



# Royal Rosarians

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## Royal Update

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### Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading this issue of the Royal Rosarian e-newsletter first published in 2005 by Duke Peter Glazer and now published by Sir Knight Norb Murray (norbmur@comcast.net) with technical support by Sir Knight Tom Marantette.



## Northwest Festival Hosting Group



A big part of the Royal Rosarian experience is participating at an out-of-town festival in the Northwest. The weekend typically includes banquets, hospitality rooms, marching in their parade, a Rosarian Rose Planting Ceremony, other fun activities and best of all, making new or visiting with old friends. In 2019 the Royal Rosarians will visit eight out-of-town festivals starting with the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival in May and winding up in Leavenworth in

September at the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival. There are hundreds of festivals in the Northwest so how are the ones we visit selected? They are all members of the Northwest Festival Hosting Group (NWFHG) which Portland has been a part of since the beginning.

The Northwest Festival Hosting Group was formed with eight original members in 1981 with the purpose of promoting member festivals, resource sharing between members and to enhance the quality and attendance level of the members' festival events. The organizational structure of members varies with each festival. Some have one group which plans and finances their festival and another to host the out-of-town festival guests. Others have one group do both. Portland is unique with three groups making up the Rose Festival delegation; the Rose Festival Association representing the festival, the Portland Rose Society promoting the growing and showing of roses and the Royal Rosarians as the hosting group for the Rose Festival and Ambassadors for Portland. Membership reached a high of 16 festivals in 1992, and currently has nine members.

NWFHG membership has certain required elements. The festivals are located within British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Member festivals must not occur on the same dates as other member festivals. Each festival must have a parade and a weekend hosting packet. Each member will send an official representative to each member festival, and visiting delegations will provide a float, marching unit or other entry to participate in the host parade. Each visiting member is given the opportunity to promote their festival while visiting. Hosting activities are held the Friday-Sunday during a festival although a festival typically runs longer.

Rotating among member cities, an annual conference is held in January with specific goals and business to accomplish. This year the conference was hosted by the Spokane Lilac Festival in Spokane January 18-20. The Royal Rosarians hosted the conference in 2012 and is scheduled again in 2022. Besides the official delegation from a member festival, any individual member of a NWFHG festival may attend.

Lord High Chamberlain Mike Ware is responsible for out-of-town festivals. He attended the NWFHG conference and has information on each of the festivals. For some of the festivals there may be a specific chair assigned. If planning on attending an out-of-town festival register early for the hosting package and hotel accommodations as there is often an early bird price and hotel space may fill up for some of the more popular festivals. Prime Minister Don plans on having transportation to some of the festivals and will be announced at a later date.

Hospitality packets are generally the same for each festival. There may be some variations in excursions, events or meals. There will be a Royal Rosarian rose planting ceremony at each festival. A festival packet will often have a early registration rate which will go up after a certain date.

The following articles cover each of the individual member festivals. They are listed in chronological order and a link to either the festival or hosting website is provided for further information or online registration.

## **Washington State Apple Blossom Festival**

### **Wenatchee, WA, May 3-5**

The hosting season kicks off with the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee. With the theme "The Party Never Ends," the Apple Blossom Festival is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. Sir Knight Morris Westlund, who claims to have been there for the first festival, is the chair for the Royal Rosarian visit.

The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival, originally called "Blossom Days", was founded as a one-day festival in 1919 to celebrate the importance of the apple industry to the region. Following World War II, the festival was renamed the



Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to more accurately reflect the importance of the apple industry in North Central Washington. Held during the last days of April and early May, the festival has grown to eleven days.

The Wenatchee Applarians is the hosting and goodwill organization for the community and host for the hospitality weekend, May 3-5. The hospitality packet is \$300 for a couple and \$175 for a single.

The packet covers access to the hospitality suite, the Queen's Ball on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, seating for the parade if not marching and the "100th Jubilee Derby" Saturday night. The registration deadline is April 5.

The host hotel is the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel and has a festival special room rate of \$119 per night. Ask for the "Applarian Block" when booking. Hotel reservations are not included in festival packets so hotel reservations must be made separately. For the more popular festivals the reserved blocks may sell out so book early.

