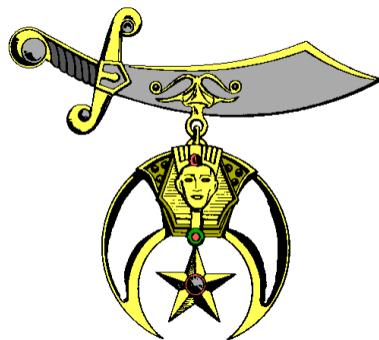


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JANUARY 24 - 27, 2019
HILTON BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR HOTEL
401 WEST PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND





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**WINTER DIVAN MEETING OF THE
IMPERIAL COUNCIL, A.E.A.O.N.M.S, INC.
HILTON BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR HOTEL
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 09:05 AM with Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 presiding after a prayer by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120.

ROLL CALL OF ELECTED IMPERIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Imperial Recorder Ronald Dickens, #213 conducted the Roll Call of Officers. The Imperial Council Officers were accounted for as follows:

Imperial Potentate	Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125	Present
Deputy Imperial Potentate	John T. Chapman, #1	Present
Imperial Chief Rabban	Hon. Eric R. Myers, #23	Present
Imperial Assistant Rabban	Dr. Donald R. Ware, #5	Present
Imperial High Priest and Prophet	Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120	Present
Imperial Oriental Guide	Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103	Present
Imperial Treasurer	Andre' F. Samuels, Sr., #122	Present
Imperial Recorder	Ronald Dickens, #213	Present
Imperial 1 st Ceremonial Master	Gary Sylvester, #24	Excused
Imperial 2 nd Ceremonial Master	Jerwon L. Avery, #35	Present
Imperial Captain of the Guard	Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr., #74	Present
Imperial Outer Guard	Rodney Eggleston, #225	Present
Imperial Internal Auditors Committee Chairman	Harold H. Bendaw, #202	Present
Imperial Grievances and Appeals Committee Chairman	George Blue, #179	Present
Imperial Legal Advisor	Dorian R. Glover, Esq. #91	Present
Imperial Convention Director	Frederick M. Bell, #15	Excused
Deputy Imperial Convention Director	Solomon Bush, #234	Present
Imperial Assistant Recorder	Michael B. Allen, #3	Present

OPENING REMARKS

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 welcomed everyone to the Winter Divan Meeting, and requested all visitors to state their Name, Temple and position. He also offered Sovereign Grand Commander Melvin Bazemore (United Supreme Council, AASR PHA NJ, Inc.) a seat at the table.

ACTUAL PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATES

PIP Carl D. Parker, #212	2016 – 2018	42 nd Imperial Potentate
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VISITORS

Daryl S. Dowleyne, #10	Imperial Deputy of the Desert of the District of Columbia
Kevin Russell, #247	Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Kentucky
Michael A. Williams, #187	Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Far East and Asia (USA) Emeritus
Jack L. Jones, #4	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Mark Q. Brown, #10	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Mario Eury, #245	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Dwayne Thomas, #225	Imperial Director, Imperial Council Education and Development Department
Melvin Gray, #10	Imperial Director, Medical Department
Ryan K. Harding, #46	Imperial Director, Corporate Affairs Department
Neco Palmore, #10	Imperial Director, Clowns Department
Bouveia G. Porter, #4	Imperial Director, Student Aid Department
Donald Drew, #58	Chief Imperial Deputy, Pyramid Training Academy
Medford Campbell, #228	Chief Imperial Deputy, Imperial Council Education and Development Department
William B. Lewis, #3	Chief Imperial Deputy, Corporate Affairs
Charles Hutcheson, #24	Imperial Deputy, Executive Security
Keith Williams, #240	Imperial Deputy, Executive Security
Raderio Wilkins, #234	Imperial Deputy, Corporate Affairs
Willie C. Giles, #202	Imperial Deputy, Marshal
LaMonte Simpkins, #234	Imperial Deputy, Student Aid
Alvin T. Coles, #10	Imperial Deputy, Clowns
James C. Scott, #213	Imperial Ambassador at Large
Steven G. Collier, #213	Past Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Texas
Eddie V. Tucker, #4	Illustrious Potentate
Michael Hicks, #4	High Priest and Prophet
Alvin M. Parks, Sr., #4	Recorder
Roy J. Mays, #24	Past Potentate
Donrelll A.B. Johnson, #4	Past Potentate
Kenneth M. Bailey, #225	Honorary Past Potentate
Larry K. Harcum, #4	Local Coordinator

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Noble Eddie V. Tucker, #4 (*Illustrious Potentate*) brought greetings on behalf of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 from the Oasis of Baltimore; Desert of Maryland. He wishes that everyone would enjoy themselves during their brief stay in the Charm City of Baltimore.

