



Grand Court of British Columbia Order of the Amaranth

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NEWSLETTER

The *Amaranth Newsletter* is a communication tool for the Grand Court of British Columbia, Order of the Amaranth jurisdiction. We hope it is well received by the membership and look forward to publishing and distributing issues to the membership as often as possible over this next year in an effort to facilitate better communication among our membership.



The Web committee **challenges** the officers and members to contribute to our newsletter. Notification of events along with entry forms, information regarding fundraisers and greetings from the line officers would be appreciated. The contribution can be a short "blurb" about an event or a longer article or greeting.

So put your fingers to the keys or pen to paper, put your brain in gear and send us those submissions. (*send in to GCWebCommittee@shaw.ca or snail mail to HL Susan Bay*) We look forward to reading and publishing your thoughts. Thank you all in advance.

Tiny Frogs Race



Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began but no one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower.



You heard statements such as:

- "Oh, WAY too difficult!!"
- "They will NEVER make it to the top."
- "NOT a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!"

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one, except for those who, in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher. The crowd continued to yell, "It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up. But one continued higher and higher and higher. He just wouldn't give up! At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog, who, after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top! All of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it. A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal. It turned out that the winner was deaf.

The wisdom of this story is:



Never listen to other people's tendencies to be negative or pessimistic – because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you — the ones you have in your heart!

Always think of the power words have.
Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!

Therefore: ALWAYS be . . . POSITIVE!

And above all:

Be DEAF
when people tell YOU that you cannot fulfill your dreams!

Grand Court of Oregon – March

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies & HL Kathy Stutt

Kathy and I met in New West on Wednesday afternoon, where I left my car in the care of May and we set off for Oregon. The travel was uneventful...as it should be. We arrived at the Super 8 in Woodburn about 8:30 p.m. without stopping to do any shopping on the way...almost unheard of...and joined some of our travelling BC members. This was the beginning of the relaxing time for BC members. We had spent the previous weekend working and now it was time to celebrate! Our newly crowned GRM and her GRP and her entourage were ready to relax and recover.



Woodburn Outlet Mall was close by, so in the morning, some of us ignored the hotel's offer of 'free' breakfast and made our way to Denny's for a 'good' breakfast. Then it was on to the Mall. Finally some of the anticipated shopping! We managed to prop up the Oregon economy in one short morning.

The journey to 7 Feathers Casino and Resort in Canyonville, Oregon was also uneventful, for which we were grateful. See the article on the trip to Oregon last August for a full explanation!! (December 2009 issue)

The addition and renovations of the Resort had been completed. An entire wing had been added, the lobby had been moved and a spa area added. It was no mean feat to take all of our 'stuff' to our room. 3 large suitcases, a cooler for our snackables and et ceteras, and all our other 'supplies' required a full trolley and both of us carrying something. Even with that, I forgot my sanity saver, my crochet project, in the car.

The session had already started...we were too late for the afternoon 'opening' so we got ourselves settled. Donna and Bob were in the room next to us, as requested and very convenient; Phyllis was already registered and everyone was out and about checking for old friends, session registration, banquet tickets and the Amaranth vendors and we followed suit.

The Resort offers good food, fast and inexpensive in either the restaurant or the sports bar. We had a quick dinner and made our preparations for the 'informal opening' that evening.



GRM HL Su Zahn was amazing! She and GRP SK Mike presided with enthusiasm and grace. Their theme and fun emblems revolved around



Mardi Gras and the Coca Cola polar bear so there were jesters and bears everywhere.

The dignitaries were escorted in and greeted by the GRM, GRP, SRM and SRP and seated on the Throne. The business of the evening moved along at a brisk pace with everyone having their say. Everyone included members from Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star, Ladies Oriental Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, DeMolay, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.



The Supreme Royal Matron, HL Barbara Lee and Supreme Royal Patron, SK Dwight brought their remarks and the official part of the evening closed with a small reception.

Then the real fun began. Folks were invited to our room for a visit. I caught SK Dwight counting people in our room and assured him there was room for more. At that time we had about 20 with guests arriving and leaving constantly. There were many conversations going on, mostly folks catching up on the past year's events. Eventually the joke tellers were convinced to get the ball rolling and HL Iris, SK Andy, HL Helen, HL Mary and others complied and entertained the rest of us with jokes most of us have heard several times but continue to enjoy over and over.