Registration for the hospitality package is by a mail application which will soon be available through the Royal Rosarian website calendar. For further information contact Sir Knight Morris Westlund (morriswestlund@gmail.com or Lord High Chamberlain Mike Ware (ims9@msn.com). For more information about the festival itself link below to the Apple Blossom Festival website.



[click here to link to the Apple Blossom Festival](#)

## Spokane Lilac Festival



### Spokane, WA, May 17-19

Spokane and the Lilac Festival is the destination for the second out-of-town trek. The Lilac Festival's mission statement is "Honoring Our Military, Empowering Our Youth, and Showcasing Our Region." Started in 1938 by the Associated Garden Clubs and Spokane Floral Society to showcase the area's beautiful spring flowers and the area's youth, the festival is now a week of festivities in May combining the city's famous lilacs with events that culminate in the nation's largest Armed Forces Torchlight Parade.

Hosting weekend is May 17-19. The hosting group is a committee of the festival's managing organization. Planned is the Queen's Luncheon and Lilac Festival Gala on Friday. Saturday has the Rosarian Rose Planting Ceremony and the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade that evening. There is a farewell breakfast on Sunday. The hospitality room will be open on Friday and Saturday. The guest package is \$280 for a couple and \$140 for singles. There is an early bird special if you register before March 15 at \$250/\$130. The host hotel is the Davenport Hotel with a rate of \$165 for Lilac Festival guests.

you can register for the Lilac Festival hosting on the Royal Rosarian calendar or directly by the link below.

## New Westminster Hyack Festival

**New Westminster, B.C., May 24-26**

The end of May is our visit to the Hyack Festival in New Westminster, British Columbia. The Royal Rosarians and the Hyack Festival have had close ties over the years. In recognition of the assistance we gave them as they developed the Hyack Festival the President of Hyack Festival Association attends the Royal Rosarian Prime Minister's Ball to present a gavel to the incoming Prime Minister. The 2019 Hyack Festival President, Lili De Capite will present incoming Prime Minister Kimberly with the gavel at the ball on September 14.



New Westminster was selected as the first capital of the new colony of British Columbia and officially named by Queen Victoria after her favorite part of London. The official naming by the Queen gave New Westminster its nickname "The Royal City" and recognition for being the first city in Western Canada.

The word Hyack is from the Chinook Indian dialect and means "quick" or "fast". New Westminster's volunteer firemen were a lively lot back in the 1860's, so they called themselves the Hyack Fire Company.

Activities for the hosting weekend include a reception and formal banquet on Friday, International Parade, luncheon, Rose Planting Ceremony, artillery firing and Heritage Masquerade Ball/Dinner on Saturday and a Farewell Breakfast on Sunday. The Hospitality Suite will be available throughout the weekend.

The package is \$390 (CDN) for couples and \$195 (CDN) for singles. Registration can be done online by clicking the link below. The host hotel is the Inn at the Quayside. Ask for the "2019 Hyack Festival Block" when making a reservation. Room rates start at \$144 (CDN).

[Click here to register for the Hyack Festival Hospitality Package](#)

## Portland Rose Festival



**June 6-9**

It is now our turn to show visitors how to have fun and put on a good event. Although our involvement goes well before and following the hospitality weekend the major activities that keep the committees busy are during the 3-day run.

There will be much more in future issues, but the highlights will be; Honorary Knighting, Queens' Garden Party and Fun Night on Friday; Coronation of the Queen of Rosaria, Grand Floral Parade and the Grand Floral Ball on Saturday; Sunday concludes with the Farewell Breakfast and the Placement of the Queen's Plaque.

## Marysville Strawberry Festival



## Marysville, WA June 14-16

Barely recovered from the "Fiesta of Roses" it's time to head north to the Marysville Strawberry Festival. Since 1932 Marysville has celebrated their major crop, the strawberry.

The weekend activities will be the President's Reception and Formal Dinner on Friday, Rose Planting Ceremony, lunch at Tulalip Resort, Shortcake Eating Contest, and Evening Grand Parade on Saturday. The Hospitality Suite will be open Friday evening and Saturday.