Noble Jack L. Jones, #4 (*Imperial Deputy of the Oasis*) brought remarks on behalf of the Desert of Maryland and extended any accommodations beyond which has been already arranged to the Imperial Council Divan. He also talked about a Joint Oasis Hospitality which will be held at Kappa House in Baltimore, MD and offered an open invitation to the Imperial Council Divan.

Illustrious Melvin J. Bazemore (*Sovereign Grand Commander*) brought greetings on behalf of the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Inc. and pledged its support to the Imperial Council. He also invited the Imperial Council Divan to their 138th Annual Session which will be held on the May 24 – 28, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA with a theme of “Enhancing the Future”.

IMPERIAL TREASURER REPORT

Imperial Treasurer Andre' F. Samuels, Sr., #122 presented the Imperial Treasurer Report to include the following:

- Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual (January through December 2018)
- Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison (January through December 2018)
- Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2018)
- Balance Sheet (As of January 24, 2019)

He also talked about the Budget Committee, IT Department and the Imperial Internal Audit Committee Reports. After discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 ordered the Imperial Treasurer Report tabled until after further review from the Imperial Council Divan.

IMPERIAL CONVENTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 gave a brief summary of the Imperial Convention Department Report for information purposes only.

IMPERIAL LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

Noble Dorian R. Glover, Esq. #91 reported on the discontinuance of Grenadier Clubs, the Trademark for the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine and Hotel space for the Session. Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Recorder Ronald Dickens, #213 that the Imperial Legal Advisor report be received as informational only. Motion carried.

IMPERIAL GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Imperial Grievance and Appeals Member George Blue, #179 read the Imperial Grievance and Appeals Committee Report covering the period of August 1, 2018 – January 15, 2019 with four (4) grievances.

NAME	GRIEVANCE/APPEAL	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
CASE 1: Noble James Reed Ouda Temple No. 147 (Red Springs, NC)	<p>That Illustrious Potentate Robert Evans, Oriental Guide Lloyd Mitchell, Recorder Marvin Jacob violated the Book of Laws: Constitution and General Laws Article XIII, Section 2d and the Temples Uniform By-Laws.</p> <p>The violations are for the unauthorized expenditures for the Temple's non-profit incorporation under 501 C3 and unauthorized expenditures for the Joint Charity Ball of Ouda Temple and Court.</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed a total of 23 appeals and found that five (5) allegations was valid and that eighteen (18) was invalid.</p>
CASE 2: Noble Robert Davis Abdallah Temple No. 189 (High Point, NC)	<p>Filed an appeal on behalf of Daughter Cassandra A. Boulware of Abdallah Court No. 166.</p> <p>That Noble Gregory Glenn of Marracci Temple No. 13 demonstrated inappropriate and disrespectful behavior towards her while attending Golconda Temple No. 24 Charity Ball.</p>	<p>The initial complaint was sent to Imperial Potentate Carl D. Parker, #212 for action who in turn directed Marracci Temple No. 13 to file charges against Noble Gregory Glenn if deemed charges were warranted. Charges were filed against Noble Glenn for conduct unbecoming of a Noble with a trial date of 5/11/18.</p> <p>Noble Gregory Glenn was found not guilty.</p> <p>Imperial Potentate Carl D. Parker, #212 sent to the results of the trial to Imperial Commandress Josephine Stokes-Wheat with the instructions to send the results to Daughter Cassandra A. Boulware of Abdallah Court No. 166.</p>

<p>CASE 3:</p> <p>Noble John H. McCants, Jr. Al Bahr Temple No. 178 (Camden, SC)</p>	<p>That Illustrious Potentate Jeffrey Hudson and Recorder Tony C. McClure spent Temple funds with the Temple authorizing the expenditures.</p> <p>That Illustrious Potentate John H. Hudson directed the Treasurer to write a check from the Temple funds for a Charity fundraiser and an authorized payment to the Recorder for having Imperial Council publication to be printed.</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the two (2) allegations and found that the allegations was valid.</p>
<p>CASE 4:</p> <p>Noble William A. Northern Salah Al-Din Temple No. 234 (Landover, MD)</p>	<p>That Illustrious Potentate Rhamel Fuller fraudulently mishandled Temple funds, grossly misused Temple funds, and falsified a dispensation by altering and submitting it for approval.</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the allegations and found that only the grossly misused Temple funds was invalid.</p>

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Chief Rabban Hon. Eric Myers, #23 that the Imperial Grievances and Appeals Committee Report is received as informational however, authorizing any actions to be taken by the Imperial Potentate. Motion carried.

