



**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**

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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: wwwaeaonmsflorida.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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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**

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

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





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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)

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

IMPERIAL APPOINTED OFFICERS

(DUE MARCH 1, 2020)

	NAME	OFFICE	AMT. DUE	AMT. PAID
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
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18				
19				
20				
SUB-TOTAL:				

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**DESERT OF FLORIDA
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REGISTRATION FORM
TEMPLE/COURT MEMBERS**



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION Deadline
May 1, 2020 \$100.00
LATE & ON-SITE: \$150.00
\$35.00 Fee for All Returned Checks**

**Please mail completed Registration Form with all fees to
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TEMPLE/COURT _____ **NO.** _____ **DATE** _____

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REGISTRATION FORM
ASSOCIATES ONLY



ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$100.00/LATE & ON-SITE: \$150.00

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**DESERT OF FLORIDA
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REGISTRATION FORM
YOUTH**

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$15.00

Cut-Off date for Advance Registration is May 1, 2020!

- 1. Please mail the following forms to your Desert Youth Director:**
 - a). YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM**
 - b). YOUTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM**
 - c). YOUTH MEDICAL HISTORY FORM**
- 2. Please mail a copy of the completed Registration Forms with the required fees to the Desert Recorder:**

Desert Recorder, Noble Franklin E. Patterson, PP (63)

P.O. Box 12160, Daytona Beach, FL 32120

All Checks made payable to DESERT OF FLORIDA

TEMPLE/COURT _____ **NO.** _____ **DATE** _____

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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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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?

Bleeding Muscle Joint	Convulsions Diabetes Kidney	Heart Trouble Epilepsy	Hypertension Lung Disease	Other
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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

Dt. Dottie Keene (99)
Chairperson
(407) 721-5017
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](tel:(407)303-2200)

Other Services Available:
Rent A Knee Walker
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Open: Mon. – Fri. 9am – 6pm
[\(321\) 332-7779](tel:(321)332-7779)

Dialysis Center
750 Northlake Blvd
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
Open: Mon – Sat. 5am-8pm Close Sunday
[\(1-800-881-5101\) \(Help Line\)](tel:1-800-881-5101)

Pharmacies:

Walgreens Pharmacy
200 W State Road 436
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Open: 9am-9pm
[\(407\) 389-0476](tel:(407)389-0476)

CVS Pharmacy
227 State Road 436
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Open: Mon – Sun. 7am – 12am
[\(407\) 389-6025](tel:(407)389-6025)

Remember!

Remember to bring and do the following:

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

Remember!

Committee Chairpersons:

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Chairperson
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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

Dt. Bianca Louis (99)

(561) 574-9702 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 gala day journal 2020@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: cjdjackson@gmail.com
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Dt. Lenora Porter, HPIC (99)
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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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

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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 73rd 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



History of Eatonville

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 Neale 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!!!