The Early Bird package if registered by May 24 is \$145 per person. After May 24 it jumps to \$155, then \$165 after July 5. There is no online registration with the festival. You can access the registration form through the calendar on the Royal Rosarian website when available. The festival pricing for rooms at the official hotel, the Holiday Inn Express, is \$159. The hotel registration deadline is June 1.



[Click here for the Strawberry Festival Information](#)

## Capital Lakefair



## Olympia, WA July 14-16

July brings Olympia's Capital Lakefair, the nearest out-of-town festival. With just under a two-hour drive most Rosarians participate in the parade only. For the hosting packet there will be the President's Dinner and entertainment on Friday, a Rose Planting Ceremony, Grand Parade and Clam Bake on Saturday, and farewell breakfast on Sunday.

The package costs \$250 per couple or \$150 for singles.

The Hotel RL Olympia is the official host hotel with a special room rate of \$115 available until June 27.

You can link to the hospitality information packet below and link from there to register.

[Click here to the Capital Lakefair Hospitality Packet](#)

## Seattle Seafair

## Seattle, WA July 26-28

The Seattle Seafair began as a plan to celebrate Seattle's centennial in 1951-52. The Seattle area was without major league sports teams or the Seattle Center. Thirsty for national recognition and attention, Seafair was designed to attract tourists and showcase marine events in keeping with Seattle's boast as the "boating capital of the world."

Seafair spans ten weeks with 75 sanctioned events attracting more than two million people. Some of the signature events are the 4th of July celebration, Pirates Landing, Torchlight Parade and Fleet Week



Hosted by the Seattle Seafair Commodores, Hospitality Weekend features a hospitality suite, Commandant's Formal Dinner, Festival Shrimp Boat, Rose Planting Ceremony, Torchlight Parade and a Festival Farewell Buffet.

The full weekend package is \$170 per person. The registration deadline is July 15 and can be made online on the Rosarian Calendar. The Seafair Host Hotel is the Executive Inn by the Space Needle. The special room rate is \$209. Use "Seafair Commodores" for the block rate. Hotel registration deadline is July 1.

[Click here to view the Seafair Commodore Hospitality site](#)

## Penticton Peach Festival



### Penticton, B. C., August 9-11

In its third year as a member of the NW Festival Hosting Group, Penticton has quickly become one of the more popular destinations for a weekend of festival and fun. Located in B.C.'s beautiful South Okanagan Valley, Penticton has a great climate not only for peaches and other produce, it has also become the heart of wine

country with some 44 wineries within a 20-minute drive. Along with the usual hospitality activities of banquets, parade, Rose Planting Ceremony, hospitality suite and entertainment there is a wine and cheese reception and a choice of a wine tour, local craft brew tour or Float the Channel excursion.

The early bird full package is \$195 (CDN) per person until June 1. From June 1 until the cutoff on July 15 the rate is \$200 (CDN). The host hotel is the Penticton Lakeside Resort on the shore of Lake Okanagan and next to Okanagan Lake Park where the festival's entertainment stage is located. One of the featured entertainment groups is Eagle Eyes, an Eagles tribute group.

Councillor Ilse Kindler is the chair for the Peach Festival and advises those interested to let her know as early as possible so she can ensure there are rooms available. The resort rooms will sell out early. You can register for the festival package via the link below or on the Rosarian calendar.

[Click here to access the Peach Festival Hosting page](#)

## Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival

### Leavenworth, WA, Sept. 27-29

What a great way to end the season of festivals and celebrate the coming of Fall by starting off each morning with an alphorn serenade when you visit the Bavarian-like city of Leavenworth for the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival. Bring your lederhosen, bundhosen, kniebundhosen or creative Bavarian outfit for the Royal Bavarian Festival Dinner on Saturday. Besides the festival activities, Leavenworth is a great place to do a little early Christmas shopping or just enjoy a beer and brat at a local pub in between activities.



