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**I would love to hear from you and would gladly add any message you have to this newsletter
Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter – February 10.**

This newsletter is a very short one and much later than expected. No one has done much of note to write about. We hope all are well and staying safe.

In a nut shell
Dates of Note:



COURT MEETINGS

NONE!!! The Masonic halls are still closed

Grand Royal Matron, HL Shari Gillies



AHHHH! 2020 is over and 2021 is bringing us a vaccine --- Yippee!!! We can only hope this vaccine will help to eradicate Covid-19 but that will only happen quickly if we all observe the 3 -- "**Ws**" **W**ear a mask, **W**ash your hands, **W**atch your distance!!! That's my sermon for the day!!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas even though it didn't really look like Christmas to most of us. For me it meant much less cooking, no need to have my house spotlessly clean for guests and spending time in front of my iPad screen Zooming my family for Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Morning and Christmas Day Dinner. Of course it wasn't the same as having everyone in my house and giving and getting hugs but it was only for this Christmas and by the time Christmas 2021 comes around we should be back to dinners together, hugs, handshakes, etc. I'm looking forward to it.

New Year 2021!!! Wishing all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year with a heavy emphasis on HEALTHY! I spent New Year's Eve with Me, Myself and I!! What a crowd. I fell asleep on the couch before Anderson and Andy started their show at 10:30 so once again I missed the dropping of the ball in Times Square and the local fireworks -- 2021 arrived just the same.

It's been very concerning to hear of members contracting Covid-19 and wish a successful recovery to all. Take Care everyone so we can party later this year.

I have had a few telephone conversations and emails asking that I pass on New Year Greetings, etc.:

HL Barbie Glaspey sends her love and wishes for a happier New Year for all.

HL Kerri Grant wants all to know she is doing well, would love to hear from you and also sends her love and wishes for the New Year.

HL Karen has heard from HL Kari that she and SK Robin are home and continuing their recovery from Covid-19 in the comfort of their own home

HL Betty Pringle and SK Clynt are also doing well and spending their time with walks on the beach and the occasional meal out. They would love to hear from you!!

HL Julianne and SK Ed are coping nicely with our ongoing lockdown and wish all a happier New Year.

Amaranth Love,
HL Shari

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered.
But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue:

'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' - Eleanor Roosevelt

Grand Royal Patron, SK Bill Duncan

Joyce and I would like to send our best wishes to all the Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights and their families throughout our jurisdiction and beyond. Let's hope that 2021 brings us back to a world where "Corona is a beer again, Donald is only a duck, tigers sit on a cake, and bubbles only exist in champagne".

We wish you all the best and hope that those affected by Covid-19 return to good health. May we all have a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Honoured Lady Joyce Duncan
Sir Knight Bill Duncan, Grand Royal Patron

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

Grand Associate Conductress, HL Karen Yoshioka

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had the best holiday you could have under the circumstances.

My time was very quiet. I mostly watched Christmas movies with my animals, LOL. I managed to face time with my kids at Christmas and I actually saw Dennis so it could have been worse.

Anyway I don't have anything else to report. I was saddened to hear that some of our members are getting Covid now so everyone please don't travel and stay safe.

HL Karen Yoshioka, GAC

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

HL Pat Haywood, PGRM

Did you know that January is....

- National Bath Safety Month
- National Black Diamond Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- National Braille Literacy Month
- National Clean Up Your Computer Month
- National Hobby Month
- National Hot Tea Month
- National Mentoring Month
- National Oatmeal Month
- National Slow Cooking Month
- National Soup Month
- National Sunday Supper Month

January is here,
With eyes that keenly glow-
A frost-mailed warrior striding
A shadowy steed of snow.

1886 – 1st Tournament of Roses took place in Pasadena, California
1895 – Tchaikovsky's ballet "Swan Lake" premiered in St. Petersburg.
1908 – 1st New Year's ball drop at Times Square, NYC

Amaranth Greetings,
HL Pat

Just for fun

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.



And now I wish you a happy 2021

Extra Just for fun

Next time you use a pair of rubber gloves, you're going to smile when you think of this:

A dentist noticed that his next patient, a nice little older lady, was nervous, so he decided to tell her a little joke as he put on his gloves.

'Do you know how they make these gloves?' he asked.

'No, I don't,' she replied.

'Well,' he spoofed, 'there's a building in Canada with a big tank of latex, and workers of all hand sizes walk up to the tank, dip in their hands, let them dry, Then peel off the gloves and throw them into boxes of the right size.'

She didn't crack a smile.

'Oh, well..I tried,' he thought.

But five minutes later, during a delicate portion of the procedure, she burst out laughing.

'What's so funny?' he asked.

'I was just envisioning how condoms are made!'

(Gotta watch those little old women! They may be OLD; they may be slow ... but their minds are always working!)



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