



**INDIANA
DESERT
CONFERENCE
OF
TEMPLES
A.E.A.O.N.M.S., INC.
47TH IMPERIAL POTENTATE
NOBLE THOMAS R. HUGHES, SR.**

March 14, 2026
Anderson Zion Baptist Church
2008 Rev. J.T. Meniffee Street
Anderson, IN 46016
PP Danny McGhee
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana



AGENDA

Mahomet Temple #134 Open Desert Conference

Calling the Roll of Officers

Determination of Quorum

Reading of Minutes of 2025 Desert Conference

Appointment of Committees

 National Community Health Initiative (NCHI)

Report of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Recorder

Report of the Auditors

Reports of the Committees

 Budget & Finance

 Necrology

 Desert Hospitality at Imperial Session / Desert Face Book

Unfinished Business

New Business

 2026 Midwest Regional Gala Day, June 5, 2026 through June 7, 2026

 Appointment of New Committees

Fundraising Committee

Scholarship Committee

Time and Place Committee

Other

Elections and Installations of Officers

Selection of time and place of 2027 Desert Conference

Adjournment



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PP David O. Fredricks #46
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana
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8th day of Ramadan, Hegira 1446,
which corresponds to March 8, 2025

2025 Desert of Indiana Desert Conference

Agenda and Minutes

- ◆ Occasional Temple was opened at 10:10 AM
- ◆ The Past Imperial Deputy of the Deserts of IN were escorted into the Desert Conference at 10:13 AM and given Grand Honors at the Altar
 - Past Imp DOD Jeffrey Peele #129
- ◆ The Imperial Deputy of the Desert of IN was escorted into the Desert Conference at 10:15 AM and given Grand Honors in the East
 - Imp DOD David O. Fredricks #46
- ◆ The gavel of authority was turned over to Imp DOD David O. Fredricks #46 who called the 2025 **Desert of Indiana Desert Conference** to order at 10:18 AM
- ◆ Roll call of Officers and Temples – 11 Present, 3 Excused, 4 Absent
 - Imp DOD – P
 - Imp Desert Advisor – E
 - Imp Desert Organizer – P
 - Desert Chief Rabban – P
 - Desert Asst. Rabban – E
 - Desert HP&P – A
 - Desert Oriental Guide – A
 - Desert Treasurer – P
 - Desert Recorder – P
 - Desert 1st Ceremonial Master – P
 - Desert 2nd Ceremonial Master – P
 - Desert Captain of the Guard – A
 - Desert Outer Guard – P
 - Desert Marshal – P
 - Desert Marshal – E
 - Desert Auditor 3-Year – P
 - Desert Auditor 2-Year – A
 - Desert Auditor 1-Year – P
 - 6 Temples Present



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- Persian Temple #46 – P
 - Saudi Temple #50 – P
 - Cawthar Temple #118 – P
 - El Zora Temple #124 – P
 - Tyre Temple #129 – P
 - Mahomet Temple #134 - P
 - ♦ Determination of Quorum
 - Quorum Established
 - ♦ Reading of Minutes from last communication
 - Desert Recorder read the 2024 Desert Conf minutes
 - HPIP Murrell #46 move the minutes be accepted with any necessary corrections, 2nd by HPIP Smith #129
 - Past Imp DOD Peele stated the bank account minimum balance should have been \$500 and not \$5K
 - Motion Carried
 - ♦ Report of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert David O. Fredricks #46
 - Noble Cris Campbell #134 moved that the report be accepted by consent, giving a standing round of applause and 2nd by Noble Brian Robinson
 - ♦ Report of Treasurer given by Noble Larry Burns, IP #118
 - Recommended that we close the Savings Account and open a Money Market
 - HPIP Willie Smith #129 moved to the accept the report, turned over to the Audit Committee and recommendation, 2nd by HPIP Cornell Murrell #46
 - Past Imperial DOD Peele #129 explained the intent of opening a Savings Account and put 10% of all net profits into the savings account. CD cannot be added to.
 - HPIP Cornell Murrell stated that we move 10% or a little more and take a portion of the rest in the checking account to open a CD.
 - HPIP Willie Smith #129 amended the motion to accept the report without the recommendation, 2nd by HPIP Cornell Murrell #46. Motion Carried
 - PP David Allen #124 suggested that the Desert Officers discuss it and bring it back to the next Conference.
 - Imperial Deputy of the Desert David O. Fredricks #46 stated with us not meeting regularly he doesn't think we should wait until next year
 - ♦ Report of Recorder given by Noble Vincent N Sykes, Sr, HPIP #46
 - IP Robert Mays #46 moved that the report be received, turned over to the Audit Committee, 2nd by Noble Cornell Murrell, HPIP #46
 - Past Imperial DOD Peele #129 asked about the amount of Desert taxes collected
 - The Desert Recorder explained why the amount was so much



