



**DESERT OF FLORIDA  
DESERT CONFERENCE/GALA DAY  
MAY 28-May 31, 2020  
INFORMATION PACKET**



# **Journey to the City Beautiful “Operation T.Q.M.”**

**HOSTED BY:  
MALTA TEMPLE NO. 143, PRINCE HALL SHRINERS  
A.E.A.O.N.M.S.  
&  
MALTA COURT NO. 99, DAUGHTERS  
OASIS OF ORLANDO**

**Noble Frank R. Barnes Sr., PP, General Chairperson  
Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Orlando**

**Dt. Yvonne Minus, PC, General Chairperson  
Imperial Deputy for the Oasis of Orlando**



# Journey to the City Beautiful Operation T.Q.M.

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Imperial Deputy for the Oasis of Orlando**

Greetings,  
Elected and Appointed Imperial Officers, Elected and Appointed Desert Officers,  
Deputies of & for the Oases, Illustrious Potentates, Illustrious Commandresses, Nobles and  
Daughters,

Desert Conference/Gala Day 2020 will be held **May 28 – May 31, 2020 in the Beautiful  
Oasis Orlando at the attractive Sheraton Orlando North - 600 North Lake Destiny  
Road Maitland, FL 32751.**

We are excited about your arrival in the Beautiful Oasis of Orlando. During your visit, you  
will find a World Class Beautiful City with everything you could think of to make your short  
stay in the Oasis of Orlando enjoyable and pleasurable.

The Desert Conference/Gala Day 2020 Packet includes contact persons and informational  
documents. This information will be forwarded to Illustrious Potentates, Illustrious  
Commandresses and all Elected and Appointed officers. The information will also be  
available on the Desert of Florida Website: [www.aeaonmsflorida.org](http://www.aeaonmsflorida.org).

Please share this information with your Temple and Court.

The Desert Conference/Gala Day 2020 Committee will have worked tirelessly to ensure  
that your stay in our Oasis will be memorable and encourage you to come back again  
real soon.

Yours in Unity,

*Frank R. Barnes Sr.*

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*Yvonne Minus*

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Email: [yvonneminus@yahoo.com](mailto:yvonneminus@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (321) 591-7054**

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# HOTEL RESERVATION DETAILS

**Sheraton Orlando North**  
**600 North Lake Destiny Rd. Maitland, Florida 32751**

**TEL: 407-660-9000**

**FAX: 407-660-9008**

This Sheraton Orlando North, FL hotel is easily accessible from I-4 & conveniently Located halfway between Walt Disney World & Daytona. Orlando/Maitland, FL hotel offers free shuttle to local shops, dining & movie theaters.

## **ORLANDO/MAITLAND, FL HOTEL FEATURES:**

**ROOM RATES: \$117.00 SINGLE/DOUBLE + TAX. ONE DAY DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED BY CREDIT CARD ONLY.**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL (888) 625-5144. The room block code is PHS. YOU CAN ALSO BOOK ONLINE BY GOING TO THE HOTEL LINK:**

**<https://bit.ly/2JA5wZt>**

**If you may have any issue or concern with your reservation, please contact Desert Convention Director Noble Derek Hutzley, PP (182)  
Phone: (850) 291-5988 or email: [dhutzley@cox.net](mailto:dhutzley@cox.net)**

**THE ABSOLUTE CUT-OFF DATE FOR GUARANTEED ROOM RESERVATIONS IS: APRIL 30, 2020. AFTER THAT DATE, RATES WILL BE HONORED BASED ON AVAILABILITY.**

