey: thanks to everyone for the cards she has been receiving. She is doing better and walking with her walker again. She misses us too.

Thank you for all of the cards, calls and general good thoughts sent my way during SK George's hospital stay and following his death. The Masonic Family is truly special in the way we support each other! His service will be on Sunday, April 18th at 2 PM at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center (American Room). There will be a reception with a slideshow & sharing time to follow downstairs. Because of current capacity limits & to aid in planning the food, please RSVP to georgecmemorial@yahoo.com.

HL Jacqué Cann

The Ramsay family would like to thank ALL those who sent cards to them for the passing of SK David Ramsay. It was greatly appreciated!

Thank you.

HL Millicent Ramsay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jurisdictional Breakfast at Supreme Council

H. L. & S.K.s for those attending Supreme Session. Please make reservations for the breakfast to be held Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 A.M. Cost is \$31.00. Checks made out to Lula Ellsworth, and sent to Lula Ellsworth G.A.M. at 9814 Fox Den Dr. Littleton, CO 80125-8853 . Please have your checks to me by June 1th. **Hayden Island Scramble**-Cage-free eggs, fingerling potatoes. Choice of breakfast meat, muffins, fruit, orange juice, and Coffee.

Jubilee Diamonds Royal Matrons, Royal Patrons

Zoom Meeting

Sunday April 11th, 2021 4:00 pm

RM's and RP's please email to saidyp1@msn.com or text me at 719-651-9696 to confirm this meeting time works

Thank [you!](#) H.L. Brandi Long GRM

Associate Matrons – Associate Patrons

Please plan on attending AM-AP meeting by ZOOM on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:30 PM

We look forward to seeing all of you. Congratulations to ALL!

HL Lula Ellsworth, GAM – SK Clinton Keithline, GAP

THE FLYING MONKEYS

Conductresses and Associate Conductresses

Will meet Virtually (ZOOM) on April 12 at 7:00 PM

Contact HL Laura or HL Pam for more information!

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be virtual

April 22, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Contact HL Laura for more information.

SAVE THE DATE AMARANTH FIGHTS DIABETES 5th ANNUAL 5K WALK

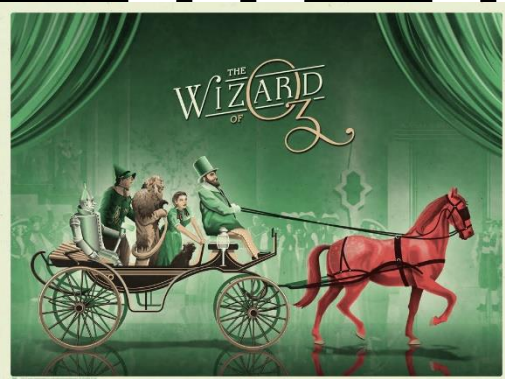
Saturday August 21, 2021

Involve the community – your friends and family

Registration will begin soon!

More information and forms coming mid April

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