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PROCLAMATION Desert Conference and Gala Day 2018

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 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on May 30 through June 3, 2018.

Thanks to all Nobles and Daughters who were in attendance at our 2017 Desert Conference/Gala Day in Tampa, Florida. Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the outstanding support you rendered in making our 2017 year celebration a memorable success. Special thanks to Harram for their untiring and unwavering support. All activities were planned methodologically.

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 Desert Registration Form. Mail your completed registration form and Temple/Court Check or Money Order only to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie L. 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 \$25.00 fee for all returned checks. The cut-off date for Advance Registration is May 1, 2018 (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**). The registration forms are on the Desert of Florida Website at www.aeonmsflorida.org. All registration received after May 1, 2018 will be considered as On Site.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REFUND:

This procedure will be followed for all 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. The Deputies will approve or disapprove the request and notify the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead.

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). No other form will be accepted. The application and funds of \$15.00 each must be mailed to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie Whitehead.

TEMPLE AND COURT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR THE 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 Oasis Souvenir Journal Committee.
3. The deadline is May 1, 2018.
4. The price of the full page Ad received after May 1, 2018 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 throughout the Desert of Florida.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Room rates are \$109.00 Single/Double + tax. Parking is \$18.00 per day. One day's deposit is required by Credit Cards only. For reservations ask for the Desert of Florida Group Rate. The Headquarters Hotel is the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty Six Ft Lauderdale, Florida 33316, Telephone; 1-954-525-3405, Reservation Number 1-888-421-1442. The absolute cut - off date for guaranteed reservations is April 30, 2018. 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. All Temples are required to pay \$21.00 for each member carried on roll as of January 15, 2018. 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. Make check payable to the Desert of Florida and mail to the Desert Recorder, HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead.

2. New Members created in the Desert between January 15, 2017 and January 15, 2018, you owe the Desert \$21.00 per new member for Desert Tax.

CREATION FOR DESERT CONFERENCE 2018:

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:

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.

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 in each Temple meeting Until Desert Conference/Gala Day 2018. The Host Desert Conference/Gala Day Committee will send out an information packet to all Temples and Courts in November 2017. This Proclamation and Registration Forms will be posted on the Desert of Florida Website at www.aeonmsflorida.org in November 2017.

Fraternally,

HPIP Billy D. McLamb

Imperial Deputy of the Desert

HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead

Desert Recorder

cc:

Honorable Carl D. Parker, Imperial Potentate
Honorable Walter Gulley, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master
Daughter Rasheedah Stevenson, HPIC, Imperial Deputy for the Desert
Honorable Eric R. Myers, Imperial Assistant Rabban
Male Department Heads, Florida Jurisdiction
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