



# Colorado Amaranth Newsletter

## DECEMBER 2020



COURT	DATE and TIME	MEETING TYPE	PRACTICE / MEAL / OTHER
Columbine Court No. 15 1615 Florence Street Aurora	FRIDAY DECEMBER, 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX people</b>
Pikes Peak Court No. 20 1150 Panorama Drive Colorado Springs	Saturday DECEMBER 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX 75 people</b>
Liberty Court No. 1 350 S. Broadway Denver	Thursday DECEMBER 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX 0 people</b>
Laurel Court No. 16 18275 Furrow Road Monument	Saturday DECEMBER 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX people</b>
Violett Court No. 22 126 Broadway Pueblo	Friday DECEMBER 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX people</b>
Faith Court No. 18 2532 9th Avenue Greeley	Saturday DECEMBER 19, 2020 7:30 PM	FAITH MEMBERS ONLY	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX 25 people</b>
Edgewater Court No. 14 8185 Bradburn Drive Westminster	Friday DECEMBER 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX 0 people</b>
Friendship Court No. 7 400 10th Street Golden	Tuesday DECEMBER 2020	NO MEETING	
<b>*Temple Board guidelines</b>			<b>MAX 50 people</b>

**\* Temple Board requirements as of NOVEMBER, 2020:** many temples CLOSED – Max of 5 persons  
Full Temple information will be available on the website: [grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org](http://grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org)

## COVID – 19 Restrictions CO Counties RED

### SUBORDINATE COURT NEWS

#### **LIBERTY Court No. 1 No December Meeting due to COVID restrictions**

It seems that all Liberty 1 members had a great Thanksgiving and are staying home minding the Covid restrictions! H.L.'s Jackie Beisel, Wanda McClune, Helen Miles doing well. S.K. Jim Miles doing well. H.L. Jackie's niece and nephew had COVID. H.L. Mary and S.K. Rusty Keithline doing well, H.L. Joanne and S.K. Jim Handy very busy baking Christmas cookies for family and also for the local Police and Firemen. What a wonderful thing to do Jim and Joanne! H.L. Sheryl and S.K. Dwight Wilson shared Thanksgiving with GRM Brandi and family. S.K. Mark Ellsworth lost his sister just before Thanksgiving, his birthday was November 20th. H.L. Lula doing well. H.L. Kathy Rateau got the family in the Holiday spirit by taking them to the Mall.

Liberty Court would like to wish all members of Colorado Grand Court a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our wish for you all is that in 2021 the COVID crisis will be over and we can gather together - in person again!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

**FRIENDSHIP Court No. 7 No meetings until further notice.** No illness reported this month. HL Priscilla Arthur passed away on November 14. Sympathy of the court extended to the family. Our members enjoy receiving calls, so call, text, email someone – and make your day – and theirs too!

A Christmas message from your Royal Matron

Stay home this Holiday season, stay safe! Much courage is required of each of us. Laugh each day – it will enhance your courage and make you feel good too. Laughter is the gift you give yourself.

“When you acknowledge the integrity of your solitude and settle into it’s mystery, your relationships with others take on new warmth, adventure and wonder. If you bring courage to your solitude you learn that you do not need to be afraid.

The phrase ‘do not be afraid’ recurs 366 times in the Bible. There is a welcome for you at the heart of your solitude.

When you realize this, most of the fear that governs your life falls away. The moment your fear transfigures, you come into rhythm with yourself.

(Anam Cora, a book of Celtic wisdom, John O’Donahue)

We will get through this plague, given time. Much courage is required of each of us. We will “Break bread together” soon and what a joyful day that will be. In the meantime – WEAR a mask, WATCH your distance, WASH your hands. We wish each of you a Christmas of PEACE and a Healthy Happy New Year. God bless each one of you!

HL Lelia – (yes – I’m still here as your Royal Matron!)

#### **EDGEWATER Court No. 14 NO DECEMBER meeting**

As reported in the earlier newsletters, Edgewater Ct. is having no meeting and sorry to say, no social get-together, until after the first of the year - well, we'll see what the COVID has in store for us at that time.

H.L. Patti reported by an email - H.L. Barbara Megaughey tested positive for COVID, but with no sickness; also, H.L. Julie McLean is still having some issues from her bout with the COVID. Please remember these members with cards and/or calls. As far as any other members, none have been reported.

Birthday and Anniversary wishes to all who are celebrating this month.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas - stay healthy and see you in 2021.