The casino drew some of our members but most of us were content to wander through on our way to the various meetings and events. Friday morning began the actual business of the session beginning with introductions followed by the reports of the GRM and GRP. They progressed through many of the required reports and recessed at noon for a lunch break. At 2:00 p.m. the session resumed, closing with the Necrology report and Memorial.



The BC contingent was invited to our room for a reception hosted by HL Kathy, the Grand Representative to Oregon from BC. Again we had members from all the jurisdictions join us for refreshments and snacks then rush to prepare for the banquet.

Too bad we didn't read the invitation correctly...it was 'fancy dress' and not just masks. The SRM and Supreme Page arrived in Renaissance costumes, our own HL Helen was garbed in a long black cape, black body suit and fishnet stockings, SK Don complemented her, dressed as a priest and many others were dressed suitably. The food and service were excellent and the Grand Officers, seated at the head table provided some unexpected showers with well aimed squirt guns and HL Phyllis was 'pied'. Everyone had a great time and the festivities carried on in various members' rooms.



Our road trip carried on with the drive to the Coast for some rest and relaxation at the Young's. We did indulge in some retail therapy during our 3 day stay. Yes, Oregon's economy was in good shape while we were there! The Young's were most hospitable, as usual, then we said our "See you soon" and headed for Pasco, Washington on Wednesday morning.

Supreme Council – June 27th-30th

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

I really should take notes, but, alas, I don't. It would make telling about an event so much easier. Rather than taxing my increasingly failing memory and the memories of others, I could just refer to my notes. Not having done that what follows is what I remember, and it was only weeks ago!!!

The trip to Milwaukee was supposed to be an easy one...drive to Seattle Friday morning, catch the flight to Denver and meet up with the connecting flight to Milwaukee.

A flat tire changed all of that. The flat was on the plane and we had to wait an additional 4 hours for that to be rectified and the dominoes fell!!! We, of course, did not make our connecting flight to Milwaukee which meant a very short overnight in Denver...about 4 hours of sleep. However, we did make it to Milwaukee in time to take our tour of Milwaukee, very interesting, have lunch, visit the basilica and then back to the hotel to get ready for our evening's festivities.



The evening began with a bus trip to a local church where we were fed by local Amaranth members then off to see the closing performance of "Leading Ladies" a very funny play by Ken Ludwig. Our group nearly filled the theatre.

It was an early night for us...HL Kathy and I had very little sleep with our interrupted travelling and HL Phyllis spent the night worrying why we hadn't arrived yet. Both Phyllis and I had duties at 10 am, she with credentials and me with registration. This was my first time on a Supreme Committee and I couldn't have been asked to work on a better one. Registration and credentials give one the opportunity to see almost everyone.

Of course, the vendor room was a popular place to 'run into' other members and to check out what new vendors had joined the group and what new items the original vendors had brought for us to drool over. There was enough to pique our interest to return to shop! It helped the vendors that our lunches were served in the same room!!

The session schedule is the same every year...informal opening Sunday evening, opening, reports, necrology and memorial, elections, etc. on subsequent days leading up to the installation on Wednesday evening. The differences are in the presiding officers. HL Barbara Lee and SK Dwight did an incredible job of getting the business done in a most efficient manner and had fun doing it. We were informed and entertained at the same time.



Their Christmas theme brought out the creativity of their officers. The movie Polar Express provided the musical accompaniment as they retired from the throne on Wednesday morning with many hugs and kisses blown to the membership. Their officers gave a wonderful tribute to them dressed in engineer caps and singing.

With the business sessions completed before lunch, Kathy and I took the opportunity for a little retail therapy. Using the local transit system, we made our way to Grand Avenue Mall for some lunch and browsing. The browsing turned into a fabulous and successful shopping trip. We returned to the hotel satisfied with our purchases in time for dinner and the installation of officers that evening.

HL Barbara Lee and SK Dwight gave brief goodbye remarks, HL Barbara Lee was uncrowned and the 2009/2010 officers retired to make way for the 2010/2011 officers to be installed.



HL Peggy and SK Bill and their officers were installed with the theme of Doves of Peace.

Congrats SK Don Stutt – June

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

At the British Columbia and Yukon Grand Lodge Session in June 2010, our own SK Don Stutt was elected Junior Grand Warder. He is going to be a very busy man with HL Kathy right beside him.



We send our best wishes to SK Don for this prestigious honor. We are here to help in any way we can.

Congratulations!

Wii Fun Raiser – July 10th

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies



About 25 members and friends gathered together for the 2nd Annual Grand Court Fun Night and Wii Bowling Challenge, held

on Saturday, July 11, at Cypress' meeting place, the Edmonds Street IOOF Hall in

Burnaby.