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- ◆ Report of Auditors given by Noble Michael Westbrooks #46, recommended that all files be forwarded to the Audit Committee ASAP after the close of the Fiscal year
 - Noble Brian Robinson #134 moved that it be received, placed in the archives and all corrections made, 2nd by Noble Warren Holloman #124, IP.
 - Motion carried
- ◆ Reports of the Committees
 - Budget & Finance report was given by Noble Kelvyn KT Thompson #129, PP
 - Noble Cornell Murrell #46, HPIP moved that the report be accepted, 2nd by Noble Bryan Cossey #134, IP.
 - Noble Cornell Murrell #46, HPIP asked about the 10% amount
 - Noble Kelvyn KT Thompson #129, PP explained it
 - Imperial Deputy of the Desert David O. Fredricks #46 suggested that his Desert Conference travel be reduced to \$1K and the other \$1K be moved to the Desert Scholarships
 - Past Imperial DOD Peele #129 suggested that the Desert should be able to take care of the Imp DOD travel expenses and increase the Desert Scholarships to \$2K
 - Noble Cris Campbell asked a question on the proposed expense for the NAACP membership, what is the benefit for joining?
 - Imperial Deputy of the Desert David O. Fredricks #46 explained that this was an ask from the Imperial Potentate to show support due to the coming legal challenges due to the current environment affecting the members of our organization
 - Past Imperial DOD Peele #129 stated it also gives you a seat at the table at each State NAACP meeting.
 - Noble Kenneth Allen #46, PP stated that the reason we can wear our Fezzes is because the NAACP paid the legal fees
 - Noble Bryan Cossey #134, IP stated that most fraternities automatically join at a higher rate.
 - Noble Robert Mays #46, IP suggested that we pass the Budget and the Imp DOD can choose to fund another scholarship as the need arises.
 - Imperial Deputy of the Desert David O. Fredricks #46 withdrew his suggested change.
 - Motion carried.
 - The Imperial Deputy of the Desert David O. Fredricks #46 has asked all Temples to send a copy of their Annual Returns Report to the Imp DOD and the Desert Recorder.



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- Necrology – Each Imp DoO give a report of their Temples Deceased
 - El Zora #124 – Judge Davis passed
 - Cawthar #118 – Noble Garland Johnson
 - Persian #46 – Noble Mark Jelks
 - Noble Kenneth Allen #46, PP gave a prayer for those Nobles who have passed.
 - Marketing
 - Imp DOD stated that PP Ron Sweatt is in charge of the Desert FB Page, Instagram Page, and works with the Desert Recorder on the Desert Website
 - Imp DOD has asked that all Temples continue to capture their events and send those pictures and videos to PP Ron Sweatt
 - Imp DOD mentioned the Imperial Potentate Administrative Bulletin covering the Shrine emblems, FB pages, GroupMe groups
 - ◆ Unfinished Business
 - None
 - ◆ New Business
 - NAACP Lifetime membership
 - Request of the Imperial Potentate
 - HPP Willie Cotton #124 suggested that all Nobles become members of the NAACP
 - Midwest Shrine Coalition Mtg - Cincinnati, March 15th
 - Imp DOD spoke about the Coalition meeting that is at 1pm on Saturday.
 - Imp DOD encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.
 - Attire is Business dress.
 - Imp DOD mentioned that there will be one candidate for Imp Outer Guard doing a presentation.
 - Imp DOD mentioned that there will be a proposal to move MWSC Spring Meeting to be in line with MWRGD.
 - MWRGD – Milwaukee, May 29th – June 1st
 - Event and hotel registration is open
 - Ads needed (5 from the Desert)
 - Desert Polo Fundraiser
 - Green
 - Cost is \$35
 - With a kickback of \$5 to the Desert per Polo



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- Deadline would need to be April 15th
 - Noble Larry Burns, IP #118 asked do the shirts run true to size
 - Noble Eddie Lindsay, PP #134 stated they do run true to size but maybe a bit larger
 - Desert Golf Outing
 - Imp DOD discussed the outing and stated a goal of having information secured and out before the end of March 2025
 - Will be held in Indianapolis
 - Participation from the Temple, i.e. sponsoring holes, putting in Teams, etc...
 - The Golf Outing will be opened to the Desert Court to participate as well
 - Prospective course is Eagle Creek
 - The golf packet will include a sponsorship letter
 - Noble Westbrook and Noble Cossey volunteered to be on the committee
 - Desert School Supply Program
 - Imp DOD discussed creating a Desert School Supply Program
 - Each Temple identify a school class to support for 4 years
 - Noble Robert Mays asked for clarification on supporting the class or teacher for 4 years
 - Noble Warren Holloman spoke about the UAW has a similar program
 - Imp DOD mentioned it is a bigger lift to take on the entire school
 - Imperial Session – New Orleans, Aug 15th - 21st
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 - ◆ Appointments of Committees:
 - Voter Registration Chair
 - Shriners as Mentors Chair
 - Noble Cris Campbell #134
 - Mentioned that per Imperial Potentate and Imperial Director the Desert SAMs director must report monthly
 - Each temple should identify a POC for SAMs
 - Shriners reading program at a school
 - Noble Kenneth Allen, PP #46 pledged \$500 on behalf of MESAGC HRAM
 - Desert Organizing
 - Desert Workshop
 - Committee spearheading this venture
 - Past Imp DOD Noble Jeffrey Peele, PP #129
 - Noble Cornell Murrell, HPIP #46



