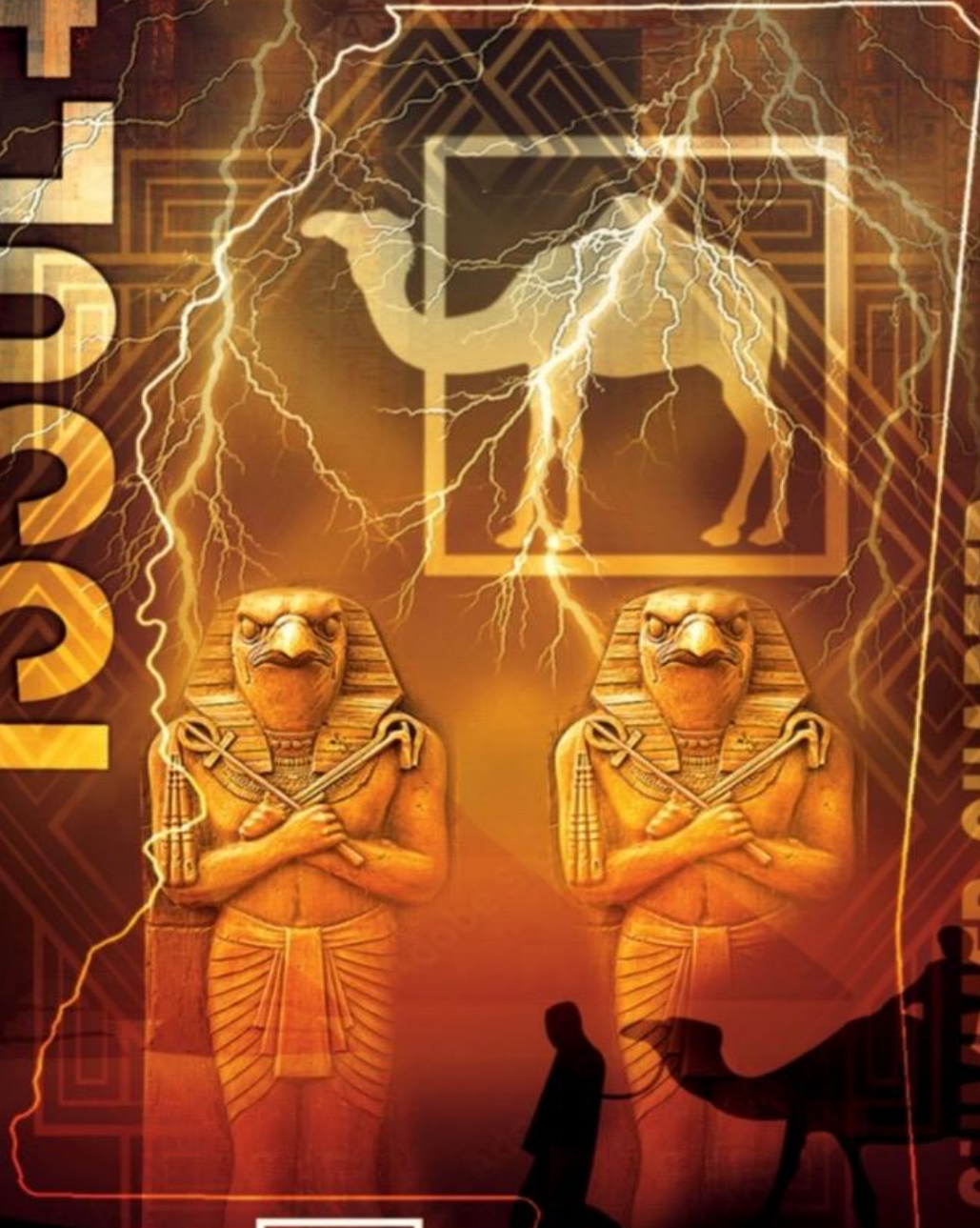


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- Table (10 seats) \$1000.00
- Ball Ticket/ Boat Ride \$150.00
- Boat Ride \$50.00 /#__ of tickets