Some of us are bowling challenged, even when it's as easy as using a computer but even the most challenged of us were willing participants. The meeting room at the IOOF hall served as our bowling alley, a round robin roster was posted and everyone who wanted to participate signed up. Next year we'll need 2 TVs and 2 Wii units to accommodate all the willing participants.

When we weren't bowling we were playing 5 in a line, cribbage or scrabble, OR, something Amaranth members and their friends are really good at, -- EATING!

The snacks were set up in the banquet room. Anyone who was foolish enough to arrive full missed out on a fabulous feast from chips to chicken wings. There's nothing like a social event to bring out the culinary skills of the members -- okay, maybe the shopping skills of some of the members. Whether homemade or shopped for, snacks are a must at most Amaranth functions.

Along with the playing and eating and socializing we still had time to buy tickets for several raffle items donated by various members.

A great time was had by all and we look forward to next year's event!

GC of Alaska – August 12th-15th

Submitted by: HL Marguerite Gussman, Grand Representative to Alaska, PT

We all arrived in Anchorage at the Comfort Inn on Tuesday August 14th. There were 6 all together. I was pleasantly surprised when we met HL Shirley and SK Andy at the hotel. The next morning after an early breakfast we headed to the train depot for our trip to Seward. This was a great trip. We

arrived in the early afternoon. The train would slow down when points of interest came up as there was a naturalist on board. We saw a moose cow with twin calves just outside Anchorage. We were transported to our hotel "The Edgewater" which was quite a distance away. We had time to get settled in then we walked to the pavilion for the picnic. On the way we saw an otter having fun in the water. Food, food, food -even reindeer burgers. SK Harvey "harpooned" a whale and I "caught " a big salmon just to add to the fun. We visitors all received the degree of the Alaska Grand Court Sourdough. The Grand Court Session was attended by the Supreme Royal Matron Peggy and Supreme Royal Patron Bill. HL Lady Rae filled in as Crown Bearer for the session. It was a very friendly session. Friday evening we boarded a boat and took a cruise to Fox Island for their banquet. The scenery and wild life was amazing. Again Food, food, food. I just have to add that I felt very happy as with the six of us it made a good percentage of our membership in Alaska. Sunday afternoon we boarded the train for our trip back to Anchorage. HL Shirley and SK Andy flew home while the rest of us along with four other members boarded the Island Princess at Whittier for a cruise back to Vancouver. I was very surprised to meet my co-worker from Indiana on board. We had served H.L. Olive as Grand Royal Matrons 1991-92. Alaska is a great Grand Court to visit.



Oregon Visit to BC – August 20th-21st

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

Usually the members of Oregon visit us in the fall but this year the GRMs decided on a summer visit due to conflicts in calendars. What busy ladies they are!!!

It was a small contingent that arrived in Richmond about 6:30 pm Friday. 15 members either road on the school bus, driven by SK Dan, or came by car. We all gathered at the *Mad Greek Restaurant* close to the hotel where several of our BC members joined us for a wonderful dinner and visit. After dinner our



Oregon friends treated us to a reception in the hotel "breakfast room", many thanks to the Ramada for that, and we had an opportunity to discuss the next day's plans and catch up.

We all met at the hotel on Saturday morning with those of us going to the aquarium riding the bus, a few travelling with SK Dave to the Capilano Suspension Bridge and a couple opting for shopping.

Traffic getting to the aquarium was tricky!! We must remember that our summer should actually be called "Road Work season" rather than summer. Georgia Street was extremely crowded testing SK Dan's bus driving skills. He did an exceptional job of getting us safely to the aquarium and back to the hotel.

The aquarium was a hit! Everyone enjoyed visiting with our spectacular selection of sea creatures, especially the belugas and dolphins. Hermes and Davinci were very entertaining even though it was during their rest time.

When the Oregon visit is scheduled during the fall, an official visit is usually scheduled for the Saturday night. This time, however, there was no meeting scheduled. Although some visitors were disappointed not to have a meeting, frankly, I was glad. This was a totally casual weekend, with no need to get dressed up, remember our charges, or set up the Court room. Instead we scheduled the annual Grand Court

barbeque/picnic at the home of HL Kathy and SK Don. We were joined by many more of the BC members; the forecasted rain did not fall; the food was great; bocce ball and horseshoes were a hit; Niko, the dog enjoyed all the attention; SK Don had a great time at the barbeque, chasing away anyone who dared to 'get in the way'.