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- Noble Vincent N Sykes, Sr, HPIP #46
 - Date TBD
 - Agenda TBD
 - Noble Cornell Murrell, HPIP #46 encouraged everyone to purchase the new Pillars of Society
- ◆ Election & Installation of Officers
- Desert Chief Rabban – Noble Cornell Murrell, HPIP #46 nominated Noble Bryan Cossey, IP #134, accepted the nomination
 - Desert Asst. Rabban – Noble Cornell Murrell, HPIP #46 nominated Noble Warren Holloman, IP #124, accepted the nomination
 - Desert HP&P – Noble Eddie Lindsay, PP #134 nominated Noble Bryan Robinson #134, accepted the nomination
 - Desert Oriental Guide – Noble Cornell Murrell, HPIP #46 nominated Noble Rock Brown #46, accepted the nomination
- Noble Eddie Lindsay, PP #134 moved that the two Financial Officers remain the same
- Desert Treasurer – Noble Larry Burns, IP #118 accepted
 - Desert Recorder – Noble Vincent N Sykes, Sr, HPIP #46 accepted
 - Desert 1st Ceremonial Master – Noble Cedric Miller #134
 - Desert 2nd Ceremonial Master –
 - Desert Captain of the Guard –
 - Desert Outer Guard – Noble Carleed Harris #50
 - Desert Marshal – PP Ron Sweatt #46
 - Desert Marshal – HPIP Robert Whitfield #46
 - Desert Auditor 3-Year – Past Imp DOD Jeffrey Peele, PP #129 nominated Noble Michael Westbrooks, nomination accepted.
 - Imp DOD David O. Fredricks #46 installed the newly elected Desert Officers
 - Imp DOD David O. Fredricks #46 will send out the list of appointed Desert Officers before the end of March
- ◆ Time and Place of Desert Conference 2026
- Imp DOD asked if there are any Temples interested in organizing and hosting the 2026 Desert Conference
 - Noble Bryan Cossey, IP asked if Mahomet Temple commits can it be held in Indianapolis
 - Imp DOD stated yes
 - Noble Kenny Knox, PP #118 suggested that the Desert Conference be held in Indianapolis every year and the Temple hosting rotates among the 6 Desert Temples.
 - Desert Conference 2026 will be in Indianapolis with Mahomet Temple #134 hosting.



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- Noble Robert Mays, IP #46 stated that the logistics of Temple furniture being used can be worked out.
 - Noble Kelvyn Thompson, PP #129 asked about the possibility of Indianapolis hosting the Imperial Session in 2027.
 - Imp DOD stated that he will follow up with that.
 - Noble Robert Whitfield, HPIP #46 asked if any nobles are willing to bowl at Imperial Session
 - Noble Eddie Lindsay, PP #134 volunteered
 - ♦ Questions & Comments
 - Imp DoO Noble Willie Smith, HPIP #129 gave remarks
 - Imp DoO Noble Eddie Lindsay, PP #134 gave remarks and mentioned the Temples events
 - Potentate Breakfast May 3rd
 - Ball is Nov 21 and Nov 22
 - Imp DoO Noble Garry Hamilton, PP #50 gave remarks
 - Imp DoO Noble Norman Rayford, PP #124 gave remarks
 - Joint Ball April 12th
 - Imp DoO Noble Kenny Know, PP #118 gave remarks
 - Past Imp DOD Noble James Woodard, HPIP #46 gave remarks
 - Past Imp DOD Noble Jeffrey Peele, PP #129 gave remarks
 - ♦ Adjournment
 - Imp DOD Noble David O. Fredricks, PP #46 closed 2025 Desert Conference at 12:55 PM.

Fraternally,

**PP David Fredricks #46
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana
A.E.A.O.N.M.S., INC.**



IMPERIAL DEPUTY OF THE DESERT REPORT

My fellow Nobles, giving honor to God as we gather here assembled for the Indiana Desert of Conference of Temples. The gratitude that I have for your attendance and eagerness to come to the desert conference can not be expressed in words. So I thank you for your continued membership. I would like to thank the 47th Imperial Potentate Thomas R. Hughes, Sr. for appointing me to the position of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana in September 2025. It is an honor to serve the Imperial Council and the Desert of Indiana, which I don't take this position lightly, but will ensure that Indiana will move forward in a positive direction.

When I was appointed as the Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana. I encountered some troubled times for the Desert. I've had the task of overseeing Persian Temple #46 and Mahomet Temple #134. This was due to some unfortunate legal issues that both Temples have experienced. Litigations has presided for both Temples. Persian Temple #46 continue to be in oversight as they continue to progress through their final obligation to the courts. Whereas, Mahomet Temple #134 litigation has been dismissed. These litigations was noted in the 2026 Winter Divan Minutes January 22-23, 2026 and the Imperial Potentate memo to the Domain. Indiana is not the only Desert that has experienced these troubled times, that is why the Imperial Potentate had to address these issues. There was also a formal complaint filed by Ill. Potentate Bryan Cossey on Dt. Evelyn Porter. This cause was dismissed and rectified by Mahomet Court and Temple. PP Eddie Lindsey filed a complaint on PP Jeff Bryant. This investigation is on-going.

