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**To the Court Secretaries –
please help by providing full information of your events.**

Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter – April 5, 2019

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



COURT MEETINGS

Sat, Mar 9, 2019
Mon, Mar 11, 2019
Tue, Mar 19, 2019
Fri, Mar 22, 2019
Wed, Mar 27, 2019
Fri, Apr 5, 2019
Sat, Apr 6, 2019 (Installation)
Sat, 13, 2019 (Installation)
Tue, Apr 16, 2019 (Installation)
Wed, Apr 24, 2019

Cypress Court
Sequoia Court – note date change
Dogwood Court
Mizpah Court – note date change
Tulip Court
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Grand Court of BC 2019 Election Results

Grand Royal Matron	HL Kathy Stutt
Grand Royal Patron	SK Don Stutt
Grand Associate Matron	HL Shari Gillies
Grand Associate Patron	SK Bill Duncan
Grand Treasurer	HL Phyllis Fox
Grand Secretary	SK John McMurchie
Grand Conductress	HL Carolina Gonzalo
Grand Assoc. Conductress	HL Jessica La Forge
Grand Trustee – Chair	HL Frances Wright
Grand Trustee – 2 Years	SK Rod Hansen
Grand Trustee – 1 Year	HL Donna-Lee McMurchie
Grand Comm. Of Appeal – Chair	HL Stacey Kumar
Grand Comm. Of Appeal – 2 Years	HL Kerri Grant
Grand Comm. Of Appeal – 1 Year	SK Kevin Fitzgerald

A great poem by the late Spike Mulligan

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realized
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realized its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected



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



Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights,

SK Don and I would just like to thank each and every member for the support they have shown during BC Grand Court. Decisions that were made were not done lightly. A great deal of thought for the future of Amaranth was given and a solution that hopefully would be in the best interest of our Grand Court was developed.

Thank you to HL Donna-Lee and SK John for the outstanding job that you carried out this year! BC Grand Court could not have been represented any better and we are proud of what you accomplished, the time you spent visiting and the commitment you made to our Grand Court. Pat yourselves on the back and stand tall, you did AWESOME!!!

Thank you to all the members for accepting elected and appointed positions and committee appointments. We are very small and every member needs to take some responsibility for the operation of our Grand Court. If we all do our little bit, we can have a positive outcome for the next year.

And a huge thank you to our friends and neighbours from out of jurisdiction. We could not do this without you!!!

We need to build for the future and with everyone's help and participation we will hopefully rebuild and grow.

HL Kathy Stutt, GRM
SK Don Stutt, GRP

Junior Past GRM, HL Donna-Lee Junior Past GRP, SK John

Now that our Grand Court is over, we would like to congratulate Kathy & Don Stutt and all the new officers for 2019 – 2020. We wish you all the success and we are here to help where needed.

Did everyone get a chance to see our beautiful back drop that was created by HL Joy Suchla and her husband Bill? I can't imagine how many hours were spent making it and then putting it together and then taking it down after Grand court. We loved it and want to thank them for all their hours of labour and love put into making our Session a success.

We hope everyone had a good time at Grand Court and especially at the Rock 'n Roll banquet with Steve "Elvis" Elliott. This year we welcomed many guests who were non-members at the banquet which we hope will lead to new members. They all enjoyed themselves; in fact my Worshipful Master says to reserve him a table for next year. This is a good opportunity to invite your Masonic friends and Brothers to the Mamma Mia dinner in May.

We hope you all met and made some new friends. This is the best part about our order, having friends from all over. We missed the members that couldn't attend due to sickness and snow and hope all is well soon. We had a good time this last weekend although we were both nervous and a little stressed. There were members from Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, and Washington in attendance.

We head out to Oregon on Wednesday and then to Washington the following week, won't be back until Sunday, March 17th, 2019. If you have never been to another Grand Court you should really consider attending one. They are so much fun, and we don't have all the work.

We were asked to make presentations at two Lodges this past year and we hope that continues. We were well received by all at the Grand Master's Official visit, and some interest was shown downstairs afterwards and during the lady's program.

We hope that all our officers had a good time this past year, and we want to thank all of you who helped us in any way during our year. The last month or so was a very rough time for some of our members due to sickness or work schedules that didn't allow them to continue up the line or to attend Grand Court. We wish those officers all the best and hope they are back to 100% soon.

We want to thank our officers for the gift, and we know we will enjoy it after Washington. We really enjoyed our year as Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron, representing our beautiful jurisdiction throughout the Amaranth world and our beautiful Order to the other Masonic bodies we were invited to.

With Amaranth Love,
Donna-Lee & John McMurchie

Grand Associate Matron, HL Shari Gillies

Oh My! It's being called a trifecta! For the third time on my way to Grand Royal Matron. The big difference is I have only one year to prepare, panic, stress! But you say – you've done it before. What's the big deal? And HL Kathy is saying – I only had a matter of weeks. Get on with it!!

Okay! I have a great partner in SK Bill Duncan. He JUST finished Grand Royal Patron with HL Susan and they had a great year, so he is well seasoned. Another plus with SK Bill – His lovely wife Joyce is now an Honoured Lady.

I have HL Kathy and SK Don in front of me and I know they will do a great job -- thus forging a perfect path for SK Bill and me!

I have the love and support of the members of our great Order.

So what is there to panic and stress about! Not sure but it's there!!! LOL

So, with all my heart I thank all the members of BC Amaranth and a big thank you to all the out of jurisdiction members who are always there for their NOB (north of the border) neighbours! Oh, and not to forget Alaska members – we are your SOB (south of the border) neighbours and I send my thank yous to as well.

