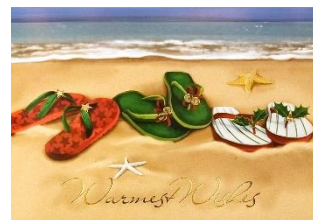




Colorado Amaranth Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023



Mele Kalikimaka and me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

COURT	DATE and TIME	MEETING TYPE	PRACTICE / MEAL / OTHER
Pikes Peak Court No. 20 1150 Panorama Drive Colorado Springs	Saturday DECEMBER 2, 2023 1:30 PM	ALL COURTS DAY	"Ugly Sweater" contest Ornament exchange
Liberty Court No. 1 350 S. Broadway Denver	Thursday DECEMBER 14, 2023 7:30	ALL COURTS DAY	Dinner 6:15 PM Annual COOKIE Walk
Laurel Court No. 16 18275 Furrow Road Monument	Saturday DECEMBER 9, 2023 1:00 PM	REGULAR MEETING	Bring your FAVORITE 'Christmas Cookie' to share
Violett Court No. 22 126 Broadway Pueblo	Friday DECEMBER 15, 2023 7:30 PM		White Elephant exchange Cookie Exchange
Faith Court No. 18 2532 9th Avenue Greeley	Saturday DECEMBER 16, 2023 7:30 PM	HOME COMING Grand Royal Matron Grand Royal Patron	DINNER 6:15 \$15.00 RSVP a MUST HL Alice by Dec 9
Edgewater Court No. 14 8185 Bradburn Drive Westminster	Friday DECEMBER 22, 2023 7:30	ADVANCE NIGHT	Dinner: 6:30 PM RSVP HL Pat Hayter
Friendship Court No. 7 400 10th Street Golden	Wednesday DECEMBER 20, 2023 7:30 PM	Christmas Celebration	Dinner 6:15 PM RSVP – HL Lelia

Grand Court is saddened
By the recent passing of
SK Robert Paige, PGRP 2006
May HE always remain
"Sweet in our Memory"

SUBORDINATE COURT NEWS

LIBERTY Court No. 1 Thursday, DECEMBER 14, 2023, ALL COURTS NIGHT meeting at 7:30 pm. Dinner at 6:15 pm. RSVP to HL Jackie OR SK Jim Miles. Our Annual Cookie walk will follow the meeting.

HAPPINESS: Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Please keep the Handys in your thoughts and prayers as well as HL Nancy Koenig and her husband Chuck. HL Helen Miles had an eye appointment with no change in her prescription and the next day she had a dental appointment. She is getting all the medical appointments out of the way before New Years, LOL. Royal Matron, HL Jackie Biesel twisted her knee. No other news at this time so all must be doing well.

FRIENDSHIP Court No. 7: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20, 2023 at 7:30PM Regular Meeting Christmas Celebration. Dinner at 6:15 – Mexican Buffet - RSVP – HL Lelia.

HAPPINESS: HL Drina Johnson will be spending the Holidays with her sister and daughter in Maryland. HL Kim Scott will spend the season with her son in Arizona. SK John Warren enjoyed his cruise on the Sea of Cortez. It was great to see HL Pat at the November meeting! She enjoyed our 100th Birthday celebration.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: HL Drina Johnson is having trouble with blood clots in her leg. She is currently taking medication. HL Sarah Jensen will be having knee surgery on December 13, 2023. HL Lyndi Wazny continues to be treated for back issues -physical therapy is relieving some of the back and leg pain. she's been experiencing. HL JD Cohen had pneumonia – now just a severe respiratory infection. HL Ruth Brown is now residing in a nursing home in Northglenn. Sympathy of the Court has been extended to the family of SK Robert (Bob) Paige, PGRP upon his recent passing. Sympathy has also been extended to SK Robert Tschida for the lost his brother, SK John Warren, the passing of his oldest daughter in November, and SK Tony for the loss of his sister. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

EDGEWATER Court No. 14: Friday DECEMBER 22, 2023 ADVANCE NIGHT 7:30. Dinner at 6:30 PM

RSVP is a **must** to HL Pat Hayter. Please come and support HL Julie and SK Ken and the rest of the Edgewater officers as they 'step up! Hope to see everyone there.



HAPPINESS: CONGRATULATIONS - Anniversary and Birthday wishes being sent to all who are celebrating. SK Dana Fairchild will be having knee replacement surgery on December 13, 2023. We wish him pain free success!