I have visited the following Temples: (Persian #46, Saudi #50, Tyre #129, Mahomet #134). During Mahomet Temple #134 visit, I made PP Jeff Bryant the new Imperial Deputy of the Oasis. I also congratulated PP Eddie Lindsey and presented him a plaque for the services he provided.

There has been low participation that has been recognized throughout the Desert of Indiana. Cancelled Balls and/or no community activity. I have challenged each temple to propel forward to get their membership engaged and more active. Continue to build relationships with the Daughters and community. Don't stop fundraising as this is a means for temple success. Be mindful that when you have Balls and community involvement, you should be sending information to the Daughters and inviting them. During separate balls, the Commandress is a guest and should be treated with respect.

The current state of the economy is at an all-time low with President Trump. There has been the removing of Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) in the workforce, which has been supported by the US Supreme Court. This has rolled back years of progress for minorities. The country is in conflict with Iran and Venezuela. This has caused the price of gas, groceries and other commodities to rise due to the tariffs and war. The war on non-documented civilians using ICE has discarded the rule of law and is profiling which is not allowing due process. The lost of jobs is also creating a havoc on our citizens and there is no sign of government support to help. Indiana lawmakers voted down redistricting, which is a propaganda to increase more republican lawmakers. This was watched world wide and showed the independence of our lawmakers not be confined to the choke hold of President Trump.



IMPERIAL DEPUTY OF THE DESERT REPORT-Cont.

Despite the gloom look on the economy, I still can see a bright future for Indiana. With working together, being visual, and fundraising. We can muscle forward. Fundraising on the Desert level has always been hard, but I am recommending the following items to be added to the Desert of Indiana to meet some foreseeable challenges.

Create the following committees.

Fundraising Committee to hold fundraising during the Desert Conference.

Scholarship Committee to set the criteria for scholarship's.

Make the fiscal year January to December. This will align with Imperial Council and give the auditors an opportunity to perform their duties.

In closing. I would like to thank you for coming to the Indiana Desert Conference of Temples. I am proud to be a servant of God, The Imperial Council and the Desert of Indiana. I will continue to strive a path forward and promote unity within this Desert, which would give us the exposure as a Desert on the rise for respect, charity, and a exhilarating experience. Thank you for the wise counseling and support that you have given. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Humbly submitted,

Danny McGhee

Past Potentate Danny McGhee, El Zora Temple #124
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Indiana
A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc.



TREASURER REPORT

Desert of Indiana
AEAONMS of North and South America
Treasurer's Report
Desert Primary Checking Acct.
February 2025 Ending Balance \$19,307.29

Month/Year:	Receipts:	Disbursements:	Voided Cks:	End Balance:
Mar-25	\$ 1,566.99	\$ 1,700.00	\$ -	\$ 19,174.28
Apr-25	\$ 1,524.07	\$ 240.62	\$ -	\$ 20,457.73
May-25	\$ -	\$ 1,296.00	\$ -	\$ 19,161.73
Jun-25	\$ 150.58	\$ 1,022.80	\$ -	\$ 18,289.51
Jul-25	\$ 925.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ 15,614.51
Aug-25	\$ 2,991.81	\$ 1,553.90	\$ -	\$ 17,052.42
Sep-25	\$ 166.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,218.42
Oct-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,218.42
Nov-25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,218.42
Dec-25	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 17,018.42
Jan-26	\$ 86.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,104.91
Feb-26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,104.91
Total:	\$ 7,410.94	\$ 9,613.32	\$ -	

Outstanding Checks:

Check #	Payee:	Date:	Amount:
n/a	n/a	n/a	\$ -
Total Outstanding Checks:			\$ -

Desert of Indiana AEAONMS, Inc. Ending Book Balance: \$ 17,104.91



TREASURER REPORT

Desert of Indiana
AEAONMS of North and South America
Treasurer's Report
Desert Savings Account
March 2025 - February 2026

Savings Account Balance February 28, 2025		\$445.20
RECEIPTS:		
DATE:	SOURCE:	AMOUNT:
3/13/2025	Amount Refunded	\$ 30.00
3/29/2025	Interest Payment	\$ 0.01
6/28/2025	Interest Payment	\$ 0.01
9/30/2025	Interest Payment	\$ 0.01
12/31/2025	Interest Payment	\$ 0.01
Total Receipts:		<u>\$ 30.04</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:			
DATE:	DESCRIPTION:	AMOUNT:	
3/15/2025	February 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	
4/14/2025	March 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	440.2
5/14/2025	April 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	470.21
6/13/2025	May 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	465.21
7/16/2025	June 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	460.21
8/13/2025	July 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	455.22
9/15/2025	August 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	450.22
10/15/2025	September 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	445.22
11/20/2025	October 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	440.23
12/18/2025	November 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	435.23
1/14/2026	December 2025 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	430.24
2/18/2026	January 2026 Monthly Svc Charge	\$ 5.00	425.24
Total Disbursements:		<u>\$ 60.00</u>	