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The Rising Sun welcomes you to the official newsletter for the Desert of Mississippi AEAONMS Temples and Courts. The purpose of this Quarterly published newsletter is to shine a light upon the temples and courts of the Prince Hall Shriners, and Daughters of the Imperial Court in the Desert of Mississippi; to highlight their accomplishments, events, inspirational stories, and their commitment to serve their communities and State. The Rising Sun accepts submissions of articles in Microsoft Word or Google Doc editable formats, and pictures in JPEG format, that are of general interest throughout the State of Mississippi. Temples and Courts should send submissions to newsletter@desertofms.org



After nearly two years of lockdowns, travel bans, at-home school/work, economic insecurities, loss of friends, loved ones, and the list goes on. We are starting to see a ray of sunlight piercing through the clouds of despair. Opportunities to gain a foothold on our climb to the pinnacle of service to our communities in the Desert of Mississippi are emerging, and we are responding to the call with more determination than ever. I applaud the leaders of the Desert of Mississippi in guiding the Nobles and Daughters of the Temples and Courts of the Oases in unity as "One Desert, One Team."

Quote of the Quarter:

"A leader is best when people barely know that he or she exists, and when the work that they do speaks for them. One who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

Noble Shadon Rollins (#130)
Chief Editor and Director



Deputy's Corner



As the pages of the calendar flip, each day gives us an opportunity to make the present day more productive than the previous one. Our motto of "One Desert, One Team" means that all of us operate as "One Body, One Mind." As I look back on the previous year and the last several months, things turned out much differently than anyone would have imagined. While it was certainly challenging in many ways, it also showed how strong we are as a desert- even in the toughest times. We were able to expand the desert with 4 new temples and 3 courts. We were able to get back in to the business of service to provide the quality of commitment that defines us, and we rose to all challenges. We were slowed down, but it certainly didn't stop us. I want to thank all of the Nobles and Daughters for the hard work and commitment you've shown over thus far. We will head forward with the momentum and the desire to continue serving the Desert of Mississippi as "One Desert, One Team".

Fraternally,

Henry AM Coffiel

Henry AM Coffiel
Imperial Deputy of the Desert
A.E.A.O.N.M.S.



Deputy's Corner



Greetings from the office of the Imperial Deputy for the Desert for the Desert of Mississippi,

This past year our Desert has increased greatly by adding three new courts to our roster. I consider this a great accomplishment being that this has never been done before in our Desert.

My goal is to continue to work in the spirit of transparency and fairness, reach a goal of having 100 daughters registered for Imperial Session for 2022, which will be held in St. Louis, MO. I will continue to educate and promote growth throughout the Desert.

It has definitely been a privilege as well as an honor to serve as your Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Mississippi.

In closing, please continue to keep the Desert of Mississippi in your prayers as we continue to struggle with illness and death related to Covid-19 and other health issues.

Yours in the Faith,

Dt. Jacqueline D. Davis, PC (80)
Imperial Deputy for the Desert

Congratulations to the newest Temple in the Desert of Mississippi.

Ramadan #127 Oasis of Southaven

Principle Officers are as follows:

Illustrious Potentate- Anthony Fuqua

Chief Rabban-Billy Shannon

Assistant Rabban- Melvin Blissett



Congratulations New Nobles

Created on July 15th, 2022, in the Desert of
Mississippi

Led by Honorary Past Imperial Potentate Henry AM
Coffiel

New Nobles

Michael Whitfield - Karun Temple No. 48

Rashad Foxworth – Hegira Temple No. 57

Shone Hampton – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Darrin Renfroe - Ramadan Temple No. 127