ILLNESS & DISTRESS: Get well wishes to anyone who isn't feeling well. Please continue to keep HL Patty Baker in your thoughts as she continues to get better. HL Lynn Brown-Jones had knee replacements surgery on November 22, 2023 and came home the same day! She had her first physical therapy today and the young man was surprised with where she is in her rehab. She will be out and about when she feels like it. "Maybe be sooner than people want to see me".

Please reach out and let me know if you are feeling ill or anything else that is happening with you or your family. Would love to send cards if we know who needs them.

LAUREL Court No. 16: Saturday DECEMBER 9, 2023 REGULAR MEETING 1:00 PM After the meeting: Bring your FAVORITE Christmas Cookie to share!

HAPPINESS: We had a great outing at the Starlighting. I would like to thank all who joined us there. We ran out of the popcorn but the big success was we were able to take credit cards, which helped with the sales. The weather was really great. I hope all had a great Thanksgiving. We would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like to wish who have Birthdays in December a Happy Birthday. We would like to wish all who have Anniversaries in December a Happy Anniversary.

ILLNESS AND DISTRESS: SK Dwight is working on getting his hearing situation taken care of. SK Bud fell and cut his arm but is doing well.

FAITH Court No. 18: Saturday, DECEMBER 16, 2023. 7:30 PM. Homecoming OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE GRAND ROYAL MATRON accompanied by THE GRAND ROYAL PATRON. Dinner at 6:15 (by reservation) to HL Alice Chapman – BEFORE DECEMBER 9 Cost \$15.00

Happiness: We have had no illness this month. For happiness, HL Alice Chapman's and GRM Laura Lambird's brother from Illinois came out for a surprise visit. HL Deb and SK Jason Deselms are going to Cody, WY, to visit their daughter.

Sickness and Distress: No illness reported! STAY WELL!

PIKES PEAK Court No. 20: Saturday DECEMBER 2, 2023, 1:30 PM. All Court's Day Our December meeting, we will be having an ornament exchange and an ugly sweater competition. Please bring an ornament for those who'd like to exchange one. Refreshments will be a "grab & go" treat.

Happiness: We hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Safe travels and lots of fun! Great news, S.K Ron Smith is in remission and got to ring the bell for being cancer free. The Tuckers daughter is officially a Jobie to be bee. Thanksgiving at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center was a success, with 37 people in attendance. Thank you to all of the Amaranth members who attended and brought food.

Illness/Distress: H.L Cori is having her good days and bad days, but slowly getting better. H.L Karen Wagner has a virus that has to run its course. H.L Sharon Wiebelhaus's son, Shawn, finally has a diagnosis and will be having surgery November 27th. He will be having a partial vertebra removed. Thoughts, prayers, and cards are greatly appreciated for everyone!

VIOLETT Court No. 22: Friday, DECEMBER 15, 2023 Regular meeting. 7:30 PM

Merry Christmas Honored Ladies and Sir Knights. I hope all of you are keeping well. I will keep it short as possible. There will be a cookie exchange for taking home and our refreshments. We will be having a fun white elephant gift exchange, the gift to be 1 lb. Be creative in wrapping them up to keep what it is a surprise. I look forward to seeing everyone that can make it.

**Homecoming of the Grand Royal Matron HL Laura Lambird
accompanied by the Grand Royal Patron SK Robert Tschida**

Faith Court December 16, 2023, Meeting 7:30 PM Catered Dinner at 6:15 PM

Reservations required. Faith Court Members, please, call with reservation.

Make checks payable to HL Alice Chapman for \$15.00

Dead line for reservations is December 9. NO refunds after December 9.

With no reservation, you will be served last.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Philanthropic committee would like for each court to donate a basket or gift card worth \$25.00. This will be used for the silent auction at Grand Court at the Friday night banquet. Thank you! *Philanthropic Committee*

THE TIKI'S

Royal Matrons & Royal Patrons

TBA

The Grand Royal Patron – and ALL Royal Patrons have information about ADS for the Grand Court Program

Full Page: \$35.00 Half Page: \$ 25.00 Quarter Page: \$15.00

Deadline for ADS – December 31, 2023 To SK Robert - GRP

The ROADIES

Associate Matrons – Associate Patrons

The **ROADIES** The next meeting will be held December 22, before Edgewater's dinner and meeting and Westminster Masonic Center at 5:45 PM. It will be Edgewater's **step-up night**, the first of the season.

