



Colorado Amaranth Newsletter
MAY 2021



This month, we remember those who have returned to the glorious Home prepared - that house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. HL's please wear white.

COURT	DATE and TIME	MEETING TYPE	PRACTICE / MEAL / OTHER
Pikes Peak Court No. 20 1150 Panorama Drive Colorado Springs	Saturday MAY 1, 2021 7:00 PM	MEMORIAL MEETING	RSVP HL Jacqué
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 50 people
Laurel Court No. 16 18275 Furrow Road Monument	Saturday MAY 8, 2021 1:00 PM	MEMORIAL MEETING	RSVP HL Mary RM HL Sheryl
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX NO LIMIT
Liberty Court No. 1 350 S. Broadway Denver	Thursday MAY 13, 2021 7:30	MEMORIAL MEETING	RSVP HL Nancy HL Lula
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 30 people
Faith Court No. 18 2532 9th Avenue Greeley	Saturday MAY 15, 2021 7:30 PM	MEMORIAL MEETING	RSVP HL Lorita
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 40 people
Violett Court No. 22 126 Broadway Pueblo	Friday MAY 21, 2021 7:00	MEMORIAL MEETING	RSVP HL LYNN
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 50 people
Friendship Court No. 7 400 10th Street Golden Westminster	Tuesday MAY 25, 2021 7:30 PM	MEMORIAL MEETING	NO Dinner RSVP - HL SHERRY
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 50 people
Edgewater Court No. 14 8185 Bradburn Drive Westminster	Friday MAY 28, 2021 7:30	MEMORIAL MEETING	RSVP HL Drina HL Pat
*Temple Board guidelines			MAX 50 people

SEE you all SOON - on the YELLOW BRICK ROAD!

COVID – 19 Restrictions CO Counties GREEN - 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

Memorial for all Courts – HL's Please wear white.

LIBERTY Court No. 1: Thursday, May 13, 2021. 7:30 . There will be a practice at 6:45 p.m. for the Memorial. I am also looking for pro-tems for 3 ladies of the square -Faith, Wisdom Charity. Contact me if you can pro-tem. Please wear white dresses, gentlemen please wear white vest and white ties.

We still have social distancing and mask restriction and we do not have the use of our kitchen, so we will not gather for dinner before the meeting; however we will have refreshments after the meeting. **The capacity for our Court room is 30 so please contact me if you plan to attend. Nancy Koenig, (303) 635-2128 or email koenignan@comcast.net.**

HAPPINESS: - SK John Lawton received his first COVID injection at work two weeks ago. SK John also celebrated his 60th birthday on April 27, 2021. H.L's Helen Miles and Wanda McClune have had their second Covid shot(s) and had no problems. Both are doing well. No news from HL Bonnie Owston so we hope all is well.

HL Pat Heckmann celebrated her birthday on April 30, 2021.

ILLNESS and DISTRESS: None reported. Stay safe.

FRIENDSHIP Court No. 7: Tuesday, May 25 , 2021 - 7:30PM NO DINNER. All Officers involved in the Memorial Service please arrive at 6:45 for a walk thru practice before the meeting starts. May is our Memorial for members who have passed this last year. Please WEAR WHITE. Please distance 2 arms length & wear a mask. We are allowed 50 people. We invite members who have not been to a meeting in awhile to join us. Dinners will start again in September. April was our Stop N Go. Thanks to our Grand Lecturer for instructing us in any corrections we needed to make. Hoping to see many members at the meeting.

HAPPINESS: Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all our members who are celebrating these milestones.

ILLNESS and DISTRESS:

EDGEWATER Court No. 14: Friday, May 28, 2021 - 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting/Memorial Memorial Practice @ 6:45 pm. Masks required. **RSVP** to HL Drina / HL Pat. Maximum attendees 50. No Dinner - Refreshments to follow meeting.

Okay, it's time to get down to business, now that all the officers have been installed in the remaining 3 courts - long time coming- once again Congratulations to all the Courts.

HAPPINESS: Congratulations to all who are celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this month.

ILLNESS & DISTRESS: HL Mary Kelley Anderle lost her daughter Margaret Peterson, age 60 (in Idaho) due to an aneurysm- just days before her Granddaughter was to graduate from High School. Please keep HL Mary's family in your prayers and thoughts. HL Barb Megaughey - HL Linda Rice - HL Patti Baker, and their families continue to heal. Please keep thoughts and prayers coming for these members, Here's hoping everyone else is staying healthy.

LAUREL Court No. 16: Saturday, May 8, 2021 1:00 PM in Monument Practice for memorial at 11:00 am Meeting at 1:00 pm. We are in need of protems for Faith, Wisdom, Charity. if you are available to protem please contact H.L. Mary Wilkes R.M. to let her know.

HAPPINESS We would like to wish Happy Birthday to our May Birthdays

H.L. Eva Sawyer, S.K. Bill Toppen, H.L. Helen Condron, S.K. Bud Hoff, and Happy anniversary to H.L. Cheryl & S.K. Bill Toppen

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

please be safe as we celebrate Memorial day may we remember

"And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave."
-Joseph Bodman Drake-

FAITH Court No. 18: Saturday, May 15, 2021. 7:30 PM. We will have our Grand Lecturer's Official Visit, Initiation of a new candidate and our Memorial Service. (Remember all ladies wear white.)