IMPERIAL INTERNAL AUDITOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Imperial Auditor Harold H. Bendaw, #202 read the Imperial Internal Auditors Committee's Report covering the period of January 1 – December 31, 2018. Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 that the Imperial Internal Auditors Committee's Report is received as informational only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL CHIEF RABBAN REPORT

Imperial Chief Rabban Hon. Eric R. Myers, #23 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Military and Veterans Affairs Department
- Transportation Department
- Roscoe C. Washington Student Aid Department
- Budget Committee meeting will be held on the weekend of 4/8-12/2019.

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Captain of the Guard Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr., #174 and Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 that the Imperial Chief Rabban Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL ASSISTANT RABBAN REPORT

Imperial Assistant Rabban Dr. Donald R. Ware, #5 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Military and Veterans Affairs Department
- Student Aid Department
- Transportation Department
- Budget Committee
- Long Range Planning Committee
- Prince Hall Shriners Foundation

Imperial Captain of the Guard Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr., #74 made a motion and seconded by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 that the Imperial Assistant Rabban Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET REPORT

Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Grenadier Clubs Department
- Imperial Chaplains
- Chanters of the Koran
- Shriners as Mentors Department – recommend that the Shriners as Mentors and the Youth Department are tied together

Imperial Oriental Guide Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 that the Imperial High Priest and Prophet Report is received as information only. Motion carried

CORPORATE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Noble Ryan K. Harding, #46 reported on the potential Corporate sponsor to include highlighting our event, providing ample sponsorship options and sponsor proposals. He asked the Imperial Council Divan on what are their expectations of the Department. After a lengthy discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 gave the Department permission to continue to work.

CLOSING

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 closed the Imperial Council Divan Meeting at 11:30 AM after a prayer by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 opened the afternoon meeting of the Imperial Council Divan at 1:40 PM on Friday, January 25, 2019 to continue the business of the Imperial Council Divan meeting.

IMPERIAL ORIENTAL GUIDE REPORT

Imperial Oriental Guide Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Imperial Council Annual Parade
- Imperial Public/Media Relations Department
- Recreation Department
- Long Range Planning Committee
- Constitution Committee

Imperial Oriental Guide Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103 recommended that the Marching Units that didn't get the opportunity to participate in the parade in New Orleans, LA should be the first Marching Units to participate in the 2019 parade in Baltimore, MD.

Imperial Ronald Dickens, #213 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 that the Imperial Oriental Guide Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL 2nd CEREMONIAL MASTER REPORT

Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Photography Department
- Book Bag Program – The program will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 along with a parade.
 - a. Booker T. Washington Middle School – Donation of Book Bags and School Supplies.
 - b. Union Baptist Head Start – Financial donation for supplies to better educating the kids.
- Corporate Affairs Department
- Youth Department

Imperial Internal Auditor Committee Chairman Harold H. Bendaw, #202 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Captain of the Guard Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr., #74 that the Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD REPORT

Imperial Captain of the Guard Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr., #74 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Voter Registration and Education Committee
- Legion of Honor Department
- Membership and Group Supervision Department

Imperial Outer Guard Rodney Eggleston, #225 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 that the Imperial Captain of the Guard Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD REPORT

Imperial Outer Guard Rodney Eggleston, #225 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Actual Past Imperial Potentates
- Temple Charity
- Membership Reconsideration Department

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Assistant Rabban Dr. Donald R. Ware, #5 that the Imperial Outer Guard Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL RECORDER REPORT

Imperial Recorder Ronald Dickens, #213 reported on the following:

- Minutes of the 125th Annual Imperial Council Session
- 2019 Annual Temple Returns
- 2019 Delinquent Per Capita Tax
- 2019 Temple Election Reports
- Temple Open Invoices not over 30 days
- Temple Open Invoices over 30 days
- Imperial Court Open Invoices not over 30 days
- Imperial Court Open Invoices over 30 days
- Income Summary Report for Shrine Year 2018
- Income Summary Report for the month of December 2018
- Member Suite Membership Validation Update
- Proposal on the Historical Status of the Organization

Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Treasurer Andre F. Samuels, Sr., #122 that the Imperial Recorder report is received as information and that a dispensation is required to host a hospitality at the Imperial Council Session. Motion carried.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

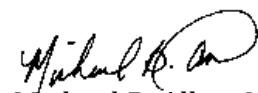
Noble Donrell A.B. Johnson, #4 talked about the Imperial Council Sexual Harassment Policy and mandatory class. He also talked about receiving credit for attending the sexual harassment class at the Imperial Council Annual Session; after a lengthy discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 ordered that the members that attended the sexual harassment class at the Annual Session will be receiving credit for the training.

CLOSING

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 closed the afternoon session of the Imperial Council Divan Meeting at 3:35 PM after a prayer by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted:


Ronald Dickens, No. 213
Imperial Recorder


Michael B. Allen, No. 3
Imperial Assistant Recorder

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM with Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 presiding after a prayer by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120.

ROLL CALL OF ELECTED IMPERIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Imperial Assistant Rabban	Dr. Donald R. Ware, #5	Present
Imperial High Priest and Prophet	Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120	Present
Imperial Oriental Guide	Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103	Present
Imperial Treasurer	Andre' F. Samuels, Sr., #122	Present
Imperial Recorder	Ronald Dickens, #213	Present
Imperial 1 st Ceremonial Master	Gary Sylvester, #24	Present
Imperial 2 nd Ceremonial Master	Jerwon L. Avery, #35	Present
Imperial Captain of the Guard	Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr., #74	Present
Imperial Outer Guard	Rodney Eggleston, #225	Present
Imperial Internal Auditors Committee Chairman	Harold H. Bendaw, #202	Present
Imperial Grievances and Appeals Committee Chairman	George Blue, #179	Present
Imperial Legal Advisor	Dorian R. Glover, Esq. #91	Present
Imperial Convention Director	Frederick M. Bell, #15	Excused
Deputy Imperial Convention Director	Solomon Bush, #234	Present
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ACTUAL PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATES

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VISITORS

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Kevin Russell, #247	Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Kentucky
Michael A. Williams, #187	Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Far East and Asia (USA) Emeritus
Otis Wilson, #213	Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Maryland
Jack L. Jones, #4	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Mark Q. Brown, #10	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Mario Eury, #245	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
William A. Northern, #234	Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Dwayne Thomas, #225	Imperial Director, Imperial Council Education and Development Department
Melvin Gray, #10	Imperial Director, Medical Department
Ryan K. Harding, #46	Imperial Director, Corporate Affairs Department
Daniel P. Settles, #213	Imperial Director, Security Department
Bouveia G. Porter, #4	Imperial Director, Student Aid Department
Zachary Johnson, #212	Imperial Advisor to the Imperial Court
Donald Drew, #58	Chief Imperial Deputy, Pyramid Training Academy
William B. Lewis, #3	Chief Imperial Deputy, Corporate Affairs
Charles Hutcheson, #24	Imperial Deputy, Executive Security
Keith Williams, #240	Imperial Deputy, Executive Security
Raderio Wilkins, #234	Imperial Deputy, Corporate Affairs
Willie C. Giles, #202	Imperial Deputy, Marshal
LaMonte Simpkins, #234	Imperial Deputy, Student Aid
Eddie V. Tucker, #4	Illustrious Potentate
Jonathan Gentry, #234	Illustrious Potentate
Leonard Smith, #4	Assistant Rabban
Alvin M. Parks, Sr., #4	Recorder
Donrell A.B. Johnson, #4	Past Potentate
Kenneth Bailey, #225	Honorary Past Potentate
Larry K. Harcum, #4	Local Coordinator

IMPERIAL 1st CEREMONIAL MASTER REPORT

Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master Gary Sylvester, #24 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Command Post/Security/Communications Department
- Planning Meeting
- Security Contract
- Youth Security
- Radios/Walkie Talkies
- Security Department
- Civic Affairs Committee

Imperial Outer Guard Rodney Eggleston, #225 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 that the Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master Report is received as information only. Motion carried

DEPUTY IMPERIAL POTENTATE REPORT

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 reported on the following Departments and Committees:

- Imperial Deputies of the Desert, Imperial Deputies of the Oases, Imperial Organizers and Imperial Advisors
- Comptroller
- Constitution Committee
- Imperial Council Education and Development Department

Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 that the Deputy Imperial Potentate Report is received as information only. Motion carried

IMPERIAL ADVISOR TO THE IMPERIAL COURT REPORT

Imperial Advisor Zachary Johnson, #212 reported on the highlights of the 107th Annual Session of the Imperial Court and the concerns of the Imperial Court. Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master Gary Sylvester, #24 that the Imperial Advisor to the Imperial Court report is received as informational only. Motion carried.

