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STILL looking for articles, fundraising flyers, fun events notices, etc. Tell us about your travels, your successes, your meetings. We would love to hear from you.



Kindness is like snow – it beautifies everything it covers

**In a nut shell
Dates of Note:**



COURT MEETINGS

Fri, May 4, 2018	Mizpah Court	Meeting
Sat, May 5, 2018	Sequoia Ct	Meeting
Sun, May 6, 2018	Tulip Ct, WA	Installation
Sat, May 12, 2018	Cypress Ct	Meeting
Tues, May 15, 2018	Dogwood Ct	Meeting
Wed, May 23, 2018	Tulip Ct	Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS (see full details at the end of the newsletter)

SAVE / REMEMBER THE DATE

Mon, April 30	Deadline to order from 'Growing Smiles'
Fri, May 12	RSVP deadline for Fun in Acapulco
Sat, May 19	Fun in Acapulco theme dinner



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE SPECIAL EVENT AND FUND RAISER FLYERS AT THE END

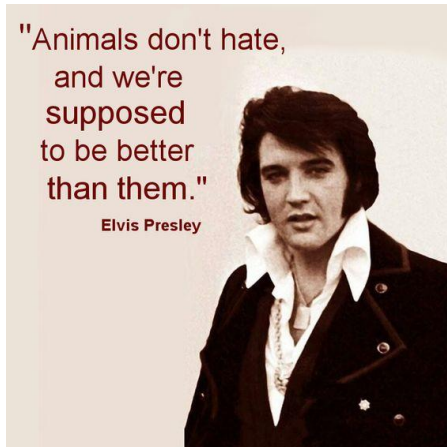
HORSE SENSE



Flaming
enthusiasm,
backed up by
horse sense
and
persistence,
is the quality
that most
frequently
makes for
success. -
Dale Carnegie

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST DOGWOOD COURT #3 HISTORY MEMORIES FROM HL MARION BROWN

On April 27, 1952, HL Lois Lavine, SAM from Seattle, along with HL Ella Rossman, Grand Secretary of Washington, held an information meeting at the Masonic Hall on Dunbar and 27th in Vancouver. Attending the meeting were HL Henriette Drysdale, originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, Daniel Lace, Evelyn Tate, and John Head among others.

HL Lois appointed HL Henriette, Royal Matron; Daniel Lace, Royal Patron; Evelyn Tate, Associate Matron; John Head, Associate Patron. HL Henriette was to appoint the remaining officers. Many petitions were signed that night.

Dogwood was chosen as the name for the Court. It was suggested that other Courts be named after trees. The Court would meet the 4th Thursday of the month, when the hall could be rented. On May 22nd, 1952, HL Lois and HL Evelyn, along with many Supreme and Grand Officers from Washington and Oregon came to organize the Court in the KP Hall on 8th Avenue and Scotia in Vancouver. 126 members had signed petitions.

Following the official opening of the Court by HL Lois, SAM, HL Ella was asked to read the dispensation to organize. This was accepted by the petitioners.

Initiation followed – what a crowd for such a small hall. The assistance of the Supreme Lecturer and the Supreme Conductresses completed the journey. After the initiation, the appointed officers received the Obligation given by SK Robert Burgender from Washington. The officers then took their stations.

HL Lois proclaimed Dogwood Court #3 duly organized and the members authorized to do the work of the Court, under dispensation. The distinguished guests included 2 PSRMs, 2 PSRPs,

the GRM of Oregon and the GRM and GRP of Washington. Dues were set at \$5.00 per member per year which totaled \$630. There was also a 'silver' march which totaled \$43.35 – big money.

June 22, 1952 was Dogwood's first meeting. After the opening of the Court a corps of officers from Bellingham, Washington initiated 9 new members. The Court received 22 new petitions. The first Ways and Means meeting was held and a No Host dinner was requested for the July meeting at a cost of \$1.25. The next event was an afternoon tea at HL Evelyn Tate's on Jericho Circle. \$.50 was the admission fee.

On July 20, 1952, SK John Brown was appointed Associate Patron as SK John Head had resigned due to his work. Robert had to learn the AP's lecture and all of his work in four days. Four days later a special session of Supreme Council was held. The Supreme officers took their stations. HL Lois Lavine, now SRM, accompanied by SK Alfred Riggs, DSRP, were escorted into the Court room by Supreme Marshal, HL Garnet Saither. Dogwood Court officers were officially installed by SK Robert Burgender. The Installing Marshal was HL Margaret Kemo, DSRM, first to BC. SK Libby Nelson was the Installing Aide. Officers installed were:

Royal Matron	HL Henriette Drysdale
Royal Patron	SK Daniel Lace
Associate Matron	HL Evelyn Tate
Associate Patron	SK Robert Brown
Conductress	HL Rowlands
Associate Conductress	HL Janet Garvin
Treasurer	HL Lillian Cooper
Secretary	HL Bertha Lace

The Coronating Matron was HL Lois, SRM. HL Florence Thurston, RM of Mizpah Court was the Marshal in the East for Coronation. The rest of the officers were from the visiting Supreme Officers.

