

Order of the Amaranth

The Order of the Amaranth has a royal ancestry, being founded upon and descended from an Order created by Queen Christina of Sweden in 1653. This brilliant young woman, who became Queen of her warlike Nation at the age of six, devoted her life to promoting, learning, and the fine arts.

Christina created an Order of the Amaranth to honor Lady Amaranta, a woman of rare beauty, charm and virtuous and noble character. For many years the Order was immensely popular throughout Europe, and the most distinguished ladies and gentlemen considered themselves honored by being made members of the Order. During Christina's reign the Order was supported with royal pomp, dignity and magnificence by the ladies and knights of the royal court.

The Order of the Amaranth appeared again in France when the Lodges of Adoption were organized about 1730, each of which was under the control of a Masonic Lodge.

The Supreme Council of the Order of the Amaranth was formally organized in New York City in 1873 by Robert McCoy, a Thirty-third Degree Mason, assisted by Robert Morris and several other prominent Masons. Their original intention was to have the Amaranth as the third degree in an organization for ladies with Masonic affiliation, but in 1932 this idea was changed and the Order of Amaranth became a distinct independent organization. The Supreme Council of the Order of Amaranth of the world draws its membership direct from Masonic families, receiving wives, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, adopted daughters, of Master Masons in good standing.

The teachings of the Order of the Amaranth are eternal and its stately ceremonies impress upon us our duty to our God, to our Country, and to one another. The ideals of Home, Friendship, and Hospitality, the impressive lessons of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity, and devotion to the Flag of our Country, encourage highest standards of conduct and honorable actions.

The leaves of the Amaranth plant are indicative of distinction and honor. When formed into the "Amaranthine" wreath with its never-ending circle, they symbolize the bond of fraternal friendship which encircles our beloved Order. Centered on the Standard of the Order is the Amaranthine Wreath encircling the Crown and the Sword, emblems of royalty and power which united symbolize unity and strength.