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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.

Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter – August 4, 2019

TEAMWORK

“The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team.”

— Phil Jackson

In a nut shell
Dates of Note:



COURT MEETINGS

Tue, June 18, 2019
Wed, June 26, 2019
Fri, Sept 7, 2019
Sat, Sept 8, 2019
Sat, Sept 14, 2019

Dogwood Court
Tulip Court
Mizpah Court
Sequoia Court
Cypress Court

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, July 13, 2019 "Diabetes Poker Run"
Sat, Sept 7, 2019 "Drive for the Cure" Golf Tournament
Sun, Sept 8, 2019 "GAM and GAP Reception"

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



April, May and June have been like no others for SK Don and me. WE have learned things that we never imagined we would need to know. With that in mind, Amaranth has taken a very low priority in our lives. We know you all understand and we appreciate your concerns, your prayers and your understanding.

I have finally received back from HL June SRM our official letter. Unfortunately I didn't get it out to the Courts for the June meetings. I assure you that along with the Official letter, I will be sending the dates that I hope to be able to attend for our Official visits. Included with these other two letters we will also enclose further official documentation that our members need to be informed about.

I will be having knee surgery sometime in the month of October so will keep the membership up to date as to when that may happen...

HL Kathy Stutt, GRM
SK Don Stutt, GRP

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Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.

Grand Associate Matron, HL Shari Gillies

BC DeMolay Celebrates 100 Years

On Saturday, May 25, BC DeMolay celebrated 100 Years in BC. White Rock Masonic Hall was crammed. We were really glad to have arrived early. I was invited as a former member of the Mothers' Club of Golden Ears Chapter in Maple Ridge. Regretfully that Chapter closed some time ago. Maybe the future will bring good vibes to Maple Ridge and the Chapter will be reopened, but that is for another day.

The evening started off with greeting young and old from my children's days in Jobies and DeMolay. It was wonderful to see so many young men, Senior DeMolay, wearing aprons indicating their continued participation in Masonry. Guess they had a good start in DeMolay.

I was especially pleased and proud of my son's good friend Dad Nick Biss, Past Master Councillor Golden Ears Chapter, having taken on the role of Provincial Dad, coordinating and bringing to fruition a wonderful evening of history and camaraderie.

Once the meeting was brought to order, Nick told us of the beginnings of DeMolay in Kansas City in 1919 with Dad Frank S. Land, and how the order has grown, atrophied and grown again. We hope this newest growth spurt will continue. It will take the support of many and if the number of Senior DeMolay present is any indication, that support will be available.

Bro. Doug Reid, PMC Beaver Chapter followed with the Flower Talk. As usual, many of the women blinked away tears during his talk. This is one of the many pieces of public ritual DeMolay members routinely perform and is the one dedicated to mothers.

We were then privileged to see the first portion of the DeMolay Degree, which was performed for the first time in public in BC. It is a play depicting the trial of Grand Master Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar and three of his compatriots, their subsequent torture and execution. It was very informative and well done.

As is usual with DeMolay events, although the program only included the above, there were some additions that included an initiation of a Squire – (boys 9 – 11 teaching important lessons about Justice, Truth and Wisdom while participating in a variety of fun events and developing lasting friendships)...

AND an installation of Provincial Master Councillor River Peatman and Deputy Provincial Master Councillor Logan Drew was performed. These two young men were appointed to serve until election by the members in October.

MW Bro. Barry Burch, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, BC and Yukon brought greetings along with many others.

Amaranth love to all,
HL Shari Gillies, GAM

Grand Associate Patron, SK Bill Duncan

Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights, as we near another summer, I would like to congratulate everyone on a very successful Amaranth year in BC. We continue to spread fraternal good feelings and happiness throughout our jurisdiction.

On a personal level, I have had a very busy year, continuing to expand my fraternal activities in the various Masonic Orders to which I belong. And Joyce and I have also been very busy with doctor's appointments and tests over the last few months. As we get older, our health has become a bigger priority in our lives.