With the changes in the restrictions due to Covid, we can have at least 40 members attending. We will still be wearing masks and practice social distancing. We will need members to substitute in several positions.

HAPPINESS: Welcome SPRING!

ILLNESS AND DISTRESS: H.L. Alice Chapman and H.L. Laura Lambirds' brother has Covid pneumonia.

H.L. Alice and S.K. Robert Chapman's grandson broke his arm. H.L. Lorita Seidler's husband is still recuperating from his problems last year. He had cataract surgery on his right eye on the 15th of April and will have the left eye done on April 29th. H.L. Joyce Patterson is still fighting an infection and is having infusion treatments. H.L. Martha Sweigard has been hospitalized and had several tests and will be having surgery to place stents in her heart. H.L. Pam Park broke a bone in her leg but is doing well.

PIKES PEAK Court No. 20: May 1, 2021 7pm - Regular Meeting, Limit 35 – RSVP to HL Jacqué practice @ 6 PM

NEWS: General: Officers who participate in the Memorial Ceremony, please arrive by 5:45 PM so that we can start our practice at 6!

Happiness: SK Art Light has returned home! Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary to all of our members celebrating in May!

Illness/Distress: No news has been reported to me.

VIOLETT Court No. 22: May 21, 2021 7:30 PM Memorial Ladies please wear your white gowns.

Happiness: Our HLS of NM have been unable to hold a meeting since February 2020 and are hoping to do so this next month. It is also hoped that NM will be holding their Grand Court the first week in November at the usual location. HL Ima and a friend enjoyed a trip to Cripple Creek and came home breaking even. HL Ima has also spent a week in Mazatlan and enjoyed several massages. HL Bridgett and SK Joe's son-in-law and family will be moving to the Florence area for his work. They are excited about this for the grandbabies will be a lot closer to them. HL Jill is having an elevator installed in her new home. All other members are doing well and we are looking to see them in Court soon. Understand HL Glenda Renoux is taking the grandkids on a trip soon.

Illness/Distress: HL Ima has suffered a toothache for a while and finally has gotten dental work done. HL Ruth Howard had a bug bite that went bad and it has finally healed, and her allergies are now under control, so she is feeling better. SK Don Marshall says he is well cared for and seems happy in his new digs. HL Mary Beth's grandson was exposed to the virus so is quarantined at this time. HL Jacque is getting therapy for her shoulder and is doing some better. SK Dale had a cat scan done for his cough, results are not back at the time of this writing and will have a full pulmonary workup in May. SK Leon Sonsksen's wife, Aryls had back surgery and is doing well with that recovery, however other health issues have shown their ugly heads and they are working on them. HL Ann Buys is still having problems with the lingering affects of having suffered from the Covid virus. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts.

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:

VIOLETT COURT No.22	FRIENDSHIP COURT No. 7	
SK Michael Apker	Eileen Mallery	
3114 Rice Ave.	305 Montifiore St Apr 102	
Pueblo CO 81005	Lafayette, IN 47905	
719-251-5047		

A MESSAGE FROM HL BRANDI - Grand Royal Matron

I want to remind you to look up. Look up when you feel consumed. Look up when you're just not sure what tomorrow will look like. Look up and wonder. Look up and gaze. Look up and think. Look up and admire. Look up and see the rainbow after the rain. A reminder to cry if you need to cry. Laugh when you feel like laughing. Laugh so hard it hurts. Laugh for all the times you felt like you couldn't.

"You're right. I am a coward. I haven't any courage at all," responded the lion with tears running down his cheeks and his voice trembling. "The Cowardly Lion"

Upon finally meeting the Wizard, the Cowardly Lion is introduced to a new lesson when the Wizard says to the sheepish feline, "You're a victim of disorganized thinking."

So much of our fear is a result of our own disorganized thinking. We replay negative tapes from our history that keep us in our cowardly state. These old messages keep us from making that big move or simply standing up for ourselves.

The wizard goes on to say to the lion, "Back where I come from we have men who are called heroes. Once a year they take their fortitude out of mothballs and they parade it down the main street and they have no more courage than you have."

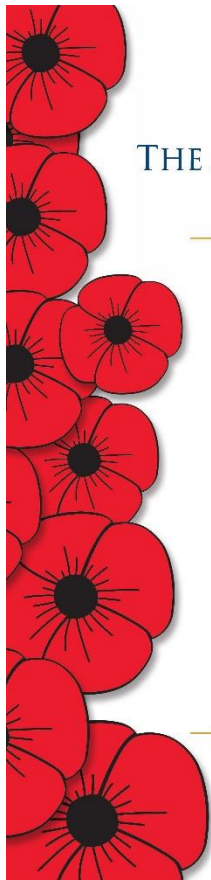
Most likely, the people who make the big move, get the job, or stand up for themselves are, or were, just as scared as you are. The difference is, they took action. They didn't let their fear stop them. They acted in spite of their fear. Fear is stagnant. Courage is action.