Ending Savings Account Balance February 2026 \$425.24



Desert of IN Receipts Mar 2025- Feb 2026

Row Labels	Sum of Amount
Desert Conference	\$1,057.60
Square Inc	\$1,057.60
Desert Tax	\$1,632.00
Cash	\$832.00
Check	\$800.00
Imperial Session Hospitality	\$125.00
Check	\$125.00
Desert Fundraiser	\$1,625.13
Square Inc	\$1,625.13
2025 MWRGD Reimb.	\$2,825.81
Check	\$2,825.81
Grand Total	\$7,265.54

Desert of IN Vouchers Mar 2025 - Feb 2026

Row Labels	Count of Received From	Sum of Amount
Imperial Session Stipend	1	\$2,000.00
MWSC	2	\$340.62
Desert Conference	3	\$1,000.00
Imp Hospitality	1	\$1,600.00
Desert Fundraiser	2	\$1,437.00
Desert Reimbursement	1	\$800.00
MWRGD	1	\$1,412.90
Imperial Group Ins.	1	\$250.00
NAACP	1	\$772.80
Grand Total	13	\$9,613.32

Fraternally Submitted,

Vincent N. Sykes, Sr.

H.P.I.P. Vincent N. Sykes, Sr. (46)

Desert Recorder

Desert of Indiana

A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.



Desert of IN Mar 2025 - Feb 2026 Receipts

Date of Report: 03/01/2025 - 02/28/2026

Received By: Noble Larry Burns

#	Date of Funds	Received From	Payee	Payment Method	Purpose	Amount
1	3/1/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	David Fredricks	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
2	3/2/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Eugene Anderson	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$38.54
3	3/3/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	william estrada	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$38.54
4	3/3/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Shannell Black	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$38.54
5	3/5/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	SAM M KING	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$38.54
6	3/5/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Cornell Murrell	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$38.54
7	3/12/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	kenneth knox	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
8	3/12/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Bryan Cossey	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
9	3/12/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Jeffrey Peele	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
10	3/12/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Vincent Sykes	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
11	3/13/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Lewis Woodruff	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$71.55
12	3/13/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Robert Ellington	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
13	3/13/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Kimber Monford-Hall	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
14	3/13/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Cedric Samuels	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
15	3/13/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Carl Drummer	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$40.48
16	3/14/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Willie Smith	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
17	3/14/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	thomas.crowell@techie.com	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
18	3/15/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Willie Collins	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
19	3/20/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Warren Holloman	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
20	3/23/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Janice Dorsey	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
21	3/24/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Leroy Poindexter II	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$40.48
22	3/25/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	ERIC HIGGINSON	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
23	3/27/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Anthony Carr	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$48.25
24	3/29/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Larry Gist	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
25	3/29/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Larry Gist	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
26	3/30/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Uresa Falls	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
27	4/3/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Deposit	Cash	Desert Tax	\$832.00
28	4/4/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Robert Whitfield	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
29	4/4/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Korlon Kilpatrick	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$43.39
30	4/4/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Kelli Y Smith	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$40.48
31	4/4/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Norman Rayford Jr.	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$48.25
32	4/4/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Larry D Burns	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$45.34

33	4/6/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Clifford Barlow	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$40.48
34	4/7/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Corey M Taylor	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
35	4/8/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Bryan Cossey	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$45.34
36	4/8/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	johnnycdowns@gmail.com	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
37	4/8/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Kim Smith	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
38	4/9/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Kesha Germany	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
39	4/10/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Carla Hopkins-Wright	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$43.39
40	4/14/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Korlon Kilpatrick	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$38.54
41	4/14/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Kelvyn Thompson	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$35.63
42	4/14/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Cornell Murrell	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$40.48
43	4/16/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Cassandra Hall	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$43.39
44	4/28/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	careforthem@aol.com	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$43.39
45	6/2/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Lee Lawson	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$50.19
46	6/3/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	James Woodard	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$55.05
47	6/6/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Teddy Brown	Square Inc	Desert Fundraiser	\$45.34
48	7/7/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Deposit	Check	Imperial Session Hospitalit	\$125.00
49	7/24/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Deposit	Check	Desert Tax	\$800.00
50	8/1/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	MWRGD	Check	2025 MWRGD Reimb.	\$2,825.81
51	1/8/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Jeffrey Peele	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
52	1/8/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Larry Burns	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
53	1/19/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Jeffrey Peele	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
54	2/1/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Larry Gist	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
55	2/7/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Carleed Harris	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
56	2/10/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Garry Hamilton	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
57	2/13/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Cedric Miller	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
58	2/14/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Ron Sweatt	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
59	2/15/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	ERIC HIGGINSON	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
60	2/16/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Brian Robinson	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
61	2/18/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Jimmie Woolfork	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
62	2/19/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Jeff Bryant	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
63	2/19/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Carleed Harris	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
64	2/20/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Corey Taylor	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
65	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Warren Holloman	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
66	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Lee Lawson	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
67	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Eric Bell	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
68	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Elsie Siddle	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
69	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Archie Cotton	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
70	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Clifford Barlow	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
71	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Otis Dodson	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
72	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Anthony Carr	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
73	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Timothy Edwards	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
74	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Joe Guyton	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
75	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Robert Mays	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83