The first resignation came at our September meeting. HL Estelle Robinson, who was our first Historian, left to form Arbutus Court in North Vancouver on December 5, 1952. Other North Shore members followed her. December 30th was election of officers because our Amaranth year ended at the end of the year.

Royal Matron	HL Evelyn Tate
Royal Patron	SK Robert Brown
Associate Matron	HL Rowlands
Associate Patron	SK Roland Hood

We had 156 members in good standing at the end of the first year. Mr. Llewellyn Sr. made the die for the PRM and PRP jewels for the price of \$50. They are up to \$300 plus now. The cost of the RM's jewel was \$48 and the RP's was \$35. The jewels were designed by SK Daniel Lace.

HL Henriette Drysdale, our first Royal Matron became the first GRM of BC and SK Daniel Lace, our first Royal Patron became the second GRP of BC.



"Think left and think right
and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think up
if only you try!"

- Dr. Seuss

MARCH MADNESS IS DONE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

HL Shari Gillies, DSRM (with HL Phyllis and HL Kathy)

March Madness...It's always a good time but it's also nice to get home. This year was no different. Oregon and Washington were the usual good time and the days between the two Grand Courts were spent at the coast with HL Marilyn and SK Dean. It was especially nice to spend free time with them as we hadn't had that opportunity for a few years.

By the time this issue is sent out the installations will be almost done and we will be looking at May with Memorials. The new executives are in their places and working to keep the wheels turning. Let's all do everything we can to support the Courts and Grand Court.

Speaking of Grand Court we have the 'Fun in Acapulco' theme dinner just around the corner. I hope you are planning to attend and have bought your tickets. I'm looking forward to trying my hand at Mexican cuisine. I will be taking care to limit the refried beans (they are not my favourite) and tone down the spices as well.

(there will be extra spices to add for those of us who enjoy that extra jolt!)

So be assured there will be lots for you to enjoy!

This is a BYO drinks event. Coffee and Tea will be available.

You will find the details in the poster below.

FUNDSCRIP is another way to support our Grand Court. Anyone can sign up. This is not restricted to just Amaranth members. **Anyone** can sign up!!!

Your first step is to log onto the Amaranthbc.ca website, click on the **FUNDSCRIP** logo and follow the instructions. Please note the **code** for access. When you are signing up there is a 'Support a Group' button in the upper right corner -- click on it. You will then be asked for that code. Once you have done that you are now in the BC Amaranth section and can create your own login. Now it's just fill in the blanks and you can start ordering your gift cards.



Growing Smiles is one more fund raiser you don't want to miss out on. You can order directly from the web site. Pickup will be Saturday, May 12 or Sunday, May 13 – just in time for Mom's Day and/or spring planting. You can find more details on the Amaranthbc.ca website.



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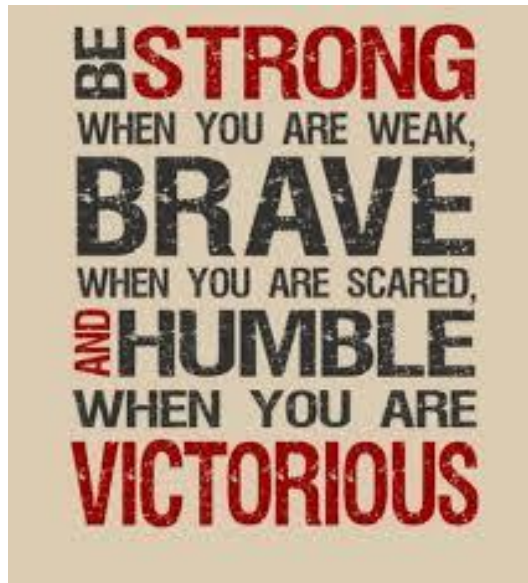
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4

Generate Earnings

Each purchase generates earnings for your group that can quickly add up over time



Join us for

FUN IN ACAPULCO

A Mexican Themed Dinner Event

The Grand Court of BC

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Invites you to our theme event.



Saturday, May 19, 2018

6:00 pm Getting to know you

7:00 pm Dinner

Prince David Masonic Hall

22272 116 Avenue

Maple Ridge, BC

\$30 per person



Find your inner Elvis or come dressed in your favourite serape and sombrero. Enjoy a buffet dinner of a variety of Mexican dishes.

RSVP: by Friday, May 12, 2018

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