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## *Order of the Amaranth*

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As Grand Royal Matron of Washington it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of our Amaranth members while protecting the Grand Court of Washington, the Constitution of Supreme Council and By-laws of our Grand Council.

I have been constantly monitoring the spread of the Corona virus in Washington and its potential dangers to our population. In discussions with the Yakima County Department of Health in Yakima County and with the convention hotel in Yakima, they have both recommended that we **POSTPONE** Grand Court of Washington.

This request from the convention hotel releases Grand Court from any financial responsibilities to the hotel. We are working on the logistics of rescheduling and will inform the membership as soon as plans are solidified.

I have conferenced with the Supreme Royal Matron and she concurs that postponing is the most prudent action at this time. There are many unanswered questions. Please don't support a rumor mill. I will keep you informed as solutions are formulated. Please watch the Washington website and Supreme website if you are able as updates will be posted there. I will not be posting to social media. We are putting actions in place to reach as many members as possible. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Subordinate Court meetings:

I realize that this creates many questions about Subordinate court meetings. Subordinate Courts can hold their meetings, elections and installations as scheduled. If your host lodge is open to you or if you can find a suitable replacement facility, please attempt to hold your meeting.

If you cannot hold your meeting, follow the regulations set forth for a make-up meeting. Do not arbitrarily cancel your meeting, please at least make an honest attempt to have your stated meeting.

You will have 30 days to make up a missed meeting without obtaining a special dispensation. A special dispensation will be needed after that time frame elapses and will be granted without a fee being assessed. It is not required to inform the Grand Royal Matron of a make up meeting being scheduled within that 30-day time frame, but I would ask that I be informed out of courtesy.

It is important to remember that we are a family and we will get through this as a family. Communication from reliable sources is the key to making sure that everyone stays safe. Please communicate what you KNOW to be TRUE. Do not speculate. I will keep Washington Grand Court informed. If you have email, please check it for periodic updates. If you know someone who does not have email or texting capabilities – inform them. REMEMBER I WILL NOT BE POSTING TO SOCIAL MEDIA.

SK Bill and I sincerely wish for everyone to be safe and healthy. First and foremost take care of yourselves and your family. Remember, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly. We look forward to seeing you on the Amaranth Safari trail soon.

Amaranth love,

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