I have become a great Uncle two times in the last few months, as my little brother has twice become a Grandfather with the arrival of baby Brooklyn and baby Rose. Joyce and I are now looking forward to taking some time for ourselves and getting away for a holiday.

Please keep in mind those who have been struggling with health issues this year. We wish them all the best and hope their health improves and that we see them up and about in the near future. I hope to see you at our Amaranth meetings and events throughout the year. May we continue to honour our friendships and maintain our support for each other.

I hope all have a very pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Sir Knight Bill Duncan
Grand Associate Patron

HL Donna-Lee McMurchie, JPGRM SK John McMurchie, JPGRP

Well summer is fast approaching. Looking forward to Supreme in St. Louis and the Court and Grand Court BBQ's. After many years of planning it looks like the completion date for 508 Agnes Masonic Hall should be sometime this summer. The Lodges and tenants are looking to meet there starting in September. We are so looking forward to this, a Chef's kitchen and everything new and working. Sequoia Court has a few petitions and hope to initiate in the fall. Now that Donna-Lee is retired we hope to do a little travelling. We hope you all have a fantastic summer.

John & Donna-Lee McMurchie, JPGRM & JPGRP

The Power of a (((Hug)))

There's something in a simple hug that always warms the heart;
It welcomes us back home and makes it easier to part.
A hug's the way to share the joy and sad times we go through,
Or just a way for friends to say they like you 'cuz you're you.
Hugs are meant for anyone for whom we really care-

From your grandma to your neighbor, or a cuddly teddy bear.
A hug is an amazing thing--it's just the perfect way
To show the love we're feeling but can't find the words to say.
It's funny how a little hug makes everyone feel good;
In every place and language, it's always understood.
And hugs don't need equipment, special batteries, or parts--
Just open up your arms and open up your hearts.

HL Pat Haywood, Grand Representative to New South Wales

Supreme Council is coming soon so all who are going please have a great time. Congratulations to HL Dorothy Kippie who will be installed as our SRM in early July. We wish her all the best on her travels with her SRP SK Gerry Milton.

In Australia in NSW Grand Court donated \$12,850 to Autoimmune Resource and Research Centre.

Some interesting facts for the month of June:

On June 1st, 1876, the Library of Parliament was founded in Canada. Also, Prince Edward Island officially entered Confederation as a Province in Canada in 1873. The Banff Springs Hotel opened in Banff, Alberta in 1888.

Birthdays

Michael J. Fox was born on June 9 in Edmonton – well know actor in Family Ties and Back to the Future movies

Missy Peregrym was born on June 16 in Montreal and is a well know Canadian actress of TV shows, currently FBI.

Anne Murray - June 20 – well known Canadian singer – “Snowbird”

Just for fun

Should I Really Join Facebook?

A good laugh for people in the over 60 (or not) group!!!

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, my 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.



I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead...well, it was not a good relationship...

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.



To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for four years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms, and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do fart a lot."



P.S. I know some of you are not over 60. I sent it to you to allow you to forward it to those who are..... I figured your sense of humor could handle it...If not... find a sense of humor.... We all need to have one of these!!!.We senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle. EH!

Please note the new date!!

**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

Join those who already proudly wear an Amaranth and/or
Masonic Ball Cap - **\$15.00** each



These hats are black only
(as shown) with a full back.
Call or email your order to

HL Donna-Lee

or

SK John

Contact John or Donna-Lee McMurchie
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Charity Poker Run



