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Royal Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary and Assistant Grand Lecturer:

RE: Updated SRM letter and Grand Master letter

Attached is the most recent communication from our Supreme Royal Matron dated August 26, 2020 and the most recent communication from our Grand Master dated August 28, 2020.

Each Royal Matron should poll the members to determine when each Court wants to meet. Two Courts have held closed Installations while I've heard other Courts are concerned, they are not ready to meet again yet. The Royal Matron in consultation with her Court members is responsible for determining when a Court is ready to begin meeting and under what conditions. Therefore, communication with the members is advised before the decision is made to meet. Also, the Royal Matron is responsible for the compliance with all health and safety requirements laid down by the state and any additional requirements of the local lodge where the meetings are held. I would appreciate knowing when your Court plans to meet in case I get any questions.

Below are suggestions of information that should be read before making the decision to meet:

- Read guidance from the Oregon website: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>
  - Specifically, the requirements around "Gatherings"
- Read the Governor's Executive Order 20-27 from the website as well
- Confirm with the Master of your Lodge or Trustees that there are no additional requirements for Courts to meet in your Lodge building

As the Grand Master stated in his letter dated August 28, 202 "Even with best efforts to comply with all OHA, a visit to a fraternal Lodge organization does carry risk."

SK Dick and I would love to begin visiting courts but are concerned about whether our presence might put a Court in violation of the State requirements. Those requirements appear to prohibit non-essential travel which could be interpreted to rule out attendance by those who are not members of that Court.

The work of our Amaranth Order is beautiful but remember there is nothing we do that is so important it is worth jeopardizing the health, safety, and welfare of our members. We may have members that continue to stay home, please keep them informed as Courts begin to meet again. This is a very personal choice for every member.

In Amaranth Love and Service,

HL Patti Nielsen,  
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cc: Separate copy will be sent to the following:

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| SK Dick Varner, GRP           | SK Jeff Rollman, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee |
| HL Sue Mills, Grand Secretary | HL Gloria Hooker, Grand Treasurer                    |
| HL Judy Jones, GAM            | SK Alan Kelsay, GAP                                  |
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