**CHECK IN TIME: 3:00 P.M.**

**CHECK OUT TIME: 11:00 A.M.**

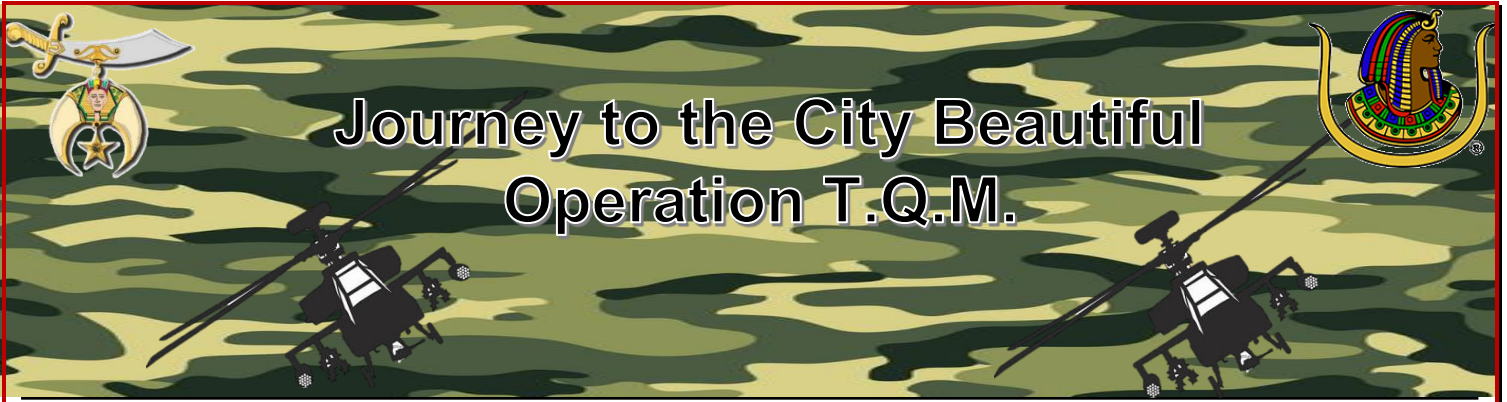
**Valet Parking Only**

**Pet friendly property for pets less than 40lbs**

## **Good to know**

- Among Florida's leading conference and business hotels
- 15,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, including an elegant ballroom
- Business center and complimentary Wi-Fi
- Modern fitness facility and pool
- Only eight miles from Downtown Orlando
- Altamonte Mall (6.1 miles)
- Cranes Roost Park (6.2 miles)
- Wekiva Springs (5.6 miles)
- Amway Center (9.5 miles)
- Camping World Stadium (8.8 miles)
- Central Florida Zoo (16 miles)

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## **REGISTRATION**

Temples and Courts are requested to Pre-Register their Nobles and Daughters using the Desert of Florida Registration Form. You can make copies of the form as needed.

Registration(s) are the same for all Nobles, Daughters and Associates.  
Advance Registration is **\$100.00**, late & On-site Registration is **\$150.00**.

The Cutoff date for Advance Registration is May 1, 2020. **(No Exceptions)**

All payments must be made payable to Desert of Florida, via Temple/Court Check or Money Order. The Desert Registration Form and payment must be sent to **Desert Recorder, PP Franklin E. Patterson PP, (63), P. O. Box 12160, Daytona Beach, FL 32120**. All checks payable to the **DESERT OF FLORIDA**.

**There is a fee of \$25.00 for all returned checks.**

## **Registration Committee Chairpersons**

**Noble Rahim Christian Sr., PP (143): (407) 316-6373 [rahim.a.christian14@gmail.com](mailto:rahim.a.christian14@gmail.com)**

**Dt. Bianca Louis (99): (561) 574-9702 [bianca.louis@icloud.com](mailto:bianca.louis@icloud.com)**





**DESERT OF FLORIDA  
DESERT CONFERENCE/GALA DAY "2020"  
REGISTRATION FORM**



**ADVANCED REGISTRATION: \$100.00  
ON-SITE REGISTRATION: \$150.00**

**Please mail completed Registration Form with all fees to  
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P.O. Box 12160, Daytona Beach, FL 32120  
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**TEMPLE/COURT (3) PRINCIPLE OFFICERS**

