



The Desert of Florida

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PROCLAMATION DESERT CONFERENCE AND GALA DAY 2026

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 sanctioned by the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and its Jurisdictions, Inc., Thomas R. Hughes, Sr, 47th Imperial Potentate, I, HPIP Louis T. Harper, Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida, do call all Elected Imperial Council Officers, Elected Imperial Court Officers, Appointed Imperial Council Officers, Appointed Imperial Court Officers, Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Illustrious Commandresses, 1st and 2nd Lieutenant Commandresses, Desert Officers, all Honorary Members, all Temples and Courts and all Nobles and Daughters wherever dispersed throughout the Desert of Florida, to convene in Tallahassee, Florida on Thursday, May 28th, 2026 through Sunday, May 31st, 2026.

On behalf of the Imperial Deputy for the Desert, Daughter Bertha Baker, we graciously thank each Noble and Daughter of the great Desert of Florida for all your many contributions. We continue to set the bar throughout the Domain and because of YOU, we shall remain, the BEST DESERT IN THE DOMAIN!
#WeAreFlorida!

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee of \$124 with fees is the same for all Nobles, Daughters, and Associates, this covers both Desert Conference and Gala Day. The three (3) Principal Officers from the Temple and Court and all Imperial Appointed Officers **MUST** register by **Sunday, March 1, 2026**, whether in attendance or not (**these funds are non-refundable**). There will be a \$50.00 late fee for temples and courts that do meet this deadline. Registration deadline for all other Nobles & Daughters is Friday May 1st, 2026. There will be NO LATE OR ONSITE REGISTRATION!

Registration for the 2026 Desert Conference/Gala Day will be conducted online via Jotform located on the Desert of Florida website under the Events tab at wwwaeaonmsflorida.org or click on the following link ([DCGD Registration](#)). Please note that online registration carries additional PayPal and credit card fees. All registration checks are to be made payable to **Desert of Florida** and there will be a \$35.00 fee for all returned checks

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REFUND

In the event a Noble or Daughter registers and cannot attend, the Imperial Deputy of/for the Desert of Florida must be notified seven (30) days in advance of the Desert Conference and Gala Day. Exceptions will be made for EMERGENCIES ONLY.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel Reservation information will be disseminated at a later date in DCGD Proclamation #2. In effort to ensure we have adequate housing for everyone, Hotel reservation names that DO NOT match DCGD registration names will be cancelled. This will allow the Desert Convention Director make the necessary adjustments in the event additional rooms are needed.

THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL

ALL TEMPLES & COURTS, APPOINTED IMPERIAL OFFICERS, AND DESERT OFFICERS MUST PURCHASE A FULL-PAGE AD.

1. The price of a full-page Ad is \$105.
2. Click on the following link for journal options. [DCGD 2026 Journal](#)
3. Deadline is Friday, May 1st, 2026.
4. The price of the full-page Ad received after May 1, 2026, will be \$200.00.

DRESS CODE FOR DESERT CONFERENCE/GALA DAY

Nobles: Coat and tie preferred but not mandatory. Shrine walking suits, jackets, 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.

Daughters: The official attire for the daughters (which is meeting attire) shall be white dress, white undergarments, all white shoes (Lucite and mesh shoes are permissible), white stockings, white bag, white gloves (no fingerless gloves) and regulation Fez. Flowers (corsages) should be all white, no green foliage. No silver or gold jewelry (including ankle bracelets) shall be worn with regalia, except as followed by the Imperial Court.

GALA DAY MANDATORY DRESS

Nobles

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 Bow Tie, White Gloves and Fez.
2. Dress for the afternoon Session (not mandatory) for Desert Officers, Imperial Officers and any Noble who desires is Designated Desert Divan / Temple Blazer, Suits, Walking Suits, Business Casual with Fez, (T-shirts, sneakers, and jeans are not permitted)

Daughters

The formal attire of the daughters shall be white, formal length to the top of the shoe, dress (no tea length) white undergarments, all-white shoes, white stockings, crystal or rhinestone jewelry, white handbag, white gloves (no fingerless gloves) and regulation Fez. Long gloves are required with sleeveless or strapless gowns. A strapless gown must be worn with a non-revealing and large enough formal jacket or shawl covering the upper

body. White sequins and rhinestones should not reflect color. Splits in gowns shall be no higher than the knee and no gowns with trains, as it presents a safety hazard to the wearer and others as well. Silver or gold jewelry is not worn with regalia as allowed by the Imperial Court.

Exceptions to the limitations shall be watches, rings, medic alert bracelets, small gold official Isis pins, Past Illustrious Commandress pins, Pillar pendants (on a fine gold chain), and Shrine 100th Commemorative Medallions.

Temple/Court Indebtedness

Please see Communications from the Deputy of/for the Desert concerning all indebtedness to the Desert of Florida including annual Desert Tax.

This communication must be read once in its entirety at each Temple meeting until Desert Conference/Gala Day 2025. The Proclamation and all related forms can be found on the Desert of Florida website (wwwaeaonmsflorida.org). The Host Desert Conference/Gala Day Committee will send out an information packet to all Temples/Courts.

Fraternally,

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Cc:

Thomas R. Hughes, Sr. (120), 47th Imperial Potentate
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Dt. Cheryl R. Eggleston (23), 55th Imperial Commandress
PP Reginald Hardee (143), Desert Convention Director
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Desert Illustrious Potentates, Illustrious Commandresses, Recorders, Recordresses