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**Dear
Editor**

Note from the Editor, HL Shari Gillies

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To the Court Secretaries – you can help by providing full information of your events.

To Grand Court Secretaries of other jurisdictions please feel free to email your posters/flyers for your events and I will do my best to include them.

Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter – September 23, 2019

Keep going, and don't worry about your speed. You're making progress, even if it doesn't seem like it. Forward is forward, no matter how slow.

In a nut shell
Dates of Note:



COURT MEETINGS

Sat, Sept 8, 2019
Sat, Sept 14, 2019
Tue, Sept 17, 2019
Tue, Sept 17, 2019
Wed, Sept 25, 2019

Sequoia Court
Cypress Court
Mizpah Court – new date & location. See article below.
Dogwood Court
Tulip Court

Idaho Grand Court – Thursday, September 26 – Saturday, September 28
New Mexico Grand Court – Thursday November 7 – Saturday, November 9

SPECIAL EVENTS

(Details, when available, can be found at the end of the newsletter)

SAVE / REMEMBER THE DATE

Sat, September 21, 2019 Mamma Mia Theme dinner, Maple Ridge Masonic Lodge Hall
(see poster at the end of the Newsletter)

Washington Grand Court Events

(see posters at the end of the newsletter)

Sat, Sept 7, 2019 “Drive for the Cure” Golf Tournament
Sun, Sept 8, 2019 GAM and GAP Reception – Washington—
HL Heather Hughes & SK Gary Lewis

True teams are made when you put aside individual wants for the collective good.

Grand Royal Matron, HL Kathy Stutt
Grand Royal Patron, SK Don Stutt



Spring has come and gone, summer is with us, the PNE has started and September is just around the corner with everyone's fall routine starting. Court meetings will be resuming and we are off to a busy fall and winter.

What has happened since our Grand Court in March? For ourselves, your GRP/GRM, most of you know we have been busy with HL Kerri and her medical situation. We had to step back from everything and deal with our daughter and how she will move forward in dealing with her “New Normal”. Once we understood what we had to deal with, we could move forward and resume our duties.



In August we attended the GC of Alaska. It was a very enjoyable experience, meeting old acquaintances and making new friends. There were 90 attendees, 2/3 were not members of Alaska. (23 Alaska-67 out of Jurisdiction). It was a very enjoyable Grand Court. Thursday night started with a barbeque, outside on the lawn in front of the hotel with float planes landing and taking off at regular intervals.

Like BC, Alaska is a VERY small jurisdiction! They have very successfully carried on for many years. They have two courts! One in Anchorage and one in Fairbanks. They are 360 miles apart!! That's a 6 hour drive. They support each other and work together for the good of the Order. As members of BC we need to look at them and learn that even though they are small, they carried on, they moved forward and most of all ----They Succeeded!!

In Alaska transportation to and from Anchorage is done in many different ways. The lesson learned is that there is no one Right Way to do anything. There are a variety of ways to accomplish your objectives or goals.

Happening in September is our theme dinner and social, Mamma Mia Revisited. We have an opportunity to showcase Amaranth to a number of people who don't know anything about us. Above all it's a great social event. All we are asking of our members and guests, is come, enjoy the social time, the food and fun. Let's all make a collective effort to invite as many people as possible and let them see who Amaranth is, learn a little bit more about us and just **how much fun we have**.



As we go into to the fall and winter months, we start to realize that the year for your GRM & GRP is fast closing.

We have to look to the future as to what direction we are going to take.



What do the members want; status quo is not an option; proactive ideas will move us all forward to a positive place. A roundtable meeting happened with open discussion about the future and possibilities. Discussions will continue and finally we will have a resolution and path.

Sometimes the path of life is not smooth. YES, it can be rocky and rough. However, above all, the destination is what we are all hoping to reach, and it's an important journey for all of us as we move forward.

Regards, Don & Kathy
GRP / GRM

Surround yourself with the dreamers and the doers, the believers and thinkers, but most of all surround yourself with those who see greatness within you, even when you don't see it yourself.

Grand Associate Matron, HL Shari Gillies

The summer has indeed been busy for me. I travelled to St. Louis for Supreme Council along with HL Phyllis and HL Karen. HL Carolina joined us on Sunday. Our adventure started out with good plans to be almost foiled by an extremely long wait at the border—over 3 hours. Thankfully our flight out of SeaTac wasn't until the next day.

The Session was great. HL June and SK Grumpy (Ron) got through the business with dignity and grace. My thanks to them for their knowledge.



The weather was HOT! But we were assured it was a dry heat...whatever that means...it was still hot!!! When we were not busy inside, the hotel the pool was the place to be. There were lots of places to sit in the shade alternating with dips in the pool. No cabana boy though...maybe next time.