Brandon Barnes - Ramadan Temple No. 127

Anthony Roberson – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Ernest Washington – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Antony Williams – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Miron Williams – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Jerome Anderson – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Antonio Barrino - Ramadan Temple No. 127

Eddie Irby – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Jeremy Scott – Ramadan Temple No. 127

Tavis Hollens - Ramadan Temple No. 127

Kendrick Freeman – Wasi Temple No. 272

Toby Johnson – Wasi Temple No. 272

Cedric Crump – Wasi Temple No. 272

Eric Pierson – Wasi Temple No. 272

Walter Green - Wasi Temple No. 272



**THE DESERT OF
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Congratulations to Dt. Tina Carter (Rissah Court #80) our Desert Queen of Mississippi. Dt. Carter will go on to represent our Desert at Imperial Session (2022) in St.Louis.





Taj Mahal Court #88 Has Been Busy

They are small in numbers, but big in heart! In May, they celebrated Teacher's Appreciation Week for their long term educator Dt. Suseq Nelson, as she also received her Master of Science Degree from Mississippi State University.



The Court also celebrated Nurses Week for two of their traveling nurses, Dt. Lisa Magee, and Dt. Schulondra Stephens.



Taj Mahal Court #88 also had a health appreciation for Lupus and Mental Health Awareness.





SHRINERS AS
MENTORS (S.A.M.)



Teamwork makes the Dream work!

On Monday July 11, 2022, the Nobles of Rissah Temple #130 Shriner's as Mentors Committee teamed up with the City of Jackson Mississippi's Police Department's "Youth Citizens Police Academy," to go that extra mile for the young people in the community. The objective is to provide the resources police officers need to build a bond of trust and friendship with young people. The Committee presented the Youth Citizens Police Academy with a check for \$100 to aid in exposing the kids to a series of different activities and resources centered around character building and social skills.





GOT TO LOVE THE KIDS!!!

To end the school year out on an high note, the Daughters of Karun Court #89 ventured to River Oaks Elementary, and North Gulfport Elementary and Middle Schools to deliver “end of the year” treats to the students.

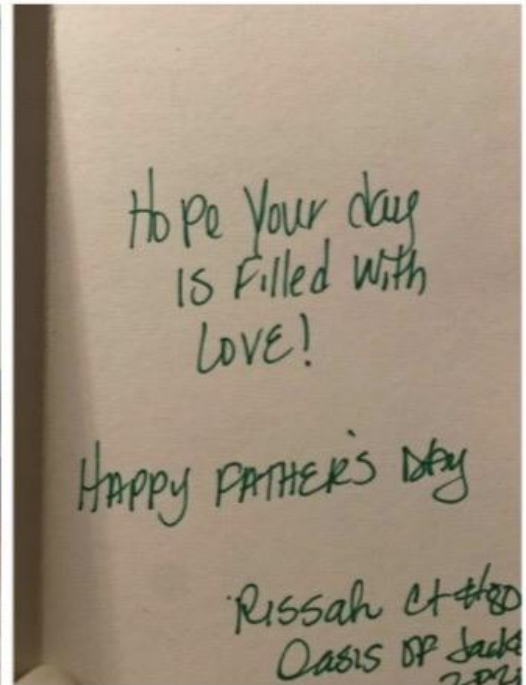


WE CARE!



Celebration of Fathers

It is one thing to honor your father or other male members in your family, but to reach out to those who may feel forgotten or abandoned is another. The Daughters of Rissah Court #80 Father's Day Community Service created many smiles at the Forest Hill Nursing Home in Jackson Mississippi. They collected various items that were given to each male at the Nursing Home, and the residents immensely their gifts and goodies.





Health Initiative

Primary Immunodeficiency

What is Primary Immunodeficiencies?

Primary immunodeficiencies are immune system genetic defects in which a portion of an individual's immune system is compromised and not functioning properly. There are approximately 200 different types of this disease. This disease is not contagious, and both adults and children can be affected.

