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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 – January 4, 2020**



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

### **COURT MEETINGS**



Sat, Dec 7, 2019 Sequoia Court 4:00 pm—**Trivia game to follow. Please note time change**  
Tue, Dec 17, 2019 Mizpah Court  
Tue, Dec 17, 2019 Dogwood Court – Official Visit of GRM, HL Kathy  
Tulip Court – No meeting in December

### **SAVE / REMEMBER THE DATE**

November 29, 2020 to December 15, 2020 --- Panama Cruise to benefit Diabetes... More info below.

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



HLs and SKs

Sir Knight Don and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you “All the Very Best” for this Holiday Season. May you find a Happier New Year in 2020.

2019 has NOT been the best year for many of our members and we ask you all to keep them in your thoughts and prayers not only now but in the coming year as well.

SK Don and I also thank all the members for their concern and understanding of just how challenging this year has been for our family. We both undertook this job with the best of intentions of doing our very best for the Order of the Amaranth. Life had a different plan. Our focus had to be on family! HL Kerri has faced her many challenges with the upmost determination not to let it stop her. She has a strength that amazes all of us.

My knee surgery FINALLY took place November 1st after two postponements. This has made it quite a challenge to schedule our Official visits! I had to change or postpone some as I was not able to fulfill these scheduled dates. I am improving daily, but it seems it is a long, slow rather painful process to get back to feeling good.

We wish you all MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

HL Kathy Stutt GRM  
SK Don Stutt, GRP

## **Grand Associate Matron, HL Shari Gillies**

Merry Christmas to all!

I look out my window and see that most of my neighbours have put up outdoor decorations making the gloom of another rainy day more tolerable!!! I'm a little slower this year. BUT it will get done. I have 4 bins of decorations sitting in my dining room waiting for me to find special spots for each treasured item.

For the last 14 years my daughter, my granddaughter and I have attended the Nutcracker. This year will be a little different adding my daughter's good friend, Kim and heading for the Queen 'E' theatre in Vancouver, instead of 'The Act' Theatre here in Maple Ridge. We decided to spread our wings a little and go to the big City to see our favourite Christmas play. Dinner after will add to the good feelings of the day.

New Mexico Grand Court was wonderful; another small jurisdiction working hard to fill all their chairs and make their guests welcome. The weather wasn't quite as we remembered from 7 years ago. There was a little rain gratefully welcomed by the residents. It was a little cooler but still only a light jacket needed. The hotel was a little different...not quite the same ambience as before with the new ownership but the staff were the same with smiles and greetings each day. I did visit Old Town with HL Leann and did a little shopping there. Not sure I 'had' to do the shopping but it was worth it!!! Along with a bag full of treasures I brought home some chocolate covered jalapeño peanut brittle and shared it with my brother, Tim. And, yes, the 2 packages I bought home were gone by the end of the day...LOL!

HL Marybeth and SK JD brought us music and humour with their session. SK Richard welcomed us at each session with great stories and presented HL Marybeth with a different miniature musical instrument to open each session.

New Mexico Grand Court has close ties with California, especially because SK JD is a member there and with Arizona and Colorado. Those 4 states have a close relationship similar to the one we here in BC enjoy with our friends in in the North West. Anyway, back to New Mexico and its blend of members from those neighbouring jurisdictions...what a great display of working together--Amaranth love at work.

We were so very saddened with the loss of HL Ginger Pinion, PGRM of Alaska. She leaves behind a legacy of grace and kindness. She shared her love with all. We will miss her.

Amaranth love,  
HL Shari Gillies, GAM

## **Grand Associate Patron, SK Bill Duncan**

Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights, as we get into December, it's starting to look and feel like Christmas. The stores are beautifully decorated and Santa is visiting the shopping malls. My street is adorned with Christmas lights, and soon we'll be decorating the Christmas tree.

I would like to take this moment to wish all of our Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights a very merry and happy Christmas season. Let hope and love warm your heart and may this Christmas season bring comfort and joy to you and your family;

All the best to you and yours,

Sir Knight Bill Duncan  
Grand Associate Patron

**Dogwood Court #3**  
**SK Bill Duncan, RP**

Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights; on behalf of our Royal Matron, Honoured Lady Cathy Duncan, I would like to thank all the members of Dogwood Court for a tremendously successful 2019, and I would like to welcome all who are new to Dogwood Court this year. It has been a lot of fun serving Dogwood Court alongside my daughter Cathy once again, and I believe that with the support of all, 2020 should prove to be an equally great year.

Cathy and I would like to take this moment to wish you and your families a very merry and happy Christmas and we hope the New Year brings you much happiness and success.

Sir Knight Bill Duncan  
Dogwood Court

**Funny Christmas Quotes and other sentiments**  
**from HL Pat Haywood, DSRM**

Christmas: the only time of year you can sit in front of a dead tree eating candy out of socks.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. But if the white runs out I'll drink the red.

Three Wise WOMEN would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, bought practical gifts, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and there would be peace on earth!



It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, it's who is around it. Christmas isn't about candy canes or lights all aglow, it's the hearts that we touch, and the care that we show.

~ Mickey's *Once Upon a Christmas*

- Christmas gift suggestions:
- To your enemy, forgiveness.
  - To an opponent, tolerance.
  - To a friend, your heart.
  - To a customer, service.
  - To all, charity.
  - To every child, a good example.
  - To yourself, respect.

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

# GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS INVITATION

I'm not dead yet. Christmas is still important to me.

If being in my Last Will and Testament is important to you, then you might consider being with me for my favorite holiday. Dinner is at 2:00 p.m. Not 2:15. Not 2:05.

