



Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc.

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Acting Today on Tomorrow's Visions

**30th Day of Rabia I, Hegira 1443
Corresponding to November 3, 2021**

First, allow me to begin with an apology for what seemed like a disjointed response to regular monthly meetings. Sometimes when one listens to their voice, that voice is the only one they hear, and in this case, that's exactly what happened. So, to take corrective steps after hearing from so many of you, I am instituting the following procedures to bring clarity and flexibility to previous directives:

1. **DO NOT** refer to any previous administrative directives on this subject. These steps are the only ones permitted and **they apply ONLY to regular monthly Temple or Court meetings.**
2. Meetings will remain either virtual and/or in person for December of this calendar year. Difficulties are arising out of trying find physical locations for in person meetings and are problematic. However, if a Temple or Court is able to secure a viable location they may proceed with an in-person meeting. The viability of meeting using this platform is dependent upon conformity to State and/ or Local guidelines/restrictions as they relate to COVID- 19.
3. If a virtual platform is chosen, then the Election Runner will be the balloting mechanism for all positions in any Temple or Court. We will not introduce a hybrid meeting in the process and it is strictly prohibited. In this scenario, nominations must occur during November meetings followed by electronic voting with the results announced by the Deputy of/for the Oases at the December meeting (same as last year).
4. Dispensations to change meeting dates will be granted to Temples or Courts on a case by case basis by the Office of the Imperial Potentate ONLY! **If Temples and/or Courts are able to meet on their regular monthly date, NO DISPENSATION IS REQUIRED!** All in person dispensation requests are to be submitted to Ms. Krystal McIntosh at kmcintosh@aeaonms.org and timely responses will be issued, **THERE IS NO FEE.**

The past two years have been taxing and stressful requiring much adaptation to address the challenges of COVID-19. Please forgive my short sightedness and once again continue on a forward journey to progress success and fulfillment of our vision and mission. I remain,

Yours in service commitment and faith,

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