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**PROCLAMATION**  
Desert Conference and Gala Day 2017

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY  
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE  
COURGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN  
AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Greetings:

By the prerogative of this office and in conformity with the Constitution and General Laws governing the Desert of Florida and by sanction of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and its Jurisdictions, Inc., PP Carl D. Parker, Imperial Potentate, I, HPIP Billy D. McLamb, Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, do call all Imperial Officers, Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Deputies of the Oasis, all elected and appointed Imperial Officers of the Desert of Florida, Desert Officers, all Honorary Members of the Desert of Florida, all Temples and all Nobles wherever dispersed throughout the Desert of Florida to convene in Tampa, Florida on May 24 through May 28, 2017.

Thanks to all Nobles and Daughters who were in attendance at our 2016 Desert Conference / Gala Day in Melbourne, Florida. Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the outstanding support you rendered in making our 2016 year celebration a memorable success. Special thanks to Osiris for their untiring and unwavering support. All activities were methodologically well planned.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration is the same for all Nobles, Daughters and Associates. Advance Registration is \$75.00. On - site Registration is \$100.00. The Registration Fee covers both Desert Conference and Gala Day. Temples and Courts are requested to pre-register their Nobles and Daughters using the 2017 Desert Registration Form and mail a Temple/Court Check or Money Order only to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie Whitehead, 3596 27th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33711 - Telephone Number (727) 864-2127. Checks are to be made payable to the Desert of Florida. There is a fee of \$25.00 for all returned checks.

The cut-off date for Advance Registration is May 1, 2017 (No Exceptions). The three principal officers from the Court and Temple and all Imperial Appointed Officers in the Courts and Temples must register whether they attend or not (these **funds are non-refundable**). Make as many copies of the registration forms as needed. The Registration Forms are to be used by all Nobles, Daughters, Associates and Youth who will be attending Desert Conference / Gala Day.

### **ADVANCE REGISTRATION REFUND**

This procedure will be followed for advance registration refunds for Desert Conference / Gala Day.

A Noble, Daughter or Associate requesting a refund must:

1. Request a refund through their Temple / Court
2. Get the approval of the ILL. Potentate / ILL. Commandress
3. The ILL. Potentate / ILL. Commandress must contact the Imperial Deputies of and for the Desert in writing five (5) days before the start of Desert Conference with the name and reason for the refund. They will approve or disapprove the request and notify the Desert Recorder.

### **BACKGROUND CHECK APPLICATION**

The Temple / Court requesting a Background Check must use the approved application form from the Desert of Florida. The form can be found on the Desert of Florida Web Site ([www.aeonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeonmsflorida.org)). No other form will be accepted.

The application and funds of \$ 15.00 must be sent to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie Whitehead.

### **TEMPLE AND COURT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR REGISTRATION**

#### **TEMPLE / COURT THREE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND ALL IMPERIAL APPOINTED OFFICERS**

1. Principal Officers Advance Registrations is \$ 75.00 each.
2. Imperial Appointed Officers Advance Registration is \$ 75.00 each.
3. Send check to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie Whitehead.
4. Deadline for all registrations is May 1, 2017.
5. All registration received after May 1, 2017 will be considered as ON SITE registration at \$100.00 each.
6. Youth registration is \$ 15.00.

### **TEMPLE AND COURT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR SOUVENIR JOURNAL ALL TEMPLES / COURTS MUST PURCHASE A FULL PAGE AD IN THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL**

1. The price of the full page Ad is \$ 100.00.
2. **Send check and Ad to the host Souvenir Journal Committee.**
3. The deadline is May 1, 2017.
4. **The price of the full page Ad received after May 1, 2017 will be \$ 200.00.**

### **APPOINTED IMPERIAL OFFICERS**

The Imperial Council requires all Imperial Appointed Officers to support their Desert Conference / Gala Day souvenir journal by taking out an Ad in the journal.

### **DESERT OFFICERS**

The Imperial Deputy of the Desert requires all Desert Elected and Appointed officers to support the Desert Conference / Gala Day Journal by taking out an Ad in the Journal.

### **DESERT NOBLES AND DAUGHTERS**

The host Temple and Court can use the Souvenir Journal as a fundraiser by soliciting Ads from the community, other organizations, Nobles and Daughters from around the Desert of Florida.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Room rates are \$119.00 Single/Double + tax with free parking. One day's deposit is required by Credit Cards only. For reservations ask for the Desert of Florida. The Headquarters Hotel is the Doubletree By Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 4500 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607, Telephone; 1-800-222-TREE, Hotel Direct 1-813-879-480 and ask for the Desert of Florida group rate or book on-line at:

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/TPATLDT\\_DO20170519/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/TPATLDT_DO20170519/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

The absolute cut - off date for guaranteed reservations is April 24, 2017. After that date, rates will be honored based on availability. Check- in time is 3:00 P.M. Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

### **DESERT TAX:**

1. **DESERT TAX:** All Temples are required to pay \$20.00 for each member carried on roll as of December 31, 2016. If you paid Imperial Council Tax for a Noble, you must pay Desert Tax for that Noble. Illustrious Potentate and Imperial Deputy of the Oasis, it is your responsibility to see that your Temple Tax to the Desert is paid on time. The deadline for payment is December 31, 2016. Make check payable to the Desert of Florida and mail to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead.
2. **DESERT YOUTH:** The Desert agreed to support our youth activities at Desert Conference / Gala Day each year by donating \$1.00 per member on roll in the Temple as of December 31, 2016.
3. **NEW MEMBERS:** For all new members created in the Desert between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, you owe the Desert \$20.00 for Desert Tax and \$1.00 for youth for a total of \$ 21.00 per member, payable by December 31, 2016.