**Two. 2:00.**

Arrive late and you get what's left over.

Last year, that moron Marshall fried a turkey in one of those contraptions and practically burned the deck off the house.

This year, the only peanut oil used to make the meal will be from the secret scoop of peanut butter I add to the carrot soup.

Jonathan, your last new wife was an idiot.

You don't arrive at someone's house on Christmas needing to use the oven and the stove to prepare your contribution to the meal.

Honest to God, I thought you might have learned after two wives - date them longer and save us all the agony of another divorce.

Now, the house rules are now slightly different this year.

## **New House Rules:**

1. I have decided that 47% of you don't know how to take care of nice things.

Therefore Paper plates and red Solo cups might be bad for the environment, but I'll be gone soon and that will be your problem to deal with.

Besides, I don't have to worry that you might break my good china when you offer to 'do dishes' and don't understand that means 'wash them in the sink, dry them and put them away' not 'stick them in the dishwasher and leave them for a week'.

2. I don't care if your favourite team is playing a critical game. The television stays off during the meal.

3. The "no cans for kids" rule still exists. We are using 2 liter bottles because your children still like to open a third can before finishing the first two. Parents can fill a child's cup when it is empty.

There is one cup per kid and all of the cups have names on them and I'll be paying close attention to refills.

4. Chloe, last year we were at Trudy's house and I looked the other way when your Jell-O salad showed up. This year, if Jell-O salad comes in my front door it will go right back out the back door with the garbage. Save yourself some time, honey. You've never been a good cook.

You shouldn't bring something that wiggles more than you. Buy something from the bakery.

5. Grandmothers give grandchildren cookies and candy. That is a fact of life. Your children

can eat healthy at your home. At my home, they can eat whatever they like as long as they finish it.

6. Your being a vegetarian doesn't change the fact that stuffing without garlic is like egg salad without eggs. Even the green bean casserole has a little garlic butter in it. That's why it tastes so good, And as far as being healthy... look at me. I've outlived almost everyone I know.

7. Salad at Christmas is a waste of space.

8. I do not like cell phones. Leave them in the car. If I find one in my house I have a hammer to deal with it.

9. I do not like video cameras. There will be 32 people here. I am sure you can capture lots of memories without the camera pointed at me.

10. Being a mother means you have to actually pay attention to the kids. I have nice things and I don't put them away just because company is coming over.

Mary, watch your kids and I'll watch my things. If you don't watch your kids, remember that I have a hammer.

11. Rhonda, a cat that requires a shot twice a day is a cat that has lived too many lives.

I think staying home to care for the cat instead of coming to dinner is your way of letting me know that I have lived too many lives too. I can live with that. Can you?

12. Words mean things. I say what I mean. Let me repeat: You don't need to bring anything means you don't need to bring anything. And if I did tell you to bring something, bring it in the quantity I said.

Really, this doesn't have to be difficult.

13. Dominos and cards are better than anything that requires a battery or an on/off switch.

That was true when you were kids and it's true now that you have kids.

14. Showing up for Christmas guarantees presents at Birthdays.

Not showing up may or may not guarantee a card that may or may not be signed.

In memory of your Grandfather, the back fridge will be filled with beer. Drink until it is gone. I prefer wine anyway. But one from each family needs to be the designated driver.

(I realize that might be a difficult choice, so think about a cab because I don't want any arguments on my front door step. Remember, I have a hammer.)

I really mean all of the above.

Love You,  
Grandma



**Grand Court of Oregon      Order of the Amaranth  
Hosts and Presents**

**PANAMA CANAL - OCEAN TO OCEAN - 16 DAY CRUISE  
FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
TO BENEFIT DIABETES RESEARCH**

**CRUISE WILL VISIT 6 PORTS OF CALL**

*Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Oranjestad, Aruba; Puntrenas, Costa Rica;  
Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Cabo San Lucas, Mexico*

**NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> to DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 ON BOARD "THE NORWEGIAN BLISS"**

*We Invite and Welcome all Masonic Organization Members, their families and  
their friends to join us on this great Cruise Adventure for an even Greater Cause*

CATEGORY	COST OF THIS 16 DAY CRUISE		
	NON-LATITUDE MEMBERS	LATITUDE MEMBERS	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> person
SOLO*	\$3,805.87	\$3,125.57	\$955.37 **
INTERIOR (I)*	\$2,285.37	\$1,909.57	\$955.37**
OCEAN VIEW (O4)	\$2,835.37	\$2,349.57	\$955.37**
BALCONY (BA)	\$3,365.37	\$2,773.57	\$955.37**
MINI SUITE (MA)	\$3,735.37	\$3,069.57	\$955.37**

THE DISCOUNT PRICE FOR LATITUDE MEMBERS APPLIES FOR NON-LATITUDE MEMBERS AS LONG AS ONE LATITUDE MEMBER IS BOOKED IN THE SAME CABIN. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> person \*\* indicates this price may change.

Current Promotions include:

FREE Airfare – most West Coast airports – free airfare is not available on Solo & Interior Cabin categories  
Deposit of \$50.00 per-person (minimum Two person to a cabin) – expires September 30, 2019  
Additional 20 % Cabin Cost discount for NCL Latitude Members

**Tickets are available to Win a Paid in full (for Two) Ocean View Cabin including Reduced Airfare.  
Ticket cost \$20.00. Drawing will be held at Supreme Council Session July 9, 2020 in Portland, OR  
(end of Cruise Service/ gratuity charge is not included.)**

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