**(DUE MARCH 1, 2020)**

<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMT. DUE</b>	<b>AMT. PAID</b>
ILL. Potentate/ILL. Commandress			
Chief Rabban/1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Commandress			
Assistant Rabban/2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commandress			
		<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>	

**IMPERIAL APPOINTED OFFICERS**

**(DUE MARCH 1, 2020)**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>AMT. DUE</b>	<b>AMT. PAID</b>
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**SUB-TOTAL:**

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TEMPLE/COURT \_\_\_\_\_ NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Desert Conference/Gala Day “2020”**  
**Malta Temple No. 143 & Malta Court No. 99**  
**Oasis of Orlando**

**YOUTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM**

This form authorizes emergency treatment for \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Work Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

If I cannot be reached please call \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

In town Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Out of Town Trips: If parent(s) are not present on out-of-town trips,  
in case of injury or sickness to:**

**\*\*\* This form gives permission to a qualified Physician or Dentist for emergency room services to give my child medical attention as needed. Parent(s) signature herein gives proof of permission to treat my child\*\*\***

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Temple/Court Youth Director as soon as possible, if you have any questions, please contact youth director.

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## Malta Temple No. 143 & Malta Court No. 99

### Oasis of Orlando

### **YOUTH MEDICAL HISTORY**

#### **MEDICAL HISTORY DETAILS:**

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Past illnesses** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this child healthy and able to march in hot weather during a parade?**

**Does the child have any type of health deficiencies? Such as wearing glasses, etc.?**

**Has child been treated for any of the following, check all that are applicable?**

<b>Bleeding</b>	<b>Convulsions</b>	<b>Heart Trouble</b>	<b>Hypertension</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Muscle Joint</b>	<b>Diabetes Kidney</b>	<b>Epilepsy</b>	<b>Lung Disease</b>	

**Previous Hospitalization** \_\_\_\_\_

**My permission is given to any qualified Physician or Emergency Room Physician to treat my child. The above information is true and accurate.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s) or Guardian**

**Please return to Temple/Court Youth Director as soon as possible, if you have any questions, please contact youth director.**

#### **Contacts:**

**Noble Dr. Christopher Scott (143)**  
**Chairperson**  
[Maltatemple143@gmail.com](mailto:Maltatemple143@gmail.com)

**Dt. Dottie Keene (99)**  
**Chairperson**  
**(407) 721-5017**  
[tookeenern@aol.com](mailto:tookeenern@aol.com)

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Stations will be equipped with cold water, cold towels, first aid kit, cell phone and emergency dispatch radio. Stations will provide medical services as needed during the entire session; including off-site locations.

- Manned by Certified Medical Professionals.
- Minor Injury Care.
- Emergency transport will be handled by arriving EMS units.

### Area Hospital, Dialysis Center and Other Services:

#### Advent Health Altamonte Springs

601 E Altamonte Dr,  
Altamonte Springs, FL

**(407) 303-2200**

#### Dialysis Center

750 Northlake Blvd  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

**Open: Mon – Sat. 5am-8pm Close Sunday**

**1-800-881-5101 (Help Line)**

#### Other Services Available:

Rent A Knee Walker

Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**Open: Mon. – Fri. 9am – 6pm**

**(321) 332-7779**

### Pharmacies:

#### Walgreens Pharmacy

200 W State Road 436  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**Open: 9am-9pm**

**(407) 389-0476**

#### CVS Pharmacy

227 State Road 436  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**Open: Mon – Sun. 7am – 12am**

**(407) 389-6025**

Remember!

**Remember to bring and do the following:**

Remember!

Eat properly and Drink Plenty of Water to Stay Hydrated. Bring and take all Prescriptions/Medications.

