

Colorado Amaranth Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2020



From the Grand THRONÉ of Colorado

A MESSAGE FROM HL BRANDI - Grand Royal Matron

Being a leader is difficult, being a leader during COVID-19 is even more difficult. It is hard to see the positive when everything seems to be falling apart. But every organization is going through this and we must remember - to see the rainbow we must ride out the storm that is before us.

Using brains, hearts, and courage, we will get through coronavirus.

As always, Dorothy reminds us "There is no place like home."

Remember I am here for you all you have to do is ask.

I hope everyone is healthy and in good spirits as the summer winds down.

Hugs

H.L. Brandi Long GRM

A MESSAGE FROM SK JIM - Grand Royal Patron

A smile is a sign of joy,

A hug is a sign of happiness,

And a friend like you is,

A sign of good taste!

Some of our Courts are returning to holding meetings, **please be mindful** of all the requirements of your Temple Board, City, County and State. Take care - stay safe I will see you when and where I can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with GREAT pride and excitement that we announce SK Jim Miles, GRP, received the Legion of Honor Degree for his work with Colorado DeMolay, on August 15, 2020 at the Golden Masonic Temple. He ALSO received his 50 year pin! Congratulations SK Jim – Colorado Amaranth is SO PROUD of YOU!

Grand Court is saddened by the passing of
SK Darth Hurlburt, PSRP, PRP Park Hill Court No. 6

He will always remain
"Sweet in our Memory"

COLORADO AMARANTH MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

COURT	DATE and TIME	MEETING TYPE	PRACTICE / MEAL / OTHER
Columbine Court No. 15 1615 Florence Street Aurora	NO MEETING		Stay Home - Stay SAFE
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX people
Pikes Peak Court No. 20 1150 Panorama Drive Colorado Springs	Saturday September 5, 2020 7:00 PM	REGULAR MEETING	
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 75 people
Liberty Court No. 1 350 S. Broadway Denver	Thursday September 8, 2020 7:30 PM	REGULAR MEETING?	Details to follow
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 10 people
Laurel Court No. 16 111 N. Santa Fe Florence	NO MEETING		Stay Home – Stay Safe
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 10 people
Violett Court No. 22 126 Broadway Pueblo	FRIDAY September 18, 2020 7:30 PM	REGULAR MEETING	
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 10 people
Laurel Court No. 16 111 N. Santa Fe Florence	NO MEETING		Stay Home – Stay Safe
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 10 people
Faith Court No. 18 2532 9th Avenue Greeley	Saturday September 19, 2020 7:30 PM	INSTALLATION	RSVP to HL Alice
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 25 people
Friendship Court No. 7 400 10th Street Golden	NO MEETING		Stay Home - Stay SAFE
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 50 people
Edgewater Court No. 14 8185 Bradburn Drive Westminster	NO MEETING	Members ONLY Picnic	RSVP to HL Patti
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 50 people

* **Temple Board requirements as of August 30, 2020:** Masks required, Social Distancing NO FOOD
Full Temple information will be available on the website: grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org
ALL information is subject to change - WE will keep you posted!

SUBORDINATE COURT NEWS

LIBERTY Court No. 1

We are hoping to meet - on Sept 10. Details will follow! GRP Jim Miles - doing well, has had to have some dental work done recently. H.L. Joanne Handy still recovering from her fall. S.K. Jim doing well. SK Jim Handy's daughter had back surgery this summer. H.L. Pat Heckman had surgery on her foot this summer and is recuperating. Doing well so far. SK Russell Haughey, PRP is turning 94! Happy Birthday SK Russell! Everyone else I spoke to is doing ok.

FRIENDSHIP Court No. 7

Friendship Court will NOT have a meeting in September. Plans for October and November are on hold for right now. Six Month report on Friendship Court activities. The Annual reports due in March were completed and when we meet again, will be available for each member to read. As per our Rules and Regulations, the RM, Secretary and Chairman of Trustees have taken care of whatever business requiring action since February. Monthly expenses do continue, and have been monitored and managed as necessary.

With the help of HL JoAnne Handy, the RM has contacted every member of our Court, at least the ones with telephone numbers. I am pleased to report, that as of today, none of our members have contracted Covid-19! We are truly blessed!