76	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Eugene Anderson	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
77	2/26/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Teddy Brown	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
78	2/28/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Kelvyn Thompson	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
79	2/28/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Stanley Hill	Square Inc	Desert Conference	\$28.83
						\$7,265.54
						Total Receipts: 79
						Cash \$832.00
						Cash App \$0.00
						Check \$3,750.81
						Credit Card \$0.00
						PayPal \$0.00
						Square Inc \$2,682.73
						ACH \$0.00
						TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$7,265.54



Desert of IN Mar 2025 - Feb 2026 Vouchers

Date of Report: 03/01/2025 - 02/28/2026

Received By: Noble Larry Burns

#	Date of Voucher	Received From	Payee	Payment Method	Purpose	Amount
1	3/11/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	David Fredericks	Check	Desert Reimbursement	\$800.00
2	3/18/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Midwest Shrine Coalition	Check	MWSC	\$100.00
3	3/18/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Witherspoon Presbyterian Church	Check	Desert Conference	\$400.00
4	3/18/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Witherspoon Presbyterian Church	Check	Desert Conference	\$400.00
5	4/15/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	David Fredericks	Check	MWSC	\$240.62
6	5/20/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Eddie Lindsay	Zelle	Desert Fundraiser	\$1,296.00
7	6/25/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	AEAONMS, Inc	ACH	Imperial Group Ins.	\$250.00
8	7/22/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	David Fredericks	Check	Imperial Session Stipend	\$2,000.00
9	8/4/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Desert of Indiana Daughters	Check	MWRGD	\$1,412.90
10	8/5/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	CISYNC LLC SQ250805	ACH	Desert Fundraiser	\$141.00
11	8/6/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Desert of Kentucky	Check	Imp Hospitality	\$1,600.00
12	8/22/2025	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch	Check	NAACP	\$772.80
13	1/12/2026	H.P.I.P. Vincent N Sykes, Desert Recorder	Anderson Zion Baptist Church	Check	Desert Conference	\$200.00
						\$9,613.32

Treasurer: Noble Larry Burns_____

Total Vouchers:

13

Cash

\$0.00

ACH

\$391.00

Check

\$7,926.32

PayPal

\$0.00

Square Inc

\$0.00

Zelle

\$1,296.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT:

\$9,613.32



AUDITORS REPORT

Desert of Indiana

Desert Conference

Audit Report

March 12, 2026

To Imperial Deputy for the Oasis Danny McGee

The audit committee received Treasure reports, check book and bank statements for March 2025 to February 2026.

Savings Account: Bank account ending balance as of 01/31/2026 = \$435.24, the billing Statement shows \$435.23, there was .01 cent interest in the 4th quarter that does not appear in the Billing Statement. Treasurer report shows an ending balance as of 01/31/26 \$430.24. There was NO February 2026 statement available at the time of the audit.

Checking Account:

The high-level report:

Ending balances for:

June = \$18,289.51, bank statement balance = \$19,062.31

July = \$15,614.51, bank statement balance = \$17,987.31.

Receipts:

September Receipts = \$166.00, the detail sheet the \$166.00 is missing from the report – the words “No Transactions? appear on the line.

There was NO February 2026 statement available at the time of the audit.