All in all it was a great weekend. I'm not sure what our respective GAMs have planned for next year but, personally, I hope that we carry on with a summer visit, allowing us the opportunity to spend the time with our SOB (South of the Border) members in a totally relaxed and casual way. Hopefully the numbers will increase as word passes about what a wonderful time we all had.

GC of Idaho – Sept 30th – Oct 2nd

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

These little travelogues all seem to start the same way...we left BC, flew or drove somewhere, attended a Grand Court session, came home...and yet they are all a little different.

Our travel this time was completely uneventful; the drives were pleasant and not a lot of traffic to contend with; the flight to Boise was noisy (Bombardiers are noisy with all that propeller noise) but relatively smooth, on time both ways; the session was great!

Each session has its own unique flavour and that is where most of the differences lay. HL Barbara and SK Rick presided with much grace and warmth for their 'Rockin with Amaranth' Session.

We started off with the informal opening on Thursday evening and heard from dignitaries from various members of our Masonic family. And then the part everyone waits for...the baked potato bar...in the hallway outside the GRM and GRP's room. There were the usual toppings of butter, grated cheese, sour cream (if you got there early enough) and baked beans.



There's always a line up. It's another one of those times when you meet and greet those folks you haven't seen for a year, and in some cases, longer than that. You get the first news of what's been happening in the past year. Some of it's sad but most of it's 'catch up' time.

Then off to rooms for even more socializing!

Friday there were the usual reports from the officers and committee chairs, Memorial and Necrology on Friday afternoon and then the banquet on Friday evening.



Idaho usually does something different for their banquet and this one was no exception. We spend all our meeting time dressed to the nines in long gowns, gloves, tuxes (for the men, of course) and crowns for the SRM, GRM's and RM's. The banquet is a great time to have everyone together in a much less formal way. The theme was the 50s. There were duck tails, poodle skirts, rolled up jeans and neck scarves everywhere. AND there was a live band! They played 50s music with a little 60s thrown in for variety. AND everyone danced!!! The food was wonderful...I had 2 desserts...cheese cake tarts, how could I resist! Usually these events end early; not this one. We stayed until the band finished at 10 pm. Yeah, I know, that's not particularly late...but...don't forget...that doesn't mean the end of the evening's social time!

Saturday morning, in between remarks from guests, we had an election of officers. It was no surprise that SK Ron Wood was elected to Grand Associate Patron to join his lovely wife, HL Diane, in the West. HL MaryAnn Bohon was elected Grand Treasurer as SK Ken Ulrich had completed his tenure. He was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus with accolades for his 10 years of service as Grand Treasurer. HL Valerie Cooper was elected Grand Associate Conductress to begin her journey to the Throne and HL Barbara and SK Rick were elected to Trustee and Commissioner of Appeal, respectively and the rest made their way up the line as expected.

Our own HL Gloria, as Grand Representative to Idaho from BC, brought her remarks, introduced the BC contingent of 12 members, including our dual member from Washington, HL Karen, and presented the GRM and GRP with gifts. She received her first Honorary Membership and she is tickled pink about it.

Once everyone had made their remarks, it was time to hear from our Supreme Royal Matron, HL Peggy. She said how delighted she was to be in Idaho for the first time and vowed to return some time. SK Bill, Supreme Royal Patron was unable to attend so SK Wayne did escort duties and brought brief remarks. The meeting was adjourned for lunch, practices and social time, to reconvene at 7pm for the installation of officers.



Part of our social time for the afternoon has always included a trip to 'Joe's Crab Shack' and this trip was no different. The entire BC contingent was meeting there along with several others. The several others grew to about 50 people. I think all of the out of jurisdiction members, plus some of the Idaho members came together for this always fun event. We had 3 birthday celebrants with us. They all thanked us for hosting such a lovely birthday party just for them!!

HL Anna Votaw and SK Ron Lowe were installed in the usual manner. HL Anna's Rainbow girls sang to her and SK Ron's granddaughter did the same with HL Lorna accompanying her on the piano. Both were brought to tears and HL Lorna remarked after that it was difficult to play through her tears. There was a reception after and more 'socializing' in the room after that. Thank you to HL Billie for, once again telling the story of Rindercella. We never get tired of it!!!

We arrived home safely, tired but satisfied with a good time once again. No, there wasn't any retail therapy this trip.