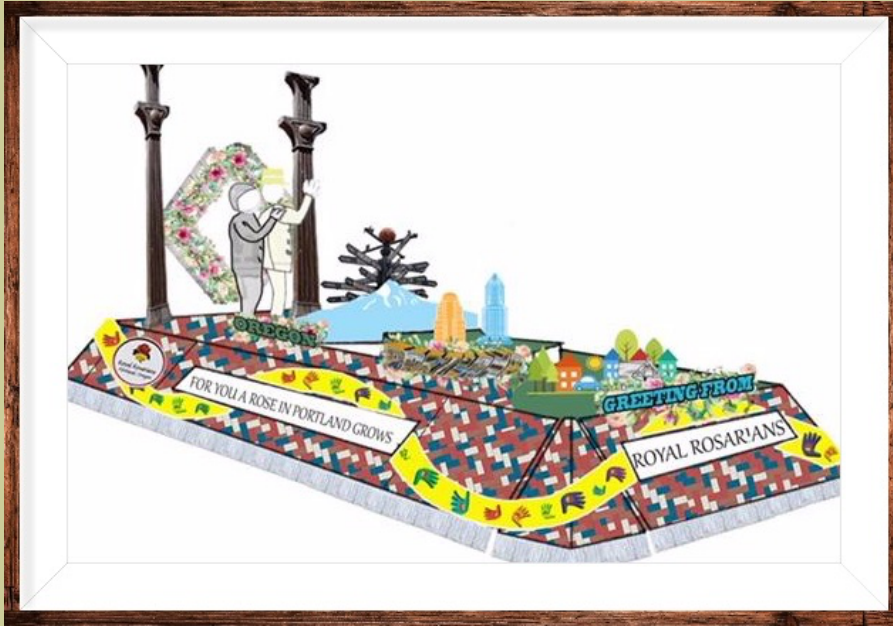
The Royal Bavarians is the hosting organization for the festival and city. The



package is \$270 per couple or \$135 for a single before August 27. After that the rates become \$290 and \$145. The Enzian Inn is the host hotel with a rate of \$195. Book early and use the group number 9528 for the festival rate. The rate may change as the hotel contract with the Royal Bavarians had not been finalized as of this writing. Link below to the Royal Bavarian website for further information and access to the hospitality packet.

[Click here to access the Royal Bavarian web site](#)

## Royal Rosarian Traveling Float



For some ten years the Royal Rosarians have built and taken a traveling float to participate in local and out-of-town parades. Over the years the float has won a number of awards at different parades.

First built by Sir Knights Marv Schlabs and Gary Cornell, the float is redesigned and rebuilt each year by hard working Rosarians and friends. The float is funded by the Royal Rosarian Foundation. The

concept drawing shown here is the design by Prime Minister Don and will be the float this year.

The float is built by Rosarians and help is needed to get it ready for the first parade. Until complete, construction takes place in Hillsboro at My Binding Warehouse nearly every Saturday, 10am - 2pm. Painters, carpenters and just plain helpers are needed. The coffee is hot and donuts delicious. The work parties are announced in the Tuesday Report and are listed in the Rosarian Calendar online. For further information contact Sir Knight Brent Barnett or Master of Ceremonies Barb Brennan.

The first out-of-town parade will be the Daffodil Festival's parade in Puyallip on Saturday, April 6. The Daffodil Festival is no longer a member of the Hosting Group so the Royal Rosarians will not participate in events other than the one parade.

***Rosarians hard at work on the 2019 traveling float.***



## New Member Knighting

**Saturday, April 20**

By Lord High  
Sheriff Craig  
Dirksen



Who do you know that would be a good addition to our Organization? I believe that all of us know someone in our circle of friends, acquaintances, and coworkers who would be a good Rosarian.

Here's what I think are some attributes of a good candidate:

- They feel a strong bond with our Portland region
- They have a history of civic or philanthropic involvement

- Not to be crass, but they have the financial wherewithall to be fully engaged in Rosarian activities

- And, they are social! Rosarians like to gather together and have a good time, and we do it with style!

If someone comes to mind, drop me a note with their name and contact information, and I'll take it from there. I would love to be overwhelmed with responses!

