

Reports, Welcomes, and Responses

All reports must be typewritten on 8.5" by 11" paper. Please have three typed and signed copies of all reports, welcomes, and responses for inclusion in the Proceedings. One copy must be given to the Address & Distribution Committee no later than 40 hours prior to the Formal Opening of Grand Court. All reports are to begin "Grand Royal Matron and Delegates". All reports must be signed and given to Address & Distribution Committee before being presented at Grand Court. Please have a copy for yourself and be ready to give your report when called upon to do so. Reports can be mailed or e-mailed to the Chairman of Address and Distribution, HL Cindy Brooks, PO Box 633 Church Hill, TN 37642-0633. Her email is tngm2022@gmail.com.

The original should be given to the Grand Secretary after it is read and accepted. Late reports will not be printed in the Proceedings. Reports, Welcomes, and Responses will not be printed in the Proceedings unless a typed copy is received by the Grand Secretary. Submission may be paper copy or submitted electronically to grandsecretarytnamaranth@gmail.com

Subordinate Court Secretaries

Before March 15, 2025, please send the names, titles, and dates of death of members deceased since Grand Court 2023 to the Chairman of Necrology, HL Dianne Madsen, PO Box 396, Russellville, TN 37860-0396. Her email is dianne@sharonleesfueltax.com.

Health Alert: As there are members with severe allergies, it is requested that no strong perfumes or after-shaves be worn. Members may wear masks as desired unless required by hotel.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make your room reservations directly with:
The Park Vista – a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
705 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738
865-436-9211
Deadline for Reservations:
February 28, 2025
Amaranth Rate: \$127+ tax

Reservations may be made by contacting the hotel directly and mention you are with the Order of the Amaranth

Or at www.parkvista.com by selecting the "Special Rates" using the Group Code: OOA

MEALS

Wednesday Banquet
"Wayfarer Gathering"
6 p.m. - \$40.00
Business Casual

Thursday Banquet
"Envisioning the Future while Honoring the Past"
4:30 p.m. - \$50.00; Formal

Friday Banquet
"Shenanigans" – 6:30 p.m. - \$50.00
Business Casual

Saturday Luncheon
"Bears and Blooms" – 1:00 p.m. - \$40.00
Formal

RESERVATIONS: See Meal Reservation Form. All reservations should be mailed to the designated person on the form. Please note any dietary or religious restrictions. Make checks payable to: **Grand Court of Tennessee Session Fund.**

Meal Reservation Deadline: March 7, 2025
NO REFUNDS after this date.

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GRAND COURT OF TENNESSEE ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

*Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Cordially invites you to join us
for the*

Sixty-Third Annual Session



"Friendship, Love, and Loyalty"

April 3 – 5, 2025
The Park Vista – a DoubleTree by
Hilton Hotel
705 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

- 6:30 PM Musical Prelude, Escort of Distinguished Guests
7:00 PM Informal Opening
RECEPTION – Honoring Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron, Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Royal Patron and Distinguished Guests following Informal Opening

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

- 8:45 AM Musical Prelude
9:00 AM Welcome and Call to Order
Ritualistic Opening
2:00 PM Call to Order, Reports, Memorial
6:30 PM Banquet Honoring Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron, Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Royal Patron (Dress – Business Casual)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

- 8:45 AM Musical Prelude
9:00 AM Welcome and Call to Order
Election of Officers, Reports, Business
1:00 PM Luncheon Honoring Grand Royal Matron-Elect and Grand Royal Patron-Elect
2:00 PM Call to Order (if necessary)
6:45 PM Musical Prelude
7:00 PM Welcome and Call to Order
Farewells
Uncrowning Ceremony
Installation of 2025-2026 Grand Officers
Closing of the 63rd Annual Session

REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

- Wednesday 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM ~ 12:00 Noon
2:00 PM ~ 4:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM ~ 8:30 AM
4:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM – 8:45 AM

A donation of \$15.00 will be accepted with appreciation as a Registration Fee.

Please present a current signed Dues Card to the Registration Committee. Voting Delegates must present current signed Dues Card and Credential Card to the Credentials Committee.

Forms are included for Pre-Registration and for ordering Directories and/or Proceedings. Please make separate checks for Pre-Registration and ordering of Directories and/or Proceedings and mail to the correct person as listed on the form.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be under the direction of HL Barbara Hall, PSRM, Grand Lecturer. Participants are requested to be in the Court Room 15 minutes early. Rehearsals are for Tennessee Grand Court Officers only.

Grand Officers ~ Please memorize charges for Informal & Formal Openings (pages 235~249) and Memorial (pages 254~259).

THURSDAY, April 3, 2025

- 8:30 AM Grand Marshals, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Conductresses
9:15 AM Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Conductresses, Grand Marshals, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Page, Grand Crown Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer,
10:00 AM Grand Floor Officers
11:30 AM Bible Ceremony directed by Grand Conductress
2:00 PM Royal Matrons & Royal Patrons
Necrology Practice directed by Chairman of Necrology Committee

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Grand Officers, Assistant Grand Lecturers, Grand Representatives

If you are unable to attend, PLEASE NOTIFY THE GRAND ROYAL MATRON by March 15, 2025, and send your Officer's Jewel to the Chairmen of Grand Trustees, Mr. Duane Dopkins.

Honored Ladies: Please wear a Green or Blue Formal Dress for Informal and Formal Opening. Please wear a long white formal and white gloves for Memorial and Necrology on Friday afternoon.

Sir Knights: Please wear a black tuxedo and white shirt with the black vest and tie for Informal and Formal Opening. Please wear a black tuxedo, white shirt, black cummerbund or black vest and black tie for Memorial and Necrology on Friday afternoon.

Tennessee Royal Matrons & Royal Patrons

Royal Matrons: Please wear your crown during all Sessions unless you are serving as a Grand Floor Officer. If you are serving as a Grand Floor Officer, please wear your crown for escort. **Please wear a long white formal and white gloves for Memorial and Necrology on Friday afternoon.**

Royal Patrons: Please bring a sword and wear a dark tuxedo or dark business suit at all sessions. If possible, **please wear a dark tuxedo, with a white shirt, black cummerbund or black vest and black tie for Memorial and Necrology on Friday afternoon.** If you do not have a sword, notify the GRP by March 4, 2025

Visitors

We are glad you have joined us and invite all visiting Grand Royal Matrons, Grand Royal Patrons, Past Supreme Royal Matrons, Past Supreme Royal Patrons, Supreme Floor Officers, and Grand Representatives to Tennessee to share the Throne during the Session.