

*"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."*

*~ Thomas Aquinas*

*Happy Valentine's Day,  
my friend!*

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**Grand Court of BC – Newsletter  
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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 – March 2, 2020—Yes I hope to send a  
newsletter right before Grand Court!!!**

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



## **COURT MEETINGS**

Thu, Feb 13, 2020 Dogwood Court – New day, new location –  
508 Agnes St, New Westminster  
Tue, Feb 18, 2020 Mizpah Court – 7:00 pm start – Official Visit of GRM, HL Kathy  
Mon, Feb 24, 2020 Sequoia Court – **7:00 pm** - New day, new location –  
508 Agnes St, New Westminster  
Wed, Feb 26, 2020 Tulip Court

## **March Madness**

BC Grand Court	March 5 – 7, 2020	<a href="http://amaranthbc.ca">amaranthbc.ca</a>
Oregon Grand Court	March 12 – 14, 2020	<a href="http://oramaranth.org">oramaranth.org</a>
Washington Grand Court	March 19 – 21, 2020	<a href="http://amaranthwa.org">amaranthwa.org</a>

## **SAVE / REMEMBER THE DATE**

Sat, May 9, 2020 Theme Dinner – “We’re Back in the Twenties” A Roaring Twenties revival!  
See poster below  
Nov 29, 2020 to Dec 15, 2020 --- Panama Cruise to benefit Diabetes... More info below.

**If you keep your nose to the grindstone rough,  
And keep it down there long enough,  
In time you will forget there are such things,  
As brooks that babble and birds that sing;  
And of these will all your world compose:  
Yourself, the grindstone, and your poor old nose.**

Please note the request from HL Anika, Mizpah Court #2 below. Form to be found at the end of the newsletter.

Hello, my name is Anika McAlaster and I am the Honoured Queen of Bethel 36 and **newest member of Mizpah Court**. I am running for Miss BC Job’s Daughters at Grand Sessions, March 19-22 in Richmond, BC. As a contestant I am asked to help sell advertisement spaces in the program. The funds generated by these sales go directly to the Miss BC Pageant Program. If you would like to purchase a space please see the attached form and use Anika’s Name as daughter contact. Please note the deadline for the ad purchases is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Thank you for your support

HL Anika McAlaster, Mizpah Court #2  
HQ Bethel 36, Immediate Past Sweetheart Demolay Phoenix Chapter

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



HLs and SKs, a very pertinent question has been asked regarding our Grand Court. The question is “Do we really need a Grand Court?”. Please let me try and explain what would happen if we didn’t

have a Grand Court and we were just Subordinate Courts Under Supreme Jurisdiction.

From my limited understanding of this, each Court under Supreme is visited by either the Supreme Royal Matron or one of her delegates. A special meeting is usually held at her discretion and it is much like an Official Visit by a Grand Royal Matron. Books are checked, bylaws reviewed, etc.

So, you say “why not us?”. Wouldn’t this be better? To my way of thinking, not only is Grand Court a time for all our members to unite and work together as one, it is also a time for us to renew old friendships and make new ones with the out of Jurisdiction members that regularly visit along with new visitors every year, most of whom are Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions. Would they come if we didn’t have a Grand Court? Probably not; would you travel a lengthy distance just for a meeting?

For me one of the most important parts of my Amaranth life is the people that I have met over the years and now call “Friends”. My life would be very different had I not met these people. They have enriched my life and our Grand Court and their support is what keeps us going.

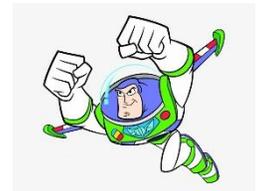
Perhaps we could get along without a Grand Court, but I hope it doesn’t come to that anytime soon.

So let’s make sure it never comes to that. Put on our thinking caps and come up with some ideas to help build our membership. Be on our best behavior when with our fellow members so we keep the ones we have. Participate in the Court and Grand Court events and invite friends and family, co-workers, etc. to join us. DO NOT present them with a petition immediately. We don’t want to come across as pushy because that just pushes them away!! Let them make up their own minds once they’ve had a chance to see who and what we are.

HL Kathy Stutt, GRM  
SK Don Stutt, GRP

**One loyal friend is worth more than a thousand fake ones.**

## **Grand Associate Matron, HL Shari Gillies Blasting into the Future**



With the change of location of Dogwood/Cypress Court’s meeting we have cleared out the locker at the IOOF Hall in Vancouver. The result is I have some interesting material and I will share some with you.

