IMPORTANT COVID-19 123RD ANNUAL SUPREME COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Dear Amaranth Members:

I hope this finds all our members Safe and Healthy as we continue to deal with this unprecedented pandemic running rampant throughout the United States and around the World. As our Governmental Agencies and State/City Health Departments have made decisions to curtail the spread of this virus, which means most of our members are forced to “stay in place”, wear masks and gloves, and are limited in social distancing and being with family and friends. It does not matter where you live, whether in populated metropolitan cities, whether rural or urban, we are all experiencing the same issues and concerns. The health and well-being of our members are essential. As I have said throughout this year, “We believe the most important asset we have is our Members. Without you we would not have Amaranth.”

Many of our Grand Courts have moved their meetings to new dates in hopes of having their Grand Court Sessions. After several moves and attempts to plan their events by reducing meals, activities, and number of days, many of the same Grand Courts are suspending their Sessions until 2021. This has not been an easy decision by the Grand Royal Matrons, Grand Royal Patrons and their Grand Line. We are in uncharted waters, with no rules to follow. We know their plans did not include another year in office, but we commend each of these Grand Courts for their unselfish decision to keep the health and welfare of their members in mind. Thank you for Aiming Higher to be the best!

The Supreme Council Assembly is fast approaching and decisions are needed. We do not know what the future holds, where we will be in one month, two months or six months down the road. There is no magic answer. After much feedback from members, communications with our Jurisprudence Committee and Board of Trustees, followed by a conference meeting with our Supreme Line Officers we have reached a very difficult decision. It is with a very heavy heart that we inform you, the 123rd Supreme Assembly of the Supreme Council Order of the Amaranth is suspended until July 4-8, 2021, at which time the “Around the World with Amaranth” Session will be held in Portland, Oregon. This is being done in order to protect the health and welfare of each of our members from across all jurisdictions. Your safety is the first and foremost factor in making the decision.

All Supreme Officers, elected and appointed, will remain in their current office, all committees will continue in their respective committee appointments and the ADF Board members and the executive officers will remain in place until the next scheduled Supreme Assembly, July 4-8, 2021. The 2019-20 Supreme Budget will remain in place and the Supreme Board of Trustees will approve all overtures. The Supreme Line officers and I will work together to finalize the itinerary for the 2020-21 official visits. The Red Lion on the River Hotel has agreed to try and transfer the current hotel reservations to next year. More information will be forthcoming regarding the needed refunds. We will keep everyone informed as changes occur. In the meantime, please be safe and stay healthy.

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