The reception for HL Dorothy and SK Gerry was held in a pavilion (big tent) attached to the hotel. I was eager and anxious to see the crochet hot air balloons I had made for the occasion. They looked fabulous, 60 little hot air balloons decorating each table and lined up across the head tables. I don't often take pictures...sure wish I had taken one that night. (I have this pic of one) HL Dorothy offered them for sale after the dinner; by the time everyone was leaving they had all been sold with the \$800 going to Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.



The next day we had a bit of a wait; our flight didn't leave until later in the day. I wish I could tell you all went well...we had a 45 minute layover in San Diego which should have given us lots of time BUT our flight out was delayed and delayed. As a consequence our 45 minutes had disappeared. Thankfully they held the plane for us and we raced to board. Unfortunately HL Phyllis' luggage did not make it! The next step was to find out exactly where it was and how to get it!! Alaska Air was most courteous and helpful. Phyllis got her suitcase delivered to her house the next day.



We had enough time to recover before leaving to attend the Grand Court of Alaska. This time there were no hiccups with travel. Once again it was great to see the folks of Alaska. We were in Anchorage this time at the Lakefront Hotel right next to Lake Wood. Again the weather was great...not quite as hot as St Louis or as hot as it had been a few weeks earlier.

HL Kathy, GRM and SK Don, GRP joined us, their first Alaska Grand Court, along with HL Karen and HL Carolina.

HL Liz and SK Monty did a great job! The place was packed; I think there were 13 jurisdictions represented. The business was dealt with quite nicely with time to spare.

SK Bill Folsom was recognized, posthumously, by the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation for his contributions and dedication to find a cure for diabetes. HL Leann also received a plaque from the Grand Court to commemorate his efforts. SK Ken Hayden, Colorado, circulated a boot in SK Bill's memory and more than \$600 was collected to add to their contribution to the ADF.

Friday evening was "Captain Cook's Castaway" Banquet with pirates and castaways in abundance. It was great to see so many dressed the part. A young man, in costume, told us of Captain Cook's second voyage to the west coast of North America...very informative.



HL Victoria, GAM asked if I would be Grand Marshal in the East for crowning, which I immediately agreed to. She and SK Del were installed with the rest of the officers on Saturday evening with a reception to follow. HL Phyllis and I were leaving early the next morning so didn't stay up too late. Travel home was, thankfully, uneventful.

I encourage everyone to travel to other jurisdictions when they can. It's wonderful to meet members from around the world and experience other Grand Courts and their differences.

Amaranth love to all,
HL Shari Gillies, GAM

Mizpah Court #2

HL Marguerite Gussman, DSRM

Mizpah Court is moving to Goldstream Masonic Hall on Goldstream Ave. Langford, B.C. on Sunday, August 25th. Our meetings will be the third Tuesday of every month starting September 17th at 7p.m. It's a lovely hall if you are familiar with any of the Job's Daughters (Bethel 36 meets there). Lots of parking!

At long last big dining room and first floor walk into the dining room. The meeting hall is upstairs.

Hope we will see lots of the other courts wanting to see us in a more convenient place to come visit. We will be welcoming a new member, a Mason, very soon.

HL Marguerite Gussman, DSRM

HL Pat Haywood, Grand Representative to New South Wales

Our Roving Reporter

Travellers in Amaranth have been really busy - quite a few headed North to Alaska, for the first Official Visit of the SRM, HL Dorothy. The end of September will see more travelling to Idaho Grand Court and later in November maybe off to New Mexico.

It won't be long until September is here and the meetings start up again, along with various fundraisers. September will also be a busy time for some of the Courts with important decisions that need to be made. Always remember that it should always be for the **Good of the Order**.

To our members who are under the weather, keep on plugging along and keep a stiff upper lip and have faith that all will be well. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you.

HL Pat Haywood, PGRM

Just for fun

Always Wear Underwear...

Always wear underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle. From the local paper comes this story of a Brisbane couple who drove their car to the shopping centre, only to have their car break down in the car park. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of hairy legs protruding from under the chassis.

Unfortunately, although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned his private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward and quickly put her hand up his shorts, and tucked everything back into place.

On regaining her feet, she looked across the bonnet and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by watching.

The R.A.C.Q. mechanic however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

The Grand Court of BC
Order of the Amaranth
invites you to our theme event.

Mamma Mia Revisited

A Greek Themed Dinner Event

Saturday, September 21, 2019

6:00 pm Getting to know you

7:00 pm Dinner

Maple Ridge Masonic Hall

22272 116 Ave, Maple Ridge

\$35 per person

The food will be Greek; the attire will be ABBA or beach or whatever is comfortable.

Enjoy a buffet dinner of a variety of Greek dishes. Entertainment to be announced -- be prepared to join in!!



RSVP: by Friday, September 13, 2019

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Etransfers to amaranth.bc@shaw.ca; Cheques to be made out to Grand Court of BC.

