

We invite all visiting Grand Royal Matrons, Grand Royal Patrons, Past Supreme Royal Matrons, Past Supreme Royal Patrons, Supreme Floor Officers, Grand Representatives to Virginia and Amaranth Diabetes Board Members to share the Throne with us.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make your room reservations directly with the

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
5700 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(757) 266-5323

Deadline for Reservations  
**January 1, 2026**

Amaranth Rate: \$155.00 Single/Double (Inclusive)

**Note: When making reservations, please contact the hotel directly and mention you are with the Order of the Amaranth.**

### PRE~REGISTRATION, DIRECTORIES AND PROCEEDINGS

Pre-Registration \$15.00 donation per person  
Directory \$12.00 (includes S&H)  
Proceedings \$15.00 (includes S&H)

Pre-register and order Grand Court Directories and Proceedings by sending enclosed forms to:

HL Jennifer A. Smith, PGRM  
Grand Secretary  
PO Box 245

Cheriton, VA 23316-0245  
(757) 331-2320 (H)

(please use one form per person)

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
GRAND COURT OF VIRGINIA, O OF A  
DEADLINE: February 1, 2026**

Grand Officers: If you are unable to attend Grand Court, please notify the Grand Royal Matron in writing prior to January 15, 2026.

### NOTE: MEAL DEADLINE JANUARY 26, 2026 MEAL RESERVATIONS

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER HONORING  
SK Richard C. Nochisaki, Supreme Prelate  
HL Meta L. Nay, Supreme Diabetes Coordinator**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

6:00 PM ~ \$49.00

Send Remittance with Form to:

HL Margueritte S. Ketcham, PGRM

609 Webb Way

Lady Lake, FL 32159

[mskmetcham@hotmail.com](mailto:mskmetcham@hotmail.com)

(804) 370-1664

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**"PAST GRANDS & FRIENDS" LUNCHEON**

Thursday, February 12, 2026

12:00 Noon ~ \$43.00

Send Remittance with Form to:

HL Andrea L Baez, PGRM

7692 Patriots Way

Gloucester, VA 23061

[andleighbaez@gmail.com](mailto:andleighbaez@gmail.com)

(703) 609-2859

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**"FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE" BANQUET**

Honoring GRM, GRP, SRM, SRP

Friday, February 13, 2026

6:00 PM ~ \$51.00

Send Remittance with Form to:

HL Mary Virginia Robertson

914 Forest View Dr

Colonial Heights, VA 23834-1217

(804) 526-4668

[maryv914robertson@gmail.com](mailto:maryv914robertson@gmail.com)

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**"IT BEGINS WITH YOU" LUNCHEON**

Honoring GRM-Elect and GRP-Elect

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Immediately following the Morning Session ~ \$41.00

Send Remittance with Form to:

HL Jo Sanderson

10363 Leighton Place

Manassas, VA 20110

(540) 659-8306

[Jo.a.sanderson@gmail.com](mailto:Jo.a.sanderson@gmail.com)

**PLEASE SPECIFY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS**



**GRAND COURT  
ORDER OF THE AMARANTH  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

*Extends Fraternal Greetings &  
cordially invites you to attend the*

**"BUTTERFLIES TOGETHER  
WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE"**

**SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**

*February 12 ~ 14, 2026*

*Wyndham Virginia Beach  
Oceanfront  
5700 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451*



**HL KIM M. MORGAN ERNER  
Grand Royal Matron**

**SK RAMON "RAY" BAEZ  
Grand Royal Patron**

**HL Margueritte S. Ketcham, PGRM  
Session Chairman  
(804) 370-1664  
[msketcham@hotmail.com](mailto:msketcham@hotmail.com)**

**PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

7:00 PM Musical Prelude  
Escort of Distinguished Guests

7:30 PM Informal Opening  
Reception Following Opening

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

9:00 AM Welcome and Call to Order  
Ritualistic Opening  
Escorts  
Reports

12:00 Noon Lunch

2:00 PM Call to Order  
Reports  
Necrology Committee Report  
Memorial Service

6:00 PM Banquet Honoring:  
Grand Royal Matron  
Grand Royal Patron  
Supreme Royal Matron  
Supreme Royal Patron

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

9:00 AM Call to Order  
Election of Officers  
Reports  
Addresses:  
Supreme Royal Matron  
Supreme Royal Patron

1:00 PM Luncheon Honoring:  
Grand Royal Matron~Elect  
Grand Royal Patron~Elect

2:00 PM Call to Order (if necessary)

7:00 PM Uncrowning  
Installation of Grand Officers  
Coronation Ceremony

**REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS**

**THURSDAY, February 12, 2026**

8:00 AM ~ 12:00 Noon  
1:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM

**FRIDAY, February 13, 2026**

7:30 AM ~ 8:30 AM  
4:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM

**SATURDAY, February 14, 2026**

7:30 AM ~ 8:30 AM

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

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

**REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals will be under the direction of HL Anita L Nochisaki, Grand Lecturer. Participants are requested to be in the Court Room 15 minutes early. Rehearsals are for Virginia Grand Court Officers ONLY PLEASE.

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

9:00 AM Grand Marshals, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Conductresses

9:30 AM Grand Officers

11:00 AM Grand Crown Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Page, Grand Conductresses, Grand Marshals, Grand Royal Matron, Grand Royal Patron

1:15 PM Uncrowning

1:30 PM Grand Officers ~ Memorial

2:30 PM Necrology ~ Royal Matrons and Royal Patrons

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

3:00 PM Installation

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**Grand Officers, Assistant Grand Lecturers, Grand Representatives**

Honored Ladies: Please wear purple or blue dresses with white drape or any combination thereof and full-fingered gloves for all Sessions excluding Memorial and Necrology. Please wear white gowns and full-fingered gloves for Necrology Committee Report and Memorial Service on Friday afternoon.

Sir Knights: Please wear a black tuxedo, white shirt, official tie with a purple or blue cummerbund or vest or a purple or blue vest or cummerbund and tie for all Sessions except for Memorial and Necrology. Please wear a black tuxedo, white shirt, black cummerbund or black vest and black tie for Necrology Committee Report and the Memorial Service on Friday afternoon.

**Royal Matrons & Royal Patrons**

Royal Matrons: Please wear your crown during all Sessions. White robe/train only needed for the Informal Opening and Necrology Committee Report.

Royal Patrons: Please bring a sword. See Grand Officer instructions above for proper dress.

**Grand Officers, Grand Representatives & Grand Committee Chairmen**

Please refer to Grand Court Bylaws, Section 26 General Regulations, paragraph A, page 24 for instructions on providing your report to HL Ange Malmquist, Chairman, Addresses & Distribution Committee.

**All reports, remarks, welcomes and responses should be forwarded electronically to the Grand Secretary's office no later than February 21, 2026 for inclusion in the Proceedings.** Members not having access to transmitting electronic data should place a copy of such items on the Grand Secretary's desk prior to the closing Session on Saturday, February 14, 2026. **Reports, remarks, welcomes and responses not provided by the due dates will not be included in the Proceedings. Please print all copies in Arial Narrow 10. Thank you.**