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## Announcements

### For the Good of the Organization

#### Schedule Changes

Due to the winter weather and travel of the Prime Minister there are a few schedule changes for February.

**Fiesta of Flowers Foundation Auction:** Will now be held on Saturday, March 2. The place, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in the Lloyd Center, and starting time of 5:30 pm remain the same. If you had registered and now will be unable to attend contact Royal Scribe Amy Arasmith. If you were unable to attend on the original date, but would like to attend on the rescheduled date you can register on the Rosarian website calendar.

**Prime Minister Bown's Trip Information Meeting:** Has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-8:00 pm at Willamette International Travel, 1314 NW Irving Street, Portland. There are a few openings for this wonderful trip so this would be a good time to learn more about it.

**Royal rosarian Council Meeting:** As Prime Minister Don Thacker will be traveling to Taiwan for the Kaohsiung Lantern Festival, the Royal Rosarian Council meeting has been moved to Monday, February 25.

#### Free Wine Tasting

The first Rosarian Wine Fest will be held on Sunday, March 10 at the home of Dame Carolyn Saba, 6205 SW Meridian Way, Tualatin, 1:00-4:00 pm. There will be over 30 wines for tasting and for purchase by the half or full case, mix and match. Please RSVP on the Rosarian Calendar or to Kathy Fastenau (503-329-0907) or



safeaunt@gmail.com.

### **Royal Rosarian Greetings**

**Prime Minister Welcome Home:** Welcome home Prime Minister Don, First Squire James and Queen Kiara as they arrive from their visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

**When:** Wednesday, February 20. 5:30 pm

**Where:** Sheraton Airport Hotel

**Attire:** Whites, capes, hats, gloves (dayskirts for dames preferred, pants acceptable)

**Bowling With a Heart:** Help kick-off the Fourth Annual Friends of Doernbecher Bowl-a-thon. The Bowl-a-thon is a fund raiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital

**When:** Sunday, February 24. 9:30 am (Rosarians arrive at 9:15 am)

**Where:** Big Al's Bowling, 14950 SW Barrows Road, Beaverton

**Attire:** Whites, capes, hats

### **Arleta School First Grade Parade**

Each year Arleta first graders do a unit study on family, traditions, and symbolism. At the end of the unit each student creates a shoebox parade float representing their family then the first grade parades through the school lead by the Arleta Band. The entire school and many family members come to cheer. The Royal Rosarians have had the honor of marshaling this parade for the last three years.

**Where:** Arleta School, 5109 SE 66th AV, Portland.

**When:** Friday, March 1. Parade steps off at 8:30; Rosarians please arrive by 8:15, assemble in front of the main office.

**Attire:** Parade whites, hats, gloves. capes.

**Notes:** Parking will be on street. The entire parade will only take about 20 minutes. Contact Royal Scribe Amy Arasmith (amyarasmith@gmail.com or 503-312-8381) for information. Register through the calendar on the Royal Rosarian website.

### **Northeast Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade**

The Royal Rosarians have been invited to participate in the 30th annual Northeast Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade. This is the first time the Royal Rosarians have been invited to join this fun event.

**Where:** Fernwood/Cleary School, 33rd & Hancock, Portland.

**When:** Sunday, March 17. Parade steps off at 1:00 pm; Rosarians please arrive by 12:30,.

**Attire:** Parade whites, hats, gloves. capes.

### **Royal Rosarian Directories**

if you have corrections to the Rosarian Directory or wish another copy contact Councillor Ilse Kindler. Extra copies are available for \$5.

### **Clothes Closet**

The Rosarian Foundation Clothes Closet has a number of uniforms, uniform pieces and patches for uniforms available for sale. They are slightly used, but serviceable. Contact Duke Rob Hungerford for information.