In an old photo album I found annual reports of the Court. Here is the first one in the book:

1952 March

A group of people held a small meeting at the home of Daniel Lace, 2986 Gravelly St, Burnaby. Mrs. Pat Drysdale, a member of the Order of Amaranth court in Belfast Ireland explained about the order; a preliminary meeting was called for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1952 in the Masonic Hall, 27<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar.

April 27th

Mrs. Lois Levine, SAM of the Supreme Council, Ella Rossman, Grand Secretary of Washington, presided at this meeting. The following were appointed:

RM Ella Rossman  
RP Daniel Lace  
AM Evelyn Tait  
AP John Head

Mr. Head resigned a short time after as he was out of town. Robert Brown was appointed in his place. Pat Drysdale appointed the rest of the officers. Many petitioners were signed up at this meeting. It was decided to call our Court "Dogwood" and meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month; an Organization meeting to be held on May 22, 1952 if a large hall could be secured.

May 22, 1952

Organization of Dogwood Court was held in the K.P. Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> and Scotia. Many distinguished guests and Supreme Officers from Seattle, Portland and Tacoma attended. HL Lois Levine, SAM was in charge of the Organization with 126 members signing the petition.

June

We held our first installation. A special meeting was called for July, at which Dogwood Court received its Charter. A no host dinner was held at 6:30pm. A Rose Tea was held in June. Many Supreme Officers stayed over for this special event.

We were all happy to take part in the organization of the new Court in North Vancouver known as Arbutus Court, the RM and RP of this Court being former members of Dogwood Court.

December 1952

Election of Officers was held. New RM Evelyn Tait with RP Robert Brown.

The photo album has many pictures of that meeting and subsequent meetings. If anyone wishes to see the album I will have it at Grand Court.

Amaranth love,  
HL Shari Gillies, GAM

**You don't have to wait until Valentine's Day to show someone how much they mean to you.**

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

Although SK Bill and HL Joyce are enjoying a relaxing time cruising in the South Pacific SK Bill still had time to send us a short greeting.

Greetings from New Zealand.

Here's a little Maori song for the newsletter that we were treated to.

"There are three things that are most important,  
It is stated in the Bible, Faith, Hope,  
Most important of all is Love."

See you soon,  
Bill and Joyce

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision.  
The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives.  
It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."  
Andrew Carnegie

**SK John McMurchie, JPGRP**  
**Grand Secretary**

Hi Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights. The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Court Session is only 4 weeks away, so if you haven't booked your hotel room please do so soon to so you don't lose out. If you have extra rooms booked, please contact Kathy Stutt or me before releasing so if there is someone looking for a room we can look after them.

The session is at the same location as last year and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Let's get as many people out as possible. The evening functions are all open to the public so please invite your friends and family so they can see how much fun we have. Thursday night is our Masonic Family night followed by a reception; Friday night is our banquet with a no host bar. Saturday night is our Installation of Officers for 2020 – 2021 followed again by a reception. The receptions tend to have some snacks and adult beverages.

If you are an Officer or the Chair of a Committee, please have a copy of your report to HL Susan Bay by February 15<sup>th</sup> and if you could please send me a digital copy so I can put together the 2020 Proceedings. Last year I had to type out at least 12 reports that had been handwritten on loose sheets of paper and this created a lot of unnecessary extra work, so I would truly appreciate a digital copy from everyone.

Thanks John McMurchie, Grand Secretary in learning

**People feel respected when they know you are listening to their point of view.**

**HL Pat Haywood, DSRM**

Did you know - January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC); originally, winter was considered a month-less period.

**February 12** is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot log cabin with a dirt floor.

**February 12** is also Lorne Green's birthday - do you remember Bonanza!

**February 14** Valentine's Day is celebrated not only in Canada and the USA, but in Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s.

Popular gifts always include chocolates, flowers and of course a special card for a special someone.

**February 15** is the **National Flag of Canada Day**

**February 22** is George Washington's birthday

February's full Moon, the Snow Moon, reaches peak fullness at 2:34 A.M. EST on Sunday, February 9, 2020. Look skyward on Saturday night to catch the best view of this full Moon! Why is it called the full Snow Moon?

#### February's Birth Flower

Even though so many roses are sold during February due to Valentine's Day, the Violet and the Primrose are the symbolic flowers.

- The **violet** signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know that you'll always be there for them.
- The **primrose** lets someone know that you can't live without them.