I would like to wish all the moms a happy and blessed Mother's Day!

Moms never get enough kudos. They're so familiar and ever-present in our lives that we tend to take them for granted. Until, of course, Mother's Day or their birthdays roll around, and it dawns on us just how much Mom has done for us over the years.

In fact, when you think about it, motherhood in general is pretty awe-inspiring. That's why Mother's Day shouldn't just be about your own mom. It should be about appreciating all the mothers out there – the job they do, the sacrifices they make, and most of all, the love they give.

Happy Mothers Day!



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NATIONAL POPPY DAY®

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

December 8, 1915 | John McCrae

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The Red Poppy Origins

Historically, the poppy represents new life—during World War I, red poppy seeds scattered in the wind, as the war raged on. The seeds lie dormant in the ground and were germinated by disturbances in the land—such as the brutal fighting during World War I. The practice of wearing poppies was inspired by a 1915 poem, written by a Canadian soldier, John McCrae.

McCrae lost his friend, Lt. Alexis Helmer, during the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium and wrote the poem, In Flanders Fields. The opening lines of the poem refer to the poppies that cropped up at Helmer's burial, after the dust settled in the battlefield.

Memorial Day History

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

God Bless and Amaranth Love,
H.L. Brandi Long GRM

A MESSAGE FROM SK JIM MILES – Grand Royal Patron

I hope that with all of the April showers (both rain and snow) we have had that our gardens will be full of beautiful May flowers! I feel that after all of the problems we have had this past year that we are finally (!) firmly back on our travels on the Yellow Brick Road. I know I have been seeing more of our Munchkins on my visits to our Courts. Now, on a more serious note, May is the month that we have the Memorial for our departed members, and I look forward to being at your meetings for the Memorial Service. Sir Knights please wear a white vest and tie for your May meeting.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and is a federal holiday in the United States. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in the service of the United States of America.

Let us remember our members who have passed this last year: HL Joan Gruber PRM, HL Martha King PGRM, SK Owen Miles PGRP, SK Bob McDonald PRP, SK Darth Hurlburt PSRP, SK Wally McLean PGRP, SK David Ramsay PGRP, HL Marlene Lewis PGRM, HL Priscilla Arthur, HL Ronetta Sheldon and SK George Cann PRP. They will always be "Sweet in Our Memory".

The Lord said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord." Matthew 24:21

I wish all of our Honored Ladies a very "Happy Mother's Day". It doesn't matter if you are a biological mother or not.

The Grand Court Illness/Updated report:

Liberty Court #1:

Friendship Court #7: SK Art is weak and having problems walking. His Doctor decided he needed to come back to St Anthony's North for observation. he has his cell phone and could take calls.

Edgewater Court #14:

H.L. Kim Fairchild and S.K. Dana Fairchild's father has been diagnosed with blood cancer and not doing well. HL Mary Kelley Anderle lost her daughter Margaret Peterson, age 60 (in Idaho) due to an aneurysm- just days before her Granddaughter was to graduate from High School. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Laurel Court #16:

Faith Court #18: HL Lillian Mallery passed away peacefully (May 1) at Stonecreek of Littleton of complications of Alzheimer's. A memorial service next Saturday morning May 8th at about 10 am somewhere in the Highlands Ranch area. Details will follow.

Pikes Peak Court #20:

Violet Court #22:

H.L. Ann Buyers has been having lingering COVID issues and prayers have been requested. She is a new member and the Associate Conductress.

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

Contact HL Pam Bottolfson (GAC) with any sickness/distress, cheer and happiness!! Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Associate Matrons – Associate Patrons

A.M. & A.P. meeting will be at Columbine Manor Park. 5075 W. Ken Caryl Ave. Littleton.
Sunday May 23 at 2:30 PM. Bring a lawn chair. I will have some extras. Let's enjoy some fresh air.

Let me know if you can make it. 303-437-2130

HL Lula Ellsworth, GAM – SK Clinton Keithline, GAP

THE FLYING MONKEYS

Conductresses and Associate Conductresses

Conductress meeting on May 10th, 7pm on Zoom. Invitation link will be sent.

Contact HL Laura or HL Pam for more information!

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long Range Planning Committee was formed to address the needs of our Colorado Grand Court.

The issues to be addressed include (but not limited to):

- * Money Making – on going and sustainable
- * Membership – how to interest prospects and KEEP members
- * Address the future of our Grand Court Sessions
- * Build and strengthen the relationships and cooperation within the Masonic Family organizations.

We invite you to JOIN us!! Ideas, thoughts and suggestions are WELCOME!!

Contact HL Laura or any elected line officer for more information

LRPC needs to be rescheduled for MAY as the April meeting was canceled. We are attempting to reschedule the craft fair for possibly August. Still lots of interest.

SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION JULY 4 – 8, 2021

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.

**If you are attending Supreme Council as a voting delegate –
Please contact HL Pat Hayter, Grand Secretary regarding your credentials.**

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
grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org/amaranth-fights-diabetes



Submit any items for the **JUNE** newsletter to HL Cindi– allac2016@gmail.com by **MAY 25, 2021**