

2020 POMONA GRANGE TRIP

Royal Caribbean Cruise New England and Canada September 17 – 26, 2020



Our trip for 2020 will find us sailing on the Royal Caribbean Cruise ship – Grandeur of the Seas. It is a smaller ship than some of the bigger ones we have cruised on previously. The committee is providing you with as much detail on expenditures for this cruise as possible.

Departure will be from Baltimore, MD. The ports of call will be Portland, ME; Boston, MA; Bar Harbor, ME; Saint John, NB/Bay of Fundy; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. (See chart below) Since this cruise will be going into the Canadian territory, a VALID PASSPORT is required. When you make your reservations, the exact name that appears on your passport will be required. We have also scheduled the group for the 5:30 p.m. dining seating time.

White Star Tours will be handling all the cruise reservations. Payment may be made with either check or credit card. If paying by credit card, Mr. Mike White of White Star Tours is handling our account for this cruise, but you can call White Star Tours (610-775-5000) and anyone will take your information as long as you mention the Berks County Grange cruise for September (Escort name is Nettie Kauffman). This is being done since Pomona Grange is not set up to take credit card transactions. Payment by check should include the information at the bottom of the flyer (distributed to all Subordinate Presidents in early January).

If you receive a flyer from your Subordinate President for completion, at bottom of the information needed is a DINING selection of Early, Late or Open. We have made the decision to have our group sit at the EARLY dining time. Hopefully, this will be accommodated by the cruise line. By doing this, we get to see members of our group at least once a day to enjoy a meal with the group.

We have reserved 12 Inside Cabins @ cost of \$939 per person; 12 Outside Cabins @ cost of \$1,149 per person; and 8 Balcony Cabins @ cost of \$1,859 per person. *Reservations should be made by March 13, or before with down deposit of \$450 per person.* Final payment must be paid by June 1. (I'm sure if you don't reserve by March 13, and you still would like to be able to take this cruise, you would have to contact White Star Tours.)

Cruises have their own set-up for gratuities and these will be charged onto your credit card account for the cruise. Currently it is \$14.50 per person per day, or \$130.50 total per person. This amount is always subject to change by the cruise line.

Travel insurance is available and information can be obtained from Nettie Kauffman (610-926-5389). There is a specific company White Star deals with and a specific Tour Operator Location number is required; which Nettie can provide to you.

Bus transportation TO and FROM Baltimore port will be determined at a later time. We need to know how many people will be taking this cruise in order to properly have the right size bus for transportation.

Flyers have been distributed to all Subordinate Presidents. You can contact them for this information, or you can contact any one of the committee members by calling Nettie/Irvin Kauffman (610-926-5389), Marie/Richard Schaeffer (484-256-0496) or Doris Evans (484-332-1136)/Ray Davis (610-413-7943).

The committee id looking forward to our membership to make this cruise a success!

DAY	PORT OF CALL	<u>ARRIVE</u>	DEPART
1	Baltimore, MD		4:00
2	Cruising		pm.
3	Portland, ME	10:00 am	
4	Boston, MA	9:00 am	6:00 pm
5	Bar Harbor, ME	9:00 am	9:00 pm
6	Saint John, NB/Bay of Fundy	7:00 am	6:00 pm
7	Halifax, Nova Scotia	10:30 am	3:30 pm
8 & 9	Cruising		7:00 pm
10	Baltimore, MD	7:00 am	