Cypress Court Official Visit – Oct 9th

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

HL Mary, GRM and SK David, GRP had requested and been granted this date for the Official Visit to Cypress Court. Cypress Court meets on the second Saturday of the month so it's pretty easy to attend their events, especially when it involves food.

The HL Anne volunteered her time to prepare dinner before the meeting, with various other members providing assistance in the kitchen and a number of other items to add to the menu. When I arrived the kitchen at the Edmonds Street hall was buzzing with HL Anne, HL Shirley, HL Julianne, SK Fraser and SK Andy making the final preparations to the meal.

The hall was set with a small head table for the RM, RP, GRM and GRP and a long table with all the guests facing the head table. This arrangement was quite different from the normal

individual tables we were used to but it served the purpose of the evening very well because...we were served our meal. Instead of a buffet line, SK Fraser, SK Andy and SK Ed brought our dinners to us.

As it was Thanksgiving the next day one might have expected to be fed turkey and all the trimmings but HL Anne had other ideas so we dined on roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots with a choice of apple cobbler or pumpkin pie for dessert and saved the turkey dinner to have with our families. I chose to save my dessert for after the meeting, and luckily, there was still a piece of pumpkin pie left when the meeting closed. It was a great meal. Thanks to the kitchen help and donations.

HL Karen and SK Fraser presided with the ease of members who have done the job before (several times in this case) and HL Mary gave her remarks on the condition of the books—good and the ritual work—good.



All-in-all it was a very pleasant evening.

Pirates of the Caribbean –Oct 30th

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies



All the planning, research for recipes, worrying that there wouldn't be enough people there, sewing, etc. was over. The Pirates dinner was next.

Friday morning was a panic. As I had the day off we decided to make that the shopping day and pre event preparation day. I had baked the sweet potatoes the night before. In the morning I made the cheesecakes, packed up my car, stopped by the hall to pick up the keys and made my way to the Stutt's home to 'get started'.

My day had started early...just as early as getting up for work and still I was running late!! I arrived in Richmond where Kathy and I planned our shopping trip, trying our best to make it the least stressful while getting the most accomplished in the shortest amount of time. WE DID IT! And had lunch too!

A trip to the farmer's market got most of our veggies and fruit, a trip to Costco knocked off most of the rest of our list and Save-on-Foods finished it off... that is until we discovered various missing items. Oh well, what's another trip to the market! SK Don was in charge of bar supplies which left Kathy and I to work on...

We mashed sweet potatoes, made up the biscuit dough with them and baked about 100 biscuits; peeled, chopped and pureed mango for the coulis topping for the cheesecakes; peeled and cut up vegetables and prepared the marinade. And then we rested. Okay, drank wine!



We arrived at the hall about 10:30 Saturday morning and hauled all the food and equipment up those loooong stairs at Marpole Hall. Kerri got started with the decorations; Don arranged the tables and the cooking started.

By the time our guests arrived we were tired but costumed and ready. It was a wonderful evening. Everyone seemed to enjoy our selection of "Caribbean" food. I especially liked the Jambalaya and jerk chicken. The desserts were a hit.

THANK YOUs

- HL Mary and SK David who arrived to help with setup.
- Chris and HL Susan for the wonderful selection of music.
- everyone who dressed for the occasion.
- HL Kerri for the wonderful decorations. Doesn't she do a great job??!!
- John, Chris, & Ed for manning the bar and any other gentlemen who contributed their time behind the bar.
- everyone who helped with the clean up!! Especially to Betty, HL Donna Lee and SK John, who stayed until every dish was either stacked for washing or packed into our cars.
- Special thanks to HL Diana (Washington) for bringing us the pirate Penelope Pigeon Poop!



I look forward to our next Theme Dinner. Keep your calendars open for "The Spaghetti Western" theme dinner Saturday, October 29, 2011. Location to be determined!

Race for the Cure – November

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

Oh, my goodness! I almost didn't get to go to the Race for the Cure at Cloverdale Racetrack. I lost track of days and didn't confirm that I was going. As a result I had to scrounge for a ticket because HL Phyllis had to confirm our numbers with the track and I wasn't on any list.

This event has been held each year for a number of years now. There are some regulars who attend every year. Our numbers this year were only 24 but we were all enthusiastic about being there.



It's a fun event even if you don't bet on any of the horses. This year was no exception...the food, as usual was fabulous. It's served buffet style and changes as trays are consumed. There is a wonderful selection of desserts to choose from!