### **CREATION:**

Information on the creation will be forthcoming from the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, HPIP Billy D. McLamb, because of the new Imperial Council training guidelines.

## **DRESS CODE FOR DESERT CONFERENCE AND GALA DAY**

### **DESERT CONFERENCE INFORMAL DRESS**

Coat and tie preferred but not mandatory. Shrine walking suits, jumpsuits, jackets, sweat / t-shirts may be worn as casual wear. The Fez and Collar will not be worn with t-shirts, shorts, cutoffs or other inappropriate dress. Nobles should use good judgment and wear attire appropriate for the occasion.

### **GALA DAY MANDATORY DRESS**

- 1. Dress for the Memorial Service, Public Program and the Opening Session ( all Nobles) is White Dinner Jacket, Black Pants, White Shirt W/Collar (Please, no Banded Collar Shirts), Black Tie, (Bow Tie Preferred), White Gloves and Fez.**
- 2. Dress for the afternoon Session for Desert Officers, Imperial Officers and any Noble who desires is Red Jacket, Tie, Black Pants, Fez and White Gloves.**
- 3. Dinner and Putting on the Hits Extravaganza dress, Desert Officers, Imperial Officers and any Noble who desires is Green Jacket, Tie, Black Pants, Fez and White Gloves.**
- 4. Dress for Deputies Ball is White Dinner Jacket, Black Pants, White Gloves and Fez with accessories or Masonic dress.**

### **PASS AND REVIEW IN THE PARK**

Information will be forthcoming from the host committee. There will not be a street parade but there will be a pass and review in the park. The categories are Marching Units, small Motor Patrols, Strollers, Clowns, Drill and Youth Groups. Units will be judged on originality, coordination and performance.

### **SOUVENIR JOURNAL**

Checks/Money Orders are to be made payable to the Desert of Florida Gala Day 2017. Deadline is May 1, 2017. Additional information will be forthcoming from the host committee. *Send all ads and money to the host Temple and Court Souvenir Journal Committee.*

**RECREATION:** Information will be forthcoming from the host committees.

**WORKSHOPS:** The Imperial Council and Desert workshops will be listed on the Agenda.

**This communication is to be read at each Temple Meeting until Desert Conference/Gala Day 2017. The Host Desert Conference/Gala Day Committee will send out an information packet to all Temples and Courts in November 2016. The Proclamation and Registration Form will be posted on the Desert of Florida Website at [www.aeaonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeaonmsflorida.org).**

Fraternally,

*Billy D. McLamb*

HPIP Billy D. McLamb  
Imperial Deputy of the Desert

*Freddie L. Whitehead*

HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead  
Desert Recorder

cc:

Honorable Carl D. Parker, Imperial Potentate  
Honorable Walter Gulley, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Daughter Mary Caldwell Williams, HPIC, Imperial Deputy for the Desert  
Honorable Eric R. Myers, Imperial Assistant Rabban  
Male Department Heads, Florida Jurisdiction  
Honorary Members, Desert of Florida  
Imperial Officers, Desert of Florida  
Desert Officers, Desert of Florida  
Potentates, Desert of Florida  
[www.aeaonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeaonmsflorida.org).



DESERT CONFERENCE / GALA DAY  
REGISTRATION FORM 2017  
DESERT YOUTH (ONLY)



1. Please mail the following forms to your Desert Youth Directors: a) EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM b) AUTHORIZATION FORM c) MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

2. Please mail completed Registration Form below with the required fees to the Desert Recorder,

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3596 27th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711  
727-864-2127

TEMPLE / COURT \_\_\_\_\_ NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST	LAST	AMT. DUE	AMT. PAID
		\$ 15.00	
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Make as many copies as needed.



## DESERT CONFERENCE / GALA DAY REGISTRATION FORM 2017



### 3 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS and IMPERIAL APPOINTED OFFICERS ONLY

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$ 75.00  
ON SITE REGISTRATION: \$ 100.00**

Please mail completed Registration Form below With Required Fees to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead, 3596 27th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, Telephone 727-864-2127.

#### TEMPLE / COURT 3 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

TEMPLE / COURT \_\_\_\_\_ NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICERS	NAME	AMT. DUE	AMT. PAID
Pot. / Comm.		\$ 75.00	
C. Rab. / 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt.		\$ 75.00	
A. Rab. / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.		\$ 75.00	
<b>SUB – TOTAL</b>			

#### IMPERIAL APPOINTED OFFICERS

	NAME	OFFICE	AMT. DUE	AMT. PAID
1			\$ 75.00	
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3			\$ 75.00	
4			\$ 75.00	
5			\$ 75.00	
6			\$ 75.00	
7			\$ 75.00	
8			\$ 75.00	
9			\$ 75.00	
10			\$ 75.00	
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16			\$ 75.00	
18			\$ 75.00	
19			\$ 75.00	
<b>SUB – TOTAL</b>				

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**DESERT CONFERENCE / GALA DAY  
REGISTRATION FORM 2017 FOR  
TEMPLE / COURT MEMBERS**



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DESERT CONFERENCE / GALA DAY  
REGISTRATION FORM 2017 FOR

**ASSOCIATES ONLY**

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$ 75.00  
ON SITE REGISTRATION: \$ 100.00

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TEMPLE / COURT \_\_\_\_\_ NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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