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Note from the Editor, HL Shari Gillies

Please bear with me as I try to include interesting bits of information and news for your pleasure. I will include additional items (**FROM YOU**) for future editions so get your fingers tapping on the keys or your pen to paper. Send submissions to me at the address below or hard copy by hand or snail mail. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter in the future, please let me know so I can save postage on the snail mail version, or, on the positive side if there is someone you know who would love to hear from us find me an email address!!

Thanks for your patience. HL Shari Gillies, gillies@shaw.ca or call 778-834-8860



In a nut shell
Dates of Note:



COURT MEETINGS

(HLs don't forget to wear white for the May meetings)

Fri, May 5	Mizpah Ct
Sat, May 6	Sequoia Ct
Sun, May 7, 1pm	Tulip Ct, WA – Installation of Officers (SK Kevin to be installed as RP)
Sat, May 13	Cypress Ct
Tue, May 16	Dogwood Ct
Wed, May 24	Tulip Ct, WA
Fri, June 2	Mizpah Ct
Sat, June 3	Sequoia Ct
Sun, June 4	Tulip Ct, WA
Sat, June 10	Cypress Ct
Tue, June 20	Dogwood Ct
Wed, June 24	Tulip Ct, WA



SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat, May 27	Cattle Rustlers' Chuck Wagon Supper
Sun, June 11	Annual Golf Tournament
Sat, June 17	Grand Lodge, Concordant Bodies Meeting
June 22 – 24	Grand Lodge, BC & Yukon, Annual Communication
Sat, June 24	Dogwood Meat Draw, Pioneer Pub, Richmond
June 25 – 26	Supreme Council, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Sat, July 29	Grand Court BBQ
August 10 – 12	Grand Court of Alaska
September 1 – 4	Annual US Invasion



NOTES FROM THE GRAND LINE

Grand Royal Matron, HL Susan



Well, we are two months in and all is good. Congratulations and welcome to the new 2017-2018 Grand Court Team! I am looking forward to working with each of you during the coming year.

RM's and members - please feel free to contact me or any one of the GC Officers if there is anything we can do to help make your year a happy and successful one.

The focus this year will be on promoting the "positive", increasing membership, and supporting our youth organizations while continuing to faithfully work for our philanthropic charities.

I feel that if we work together we will not only meet these goals but also strengthen the Order.

I ask your assistance to reach out to our current members both active and not, be looking for new members everywhere, encourage all members to attend any Schools of Instruction and Leadership presentations that may be scheduled, concentrate on the Ritual and floor work, try new things and most of all I want you to have FUN!

Fraternally,

HL Susan Bay, GRM



Grand Royal Patron, SK Bill

HLs and SKs, the first two months of this Grand Court year have flown by, and I have enjoyed my time representing The Grand Court of BC as Grand Royal Patron. The duties of my office have kept me very busy. After being installed in early March at our Grand Court, I accompanied our Grand Royal Matron, HL Sue, and many of our HLs and SKs to the Grand Courts of Oregon and Washington. We had a wonderful time, not only at the meetings and installations, but also at the banquets and events where I was able to make new friends and strengthen old friendships. My wife, Joyce, and I also spent a few rainy days on the Oregon Coast between Grand Courts, and despite the weather, we had a very nice time.

April not only brought showers to the Lower Mainland, but also a string of Installations. I was pleased to take part in the Sequoia Court Installation as part of the Honor Guard and in the Dogwood Court Installation as the Sword Bearer. Near the end of the month, I accompanied our Grand Royal Matron and many of our Honored Ladies and Sir Knights to Vancouver Island where I was very happy to preside as the Installing Officer for the Mizpah Court Installation. It was great to see our HLs and SKs on Vancouver Island, especially those who were not able to attend Grand Court this year. Although, it was a fast trip, we had a wonderful time, enjoying a terrific buffet breakfast on the ferry. In addition,

and with the blessing of the RMs of all four Courts, I was given the opportunity to fulfill part of my duties by installing some of our Grand Officers who were not in attendance at Grand Court.

I am now looking forward to the next two months as we make our preparations for the trip to Supreme Court Sessions in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as well as the Grand Court "Chuck Wagon Supper" in May and the "Diabetes Canada Golf for Research" luncheon in June.

I would like to close with a reminder that the prosperity and success of our Order can be reached only in proportion to the energy and zeal which we bring to our various responsibilities and duties.

Bill Duncan
Grand Royal Patron

COURT NEWS

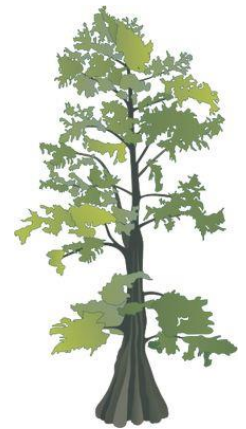
Cypress Court #5

To all Royal Matrons of the order of Amaranth of the jurisdiction of British Columbia, I am putting forward a friendly challenge, that before we turn over our gavel to our successor, there will be, at least, an improvement in our subordinate court, with special attention to membership development.

These are endeavours which a Royal Matron cannot do alone.

Therefore, I ask from each and every one of our members for their wholehearted and unconditional support to succeed.

HL Carolina Gonzalo, RM
Cypress Court #5
2017-2018



I WISH TO EXTEND WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF AMARANTH, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR ALL OF YOUR DEDICATION TO THE ORDER. I HOPE FOR ALL SUCCESS THIS TERM AS WE SUPPORT OUR ROYAL MATRONS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, AND TO AWAIT POTENTIAL MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ENTERING INTO OUR COURTS WITH CAMARADERIE. I SINCERELY WISH THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP WILL GROW GRADUALLY IN STRENGTH IN THE YEARS TO COME.