Humbly Submitted,

Larry D. Gist

Audit Committee



Journal Code	2025 Desert of Indiana-Approved Budget	Income & Expenses		Total of Expenses
	January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025	Income	Expenses (+)(-)	Total
1000	Deputy of Desert Office Supplies (paper, ink, postage etc.)		100	\$ 100.00
1010	Desert Postage		100	\$ 100.00
1020	Recorder's Office Supplies		150	\$ 150.00
1030	Printing (for meetings)		200	\$ 200.00
1040	Awards & Recognition		300	
1050	Desert Meetings * 1 (zoom, rental, meals, drinks, snacks etc.)	\$ 1,200.00	900 (\$30*40=\$1,200)	\$ 1,200.00
1060	MWSC (Desert fee, registration, Deputy's travel & lodging)		450	\$ 450.00
1070	Desert Website - Internet		200	\$ 200.00
1080	Sickness & Distress (cards & flowers)		250	\$ 250.00
1090	Deputy of Desert Honorium		500	\$ 500.00
1100	Desert Treasurer Honorium		300	\$ 300.00
1110	Desert Recorder Honorium		300	\$ 300.00
1120	Souvenir Journals (Imp. Potentate / Imperial Council / Session / Deserts / Temples-Courts, Grand Lodge etc.)		400 (Imperial, Gala Day, Testimonial, Other)	\$ 400.00
1130	Imperial Session (Deputy's Travel & Lodging)		2,000	\$ 2,000.00
1140	Imperial Session Hospitality	\$ 1,200.00	Temples (6) @ \$200	\$ 1,200.00
1150	Regional Gala Day (proceeds)	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000 (split w/Daughters) (2025 Split w/Daughters: \$2,991.81) (Nobles \$1,412.90)	\$ 1,500.00
1160	Desert Fundraiser	\$ 1,500.00		
1170	Desert Taxes (\$15.00 * 249)	\$ 3,735.00	\$15 Per Noble @ 249 Nobles	
1180	Desert Charity (National Community Health Initiative)		750	\$ 750.00
1185	Desert Scholarship		500	\$ 500.00
	Total Projected Income	\$ 10,635.00		
	Total Projected Expense	\$ 10,100.00		\$ 10,100.00
	Total Projected Net Profit	\$535.00		
	Balance Carry-over from February 2026 Desert Checking Acct.	\$ 17,796.83		
	Balance Carry-over from February 2026 Desert Savings Acct.	\$ 435.24		
	Balance Carry-over from February 2024 Gala Day Acct.	\$ 95.00		
	Total Carry-over funds for 2026	\$ 18,327.07		
	Total Projected 2026 Income	\$ 10,635.00		
	Total Projected 2026 Expenses	\$10,100.00		
	Projected Available Funds	\$ 18,862.07		
	Budget Amount Approved		\$ 18,862.07	
	Recommendation:			
	1) Invest a percentage of money into a CD			
	2) Transfer \$95 of the 2024 Gala Day Acct. money to Savings Acct. Close 2024 Gala Day Acct.			
	3) Establish a Desert Scholarship Committee and define the criteria.			
	4) Re-invent a new fundraiser strategy.			
	A) Bowling tournament @ Desert Conference			
	B) Matinee @ Desert Conference			
	5) Adjust Calendar Year: January to December to align with Imperial Council Budget.			
	Committee Members: PP Otis Dodson			
	Imperial Deputy of the Desert: PP Danny McGhee			
	Date Approved: March 14, 2026			



NECROLOGY REPORT

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die, Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a (KJV.) Whereas, the Grim Reaper “Death” , that solemn visitor, has invaded our ranks and taken from this our most beloved Nobles.

Persian Temple #46:

- ♦ Noble Curtis Hairston
- ♦ Noble Galen Buckner
- ♦ Noble Leslie Rowley

Saudi Temple #50

- ♦ PP Glen Lee

El Zora Temple #124:

- ♦ PP Kenneth Grinnage
- ♦ Noble William “Bill” Watson

Mahomet Temple #134:

- ♦ PP Leon Davis



DESERT HOSPITALITY / FACE BOOK REPORT

Desert Hospitality:

To the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, Imperial Deputies of the Oases, Desert officers, and Nobles.

Good morning, We, the desert of Indiana look to continue with our partnership with the Deserts of Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin as to having a joint desert hospitality event at this year's Imperial Session in Tampa, FL. The event itself will be held on Monday Aug 17th, 2026, in the Grand Ballroom of the Tampa Marriott Water Street Hotel located at 505 Water street, Tampa, Fl 33602 and will be from 8:00 pm to 12:00 Midnight. Food will be provided in incremental shifts and there will be a Cash bar. Further details will be provided by our physical meeting at desert conference as it relates to cost per desert.

Humbly Submitted,

Noble Ron Sweatt, PP(46)



2026 Midwest Regional Gala Days

To All Nobles and Daughters throughout the Domain:

Greetings,

We are happy to announce that the **Imperial Deputies of/for the Deserts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan/Canada, and Wisconsin**, are hosting a Joint Gala Days Celebration. **This event is being hosted by the Desert of Ohio.** Gala Days will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, through Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the Delta Hotel Marriott Cincinnati Sharonville, 11400 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45246.

Delta Hotel Marriott Cincinnati Sharonville (Host Hotel)

Additional Overflow Hotels Available for 2026 MWRGD:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration by JotForm only

Advance Registration:

- \$180.00 per person (includes kit and one banquet ticket) Feb 1st -May 1st at 11:59 p.m. EST