HL Shari Gillies, GAM

Grand Associate Patron, SK Bill Duncan

Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights, another Grand Court has come and gone. I would like to congratulate Honoured Lady Donna Lee and Sir Knight John on one of the best Grand Courts I have attended. The entertainment was fabulous and the session was run very efficiently. I received many compliments from our visitors on the way we run our business.

I would also like to congratulate Honoured Lady Kathy and Sir Knight Don and wish them all the best for their year as Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. I am sure we are going to have a very fun and eventful year.

I would also like to thank Honoured Lady Shari for nominating me to the position of Grand Associate Patron and to all the members who have the confidence in me to give this another try. I am looking forward to supporting our Grand Court and all the officers elected and appointed.

Let's have an energetic and fun year in 2019.

Sir Knight Bill Duncan
Grand Associate Patron

Court News **Mizpah Court #2**

Congratulations from Mizpah Court #2 to HL Kathy and SK Don, on being elected as Grand Royal Matron and soon to be Grand Royal Patron, we are most gratefully to you for taking over the helm at this important time in BC's history.

We need to pull together and grow!! I have put my first toonie in my pig, and hope to see it grown throughout the year.

More news from Vancouver Island to come later.

God Bless.
HL Betty Pringle

Court News

Cypress Court #5

Hello from Cypress Court #5

We had an amazing time at Grand Court especially with Elvis on Friday night.

Congratulations to all the officers elected and appointed for the 2019-2020 year.

HL Donna-Lee & SK John thank you for everything you have done for BC this year.

HL & SK Don all the best on your journey as GRM & GRP for the year. Thank you for stepping up when needed.

HL Jessica La Forge, GAC
RM Cypress Court

A Note From the Desk of H.L. Maggie May (as edited by her mum, H.L. Leslie Greene)

I've been napping for most of the past two days, but I thought I'd wake up long enough to take a walk, have a snack, and write a little note to thank everybody for being so nice to me at Grand Court.

At first, I didn't understand what we were doing there. It's not that Mum and I never stay in hotels, but it usually comes after a *lot* more driving. But Mum opened up my little suitcase and pulled out my teddy bear, and – as the song goes – 'wherever I have my bear, that's my home'. It turned out I also had a brand new rubber lion and two bags of treats, so Grand Court was already shaping up to be a pretty good thing for me!

We met some nice people when we were still in the parking lot and, from then on, I heard a lot of 'hi Maggies' wherever I went. I like 'hi Maggies' – they make me feel good. They don't even have to come with pats, although I like them even better when they do. Extra nose-kisses go to H.L. Kerri Grant and H.L. Jessica La Forge, who were really good at making sure I had lots of them...and didn't mind if I reminded them about it once or twice.

Now there are some things that I still don't understand. I liked getting up and walking around with Mum, and I think I did pretty good at it, but I don't understand why we walk a//////// the way in one direction, just to turn around and walk a//////// the way in the other direction. That seems silly to me and I didn't like it. You could save a lot of time just by walking a straight line to where you're going. And I really don't understand why we can't just be naked. Mum kept putting on different dresses and jewelry and hats and nylons and shoes...and kept changing my collars and harnesses and leashes. And the tutu! Mum kept saying that I was doing it for H.L. Kathy and H.L. Donna-Lee because they're my special friends, and so I tried very hard to be happy about it, but it's so much nicer not to wear all that stuff. When we got back to the room and Mum took it off me, I just rolled around the whole room, scratching myself on the carpet. I learned a lot from you folks this weekend, but it seems to me that you could learn a lot from me too. And I highly recommend rolling around the carpet naked!!

I didn't like the bell that kept ringing on the first night, and I found it hard to sleep with everything going on (Lesson 3: If you clapped your hands less, you'd be able to sleep better during the sessions). I really enjoyed introductions, which makes Mummy laugh because she says many don't. But I thought it was fun when everybody got up and started moving around. People milling around almost always results in at least one 'hi Maggie'!

Which brings me to something else I didn't understand. Some people were afraid to pet me because I was 'on duty'. Mum says that this is important for most working dogs, but not for us. You see, Mum has always had trouble approaching and talking to people – even people she's known for years and considers friends. Her medication makes her brain kind of funny now, which adds to the problem – she doesn't think very quickly. Sometimes she feels like people will think she's snubbing them when she's really just feeling foggy or can't think of anything interesting to say to them. So when I'm there to make friends and get the conversation going, it's easier on her. Unlike most other types of assistance dogs, being friendly is my main duty. When I'm good at that, I'm helping her the most.

I really liked having my own chair. I didn't understand why I had to sit somewhere new so, when the installation was over, I went right back and sat in my old chair. But Mum said that it was time to go back to the room and start getting ready to go home.

I thought I'd like to go home and so did Mum, but it turned out I didn't. When it was time to get in the car, I kept looking back at the door of the hotel. There were so many people I didn't get to say goodbye to. And I thought at least some of you would be coming with us. We stopped at Starbucks for a special puppuccino [editor's note: cup of whipped cream], but I didn't enjoy it much. I still wonder where everybody went when it seemed to me that we were all getting along so well.

As a last note, all weekend the man at the door kept asking me for a grip and a password. I have never been good at shake-a-paw, but Mum and I are now working hard to learn it so that I can be sure to be let back in next year!



Me, recovering from my weekend.

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

Mamma Mia Revisited

A Greek Themed Dinner Event

Saturday, June 15, 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, June 7, 2019

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A POEM TO WHICH I CAN RELATE

I remember the bologna of my childhood,
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework,
And the men went to work, not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy,
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer; or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their friends in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

Author, Unknown.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where cookies for pennies were sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it...I'm just getting Old?

Bathing was done in a wash tub,
With plenty of rich foamy suds,
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mama pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore.
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of,
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table,
And I think life was better enjoyed.

**If you can remember those days,
Continue enjoying your Retirement.**