### Committee Chairpersons:

**Noble Dr. Christopher Scott (143)**

**Chairperson**

**[Maltatemple143@gmail.com](mailto:Maltatemple143@gmail.com)**

**Dt. Dottie Keene (99)**

**Chairperson**

**(407) 721-5017**

**[tookeenern@aol.com](mailto:tookeenern@aol.com)**

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***Hospitalities/Picnic/Pass & Review***

**Thursday Night "Survival of the Fittest...Let the Battle Begin"**

**May 28, 2020**

**Attire: Army Fatigues**  
**Hospitality Time: 8pm – 12am**  
**Denton Johnson Center**  
**400 Ruffel St.**  
**Maitland, FL 32751**

**Friday Night "D-Day" - Level Up!!**

**May 29, 2020**

**Attire: Gold and White Edition**  
**Time: 8pm-12am**  
**Denton Johnson Center**  
**400 Ruffel St.**  
**Maitland, FL 32751**

**Saturday Pass and Review/Cookout**

**May 30, 2020**

**Attire: Casual**  
**Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Hungerford**  
**230 S. College Ave**  
**Eatonville, FL 32751**

**Cookout Following Pass and Review.**

**All hospitalities from 8pm to 12am are free with your registration  
Badge. Please be sure to wear your registration badge to all  
FUNCTIONS!!!**

**Committee Chairpersons:**  
**Noble Marquis McNealy (143)**  
**(352) 578-8012 [madman34711@gmail.com](mailto:madman34711@gmail.com)**

**Dt. Bianca Louis (99)**  
**(561) 574-9702 [bianca.louis@icloud.com](mailto:bianca.louis@icloud.com)**

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### PASS & REVIEW LETTER OF INTENT

**Please submit Letter of Intent No-Later Than April 30, 2020 to the following address:**  
**Desert of Florida Gala Day 2020**  
**P.O. Box 550177**  
**Orlando, FL 32855**  
**ATTN: PASS & REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Name of the Temple/Court** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Illustrious Potentate/Commandress Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recorder/Recordress:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Unit: (Please check all that apply)**

Mini Motorized ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nobles/Daughters participating in the unit  
Marching Club ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nobles/Daughters participating in the unit  
Bicycle Club ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nobles/Daughters participating in the unit  
Clown Unit ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nobles/Daughters participating in the unit  
Youth Groups ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information for Unit Director/Directress:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** MAP AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO LINE-UP AND STAGING AREA WILL BE PROVIDED

*Nobles and Daughters bring your own lawn chairs so you will have a good seat!*

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Malta Temple No. 143  
&  
Malta Court No. 99**



**SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**DEADLINE FOR ADS & PAYMENT: May 1, 2020**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**AD REQUESTED (CIRCLE ONE)**

**Inside Front: \$200.00**

**Inside Back: \$250.00**

**Outside Back: \$250.00**

**Full-Page: \$100.00**

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ADS:**

1. Ad(s) are to be submitted electronically to [galadayjournal2020@gmail.com](mailto:galadayjournal2020@gmail.com)
2. E-mail should have subject line "Gala Day 2020 AD"
3. Ad(s) must be in MS Word Format or PDF format
4. Ensure that your ad has the correct spelling of name(s), official titles, etc. **NO CORRECTIONS WILL BE MADE!**

**Make Checks Payable to: DESERT OF FLORIDA**

**MAILING ADDRESS**

**Desert of Florida Gala Day 2020  
ATTN: Souvenir Journal Ad  
P.O. Box 12160  
Daytona Beach, FL 32120**

**Please contact the Souvenir Journal Committee Chairpersons if you have any questions.**

**Noble Chris Jackson (143)**  
**Email: [cjdjjackson@gmail.com](mailto:cjdjjackson@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: (407) 583-9677**

**Dt. Lenora Porter, HPIC (99)**  
**[story450@aol.com](mailto:story450@aol.com)**  
**Phone: 407-970-1380**

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## “The History of Gala Day”