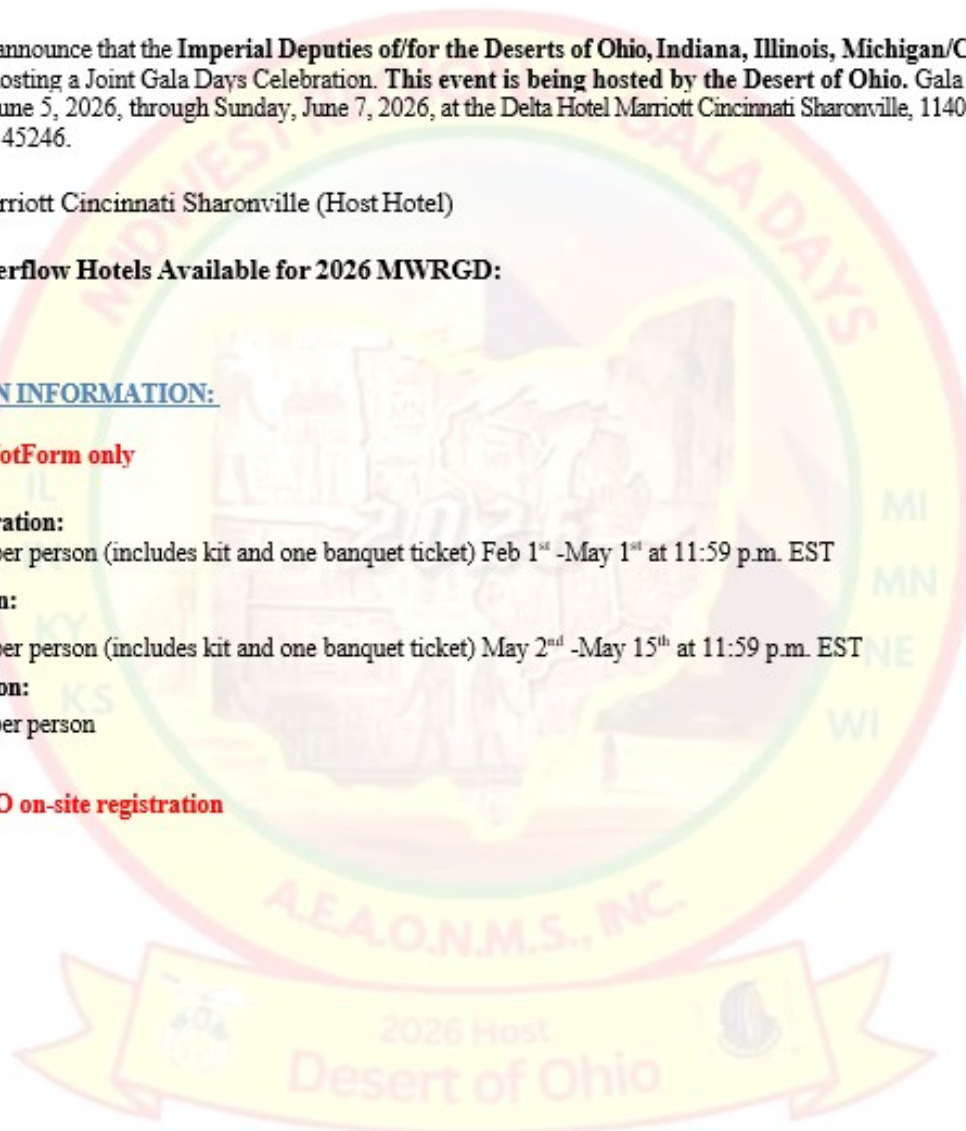
Late Registration:

- \$250.00 per person (includes kit and one banquet ticket) May 2nd -May 15th at 11:59 p.m. EST

Guest Registration:

- \$180.00 per person

There will be NO on-site registration





PROPERTY

Purchase/Lease/Rent, Sale or Refinance of Property by Temples:

No Temple shall directly or indirectly participate in the construction, sale, purchase/lease/rent or refinance of any building or land without prior written approval of the Imperial Divan. The Illustrious Potentate will submit a letter to the Imperial Potentate stating the intent of the Temple to sell or purchase land, erect, purchase/lease/rent or refinance a building. The request will include the following:

The minutes approving the sale, purchase/lease/rent or refinance by the Temple.

The current appraisal of the property (only if selling or purchasing).

The Temple's complete financial records for the preceding twenty four months, i.e., bank statements, certificates of deposit, savings account statements, etc.

The Temple's current assets, liabilities, and the current approved budget.

The proposed method for financing the transaction. Include a copy of the loan application and the Temple's plan to repay loan.

Any other information that will assist the Imperial Council Divan and the Imperial Potentate in evaluating the proposal (i.e. Business Plan).

Purchase of Property by the Imperial Council:

No Noble, or group of Nobles, will participate in the purchase/lease of any land or the purchase/lease/rent of or the construction of any building on behalf of the Imperial Council or its entities without prior written approval of the Imperial Council. Written approval to purchase or acquire property must be given by the Imperial Council prior to any action being taken on its behalf.

Event Contracts:

All event contracts must be reviewed and approved by our Imperial Legal Department before the event can take place. The contract fee is a onetime fee for that event.

Temple Loans:

No Temple shall loan any Temple funds or property to any Noble, Daughter or outside organization.



FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Temples will file for tax-exempt status with the Department of Internal Revenue (IRS) by submitting a request for exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c) (8) of the Internal Revenue Code. When the request for exemption is approved by the IRS, an EIN (Employer Identification Number) will be issued and the temple must request a "Letter of Determination" from the IRS, the Temple will be required to file Federal Income tax with the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS has ruled that subordinate Temples are required to file Federal income tax returns annually whether

you owe taxes or not; the only difference is the tax form used. All Temples must file an IRS series Form 990 based upon gross receipts. If a Temple normally has gross receipts of \$50,000.00 or less, it must submit the Form 990-N electronic notice (e-postcard). If the Temple's gross receipts are greater than \$50,000.00 it must submit the Form 990 or 990-EZ in accordance with IRS Form 990 instructions. The returns are due to the IRS not later than the 15th day of the fifth month with an information copy being sent to the Imperial Council Headquarters, after the close of an organization's tax year. For example, if the organization's tax year closes on December 31st, its return is due by the following May 15th.

Temples that also have 501 (c) (3) designations, must also complete the necessary IRS required filings.