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7<sup>th</sup> Day of Saphar, Hegira 1440  
Which corresponds to October 15, 2018

## PROCLAMATION Desert Conference and Gala Day 2019

Greetings:

By the prerogative of the office of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert and in conformity with the Constitution and General Laws governing the Desert of Florida, and by the sanction of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and its Jurisdictions, Inc., PP Charles W. Davenport, Imperial Potentate.

I, HPIP Pierre E. Rutledge, Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, do call all Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Imperial Deputies of the Oases, all Elected and Appointed Imperial Council 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 Tallahassee, Florida on May 29 - June 2, 2019.

I graciously thank all Nobles and Daughters who attended our 2018 Desert Conference/Gala Day in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the outstanding support you rendered in making our 2018 celebration a memorable success. Special thanks to Saba Temple#186 and Saba Court #172 for their untiring and unwavering support. All activities were planned with great pride.

### REGISTRATION:

Registration is the same for all Nobles, Daughters, and Associates. Advance Registration is \$100.00. On-site registration is \$150.00. The Registration fee covers both Desert Conference and Gala Day. The three (3) Principal Officers from the Temple and Court and all Imperial Appointed Officers must register, whether they attend or not (**these funds are non-refundable**). Temples and Courts are requested to pre-register their Nobles and Daughters using the 2019 Desert Conference/Gala Day registration forms, located on the Desert of Florida website at [www.aeonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeonmsflorida.org). Mail completed forms along with Temple/Court check or money order to the Desert Recorder, IP Franklin E. Patterson, P.O. Box 12160, Daytona Beach, FL 32120 - Telephone Number (386) 316-9411. All checks are to be made payable to **Desert of Florida**. There is a \$30.00 fee for all returned checks. The cut-off date for Advanced Registration is May 1, 2019 (No Exceptions). Any registration and fees received after May 1, 2019, will be considered ON-SITE registration at \$150.00.

### **ADVANCE REGISTRATION REFUND:**

A Noble, Daughter or Associate requesting a refund must adhere to the following procedures:

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 Deputy of/for the Desert, ten (10) days before the start of Desert Conference [May 19, 2019] with the name and reason for the refund. The Deputies will approve or disapprove the request and notify the Desert Recorder, IP Franklin E. Patterson.
4. A check will be written to the Temple/Court, then dispersed to the member.

### **ALL TEMPLES/COURTS, APPOINTED IMPERIAL OFFICERS, AND DESERT OFFICERS MUST PURCHASE A FULL-PAGE AD IN THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL.**

1. The price of a full-page Ad is \$100.
2. Send check and Ad to the Souvenir Journal Committee (**not the Desert Recorder**)
3. Send Electronic Ads to [galadayjournal2019@gmail.com](mailto:galadayjournal2019@gmail.com).
4. Deadline is May 1, 2019.
5. The price of the full-page Ad received after May 1, 2019, will be \$200.00.

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

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

#### **BOOKING INFORMATION FOR THE FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON**

800.368.7764 - Code: SE29AA

Room Rate: \$109 per night + tax [**Note: Registration drop date of April 29, 2019**]

[Weblink](#) for Four Points by Sheraton:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1805183322&key=1D01879D>

#### **BOOKING INFORMATION FOR THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**

877.800.2652 - Code: SHR or mention "Shriners-Desert of Florida"

Room Rate: \$119.00 per night + tax [**Note: Registration drop date of April 29, 2019**]

[Weblink](#) for DoubleTree by Hilton

[https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/THLAPDT-SHR-20190529/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/THLAPDT-SHR-20190529/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

### **CREATION FOR DESERT CONFERENCE 2019:**

Information on the Creation will be forthcoming from the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, HPIP Pierre E. Rutledge.

### **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. Dress for the Talent Show, Desert Officers, Imperial Officers and any Noble who desires is Green Jacket, Tie, Black Pants, Fez and White Gloves.
4. Dress for Deputies Ball & Dinner 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, Motor Patrols, Strollers, Clowns, Drill and Youth Groups. Units will be judged on originality, coordination, and performance.

## **WORKSHOPS:**

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

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **A. BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Information on the creation will be forthcoming from the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, HPIP Pierre E. Rutledgemb.

### **B. DESERT TAX**

- a. All Temples are required to pay \$21.00 (\$20-Head Tax | \$1-Youth) for each member carried on their roster as of January 15, 2019. If you paid Imperial Council Tax for a Noble, you must pay Desert Tax as well. Illustrious Potentates and Imperial Deputies of the Oases, it is your responsibility to see that your Temple Tax to the Desert is paid on-time. Make check payable to **Desert of Florida** and mail to the Desert Recorder.
- b. New Members Created in the Desert between January 15, 2018 - January 15, 2019, you owe the Desert \$21.00 per new member.
- c. Send a copy of the Imperial Council Recapitulation sheet filed with your Annual Return and all Creation Reports to the Desert Recorder.

### **C. ERIC MYERS' BOOSTER CLUB**

All Temples are required to donate \$100 per year to the Eric Myers' Booster Club before Desert Conference each year.

This communication must be read once in its entirety at each Temple meeting until Desert Conference/Gala Day 2019. The Proclamation and all related forms can be found on the Desert of Florida website, [www.aeaonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeaonmsflorida.org). The Host Desert Conference/Gala Day Committee will send out an information packet to all Temples/Courts in November.

Fraternally,

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Imperial Deputy of the Desert

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Desert Recorder

cc:

Honorable Charles W. Davenport, Imperial Potentate  
Daughter Rasheedah Stevenson, HPIC, Imperial Deputy for the Desert  
Honorable Eric R. Myers, Imperial Chief Rabban  
Honorary Members, Desert of Florida  
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