HL Esther Baker had her plans to move to Nebraska put on hold. She had a 1st great grand daughter born in May. She reports she is doing well after losing her husband in 2018. Sympathy of the Court was extended to her and her family. HL Betti Lou Bayles, who is over 90, says she is doing well though she has a part time caretaker since her husband's death a few years ago. HL Ruth Brown is essentially home-bound, but has help from two neighbors, who help with shopping -and help her when she falls. HL Rena Emrick has had some health issues, but she still helps her mother HL Pat Ogden with house and yard work. SL Jim Handy's daughter had Covid-19 and was not hospitalized – she did fall walking and had back surgery. We are glad she is back on the road to recovery. HL JoAnne Handy has been staying in, by Doctor's orders but she fell-visitng the ER -had many stitches in one leg and multiple bruises. We are glad she is recovering rapidly! Her daughter from Texas visited in May. HL Joyce Hollingsworth moved to Illinois to be near her daughter – we will miss her. HL Drina Johnson has had an eventful Spring and Summer – first helping her neighbors with yard work. Going to Montana to visit her son and family and the State Fair. She also visited the hospital – stayed overnight. She is going to Maryland in September for her grandson's wedding. SK John Johnson had back surgery in February – and by Doctor's orders could not attend SC Grand Court as GRP. He has now fully recovered and doing well. He reports no problems from the hurricanes, receiving only 3" of rain and a little wind. SK Tony Kary has continued working though all of this, but HL Jolene was in the hospital with pneumonia – not Covid 19. HL Joanne Heck-Lerud is back to normal – walking well after the knee replacement and her kidney stones are history. HL Colleen Lloyd continues to walk 3 miles a day and enjoys coffee with her neighbors, each on their individual patios. HL Earleen Williamson has been staying in – using tele-medicine and continuing her PT exercises on her own. Her daughter visited in May from Texas. SK Jimmie Knutson has been doing OK. He is the family's official transportation- but is staying home as much as possible. HL Marguerite Scott is staying in but enjoys calls. She is doing well. HL Deanna Rice is continuing with PT after her shoulder surgery. She is working on range of motion. HL Sharon Sage is getting cabin fever-like the rest of us. She had some voice issues that are improving with medical care. HL Lindy Wazny has been staying in – but did go on vacation with her husband to visit family. HL Pat Ogden, 96 years old, stays home, enjoying home deliveries and tele-medicine care. HL Rena is a great help. HL Pat reports she and her neighbors sit in their individual yards on lawn chairs and visit in the evenings. Sounds like fun! We missed the Chicken Dinner and Ice Cream Social and OUR regular meetings to see and greet our members! ***This WILL be over and AMARANTH will still be here!*** Let's all STAY HOME – and safe. Wash our hands, wear our masks and STAY HEALTHY!! See you all soon.

EDGEWATER Court No. 14

MEMBERS AND FAMILY of Edgewater Court, there will be no meeting in September, but a potluck get-together will be held on September 25th at 6:00p.m. in the park across from Larry & Pam Bottolfson, their address is 4821 South Pennsylvania St., Englewood - Please RSVP by Sept. 23rd to HL Patti Baker - (303-986-4977). MASKS REQUIRED and weather permitting.

Hoping this finds everyone safe and well, except for a few of our members that I know to be having health issues; HL Colleen Lloyd (her eyes) and HL Drina Johnson (2 visits to the hospital in a month). HL Barbara Megaughey has a NEW phone number – 720-530-9216. I'm sure I have missed someone, so sending my best prayers and thoughts to all. I (HL Drina) will be traveling to Maryland this month for grandson's wedding and daughter is having hip replacement surgery. One of these days, all will be back to normal. GOD BLESS ALL More information will follow in the future

newsletters concerning the remainder meetings of 2020. THANK YOU and have a safe Labor Day! Birthday and Anniversary wishes go out to all celebrating this month. Amaranth Love to all!

COLUMBINE Court No. 15

Joanne Handy is getting better since her fall. She says she still has a black and blue knee (her good one!) and uses a walker for stability. I asked how she was today and her reply was "same as yesterday!" (I think we all know what that feels like in these viral times.) She says it has been "slow but sure" and appreciates everyone's concern. Darth Hurlburt is hanging in there and has good caretakers according to Ruth. He has trouble hearing over the phone but might enjoy a cheery card that Ruth reads to him. No other health news, so hopefully everyone is well. Court news: Columbine Court members met socially at St. Mark's Lutheran Church August 23rd and enjoyed a picnic lunch. It was fun to see everyone and hear their news over the past 5 months. Columbine Court will NOT be meeting in September, but may be holding short business meetings of its active membership in October and November if necessary, to transact Court business.

LAUREL Court No. 16

Laurel Court will NOT be meeting in September. HL Sheryl Wilson is making Fancy Masks, perfect to wear with our Amaranth formals, for just \$5 each! All proceeds benefit Amaranth Diabetes Foundation -- just let her know what color you're interested in!! Under more happy news, many of our members have travelled this summer and everyone reports a "great" time with no "covid" side effects. SK Rusty Keithline's mother had heart valve replacement surgery and is healing well. SK Dwight Wilson's eyes are doing much better. GRM Brandi Long's son, Robert, started 6th grade this week and is excited to see his friends! It's wonderful that some of our members can return to normal routines. With that said, however, Laurel Court will not be meeting in September but looks forward to possibly resuming our lovely in-person Amaranth camaraderie in October. Under sickness and distress, please pray for SK Mark Ralston who is having back surgery on 9/3 and SK Bud Hoff who is wearing a heart monitor. Happy Birthday to GRM Brandi (9/1) and happy-happy-well-wishes to our other September birthdays and anniversaries!