**SK JAMES GONZALO, RP
CYPRESS COURT #5
2017-2018**

Sequoia Court #15

HLs and SKs

We have started off the Amaranth year with a bang. After our session we traveled to Oregon and then Washington visiting our friends south of the border.

The next weekend was Sequoia Court's meeting which was initiation in the afternoon and then the Installation that evening. It was well attended by visitors and members from the USA and other court members.

We were invited to attend the installation of Amber Galaz a Past Supreme Bethel Honoured Queen who we've known for years through our Job's Daughters associations. She is now RM of Mountain View Court. It's funny how our Masonic lives have crossed paths once again.

We attended Dogwood Court Installation and went to the Island for Mizpah Court installation. Everyone was happy to see visitors. Both ceremonies were lovely and it was nice to see members helping out other courts. We are looking forward to Tulip Court installation when our own SK Kevin will be installed as RP.

Having fun travelling down the trails with our friends.

HL Donna-Lee & SK John

NEWS BULLETIN – BC DEMOLAY GROWING!! HL Shari Gillies, PGRM



Saturday, April 8 was the Institution and Installation of Fraser Valley Chapter DeMolay. The Chapter room was full with the members to be installed, former DeMolay members, Jobies, past and present, moms and dads and many Masons.

It was a real honour to attend as a representative from Amaranth. It was also a joy to be greeted by the DeMolay and Jobies I had the pleasure to be involved with when my kids were members some of whom I had not seen for a very long time. How easy it is to lose touch.



One of the biggest changes I noted was the installation of a mom on the chapter advisory group. Olivia MacInstocker was installed as the first woman in BC to take on this role. Congratulations to Olivia! Your hard work really shows.

BC now has 3 Demolay Chapters – Beaver Chapter, Vancouver; Pheonix Chapter, Victoria; and now Fraser Valley Chapter, Abbotsford. Let's make sure we support them.

Word on the street – work is being done to reopen Golden Ears Chapter, Maple Ridge. When that information was announced there were whispers of a possible 'Conclave' in the future!!

Help Support the GRM's special Project: Canadian Mental Health

There are still a few 5 year planners left. They have been discounted to \$8.00 each. These are great for keeping track of all your Amaranth events so that you don't over book or forget. They also make a good gift for someone. All proceeds from the sales go directly to the GRM's special project "Canadian Mental Health".



There are also a few awesome gown bags made by our Jr. PGRM in stock. (When she has time there will be a larger selection) Cost: \$30.00

SKs - these make a super gift for your HLs to protect all those expensive gowns you pay for.

CONTACT any of the Elected Grand Court Officers to purchase any of the above.



**The Grand Court of BC
Invites you to attend the
10th Annual
Amaranth Diabetes Research
Golf Tournament Luncheon**

Location: Fort Langley Golf Course - (9782 McKinnon Cres)
Date: Sunday, June 11
Luncheon: Time will be determined by the golfers (usually about 1:30pm)
Cost of Luncheon is \$45 which includes a donation to Canadian Diabetes Research. (cheques to be made to Fort Langley Golf Course)

There will be many silent auction items to bid on.

Please contact HL Phyllis to for more information and to reserve your luncheon ticket (604-523-9712). Volunteers are also needed. Or go to www.fortlangleygolf.ca for additional information.

The Grand Court of BC
Order of the Amaranth
Invites you to our theme event:

The Cattle Rustlers' Chuck Wagon Supper



Saturday, May 27, 2017
6:00 pm Getting to know you
7:00 pm Dinner
24017 109 Avenue
Maple Ridge



\$30 per person

Seating will be VERY limited - Maximum 40

Prepayment is required as no tickets will be available that night.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 19

Shari Gillies - 604-463-8860, 778-834-8860

e-transfer is welcome to gillies@shaw.ca

Kathy or Don Stutt - 604-948-2013

Don't forget to wear your spurs
and cowboy hat!!



No cowboy's tough enough to handle
Cookie's grub. Just ask Wild Bill Heccup
and Wyatt Burp!

Grand Court of BC Annual Barbeque Sunday, July 30, 2:30 pm

Our GRM and GRP invite you to join them at the home of the GRP (21259 Douglas Ave, Maple Ridge (604-352-5374)) for a barbeque. Details to follow.

Prior to the BBQ there will be a meeting of the GC Executive Officers, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons and the Grand Representatives to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Alaska only at 1:00 pm.



Labour Day Weekend American Invasion September 1 – 4, 2017

Come join us for the Annual American Invasion. The Best Western Inn Coquitlam Convention Centre is waiting to welcome you. Rates are 1 queen bed or 2 double beds \$145.99 Cdn; Superior 2 queen beds \$155.99. Please call the hotel directly 604-931-9011.

Friday arrival – meet and greet hosted by the Grand Court of BC.

Saturday – Day at Burnaby Village Museum. There is no cost to enter and enjoy the Museum. The carousel ride is \$2.65 per person.

Saturday dinner – TBA

Sunday – enjoy shopping, site seeing etc. At 5pm guests will be transported to the Burnaby Central Railway Park to enjoy a pig roast and BBQ. Cost \$25.00

Please contact Pat Haywood 604-263-7445 586haywood@gmail.com

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