Patients with Primary Immunodeficiencies are prone to a variety of infections. An infection's severity can range from mild to severe. Infections that are more complicated in nature tend to last longer and reoccur.

Recurrent infections can disrupt a person's life by making it difficult to maintain a consistent work or school schedule, as well as causing financial and social hardship. Infections caused by primary immunodeficiencies can affect various parts of the body, including the lungs, sinuses, urinary tract, intestinal tracts, throat, ears, brain, and spinal cord. People who have Primary Immunodeficiencies have recurring health issues and can develop serious and debilitating illnesses. Early detection is critical!

While Primary Immunodeficiency differs, they all have one thing in common: they all disrupt the body's immune system. Because the immune system's primary function is to protect against infection, people with Primary Immunodeficiency are frequently more susceptible to infection.

Development of the Immune System

The immune system is composed of a variety of different cell types and proteins. Each element performs a specific task aimed at recognizing and/or reacting against foreign material.

The immune system is a magnificent collaboration of cells and proteins that fight infection. It's not like the heart or liver. It is disseminated throughout the body to respond quickly to infection. Cells migrate through the circulation or lymphatic channels. The spleen and lymph nodes help enhance cell-to-cell contact. Two immune cells train in the bone marrow and thymus. All immune cells arise from hematopoietic (blood-forming) stem cells in the bone marrow. Other specialized cells originate from this "stem" cell. This is the most essential cell in a bone marrow or hematopoietic stem cell transplant since it can create a full immune system. Usually, one cell type develops independently of others however, primary immunodeficiencies can damage a single immune cell or numerous immune cells and proteins.

Immune responses require the ability to distinguish between outside invaders (items to attack) and our own tissues (things to defend). Innate responses are frequently the first to respond to an "invasion" due to their speed. First, the adaptive response is triggered, which can take many days to completely engage. The adaptive immune system is functional at birth, but it has not gained the experience necessary for optimal memory responses.

The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) recommends that you ask your doctor to check for the possibility of PI if you have an infection which is:

- Severe- requires hospitalization or intravenous antibiotics
- Persistent- won't completely clear up or clears up very slowly
- Unusual - caused by an uncommon organism
- Recurrent - Keeps coming back
- Runs In the Family - others in your family have a similar susceptibility to infection

Questions to ask yourself...

Does the same illness keep coming back?

The illness won't completely clear up/clear slowly?

Are there members in your family that have/had recurring infections?

If any of these phrases describe your infection, talk to your primary Health Physician

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Brother McKINLEY MARTIN, director of Continuing Education at Coahoma, has been named President of Coahoma Junior College, Clarksdale, Mississippi, effective January 1, 1980.

Brother Martin will become the third head of the 30-year-old college. He is a graduate of Coahoma Agricultural High School and received his A.A. degree from Coahoma Junior College; his B.S. degree from Jackson State University and his doctorate of Adult Education from Florida State University.

Brother Martin is a member and deacon of Armstead Chapel Baptist Church. He is also Superintendent of Coahoma County Baptist Sunday School BTU Congress. His educational experiences are varied, in that he has served as an elementary school teacher and principal, registrar of Coahoma Junior College and director of Continuing Education.



Brother McKinley Martin

Dr. Martin holds membership in Alpha Phi Alpha; Prince Hall Mason, Hira No. 131 Shrine Temple; Edward S. Baker No. 145 Consistency of Scottish Rites Masonic Order and the H. W. Nichols Lodge No. 556 Elks.

Among the many positions and titles Dr. Martin holds are: State Chairman for Child Development Associate Planning Committee; Graduate Student President of Adult Education Association of the United States and recently appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to serve on the department's Equal Opportunity Commission.

Among his nine published works are "Guide to Curricula for Disadvantaged Adult Program; published by Prentiss Hall and "Curriculum Development" in the book Materials and Methods in Adult Education. He is married to the former Willie Beatrice Burns and they have two sons.

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