CAMEL WALKING

Imperial 1st Ceremonial Master Gary Sylvester, #24 talked about the concerns pertaining to riding and/or camel walking at Shriner function as such Charity Balls. After discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport stated that the current protocol policy reads that there will be no riding or camel walking is permitted during any protocol of the Imperial Council and/or escorting a daughter.

CORPORATE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Noble Ryan K. Harding, #46 presented a follow-up Corporate Affairs Department Report the following:

- Meeting with Mrs. Shalanda Stokes of Rainbow Media.
- AEAONMS Brand and trademark
- Sponsorship
- Promotion
- Membership benefits
- Imperial Potentates priorities
- Demographic data that his needed
- Financial impact
- Shriners at the ball park

He also talked about the milestones for the AEAONMS, Inc. as follows:

- Identifying the resources from the host.
- Identifying the Historical Black Colleges and Universities
- Promote, testing and the availability of the software application.
- Campaigning on the application – Imperial Potentate stated that allowing candidates to advertise their willingness to run for office will be further discussed during the Executive Session.

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 that the Corporate Affairs Department follow-up report is received as informational only. Motion carried.

PRINCE HALL SHRINERS FOUNDATION, INC. REPORT

Noble Ryan K. Harding, #46 reported on the Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc. and that the President is Vincent Sykes of Persian Temple No. 46; Indianapolis, IN. He also stated that the foundation is working on a permanent date for the Prince Hall Shriners Classic Football Game. Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 made a motion and seconded by Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Jerwon L. Avery, #35 that the Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc. report is received as informational only. Motion carried.

REMARKS

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 allowed the following the opportunity to bring greetings and remarks:

- Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Maryland Otis Wilson, #23 brought greetings on behalf of the Desert of Maryland and welcome the Imperial Council Divan to the Desert of Maryland.
- Imperial Deputy of the Desert of the District of Columbia Daryl S. Dowleyne, #10 brought greetings on behalf of the District of Columbia and stated that Noble William Brockington passed, and Noble Leroy Brown had a stroke and is recovery in a Nursery Home.
- Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Kentucky Kevin Russell, #247 brought greetings on behalf of the Desert of Kentucky.
- Illustrious Potentate Eddie V. Tucker, #4 brought greetings on behalf of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 and solicited the Nobility to keep Noble James Golden, #4 in its prayer as he is in a hospice in North Carolina.

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 thanked Nobles Jack L. Jones, #4 (*Imperial Deputy of the Oasis*) and Noble Eddie V. Tucker, #4 (*Illustrious Potentate*) for the hospitality and the coordination extended to the Imperial Council Divan during their stay in Baltimore, MD.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The following comments for the Good of the Order was presented to the Imperial Council Divan:

- Imperial Internal Auditor Chairman Harold H. Bendaw, #202 talked about the voting procedures at the 125th Imperial Council Annual Session in New Orleans, LA.

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 stated that the voting procedures was corrected, and that the problem was out our control dealings with the hotel elevator capacity.

- Imperial Internal Auditor Chairman Harold H. Bendaw, #202 talked about a Temple's request to open its meeting with less than six (6) members present.

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 stated that he will approve a dispensation to hold its meeting with less than six (6) members present for a temporary period but no a long-range term.

- Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 announced that the 2018 – 2019 Appointed Officers Roster of the Imperial Council, AEAONMS, Inc. will be sent to the Imperial Council Divan.
- Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 that the Imperial Deputies of the Desert are the Direct Representatives to the Imperial Potentate and that they need to send their reports prior to the Imperial Council Divan meetings.

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Oriental Guide Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103 that the Imperial Council Divan enter the Executive Session. Motion carried

CLOSING

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 closed the second day Imperial Council Divan meeting at 11:45 AM after prayer by Imperial Oriental Guide Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120 for the purpose of the Executive Session.