FAITH Court No. 18

Faith court will hold its regular meeting on September 19 at 7:30 PM. Installation will be held, modified for Covid 19 restrictions. No practice is scheduled. If not a member of Faith Court, Please RSVP. Alice Chapman RM

PIKES PEAK COURT 20

To the best of my knowledge, everyone is healthy. HL Eva Sawyer is having surgery in September. We wish a Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all of our members celebrating in September! We will be having a meeting on Saturday, 9/5 at 7 PM. While we can't meet or dress upstairs, we will meet in Murray Hall. Masks & social distancing are required. The Temple Board has given us a limit of 75 attendees.

VIOLETT Court 22:

Back To Work! Violet Court 22 is ready to go back to work. Our next meeting is Friday, September 18 in Pueblo. Please arrive by 7pm to allow for the extra time it takes to check-in at the door. Dress code is Hawaiian or Floral. HL's, please wear Hawaiian floor length or lightweight floral wear. SK's, please wear Hawaiian shirts under your jackets. The Court room may be quite warm so you may want to bring a personal fan. Because of all the health restrictions, we have strict protocols that must be observed. 1 Please make a reservation in advance by calling, texting or emailing RM Jill. We are limited to the number that can attend. 2 Wear a mask as you are able. Be kind, as some of our members have respiratory issues and are not able to wear them. 3 Socially Distance Yourself as much as possible. 4 Bring your hand sanitizer if you have some. A few will be provided. 5 Temperatures will be taken at the door. If you have a cough, chills, fever, or are feeling ill, Stay Home. We'll be here for you next meeting! 6 Be prepared to show your Dues Card & give the grip & password at the door.

After-meeting snacks will consist of individually packaged cupcakes and string cheese. If you would like something different, please feel free to bring your own brown bag food. At this time, the Village Inn & IHOP are closing by 10pm and may not be an alternative.

Officers, Read your Ritual again. Brush up on your initiation parts as we have initiation in October.

Please contact RM Jill with your reservation and any questions. Looking forward to seeing you all again and getting back to work!

AT A GLANCE: The Grand Court Illness/Updated report ~ HL Pam Bottolfson, GAC

Liberty Court #1: SK Jim Miles had a tooth pulled at the beginning of the month and will have more dental work soon. H.L. JoAnne Handy had a bad fall. She was bruised and banged up but is recovering. HL Lula Ellsworth and SK Clinton Keithline's mother is recovering from surgery and seems to be doing good. Keep all these members in your prayers. HL Joanne and SK Jim were able to go visit their son on the western slope.

Friendship Court #7: Healthy as far as I am aware.

Edgewater Court #14: HL Pat Hayter and SK Ken Hayter are having extended family guest due to some illness and other issues. Please keep these members in your prayers and their family.

Columbine Court #15 SK Darth Hurlburt is at home but under hospice care. HL Linda Light had a cataract removed and now can see without a magnifying glass. HL Linda has also recovered from the shingles. Please keep these members in your prayers and healing thoughts.

Laurel Court #16: SK Tony Quintana and HL Sadie Quintana, Tony's mother HL Anita Fletcher passed away. Keep these members in your prayers.

Faith Court #18: HL Joyce Patterson went to the hospital to have test done since she has been not feeling well. HL Carol Ferebee husband passed away from a brain tumor. Keep these members in your prayers.

Pikes Peak Court #20: HL Eva Sawyer is having surgery Sept., keep her in your prayers. HL Agatha Shryack lost her brother, James Wood in August.

Violet Court #22: HL Dawn McFall had shoulder surgery in May and is healing nicely. Need for prayers for HL Vicki Reynolds who will be going in for a dislocated brand-new hip because of a fall where an arm of a chair at the rehab center broke. Another trauma surgeon is taking over for her original Dr being on vacation and no contact info. She has had an extremely bad year in health crisis. HL Agatha Shryack's brother James Wood has passed away. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers. HL Jill Quedenfeld has sold her home. It has been on the market since February.

Success - For all the courts,

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy in their homes and hope to see everyone soon at Court!

4th ANNUAL "VIRTUAL" 5K WALK

Please send your photos of YOUR WALK to webmaster@grandcourtofcolorado-org. We WANT to see where you went!! All money should be turned into HL Mary Keithline by **SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**. Remember to post your pledges on the web site – to insure **YOUR Court** gets credit!

<http://grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org/4th-Annual-5-k-walk>

YOU ARE INVITED "NOT TO ATTEND" AN AMARANTH COURT MEETING 1st EVER FUNDRAISER

Send your donation to: HL Laura Lambird by September 30, 2020

Checks payable to THE GRAND COURT OF COLORADO

THANK YOU!!

As you may know – our Adopted HL Wanetta Rutledge, PSRM just celebrated her 90th Birthday on August 13!
"Thanks for the many cards I received from you all to help me have a great 90th birthday.) Thanks Wanetta"

HLs and SKs, Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards, calls and prayers you sent to me after my fall.

You are the greatest!

Amaranth Love, HL JoAnne

Submit any items for the **NEXT** newsletter to HL Cindi– allac2016@gmail.com **by SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**