The **GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON** – and ALL Associate Patrons have well wishers for the Grand Court Program

Cost: \$1.00 – Please contact YOUR Associate Patron – or SK Mark GAP

Conductresses and Associate Conductresses.

Popcorn sales are POPPIN' again!! Please support this Grand Court fundraiser by ordering yummy fall flavors like Butter Pecan, or Kettle Korn, or Caramel, or the December Flavor of the Month ...**Reindeer MUNCH!** And don't forget to order extra bags for the upcoming holiday season - popcorn makes a great gift!

Contact HL Mary Wilkes GC or HL Kristine Tucker for MORE information!



Future of Colorado Amaranth
 You are invited to attend our Zoom meeting:
Monday, DECEMBER 4, 2023 7:00 p.m. Details to follow~!!

7 Hawaiian Christmas Traditions

1. Before Christmas there was Makahiki

Prior to Christianity, Hawaiians would celebrate the indigenous tradition of Makahiki. Based on the lunar calendar, the four-month long festival focused on resting and eating to celebrate the earth and the local god, Lono. Now this period is mixed with Christmas but the most important thing has stayed – food! Hawaiians feast on everything from candy and fruitcake to poke, sashimi and sushi, to traditional standards like turkey.

2. Christmas trees arrive by ship

The tropical island climate isn't ideal for growing beautiful pine trees but many locals still want a stunning fir tree to hang decorations on. Enter the Christmas tree ship. What was just one per year has turned into a few ships that dock in early December, bringing refrigerated containers with genuine Christmas trees inside. Hawaiians also like to decorate palm trees with Christmas lights to bring some festive spirit to town.

3. Santa arrives in an outrigger canoe

Pulled by Dasher and Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid, Donner and Blitzen... the dolphins. Yes, it turns out that just like snow, reindeers are a little hard to come by in Hawaii. Locals get creative and send Santa on his way through the Pacific Ocean in an outrigger canoe pulled by dolphins.

4. Families feast on Kālua pig

Families and communities gather in their backyards or at the beach for a festive feast or traditional luau. Christmas for Hawaiians means feasting on a Kālua pig. Kālua is a traditional style of cooking that involves an “Imu” or underground oven. The pig is buried in the earth with hot rocks and banana leaves. After plenty of time and patience, the pig takes on an incredible texture and flavour that locals believe is worth the wait.

5. Carols are sung in Hawaiian

Hawaiians pull out the ukulele or a guitar and sing their own versions of Christmas carols. Sung in Hawaiian, expect a luau or family feast to turn into a big sing-a-long with hula dancing too. One of our favourites is their version of the *12 Days of Christmas*.

6. Deck the trucks with bells of holly

Hawaiians like to dress up their cars and trucks with thousands of lights and parade them through the streets. People line the footpaths as vehicles pass honking horns and blasting carols. With the warm climate Christmas is a time to be outdoors, making it easy to find parades on any island.

7. Greet as the locals do

Forget saying *Merry Christmas* or *Happy Holidays*. *Mele Kalikimaka* is the thing to say on a bright Hawaiian Christmas day. Say this to wish people a wonderful festive season. Apparently Hawaiian dialects didn't have an “R” or “S” in their speech, so this is the literal equivalent of *Merry Christmas*.



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND ROYAL MATRON.

Wow! Has this year flown! We are already in the holiday season, Christmas is fast approaching and New Year's is right behind. I know everyone will be zipping around planning their Christmas, Hanukah or Kwanza events with family and friends. Please keep in mind the tenets of our order and do what you can for kindness and charity this time of year.

Amaranth events in December include our Christmas Party on Dec. 3rd at the Old Spaghetti Factory, and our last Official Visit is Homecoming at Faith Court #18 on Dec. 16th, 2023. Hope to see you at one or both of these events. A solemn occasion is also approaching – the 82nd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which catapulted America into World War II. Please keep these men and women in thoughts and prayers that day. Also remember all our military veterans and active duty military. I know many organizations are sending care packages to our active military and veterans in need. These groups are always in need of help and donations to make Christmas a little merrier for these folks.

My wish for everyone this year is a happy and joyous Christmas filled with family, friends, love and gratitude. Enjoy the holidays however you celebrate.