It snowed! We watched it blow over the horses and their riders. We grew concerned about the drive home but no one moved to leave. After the seventh race we were invited to have our picture taken with the winning horse...it was COLD outside. But we have a nice photo of some members and guests of members to commemorate our evening.

HL Phyllis had several raffle prizes including half of the pot for a total of \$187. Congratulations to the winners...me included as I chose the gift pack of Irish Whiskey. I can always make Irish Cream cheesecake with it!!

Chinese New Year Dinner – January 29th, 2011

Submitted by: HL Shari Gillies

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Chinese New Year 2011

On February 3, 2011 we will leave the Year of the Tiger behind and begin the Year of the Rabbit. The forecast for the year



The history of the Chinese Zodiac is very interesting! It is said that Buddha invited all of the animals in the world to join him for the New Year celebrations, but only 12 animals bothered to turn up. As a great reward, Buddha

named a year after each one of them and they actually run in the order that the animals arrived to celebrate with Buddha, starting with the rat and ending with the last guest, the pig.

The Chinese believe that those born during a year of a particular animal would inherit some of the good and bad personality traits of that animal.

Also, each Chinese year is influenced by whatever animal it falls in. The Year of the Rabbit begins on February 3rd 2011. Most Rabbit years are quiet, positive and inspiring and 2011 looks to be heading in this direction – a refreshing change after the fast-moving and quite dramatic Year of the Tiger. Family, diplomacy and personal development will all be highlighted in 2011. Once again alternative sources of energy and green living will be under the spotlight. The arts and culture sector of society will very busy producing amazing works of art and staging important exhibitions throughout the year. Love, romance and family life are well-starred, with a renewed appreciation of loved ones and friends. Overall, it should be a fun and relatively peaceful year. Even though aggression, violence and war zones will still be in evidence, the Chinese Rabbit year favours peaceful solutions and diplomacy, so there will be a feeling that all is not lost and that hope is still very much alive.’ (from www.moonslipper.com)



Because February 3, 2011 falls on a Thursday, we, the Grand Court of BC will be celebrating this occasion on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Mr. Ho’s on Kingsway in Burnaby. Terry, of Mr. Ho fame, will be preparing a celebratory dinner for our group with festivities beginning at 7:00 pm.

Plan to join us for this evening of excellent Chinese cuisine and entertainment.

Location: 6731 Kingsway, Burnaby
Date: Saturday, January 29
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$30.00

Please contact HL Susan for more information.

It’s a Small World

Submitted by: HL Pat Haywood

How many times have you thought “what a small world this is”? I know I do. It turns out that there is a member who has relatives that I know from another fraternal organization. It really isn’t all that surprising as we are all Masonic family members.

Last year when I was Grand Fraternal Correspondent I was in contact with most of the other jurisdictions. But there was one in particular where we corresponded the most and that was New South Wales. Heather Weston was the GFC that year and we were in touch at least every other month or more. She and her husband Wally are active members in their court and were the court’s first RM and RP. They live in Pearcedale outside of Melbourne and also have a home on Philip Island, well known for the fairy penguins that many of us have seen on some of the trips “down under” for Joan Foran and Olive Avery, both Past Supreme Royal Matrons.



Heather is an avid painter and on her travels with Wally takes many photographs that will later be done into art. They are

also gem collectors and since March the two of them have been RVing around Australia, leaving after their Grand Court

Session in March. They have been as far north to the Sea of Carpentaria, to the Australian Zoo where Steve Irwin was well known. To my knowledge they are still on the move, but likely now heading south for summer in their home state. They also attended the sessions in Queensland and of course know many members and often stay with them. I am planning to go to Australia next year when H.L. Lillian Worton travels there and meet Heather and her husband and hopefully spend some time with them. It is now 5 years since being “down under” and I look forward to seeing my family again, although we correspond on a monthly basis. There are still many members in Australia that I know having been to one of their special sessions, with two of them living in my sister’s hometown and on one visit had the opportunity to visit Lillian Holland Court with their GRP. You just never know who you might meet on your travels. Happy traveling wherever you go.

Porcupines and Solidarity

Food for Thought

During the Ice Age many animals died because of the cold. Seeing this situation, the porcupines decided to group together, so they wrapped up well and protected one another. But they hurt one another with their thorns, and so then they decided to stay apart from one another. They started to freeze to death again. So they had to make a choice: either they vanished from the face of the earth or they accepted their neighbor’s thorns. They wisely decided to stay together again. They learned to live with the small wounds that a very close relationship could cause, because the most important thing was the warmth given by the other. And in the end they survived.

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May 31st, 2011