STILL AVAILABLE

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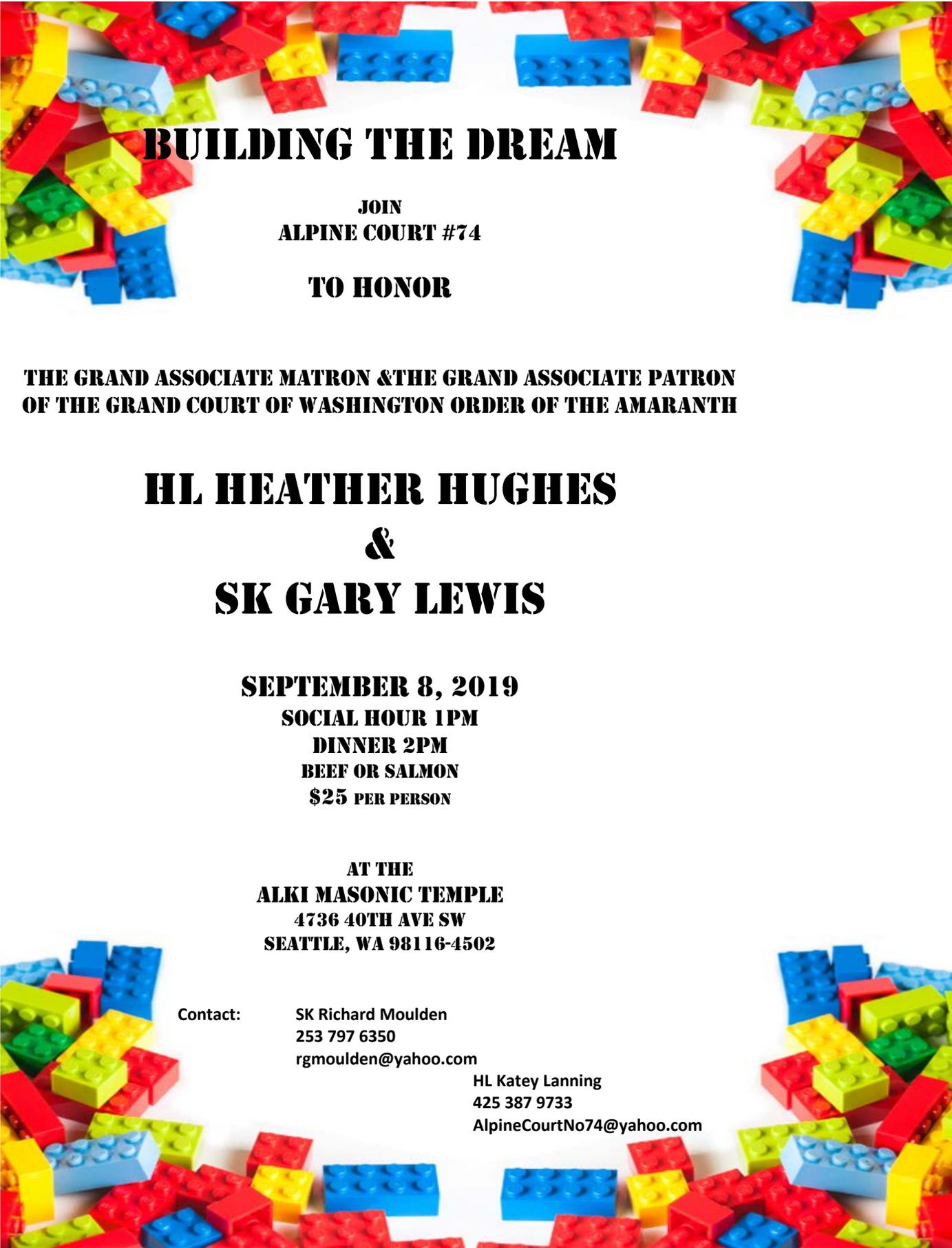
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BUILDING THE DREAM

**JOIN
ALPINE COURT #74**

TO HONOR

**THE GRAND ASSOCIATE MATRON & THE GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON
OF THE GRAND COURT OF WASHINGTON ORDER OF THE AMARANTH**

**HL HEATHER HUGHES
&
SK GARY LEWIS**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

SOCIAL HOUR 1PM

DINNER 2PM

BEEF OR SALMON

\$25 PER PERSON

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Order of the Amaranth
Annual Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner
Saturday SEPTEMBER 07, 2019
Benefitting Diabetes Research

Foster Golf Links
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**PRIZES FOR LONGEST DRIVE - CLOSEST TO THE PIN - CASINO HOLE - DOOR PRIZES
HOLE IN ONE – MARSHMELLOW DRIVE**

Registration 6:00am Tee Off 7:30am
\$95.00/per person. Includes 18 holes of Golf, shared cart & awards dinner.

Non golfers dinner \$25.00 per person

BE KIND

WORK HARD

stay humble

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= smile often =

KEEP HONEST

stay loyal

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travel when possible

NEVER STOP LEARNING

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be thankful always

AND LOVE