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Note from the Editor, HL Shari Gillies

Please feel free to call, email or text me with or for more information.

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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 – April 10.



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of SK Don Thomson on January 26, 2021. SK Don served beside his wife, Betty, as Grand Royal Patron 1996-97.

Grand Royal Matron, HL Shari Gillies



Here we are in March 2021 and not much has changed...we still wait for everyone to have their Covid-19 vaccine. Mine will likely be in April. We are still wearing masks and social distancing, washing our hands and doing our best not to touch our faces. We are still not able to hug our family members and friends unless they are included in our bubble.

Spring is here once again bringing the BC WET Coast the usual rain. This month we celebrate the return of Spring, St. Patrick's special day, and, because the next newsletter will be after Easter this newsletter reminds us of another celebration. We will do our best to honour these celebrations while continuing to be safe.



I continue to enjoy emails from fellow members letting me know how they are doing and/or sending me their words to include in the newsletter. My heart goes out to the many members who had to struggle through snow, cold and lack of electricity. We had a bit of snow during that horrible storm. We were so lucky only the edge of it touched us. Not so for many others who felt the full brunt of it.

My three days of work continue and will until June. Those three days have afforded me distraction from being in my own company, exercise for my brain and some additional finances to cover the cost of a new roof and some interior painting. Just got an acceptable quote for the roof but no date has been scheduled as yet and need to message the painter that I need his expertise once again.



I'm still crocheting—finished 4 shawls and started working on another one. I've even pulled out my stash of Christmas crochet project patterns. It might take me until Christmas to complete my list!! I'm really hoping to continue crocheting without having to buy too much additional yarn...I have a bunch I need to use up.



I haven't braved my sewing machine for a while. I have lots to do but little enthusiasm for it. 'Hunching' over my machine has not been kind to my back so I will need to adjust how I sit. This getting older is not for the faint of heart...LOL!!!

As I look over this past year, it boggles my mind how much we have all missed! Who knew last March we would not see so many of our Amaranth friends for an entire year and counting. But this too shall pass and the more precautions we take the sooner it will be over.

Miss you all,
Amaranth love and hugs,
Shari

One day someone is going to hug you so tight that all your broken pieces will stick together again.

Grand Royal Patron, SK Bill Duncan

Honoured Ladies and Sir Knights, Joyce and I send greetings to all.

Very little has happened in our world this past month. With nothing much else to do, we have taken the opportunity to repair a few things around the house. I recently took on the task of re-aligning the drop-ceiling in our downstairs bathroom, and as I was fixing the last ceiling tile in place, lo and behold, I found above the ceiling the flashlight that disappeared about 15 years ago. You never know when something you lost might turn up.



It appears that spring is springing around our neighborhood. The Crocuses are blooming in our yard, and it won't be long before we see other blossoms and leaves on the trees and plants. Perhaps we can take this as is a sign of good things for 2021.



Soon a host of lovely flowers
From vales and woodland burst;
But in all that fair procession
The crocuses were first.
(Frances Ellen Watkins Harper - 1825-1911)

We wish you all the best, and hope to see you all sometime this year.

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

A married man's honest confession:

"I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I'm going to have."

Grand Associate Conductress, HL Karen Yoshioka

Hello HLs and SKs.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe.

It is starting to get more encouraging with the acquisition of more vaccine and the start of the second stage. Soon we will all be protected although we are way behind the USA. But it's looking up.

I am looking forward to seeing my family in person and travelling again. I have been just working on Sundays, phoning moms with babies but I renewed my registration, hoping to do some Covid immunizing. So far it hasn't happened.



I had a socially distanced visit with HL Carolina and I can visit Dennis at his assisted living. That's been my contacts outside of work.

Anyway that's about it for me.

Take care. HL Karen GAC

I just fired myself.

I didn't like my attitude and I got caught drinking on the job.

Grand Treasurer, HL Phyllis Fox

Something is missing. No one is getting ready for March Madness. No Hotels booked, no preparations made. What is that old saying "you don't miss it until it is not there anymore". I know for one I always looked forward to this time of year. It started the year for me, March Madness, Supreme Session and anything else we could through in before year end.

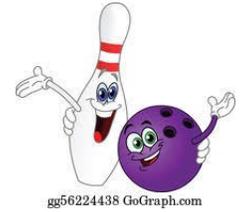
Who would have thought we could go for a whole year and not attend our meetings, visit other jurisdictions or even see our other friends.

Talking on the phone, texting or even facetime is just not the same.

Shari is right; we need our newsletter to let us all know we are doing OK and staying safe.

I was very saddened to hear of the passing of SK Don Thomson. Don and Betty were very active members for a number of years.

We have had a very typical BC winter so far, rain one day, snow the next and then a beautiful sunny day. I keep telling myself get out for a walk but just need that push. My daughter likes that part.



It is not just Amaranth and Amaranth friends I am missing. I miss my bowling and most of all my family. Thanks to technology at least I can see them when I am speaking to them. That helps a little.



Two of my grandchildren write me every once in a while and I sure enjoy that. Their mother, my niece, is a teacher and I am sure uses that excuse to keep them busy for a few minutes. My grandson, in his last letter, says he now walks home from school with a few of his friends who live near his home. He says it only takes about 15 minutes. Times have sure changed. I don't remember anything else but walking to and from school.

Enough of my yakking. Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone.



Don't forget to wear the green.

Phyllis

Always end the day with a positive thought; no matter how hard things were, tomorrow is a fresh opportunity to make it better.

HL Betty Pringle, PGRM Mizpah Court #2

Hello Everyone:

Just a short note to let you know that we are still alive and kicking here on Vancouver Island. It is so nice to be getting better weather at least you can get outside.

Marguerite is doing ok but I think she is getting a little house bound, but like all of us she is able to go for a drive and enjoy the scenery. Her family keeps in touch and that is always a good thing.

Rae is back into her house after a flood that had them all living away from the house, so that is great!!

As you all know we lost Janet last year, it was very sad, but as we say at least she is at rest.

Xanadu and her family are all hanging in there also.

Clynt and I have gotten out of the house and walked up at Parksville along the beach, looking at the dogs and watching the sea gulls chase the herring.

All is going to be well soon. We get our Covid shops on the 17th and will be told when the next round will happen. Take care, be safe and be kind.

Love you all,
Betty Pringle

HL Pat Haywood, PGRM

The tale of Frosty



There was a snowman
On our building's front lawn
I'm sorry to say he's almost gone
He was at least 6 ft in height
But he started to get smaller after the next night
In a few more days he will be melted away
Not getting to see another sunny new day

How sad it is!!!!

HL Pat has been working on the History of Dogwood Court. She has completed the years from the beginning in 1952 through to 1966. It will be uploaded to the website for your convenience. I will post the link when that has been done.

Just for fun

Corny Puns: (I thought ALL puns were corny)

Thank you, HL Carolyn

1. *Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.*
2. *What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.*
3. *Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.*
4. *Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.*
5. *If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.*
6. *Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.*
7. *A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.*
8. *I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.*
9. *Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.*
10. *How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.*
11. *I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.*
12. *My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.*
13. *I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.*

14. *Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.*
15. *Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.*
16. *When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.*
17. *[Bono](#) and [The Edge](#) walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not [U2](#) again."*
18. *Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.*
19. *Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.*
20. *I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.*
21. *I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.*
22. *What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.*
23. *I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."*
24. *What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.*
25. *I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.*

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