



The Imperial Council

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc.
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Working Together for the Betterment of this Organization

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Nobles and Daughters,

In my information regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Statement on Social Injustice, I provided you with information based on current data and after participating in conference calls with national and state leaders, medical professionals and other national organizations concerning group gatherings.

COVID-19 is still very real, and it is disproportionately affecting our communities. There is still no cure or vaccine for it. It is the invisible enemy. In most areas there are still group restrictions in place.

We have just finished negotiating our new insurance terms. If we had not taken quick and decisive action based on the information we received, by stopping all events and meetings, our insurance premiums would have been much higher than before. Hopefully, with a reduction, we will be able to give you some premium relief on our National Insurance Program.

In the Statement on Injustice, I mentioned peaceful non-violent protests and working with the NAACP. This was not telling you to hit the streets. If you choose to march/protest that is your constitutional right and it is your personal choice. I was following what the NAACP confirmed on Wednesday night's "Tele-Town Hall: A Nation In Peril." The bottom line is to work as hard as we can to get out the vote in November and to practice COVID-19 precautions. Our Voter Education, Elections and Registration Department can be of assistance in this effort.

The following are some questions I have received from some of you. After consulting with our Legal Department, I am providing you with the following responses. Remember, we must protect the organization.

1. Have you lifted the cancellation of all events in your General Information letter?
Response - No. You can conduct any business that you are able to do virtually (Teleconferencing, Zoom, etc.).

2. Are we allowed to practice non-violent measures to protest while representing the AEAONMS? **Response - No.**
3. How do you recommend that we stand with the Family of George Floyd and other families who have lost a loved one due to senseless murders by persons in authority, and represent the AEAONMS at the same time? **Response – You should work and collaborate with your family, neighbors, and friends in prayer for all who lost family members to COVID-19 and Social Injustice and recruit people to help get out the vote in November. Whatever you do, you should do it while practicing social distancing and wearing masks.**
4. Are we allowed to wear Shrine attire while protesting? **Response – No**

We all want change for these social injustices; however, we must continue to support organizations such as the NAACP, whose primary objective is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons, in order to make that change occur. **We must vote and make our voices heard at the ballot box in November!**

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