Gala Day was first conceived and presented to the Imperial Council in 1944. The original idea was not conceived as Gala Day, but as the Deputy's Day and was given the name Gala Day by the Imperial Council. Gala Day was the brainchild of Daughter Flora Watkins and Noble Claude Watkins. At the time of its inception, Noble Watkins was the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana. He approached the Imperil Potentate and Imperial Council with the idea of declaring a day to honor the Deputies of the Deserts throughout the Imperial Domain. The idea was first met with many objections in the Council by a very conservative block of officers of the Shrine. The Imperial Potentate, Noble Raymond W. Jackson No. 64 (1939-1955), “A Man for the Hour”, embraced the thought that the Deputies worked for the Council all year and deserved the tribute. He also reasoned that the local Temples could make money for charity. Upon giving the idea its approval, the imperial Council decreed that the event should be known as “Gala Day”, and that the Deputy of the Desert must oversee all arrangements and business pertaining to the events. The Council ruled that each Temple in the Desert would be allowed the opportunity to serve as hosts, with the initial event to be held in 1945. Gala Day as we know it today is a joint celebration between the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Daughters of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S.

## **This is why we Celebrate Gala Day!**



**HPIP PIERRE E. RUTLEDGE (149)**  
*Imperial Deputy of the Desert  
 Of Florida*



**DT. COLLETTE HART WALLACE, PC (117)**  
*Imperial Deputy for the Desert  
 Of Florida*



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**DEPUTIES BALL HONORING**



***HPIP Pierre E. Rutledge (149)  
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida  
A.E.A.O.N.M.S***

***&  
Dt. Collette Hart Wallace, PC (117)  
Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Florida***

***SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020  
7:00PM – Midnight  
Sheraton Orlando North Hotel***



***Admission Free with your 2020 Gala Day Registration Badge***

***Nobles Dress: Summer Formal Attire  
(White Dinner Jacket, Black Tuxedo Pants, White Shirt,  
Black Bow Tie, White Gloves, Fez and Collar if authorized to wear)***

***Daughters Dress: Formal Regalia  
Guests: Semi Formal Attire***

**Committee Chairpersons:**

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Committee Chairperson  
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**Dt. Tabitha Gadson, 1st Lt. Commandress (99)  
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## **DESERT OF FLORIDA DESERT CONFERENCE/GALA DAY “2020”**

Welcome to the Oasis of Orlando! On behalf of Malta Temple No. 143 and Malta Court No. 99, we the Committee are honored to be your host for our 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Desert Conference/Gala Day held in the beautiful Oasis of Orlando, May 27 – May 31, 2020. Orlando has many great attractions to visit outside of our scheduled events, and the committees are dedicated to making your stay a delightful one while visiting in our Oasis.

### **Thank You to Our Sponsors:**

- City of Eatonville FL
- Denton Johnson Center

### **Local Attractions**

#### **Zora Neale Hurston National Museum of Fine Arts**

227 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751, Phone: (407) 647-3307

#### **Wells' Built Museum of African American History & Culture**

511 W South St, Orlando, FL 32805, Phone: (407) 245-7535

#### **Universal Orlando Resort**

6000 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819, Phone: (407) 363-8000

#### **Blue Man Group**

6000 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819, Phone: (407) 363-8000

#### **ICON Orlando**

8401 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819, Phone: (407) 601-7907

#### **Seaworld**

7007 Sea World Dr, Orlando, FL 32821, Phone: (407) 545-5550

#### **Gatorland**

14501 S Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32837, Phone: (407) 855-5496

#### **Aquatica Orlando**

5800 Water Play Way, Orlando, FL 32821, Phone: (407) 545-5550



Eatonville, the first incorporated all-black city in the nation, also is important in African-American history as home of Zora Neale Hurston, the Harlem Renaissance writer known for her novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. As a result, the Zora Neal Hurston National Museum of Fine Arts hosts an annual festival in Eatonville, a still-thriving town. Now a suburb of Orlando, Eatonville no longer is a backwoods town in a rural area, as described in Hurston's novels. Eatonville remains, however, a cultural gem – one that beckons you to visit.



# Thank you for your Service!!!