Submit any items for the **JANUARY** newsletter to HL Cindi– allac2016@gmail.com **BY DECEMBER 25, 2023**

Appreciation Dinner for the Grand Royal Matron and Patron

Come Join us as we celebrate and give thanks to
Honored Lady Laura Lambird Grand Royal Matron
and
Sir Knight Robert T'schida Grand Royal Patron.

\$15.00 Per Person collected at the door

2:00 pm Sunday January 14, 2024

Colorado Springs Masonic Center
1150 Panorama Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Please RSVP by 6 January 24
to HL Pam Bottolfson.

Pamela.bottolfson@comcast.net
or via phone at 303-641-8778

Choice of entrée Pulled Pork or Pulled Chicken

Get Acquainted with your Grand Associate Matron and Patron

Come Join us as and get a glimpse at the Future of your
Colorado Amaranth Grand Court with a Taco Bar potluck

HL Pamela Bottolfson Grand Associate Matron
and
Sir Mark Tucker Grand Associate Patron.

All are welcome to attend

2:00 pm Sunday January 28, 2024

Colorado Springs Masonic Center
1150 Panorama Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Please RSVP by 6 January 24
to HL Pam Bottolfson.

Pamela.bottolfson@comcast.net
or via phone at 303-641-8778

Choice of entrée: Chicken or Beef Taco's
and potluck sides for Lunch

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Grand Officers, Assistant Grand Lecturers, Grand Representatives

Grand Officers: If you are unable to attend Grand Court, please notify the Grand Royal Matron in writing by February 1, 2024. Please return the jewel of your office to the Grand Trustees at the Grand Court Practice or during registration when they are available. Memorize charges for opening of Grand Court (Pages 234-250) and Memorial Service (pages 253-259).

Honored Ladies: Please wear your Grand Court dresses and gloves for all Sessions. Please wear white gowns and full fingered gloves for Memorial and Necrology Friday afternoon.

Sir Knights: Please wear black tuxedos, white shirts and your Grand Court vest/tie for all Sessions except Memorial and Necrology. Please wear black tuxedo, white shirt and black or white vest/tie for Memorial and Necrology. Please bring a sword.

Reports, Welcomes and Responses

Please submit three typed and signed **hard** copies of all reports, welcomes, and responses for inclusion in the Proceedings to the Address & Distribution Committee no later than Noon, Sunday, February 11, 2024. An **electronic** copy of all reports, welcomes and responses to the Grand Secretary would be **GREATLY** appreciated also.

Royal Matrons: Please bring your crowns.

Royal Patrons: Please bring your swords.

Associate Patrons: Please bring your swords.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make reservations for rooms by calling the hotel directly at **303-980-9200** and mention "Grand Court Order of the Amaranth Group Rate". Room Rates are \$109.00 + tax. This rate will be honored until:

February 1, 2024

LUNCHEONS & BANQUETS

Please use the enclosed reservation form.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO:
GRAND COURT OF COLORADO**

**Send meal reservations to:
H.L Patti Baker, Supreme Secretary**

**253 Yank Ct.
Lakewood CO 80228-1305**

**MEAL DEADLINE IS
February 10, 2024**

PRE-REGISTRATION AND PROCEEDINGS

Please use enclosed pre-registration form. Pre-registration form should be mailed to:

**H.L. Norma Shafer, PGRM
17735 E Prentice Drive
Centennial CO 80015-2627**



THE GRAND COURT OF COLORADO ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

Extends Fraternal Greetings
And
Cordially Invites You to Attend

The Seventy-Seventh Annual

**"Spirit of Aloha"
SESSION**

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
February 22, 23, 24, 2024

Holiday Inn Lakewood
7390 W. Hampden Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80227
303-980-9200

H.L. Laura Lambird
Grand Royal Matron

S.K. Robert Tschida
Grand Royal Patron

H.L. Pat Hayter, DSRM, Grand Secretary
11315 Franklin St.
Northglenn, CO 80233
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REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Thursday, February 22, 2024

1:00 p.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23, 2024

7:30 a.m. -- 8:30 a.m.

Close of session-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 2024

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

A donation of \$20.00 will be accepted. Please present a current signed dues card to the Registration Committee. Delegates must present 2024 Credential Cards to Credentials Committee.

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We would like to share the Throne with all our visiting Grand Royal Matrons, Grand Royal Patrons, Supreme Officers, Grand Representatives to Colorado and Amaranth Diabetes Board Members.

