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TO: Imperial Deputies for the Desert

Greetings:

All Deserts are required to submit their by-laws to the Imperial Jurisprudence and Laws Committee for approval.

Desert by-laws should be prepared in accordance with the Standard model. The model template is available on the Imperial Court web page as a PDF fillable form. Download the form, fill in the blanks, and print. The ONLY changes to the document allowed are those in the fillable sections.

Deserts will list those by-laws that are exclusive to their Desert government under "Special Articles". **Do not repeat by-laws that are included in Imperial Constitution and Laws of the Imperial Court.**

Your Desert by-laws must be approved by your Desert prior to submitting to this Committee. By laws should be mail to: Maggie J. Parks, 4529 Thistle Drive, Dayton, OH 45417-8937.

Deadline for submitting by-laws is July 1, 2023. By-Laws are approved at the Annual Session. Be sure to pick up your by-laws before leaving the convention city.

If you have questions, please feel free to call (937) 268-7153

Yours in the Faith,

Maggie J. Parks
MAGGIE J. PARKS
Imperial Directress

cc: Dt. Karen Wright-Chisolm (128)
Imperial 1st Lt. Commandress/Administrator

Dt. Paulette Brown (21)
Imperial Commandress

Attachment: 1- Desert By-Laws MODEL

DESERT FOR Florida

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

SECTION 1: This Conference shall be known as the Florida Desert Conference of Constituent Courts, of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE II
COMPOSITION**

SECTION 1: The Desert Conference shall be composed of all Constituent Courts within the Desert of Florida chartered by the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE III
MEETINGS**

Meetings are as stated in Part V, Article III, Sections 1-3, pp 82 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE IV
QUORUM**

SECTION 1: The quorum shall be Seven (7) Courts, all of whom shall represent Constituent Courts within the Desert, financial with the Imperial Court and the Desert Conference, for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2: Any Daughter in her Desert, in good standing in her Court, is a member of the Desert Conference and is entitled to a vote at all sessions in which she is present.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

Officers and Duties are as stated in Part V, Article V, Sections 1-5, pp 83-84 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE VI
ELECTION, VOTING AND INSTALLATION OF DESERT OFFICERS**

SECTION 1: Election of Desert Officers shall be by majority vote (50% plus one). Any member eligible to vote is eligible to be nominated for election.

SECTION 2: The usual method of voting, except as otherwise specified, shall be by show of hands.

SECTION 3. Installation of Officers shall immediately follow election. All officers shall serve one year or until the successor is elected or appointed and installed.

**ARTICLE VII
AUTHORITY OF THE DESERT CONFERENCE**

As stated in Part V, Article VII, Section 1, pp 84 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE VIII
DESERT OFFICERS DUTIES**

Desert Lieutenant Commandress

SECTION 1: Shall assist the Imperial Deputy for the Desert in the Desert Conference sessions as she may direct, ordinarily by performing the duties pertaining to the respective offices and stations.

Desert Treasurer

SECTION 1: Shall have charge of all funds and vouchers of the Desert Conference. She shall be bonded in such sum and with such sureties as shall be approved. The Imperial Deputy for the Desert shall be the custodian of her bond.

SECTION 2: The Desert Treasurer keep funds on deposit at a bank approved by the Imperial Deputy for the Desert and in such manner as will render the account payable to the order of the Desert of Florida.

SECTION 3: Shall perform all other duties traditionally consistent with her station and office within the Order and shall make a full and complete report of her stewardship at the regular annual session of the Desert Conference.

Desert Recordress

The Desert Recordress Duties are as stated in Part V, Article VIII, Sections 1-4, pp 85 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE IX
DUTIES OF OTHER DESERT OFFICERS**

The Duties of other Desert Officers are as stated in Part V, Article IX, Section 1, pp 85 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE X
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Desert Order of Business are as stated in Part V, Article X, Sections 1-3, pp 85-86 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE XI
DESERT DIVAN**

The Divan of the Desert are as stated in Part V, Article XI, Sections 1-5, pp 86-87 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE XII
DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS**

The Duties and Limitations are as stated in Part V, Article XII, Sections 1-4, pp 87 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE XIII
STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Standing Committees are as stated in Part V, Article XIII, Sections 1-2, pp 87 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE XIV
COMPENSATION**

SECTION 1: All officers of the Desert shall serve without pay and/or shall receive only such stipend and reimbursement of expenses as may be fixed from time to time by the Desert Conference in regular session.

**ARTICLE XV
DESERT TAX**

SECTION 1: The annual Desert tax of \$ 25.00 per daughter is established and payable to the Desert, not later than March 30 each year for all Daughters reported on the Constituent Court Annual Returns to the Imperial Court as of the previous December 31. Desert Tax will be no less than \$10.00 per daughter

**ARTICLE XVI
DESERT RULES OF ORDER**

SECTION 1: The Rules of Order for the regular Annual Session of the Desert Conference shall be as stated in Part V, Article XVI, Section 1, pp 88-89 and the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE XVII
EFFECTIVE DATE**

SECTION 1: This Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective upon approval of the several Constituent Courts in the Desert and the Imperial Court.

**ARTICLE XVIII
AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Bylaws are as stated in Part V, Article XVIII, Sections 1-2, pp 89-90 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Court.

**SPECIAL ARTICLES
DESERT CONFERENCE**

Deserts are to use this section for by-laws that are exclusive to their Desert government.

- During Desert Conference and Gala Day, the Illustrious Commandress or her designee must sit in the designated area for the Court's representative to ensure receipt of information/documents to be relayed to Court members.
- During Desert Conference and Gala Day session Deputies for the Oasis must sit in the area designated for Deputies.
- Minutes of the previous meeting should be presented at the beginning of each Desert Conference meeting.
- The annual Desert Assessment of \$12 dollars per Daughter and the Annual Desert Tax of \$25.00 per Daughter is payable to the Desert of Florida by March 30th for each Daughter reported on the Annual Return. If the Court has any new reinstatements or any new creations once the annual return is reported, the Court will be responsible for insuring the Annual Desert Tax of \$37.00 per new or reinstated Daughter is reported to the Desert Recordress along with a copy of the appropriate paperwork for new and reinstated members.

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DESERT. Florida

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NAMES OF BY-LAW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

<u>Dt. Dr. Charlie P. Albury, PIC (117)</u>	<u>Dt. Paula Roberts, PC (134)</u>
<u>Dt. Dr. Bertha Baker, HPIC (96)</u>	<u>Dt. Alice West, HPIC (70)</u>
<u>Dt. Lila Gaston, PC (117)</u>	<u>Dt. Laureatte Scott, PC (134)</u>
<u>Dt. Gail Williams, PC (96)</u>	<u>Dt. Sandra Trotter, PC (99)</u>
<u>Dt. Pattie Wright-Lane, PC (172)</u>	<u>Dt. MeChelle Martin, PC (117)</u>
<u>Dt. Danielle Allen, PC (25)</u>	<u>Deputies for the Oasis</u>

Date approved by Desert: _____



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Signature

Dt. Collette Hart Wallace, HPIC (117)
Imperial Deputy for Desert
(Name typed)

Signature

Dt. Lila Gaston, PC (117)
Desert Recordress (Name Typed)

Date Approved by Imperial Court: _____

Signature: _____
Imperial Commandress