Benefitting Diabetes

July 13, 2019

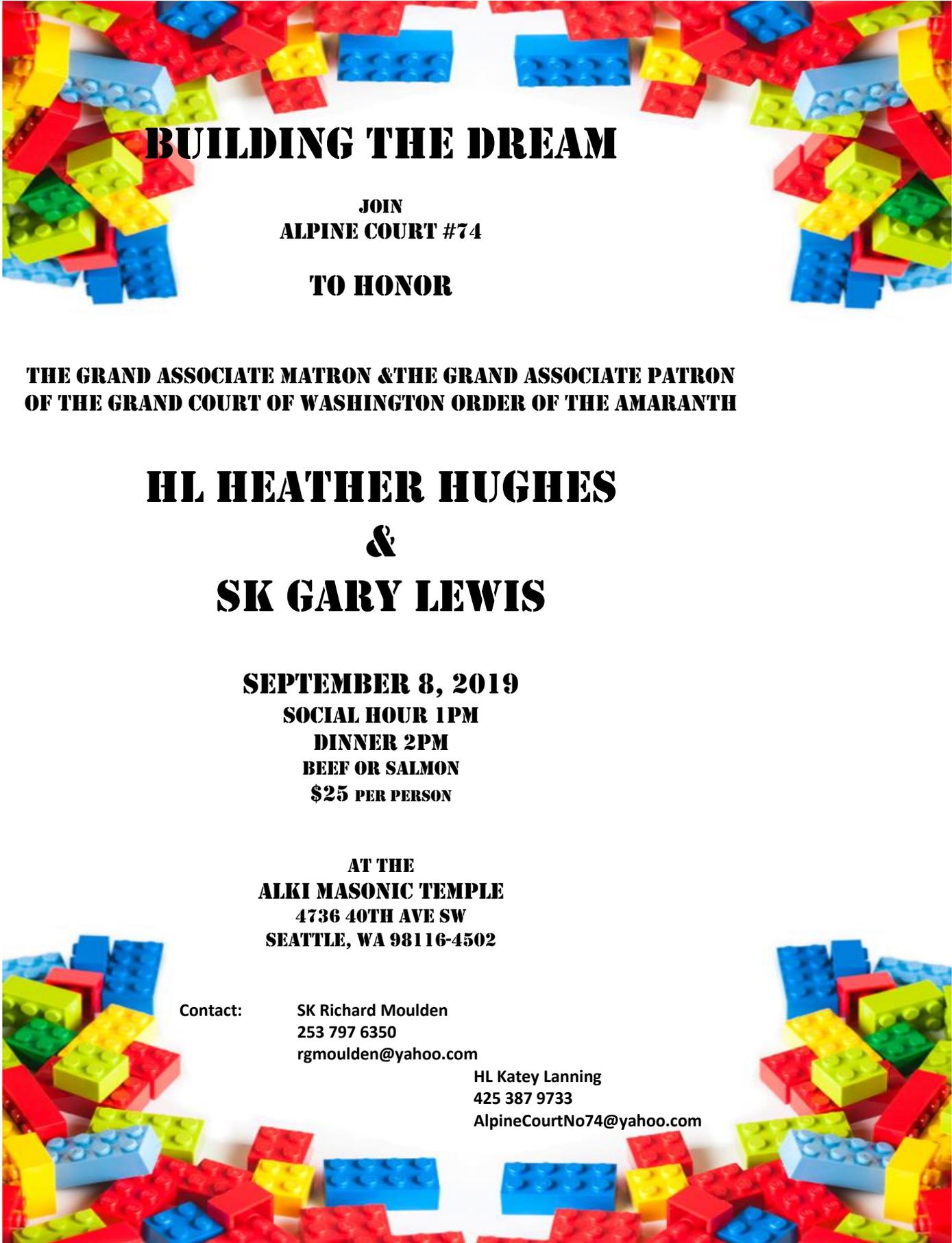
**Registration starts at 8am at the Pyramid
Masonic Center, KSU at 9am
1700 S 340th St
Federal Way, WA**

**Diabetes Poker Run \$15.00 per Rider / 5.00 per passenger
Diabetes Rider and Dinner \$40.00
Rider/Passenger & Dinner \$70.00
Dinner only \$25.00
Dinner Prime Rib**

**PRIZES FOR BEST HANDS,
50/50 DRAWS, RAFFLE TABLE**

**Preregistration or Questions, Contact Michael Rankin
253-380-3663 or Niknar@comcast.net**

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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

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

Foster Golf Links
13500 Interurban Ave S
Tukwila, WA 98168

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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