PROGRAM

Thursday, February 22, 2024

6:30 PM Musical Prelude
Escort Distinguished
Guests

7:00 PM Informal Opening

Reception immediately following

Friday, February 23, 2024

8:15 AM Musical Prelude
8:30 AM Welcome and Call to Order
Ritualistic Opening
Escorting
Annual Reports

Noon ***“Tikis In Paradise”***
LUNCHEON
Honoring
Past Grand Royal Matrons
Past Grand Royal Patrons

1:15 PM Musical Prelude
1:30 PM Call to Order
Annual Reports
3:00 PM Necrology Ceremony
Memorial Ceremony

6:00 PM ***“Waikiki Launa”***
BANQUET Honoring
H.L. Susan Patchin, SRM
S.K. Mel Fossel, SRP

Entertainment followed by our
Philanthropic auction items.

Appropriate Hawaiian dress-no Jeans

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:45 AM Musical Prelude
9:00 AM Call to Order
Election of Officers
Annual Reports
Addresses of
Supreme Royal Patron
Supreme Royal Matron

1:00 PM ***“Highway to Hope”***

LUNCHEON
Honoring
Grand Royal Matron-Elect
Grand Royal Patron-Elect

2:00 PM Call to Order (if necessary)

6:00 PM Musical Prelude

6:15 PM Uncrowning Ceremony

Installation of Grand Officers

Coronation Ceremony

Closing of the 77th Grand Court Year

Please be sure to check the program book given to you at registration for any time changes.

Sessions Co-chairpersons

H.L Patti Baker, Supreme Secretary
253 Yank Ct.
Lakewood, CO 80228-1305
303-986-4977
abaker1054@aol.com

S. K. Ken Hayter, DSRP
11315 Franklin St..
Northglenn, CO 80233-3238
303-489-2274

We are looking forward to sharing our
“Spirit of Aloha”
Year with each of you.

RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCHEONS and BANQUET

"Tikis In Paradise" LUNCHEON **Honoring Past Grand Royal Matrons and Past Grand Royal Patrons** **FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 23, 2024 - 12:00 P.M.**

Buffet, Coleslaw, Grilled vegetable medley, Garlic mashed potatoes, BBQ Brisket and smoked sausage
Coffee, Decaf, Hot and Iced Teas

NAME _____

TITLE _____ JURISDICTION _____

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_____ Luncheon Ticket @ \$37.00/ each Total \$ _____

"Waikiki Laua" **FRIDAY- FEBRUARY 23, 2024 -- 6:00 P.M.** **Honoring H.L. Susan Patchin, Supreme Royal Matron, S.K. Mel Fossel, Supreme Royal Patron** Appropriate Hawaiian dress – No Jeans.

Mixed Greens with Ranch/Herb Italian Vinaigrette, Choose either Peppered Medallions of Beef with Mashed Potatoes in a brandy cream sauce, seasonal vegetables **OR** Pasta Carbonara (vegetarian also available) Smoked bacon, onions, garlic, Italian sausage and seasonings in an Alfredo Sauce over Fettucine. Chef Choice Dessert, Coffee, Iced Teas

NAME _____

TITLE _____ JURISDICTION _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____ JURISDICTION _____

Medallions of Beef Tenderloin Ticket @ \$38.00/each _____ Pasta Carbonara @ \$30.50/each Total \$ _____

"Highway to Hope" Luncheon **SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2024 - 12:30 P.M.** **Honoring Grand Royal Matron-Elect and Grand Royal Patron-Elect**

Buffet includes Cheese Enchilada Casserole, Beef Enchilada Casserole, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Southwestern Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Tortillas, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Shredded Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce, Jalapenos, Tortilla Chips
Coffee, Iced Teas

NAME _____

TITLE _____ JURISDICTION _____

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_____ Luncheon Ticket @ \$34.50/each Total \$ _____

Make Check Payable to **Grand Court of Colorado** and Send to: **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** _____

Please send in the whole form

H.L. Patti Baker, PGRM
253 Yank Ct.
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1305

PLEASE NOTE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

DEADLINE FOR ALL MEALS ~ FEBRUARY 10, 2024

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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TITLE_____JURISDICTION_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP_____

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PROCEEDINGS

If you desire to purchase a copy of the proceedings, they are \$10.00 each.

Number desired _____ X \$10.00 each = \$_____

NAME_____

ADDRESS_-_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____

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