#### **COLUMBINE Court No. 15 No meeting for December**

**Illness and Distress:** Sara Jensen lost her sister in November. The sympathies of the Court were extended. Kim Scott continues to struggle with health issues but will hopefully thrive in sunny California over the holidays (Thanksgiving through Christmas). Marlene Lewis says to let everyone know she is “hanging in there” thanks to the great care she is receiving from Jim and visiting nurses. She and Jim are celebrating 61 years of marriage this year and Marlene says she is thankful for his love and support. Marlene and Jim wish all their Amaranth friends a Merry Christmas and Good Health in the New Year. The Karys are having their health issues. Jolene has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will begin radiation treatments soon. Tony had a cardio inversion procedure in early November and is now awaiting hernia surgery. I am sure all of these members would appreciate a call or card of support. Wishing all our Amaranth friends a Blessed Christmas. May we embrace the true spirit of the Season as we struggle through this pandemic, reassess our lives and count our blessings.



**LAUREL Court No. 16:** NO December meeting due to COVID restrictions

The end of 2020, phew, what a year it was! At this time the only bad news is that we will not have a December meeting. We hope everyone is doing well and wishing you all continued good health and happiness.

Happy anniversary to HL Helen and Ted Condron 12/5!

We hope that everyone's holidays are filled with lots of good health, laughter, enjoy seeing your friends and/or family, and a very *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**FAITH Court No. 18** Regular Meeting Dec. 19th at 7:30 p.m. unless the Grand Master requests the Temple to be closed.

We are keeping it as our members only because of the COVID situation. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Christmas season. We do have a new petition but do not have the initiation scheduled yet.

At this time, I haven't heard of any illness so we are trying to keep it that way..

**PIKES PEAK Court No. 20 No December meeting** due to El Paso County moving to 'Red' on the COVID-19 dial. There will be an online social instead - details will be emailed out.

**Sickness & Distress:** SK George Cann had a calcium deposit removed from his thumb. HL Eva Sawyer is recovering from her shoulder surgery. HL Kristine Tucker is asking for prayers for an unspecified personal medical issue.

**Happiness:** SK Frank Cancino received his 50-year pin from Colorado Springs Lodge #76. CONGRATULATIONS Frank!! HL Dacia Guisto started a new job in her nursing profession. Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all of our members celebrating in December! I wish all Amaranth members & their families have a happy & safe holiday season - Chanukah, Solstice, Christmas, New Year's, etc. - any and all that you celebrate!

**VIOLETT Court No. 22: No December meeting due to COVID restrictions**

We have much to be thankful for during the holidays. I know everyone is looking forward to the New Year in hope and anticipation. As this is the season of giving, remember that our Court is in need as well.

Please be sure to pay your dues by the end of December. Let HL Sharon know if you think it will be after the month end.

As time allows, take a moment to speak a prayer or blessing over all our members especially those who are challenged with health or financial struggles, especially Ann Buys & her husband who have COVID, Don Marshall, Ruthie Howard, MaryBeth Messer, Maggie Nielsen & all others who are struggling. We were saddened to hear of the passing of our charter member, HL Sue Osborn on 11-27-20. No further information is available at this time.

May she always be Sweet In Our Memory.

Remember, this pandemic will end & we will resume our meetings and socializing. Hang in there. Be gentle with yourself and others. Have a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, Yuletide, or whatever celebration you enjoy. Blessings upon us, one and all.

Amaranth Love, RM Jill & RP Robert

### **A MESSAGE FROM HL BRANDI - Grand Royal Matron**

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

I hope that this year end newsletter finds you all in good health and great spirits.

Keeping the holidays special will create distinction from one day to the next and help bolster your morale . I

fundamentally believe this is essential for maintaining our mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus

pandemic. Consider nurturing those rituals that you have had in the past with a dose of self-care: Wear your favorite outfit, play your favorite music, dress your table with special things and personal collections that bring you joy!

The Holidays can be bright and happy but, they can also leave you feeling down and stressed. I know this can be an even more difficult time during this crazy year, and I want you all to know that you are not alone. I'm sending you my warmest season's greetings and lots of love for a Happy Hannukah, a wonderful St. Nicholas Day, a Blessed Winter Solstice Day, a Merry Christmas, a joyful Kwanzaa, a fruitful Festivus but most of all I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

I found an article about migraine studies that were taking place in Denmark. The Researchers noticed that many people's brains reacted strongly — and happily — to images of Christmas and other peaceful holidays. The subjects would see pictures of twinkling lights or decorated home fronts, lighted menorahs, baked goodies and suddenly they'd experience increased blood flow to their sensory motor cortex and parietal lobe. With this evidence, we are to be happy in seeing these things remember our Holidays are not canceled they are just scaled down so that we may all be safe and healthy.

So, enjoy the beautiful lights of Christmas, put up a Christmas Tree even if it is a small Charlie Brown Christmas tree, bring on the Christmas Music, turn your radio dial, set your I-Tunes, put on a Record, however it is that you listen to music these days, DO IT!