EVENING SESSION

Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 opened the afternoon meeting of the Imperial Council Divan at 6:40 PM on Saturday, January 26, 2019 to continue the business of the Imperial Council Divan meeting.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE REPORT

1. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about the Temple Officers been required to take and pass training modules from the Imperial Council Education and Development Department (ICED) before advancing throughout the Temple Divan line in their respective Temples.

After discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 stated that he will issue a directive pertaining to Temple Line Officers requirements and expectations for advancement.

2. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about background checks for Novice with the possibility of changing the current procedures.

After discussion, the Imperial Council Divan referred the procedures of the background checks to the Imperial Legal Advisor for further guidance.

3. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about Candidates running for Office able allowed to purchase an advertisement in the Imperial Council Pyramid Magazine.

After discussion, the Imperial Council Divan concluded that no one campaigning for Office can purchase an advertisement in the Imperial Council Pyramid Magazine.

4. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about the cost of the rental cars by the Imperial Court at the 2018 Imperial Council Session and recommended that the Imperial Court should be invoiced in the amount of \$3,721.00 for the use of rental cars during the 2018 Imperial Council Session in New Orleans, LA.

5. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about the Imperial Grievances and Appeals Committee reporting. He also talked about the letter submitted by the Chairman of the Imperial Grievances and Appeals Committee.

After discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 stated that he will appoint a Special Committee to get with the Imperial Grievances and Appeals Committee to rewrite the letter submitted in 2014.

6. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about the Honorary Past Imperial Potentate (HPIP) Exaltation and recommended that all Elected Imperial Council Divan Officers should receive the Honorary Past Imperial Potentate degree.
7. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about the Temples and Courts that have not made their insurance payments. After a lengthy discussion, Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 commenced on how the Imperial Council should deal with those Temples and Courts that have not been paying.
8. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 talked about the payments for the National Diabetes Initiatives. He stated that Pharaoh Temple No. 183 (Farrell, PA) and Al Waris Temple No. 220 (Rockford, IL) are in the arrears on their National Diabetes Initiative payments. The Imperial Council Divan noted that how far and how long will we allow these Temples to go in the arrears before their Charters are arrested. Both Temples were given a grace period until 2015 by the approval of the Imperial Council.
9. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 stated that the 2019 Appointed Imperial Council Officer Roster will be sent to the Imperial Council Divan Officers during the week of February 3, 2019.
10. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 announced that the Imperial Council letterhead stationary is available in the Imperial Recorder's Office.
11. Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 announced that the Imperial Potentate's Testimonial Weekend will be held on April 18 – 21, 2019 in Tampa, FL.

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Oriental Guide Dr. Corey H. Thomas, #103 that the actions of the Imperial Potentate are approval. Motion carried and adopted.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The actions taken and items discussed in the Executive Session are as follows:

1. Weapons in Temple Meetings. Imperial Legal Department to study
2. Fines and Fees (status), after discussion, it was noted by the Imperial Council Divan that no Disaster Fund currently exist now. These fines/fees will go toward an Imperial Council Disaster Fund.
3. Constitution Approval (By Imperial Council Divan) Yes
4. Trademark Issue. Our Imperial Legal Advisor expressed concern. He stated that the Pyramid is good. The Prince Hall Shriners did not go forward as a Trademark issue.
5. Credit Card Usage/Cost. \$6.00 fee
6. Gindi (Imperial Council Vendor). Mr. Gindi (one of our current vendors) has requested that the Imperial Council authorize him to be our vendor. No
7. Imperial Treasurer's Report (Profit and Loss Budget – Actual). Period: January – December 2018. Discussion: Security and the Marshall's Departments.

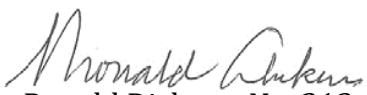
8. After deliberate discussion with the Imperial Council Divan members, it was common consensus that the Imperial Treasurer shall fully address his outstanding obligations. Further, credit card – authorize use only with permission and check Signing ability shall be restricted.

Deputy Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, #1 made a motion and seconded by Imperial Chief Rabban, #23 that the items discussed in the Executive Session are approved. Motion carried and adopted.

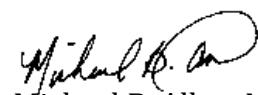
CLOSING

There being no further business to come before the Imperial Council Divan meeting; Imperial Potentate Rev. Charles W. Davenport, #125 closed the Imperial Council Divan Meeting at 7:00 PM after a prayer by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., #120.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Imperial Recorder



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