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Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016 *"Unleashing Your Full Potential"*

TO: Desert of Florida Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Recorders, Treasurers, Imperial Deputies of the Oases, Desert Divan, Active and Financial Past Potentates, Imperial Elected and Appointed Officers, Active and Financial Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the Desert of Florida.

SUBJECT: Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016

The following information is being sent to you on behalf of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, HPIP Billy D. McLamb, #182:

Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016: The Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016 is scheduled for **February 19-20, 2016** in the Oasis of Tampa - Desert of Florida at the Doubletree by Hilton Tampa Airport – Westshore. The theme for 2016 is ***"Unleashing Your Full Potential"***. Once you've developed your full potential, it's time to work continuously as a leader toward achieving it regularly. The Desert of Florida Leadership Forum is comprised of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Imperial Deputies of the Oases, Desert Divan, Imperial Elected and Appointed Officers. Most importantly, all active and financial Past Potentates and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the Desert of Florida are **strongly** encouraged to attend **Leadership Forum 2016**.

Mandatory Attendance Requirement: Per the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, HPIP Billy D. McLamb #182, it is expected that all members in the following categories be in attendance at the Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016: Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Temple Recorders, Temple Treasurers, Imperial Deputies of the Oases, Desert Divan and Imperial Appointed Officers in the Desert of Florida.

Education, Training and Development: The Desert Lecturer Department Team will be presenting a series of invaluable education, training and development training topics and discussions during the Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016 for the Nobles. Meanwhile, the Desert of Florida Daughters Leadership Team, an auxiliary of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., will be on-site conducting their annual leadership training as well for the Daughters. There will be some joint presentations (Nobles and Daughters) provided during the Leadership Forum 2016.

Hotel Reservations: [Please follow the procedures we have in place when making your hotel reservations.](#) The Doubletree by Hilton Tampa Airport-Westshore, 4500 West Cypress Street, Tampa Florida 33607 is the Headquarters Site for the Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016. We have negotiated a rate for the group at \$119.00 plus 12% tax per night. In order to receive this discount group rate, you must mention that you are a member of the Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016 by calling the following number to make your hotel reservations: 1.855.610.8733 or you can make your hotel reservations online by using or clicking on the Desert of Florida Hotel Reservation Site: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/TPATLDT-DFL-20160219/index.jhtml>.

The **Cut-Off-Date** for this discounted group rate is **February 5, 2016**. This discounted rate will not be honored by any other means of making your room reservations for the Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016; it will only be honored during the time frame and method indicated above. **No Exceptions!**

Leadership Forum 2016 Registration Fee: The Registration fee for the Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016 is \$30.00 per registered Noble/Daughter who will be in attendance. The Registration fee will include a Friday night reception, a plated lunch on Saturday and a reception on Saturday evening. All Registration fees must be paid to the Temple Recorder/Court Recordress. A Temple/Court Check will be mailed to the Desert Recorder HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead, with a Registration list indicating the Name and Number of the Temple/Court, Name and Title of attendees. Make all Temple/Court Checks payable to the **Desert of Florida**. Mail to: HPIP Freddie L. Whitehead, Desert Recorder, 3596 27th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711. Contact Phone Numbers: 727.864.2127(H) or 727.408.0233(C).

The Deadline for all Monies and Temple/Court Registration is February 1, 2016 for planning purposes!

Hotel Discount Breakfast: The hotel is offering a discounted breakfast buffet at \$10.00 plus tax per registered guests per night. The regular price is \$17.99 plus tax, [What a deal!](#)

Mandatory Meeting for all Illustrious Potentates and Imperial Deputies of the Oases: The Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, HPIP Billy D. McLamb #182 will hold a **Mandatory Meeting** for all Illustrious Potentates and Imperial Deputies of the Oases on Friday, February 19, 2016 from **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** in the **Cypress Cove Room** at the hotel. Please be on time! **Again, this meeting is Mandatory for all Illustrious Potentates and all Imperial Deputies of the Oases!**

Note: On Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Joint Town Hall Meeting at the hotel (Nobles and Daughters). Do plan to be in attendance! *A “Meet & Greet Reception” will follow immediately after the Joint Town Hall Meeting at the hotel.*

Note: We will provide you with an Agenda at least two weeks prior to this scheduled event for planning purposes.

Note: Do not wait until the **deadline** to mail your registrations and payment to the Desert Recorder. Hint! Hint!

Dress Attire for Nobles: Casual/Shrine Casual/Walking Suits, etc. **No Fezzes! No Collars!**

Illustrious Potentates: [Please comply with all deadlines for planning purposes!](#)

If you have questions or need more information regarding the **Desert of Florida Leadership Forum 2016**, contact HPIP Michael Dozier, Desert Lecturer, via email at mdozier5@verizon.net or at 813.382.3416. Also, you can contact HPIP Earl Haugabook, Desert Convention Director via email at harchief@msn.com or at 813.240.6243.

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