*Me: "I want a magical Unicorn for Christmas"*

*Santa: "Be realistic"*

*Me: "Okay. I want everything to go back to the way things were before Covid-19."*

*Santa: "What color Unicorn would you like?"*



May the spirit of the holidays keep you safe and warm

Love,

**H.L. Brandi Long**

**Grand Royal Matron**

### **A MESSAGE FROM SK JIM – Grand Royal Patron**

The Magic of Christmas



The magic of Christmas  
Is tied in each bow;  
It glistens and sparkles  
In new fallen snow  
It rings in the tolling  
Of silvery bells  
And lingers unending  
In savory smells.

The magic of Christmas  
Hangs in each wreath;  
It mingles and harkens  
The very word "peace".  
It's wrapped up in packages  
Cheerful and gay;  
And lies in a stable  
With a Babe in the hay.



The magic of Christmas  
Is hung on a tree  
And peers from the face  
Of an angel I see.  
It smiles on a child  
Almost bursting with joy  
And glows in the eyes  
Of each girl and boy.



~Ruth H. Underhill

I am looking forward to when we are able to safely meet again. Until then take care and stay safe, wear your masks and as HL Lelia says "wash your hands". My wish for all is a Very Merry, Safe and Healthy Christmas and may your New Year be Safe and Healthy as well!

**SK Jim Miles, GRP**

**THANK YOU!**

It is with profound gratitude that I say thank you to all the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights who supported the fund raisers for Grand Court this year. Because of your generosity, we have managed to meet the goal of raising funds to cover a fiscal year for Grand Court.

It has taken some thinking "outside the box", re-arranging and adjusting plans (more than once), lots of phone calls, sweat and always, support of good friends. It is truly amazing, especially in a pandemic year in which we could not have any physical events. You are an amazing group. Thank you again. HL Laura Lambird, Grand Conductress

**ADDRESS and Phone number changes:**

<b>EDGEWATER No. 14</b>	<b>COLUMBINE No. 15</b>	<b>VIOLETT No. 22</b>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Associate Matrons – Associate Patrons**

There will be no December Zoom Meeting for Assoc. Matrons & Assoc. Patrons. We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas. Next zoom will be Jan. 10. Information will be sent. Thank you, Lula Ellsworth GAM & Clinton Keithline GAP

**From the Philanthropic Committee:** Diabetes Shirts are still available for \$15.00 Sizes S - 5/XL

Please send payments IN FULL (with sizes needed)

to HL Pat Hayter

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“May your Christmas sparkle and your New Year shine”



Submit any items for the **JANUARY** newsletter to HL Cindi– [allac2016@gmail.com](mailto:allac2016@gmail.com) **by DECEMBER 25, 2020**



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October 27, 2020

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights,

As we continue to navigate through this pandemic which has plagued us this year – I hope you are safe and well!

It certainly has impacted our lives and our everyday routines! Just this week, again the Governor of Colorado, and the CDC has issued a level 2 alert – no groups larger than 5 may meet in numerous counties within Colorado. Times are trying – and yet we will persevere! The health and wellbeing of our members is our utmost concern!

Recently you were sent a survey – we thank all who responded. The majority of those responding indicated they would not be comfortable meeting at a Grand Court Session in 2021. Our contract with the hotel for February 2021 has been cancelled as the hotel would not be able to meet our requirements. Currently, the maximum allowed in our temples is 50 – not enough to accommodate our VOTING members of Colorado Grand Court or visitors.

Your Elected Grand officers, which included the entire elected Grand Line Officers, Treasurer, Trustees, Jurisprudence, and the Commissioners of Appeal, recently met to review the survey results. This group unanimously agreed that our 2021 Grand Court of Colorado session be postponed until 2022. All elected positions have agreed to remain in place until Grand Court February 2022. Our Grand Court Budget for 20-21 will remain in place - with any overages being approved by our trustees. Donations to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation for the 2020 year will be sent to the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation in the required time frame. The roster of 2020-2021 will be updated as we move forward!

Most of our courts have individually voted to stay in place. This is similar to what we are seeing throughout our Colorado Masonic bodies – with The Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, SOOB, Job's Daughters International and Colorado DeMolay. Please continue with social and fraternal meetings as your temples allow. Amaranth Continues – it is not cancelled!

Thank you to the Elected Grand Officers and committees of Colorado Grand Court for your assistance and guidance in working through this exceedingly difficult situation. This has not been an easy decision – or a matter to be taken lightly. This decision has been made by The Grand Court of Colorado with keeping the safety and wellbeing of our members a top priority!

I will keep you all updated as we move forward during these very uncertain times. Stay Safe – Be Well!

Grand Royal Matron

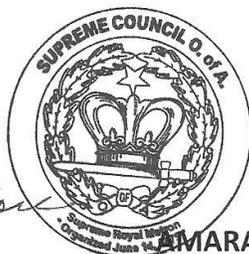
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