### **Uniform Changes**

At the November 19, 2018 Royal Rosarian Council meeting, the Council took action on several changes to the Uniform Specifications, as recommended by the Uniform Standardization Committee. Please be aware of the following changes, noted in bold below:

- Changes to section I. White Suit, 2nd paragraph and other sections.
- **Both the day (short) and formal (long) skirts are optional for Dames to purchase**
- C. Formal Skirt (**optional for purchase**)
- D. Day Skirt (**optional for purchase**)

- Changes to Section I. White Suit
- A.Coat **11.Dames may have a coat tailored at the waist for a better fit as is appropriate for business attire, while adhering to all other jacket specifications.**
- Changes to section II.Accessories
- C.Dames 4. Shoes **White, closed toe and closed back pumps with heels up to 2 inches**, no embellishments, will be worn with the day and formal skirt.
- Changes to section IV. Green Uniform
- D. Knights will wear a white shirt with the official Rosarian tie and Dames will wear a white, unadorned and collarless shirt with **an optional string of white** pearls and optional pearl earrings. **If worn, the string of pearls should be simple or plain and not exceed 18 inches.**

These changes take effect immediately. Compliance with the change in shoe color worn with skirts will be transitioned in as the bone color shoes are replaced over the next 1-2 years. All new members choosing to purchase day or formal skirts are expected to follow the white color shoe specification. The changes will be updated in the 2019-2020 roster that will be published in the fall.

Thank you to Uniform Standardization Committee Members Pat Hufford, Kelly Wiggins, Amy Arasmith, John Jackson, Linda Seals, Diana Olson, Tony Harris, Cindy Marker, Carolyn Saba and Barb Brennan.

## Calendar

***Rosarian Membership Meetings*** - The membership meetings for the 2018-2019 Rosarian year will be held on March 7, April 11 (Dukes & Duchesses), May 2 & 23 (Court & SOS, Spouses) and June 13 (elections). All meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

***Rosarian Council Meetings*** - The Council Meetings for the 2018-19 Rosarian year will be held at 7:00 pm on February 25, March 18, April 15, May 20, August 19, and September 16 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.

***Rosarian Foundation Meetings*** - Will be held at 6:00 pm on February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, July 24, August 21 and September 25 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.

***Prime Minister's Trip Information Meeting*** - February 20, Willamette International Travel, Portland

***Prime Minister Welcome Home*** - February 20, Portland International Airport

***Knighting Practice*** - February 21, Zeller Chapel of Roses, Portland

***Bowling With A Heart Greeting*** - February 24, Big Al's Bowling, Beaverton

***Aleta School First Grade Parade*** - March 1, Aleta School, Portland

***Fiesta of Flowers Auction*** - March 2, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland

***Membership Meeting*** - March 7, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland





**Northeast Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade** - March 17, Fernwood/Cleary School, Portland

**Knighting Practice** - March 20, Zeller Chapel of Roses, Portland

**New Member Orientation** - March 26, TBA

**Newsmakers** - April 3, DoubleTree Lloyd Center, Portland

**Daffodil Festival Parade** - April 6, Puyallup, WA

**Blessing of the Festival** - April 13, Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Portland

**New Member Reception** April 16, Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland

**New Member Knighting** - April 20, Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland

**82nd Avenue Parade** - April 27, Eastport Plaza, Portland

**Rip City Race for the Roses** - April 28, Portland

**St. Johns' Parade** - May 11, St. Johns

**Lilac Festival** - May 17-19, Spokane, WA.

**Hyack Festival** - May 24-26, New Westminster, B.C.

**Powell Valley Rose Planting** - June 1, Powell Valley Assisted Living, Gresham

**Hosting by Starlight** - June 1, TBA

**Starlight Parade** - June 1, Portland

**Prime Minister's Ball** - September 14, Sentinel Hotel, Portland

Detailed information for each event can be found online in the calendar section of the Royal Rosarian website. Click the link below.

[Click here to view the Royal Rosarian website.](#)

## Jim Nielson's Truisms



### This Issue's "Truism"

**"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."**

**- Albert Einstein**

*(The late Jim Nielson, Prime Minister in 1979, was famous for his "truisms" which he happily shared in each issue of the Royal Update from its launch in 2005 until his death in 2011. Jim was knighted under the rose Sutter's Gold, pictured. Truisms now are either from Jim's archives or are quotations Duke Peter thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)*

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