*Here delicate snow-stars, out of the cloud,  
Come floating downward in airy play,  
Like spangles dropped from the glistening crowd  
That whiten by night the milky way.*

**"Teamwork begins by building trust.  
And the only way to do that is to overcome our need for invulnerability."  
Patrick Lencioni**

#### **From HL Diana Moulden Washington Grand Court**

SK Cory Hedges PGRP (98-99. Love Links) passed away on the morning of January 28. He was 104.

There will be a celebration of life for Cory Hedges on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2PM at the place where he had been living 20909 Olympic Place, NE Arlington. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**You will continue to suffer if you have an emotional reaction to everything that is said to you. True power is sitting back and observing things with logic. True power is restraint. If words control you that means everyone else can control you. Breathe and allow things to pass.**

# Grand Court of BC 2020 Reservation Form

## *"Together Everyone Achieves Momentum"*

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Registration - **\$25.00 CAD**

Cheques / Money Orders payable to "Grand Court of BC"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ JURISDICTION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail/Email Completed form to:

**HL Shari Gillies**

24017 109 Ave. Maple Ridge, BC V2X 4Z1

Phone 778-834-8860 Email – kinicki1949may@gmail.com

## MEALS

### *"Shoot out at the OK Corral"*

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 6:30 pm

Cost - **\$50.00** Entertainment

Buffet dinner, coffee and tea with an assortment of desserts.

Don't forget to wear your Western duds!

### *"New Officers Luncheon"*

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 12:30 pm

Cost - **\$30.00**

Soups and build your own sandwiches, coffee and tea and an assortment of desserts.

Join us to welcome the 2020 – 2021 Officers.

We will do our best to consider all dietary restrictions. Please help us by indicating all allergies here.

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Payment Options (All prices above are in Canadian Funds)

- Cheque or International Money Order in Canadian funds payable to "Grand Court of BC"
- Email transfer of funds to [amaranth.bc@shaw.ca](mailto:amaranth.bc@shaw.ca) from a Canadian Bank only  
**Must include copy of Registration form.**
- Deadline for meal registration is Saturday, February 29, 2020. No refunds will be available after that date.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	6:00 PM	Banquet <b>\$50.00</b>		
March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	12:30 PM	New Officers Luncheon <b>\$30.00</b>		
		Registration <b>\$25.00</b>		
Total				

Dogwood Court and Sequoia Court

Invite you to a Theme Dinner...

# “WE’RE BACK IN THE TWENTIES”

A Roaring Twenties Revival

Join us for a dinner to rival  
The Great Gatsby’s famous  
buffets!!

Saturday, May 9, 2020

6:00 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Dinner

at

508 Agnes Street Masonic Hall  
In New Westminster



**\$35 per person**

Ladies, wear your favourite fringed dress and feathers in your hair...Gentlemen, gangster attire might be appropriate!!!



Entertainment to be announced

RSVP: by Friday, May 1, 2020

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Kathy Stutt – 604-948-2013

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**GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
MISS BRITISH COLUMBIA JOB'S DAUGHTERS PAGEANT 2020  
PROGRAM AD ORDER FORM**

Purchase an ad in the Miss BC Pageant Program and support Miss BC Job's Daughter as she represents our BC Jurisdiction.

All BC Job's Daughters are encouraged to sell ads and are eligible to receive the award for most ad sales.

- An ad in the program is a great way to advertise your business, cheer on or congratulate someone special, promote a fundraiser, etc.
- You may include a business card to be duplicated, write your own copy or jot down the pertinent information. Our experts excel at creating your advertisement.
- All ads must be in good taste, our committee reserves editorial rights.

Payment by cash or cheque. All cheques to be made payable to the Grand Guardian Council of BC

Final date for submission of ads is **February 22nd, 2020.**

Mail To: Miss BCJD Pageant Program  
5837 Sprott Street  
Burnaby, BC V5G 1T8

Email To: [jaimie.willows@gmail.com](mailto:jaimie.willows@gmail.com)



Ad Sizes	Price	# of Ads
Full Page (vertical) 8.5" x 5.5"	\$40.00	
Half Page (horizontal) 5.5" x 4.5"	\$20.00	
Quarter Page (vertical) 4.5" x 2.5"	\$10.00	
Sponsorship only	\$	

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Name of Business/Person advertising or sponsoring: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature of Person/Business

For more information about Job's Daughters, please visit our website [www.bcjobsdaughters.org](http://www.bcjobsdaughters.org)

Amaranth and Masonic Vests for order  
\$50 per vest

Please contact SK John McMurchie to  
order or for additional information.

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**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.)**

For Additional information contact:  
Larry White [larry.white943@gmail.com](mailto:larry.white943@gmail.com) (971) 221-8372

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