



The Imperial Council

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

As you are aware, we are still being affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and we must adhere to the safety guidelines that have been established by the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and your local authorities. There are over 3 million reported novel coronavirus cases in the world and over 1 million reported novel coronavirus cases in the United States. The number of cases and deaths increase each day. When it comes to your safety, you must exercise extreme caution as you navigate through this novel coronavirus pandemic for which no cure has been found. Since my last correspondence to you, the CDC has added 6 additional symptoms to the COVID-19 list. The Imperial Council is concerned about your safety and we want you to do whatever is in your best interest to protect yourselves and your family from COVID-19.

As a reminder, all events are cancelled until further notice. You should not be conducting any activities in the name of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc. As a charitable organization, we realize that you want to reach out and help others because that is what we do; however, it is not in your best interest or in the best interest of the Imperial Council to compromise your health or the health of those persons with whom you come in contact.

Take note of the following information and govern yourselves accordingly.

- Some surveys have been conducted concerning the 2020 Imperial Council/Court Session. No surveys have been authorized by the Imperial Potentate to be conducted concerning the 2020 Imperial Session; therefore, all surveys should cease immediately.
- No information is to be disseminated concerning the actions of the Imperial Council Divan relative to the business of the Imperial Council/Court unless it comes from the Headquarters Office under the signature of the Imperial Potentate.

- We encourage you to take the ICED training modules while you are not having meetings.
- We are in the age of electronic communication. All members should make sure all their contact information in the member suites portal is current in order to receive electronic information.
- When information is sent to those persons who are on the Headquarters e-mail lists, the information must immediately be sent to Nobles and Daughters for whom you have e-mail addresses. This information is also posted on both websites.
- The Legal Department is currently not approving any contracts. If you cancel your contract and you want to pursue another contract, even if there is only a date change, you must submit a new contract along with a Request for Dispensation and the required fees. If you re-schedule without an approved dispensation and contract, you will be subject to penalties.
- The next Prayer Call for the Domain will be held on **Monday, May 18th** at **8:00 P.M.** I encourage you to join in with us as our Imperial Chaplains provide us with spiritual nourishment to help us navigate this pandemic. Further details will be forthcoming from the Imperial Chaplains' Department.

Currently there is no update concerning the 2020 Imperial Council Session. We will keep you informed as we receive information from the governing authorities.

Again, we need you to continue to practice the safety protocols that have been established. It is a matter of life or death.

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