

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine  
of North & South American and Its Jurisdictions, Inc

Imperial Court Daughters  
An Auxiliary of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.



*131st Imperial Council Session 113th Imperial Court Session*

# *Joint Memorial Et Worship Services*

*Sunday, August 17, 2024*

*N.O. Marriott Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

*Marriott Hotel 555 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130*

*Bishop Rodney McFarland (250)*

*Guest Speaker*

*Hon. Eric R. Myers, Ret. (23)*

*45th Imperial Potentate*

*Dr. Karen Wright-Chisolm (128)*

*50th Imperial Commandress*

# Imperial Council

## Imperial Court Divans

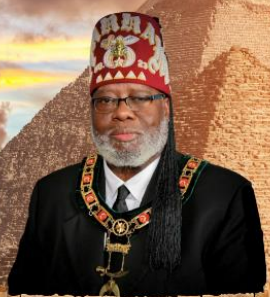


**A.E.A.O.N.M.S.™**

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine

OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA AND ITS JURISDICTIONS INCORPORATED

2023-2024 IMPERIAL DIVAN



Hon. Eric Myers, Ret. (23)  
45th Imperial Potentate



Donald Allen, III, D. (51) Deputy Imperial Potentate  
Thomas R. Hughes, Sr. (20) Imperial High Priest  
Cecilia B. Thomas, D.B. (105) Imperial Treasurer  
Ernie Schuster (28) Imperial High Priest & Prophet  
Dwanna L. Harvey (55) Imperial Overseer  
Pamela C. Roberts, C.D. (49) Imperial Treasurer  
Richard N. Mize (57) Imperial Recorder  
Joseph M. Gray, Sr., Ph.D. (74) Imperial 1st Ceremonial Daughter  
Dorothy Egerton (22) Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Daughter  
Thomas L. Gray, Ph.D. (145) Imperial Captain of the Guard  
Paul C. Hughes (77) Imperial Vice Grand

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS

FROM THE

IMPERIAL COUNCIL DIVAN

"COMMITMENT TO SERVICE:  
TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER!"

Congratulations  
and Best Wishes



Dr. Karen Wright-Chisolm (128)  
Imperial Commandress



Dr. Cheryl R. Eggleston (23) Deputy Imperial Commandress  
Dr. Joan Campbell (220) Imperial 1st Lt. Commandress  
Dr. Ernestine Pratt (206) Imperial 2nd Lt. Commandress  
Dr. Yvonne C. Bessellieu, Ph.D. (2) Imperial High Priestess  
Dr. Gwendolyn B. Williams (65) Imperial Oriental Guide  
Dr. Sheila P. Williams (133) Imperial Treasurer  
Dr. Latonya Campbell (28) Imperial Recordress  
Dr. Tonya D. Chapman (100) Imperial 1st Ceremonial Daughter  
Dr. Lisa Burns (46) Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Daughter  
Dr. Yondra Madison (26) Imperial Inside Spy  
Dr. Leah A. Cole (9) Imperial Outside Spy  
HSP Lawrence W. Henry (64) Imperial Advisor

2023-2024

Imperial Court Divan



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# Joint Memorial Services

IN MEMORIAM

**THIS SERVICE IS DEDICATED TO**

*The Sacred memory of Nobles of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles Mystic Shrine, North and South America and Jurisdictions Inc. and Daughters of the AEAONMS, Imperial Court, who have crossed the Mystic Desert into an Oasis of Peace and Rest during the year, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.*

**Officers**

**Gary Sylvester, No. 24  
Imperial High Priest & Prophet**

**Dr. Venecia Bessellieu No.2  
Imperial High Priestess**

**Processional**

**Imperial Music Department**

**Imperial Court Memorial Report**

**Latonya Campbell No.218  
Imperial Recordress**

**Imperial Council Memorial Report**

**Michael B. Allen, No. 3  
Imperial Recorder**

**Memorial Tribute**

**Dr. Venecia Bessellieu No.2  
Imperial High Priestess**

**Gary Sylvester, No. 24  
Imperial High Priest & Prophet**

**Musical Selection**

**Imperial Music Department**

# *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

1. Time is filled with swift transition. Naught of earth unmoved can stand. Build your hopes on things eternal.  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

*Refrain: Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand. Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

2. Trust in Him who will not leave you. Whatsoever years may bring. If by earthly friends forsaken, Still more closely to Him cling. [Refrain]

3. Covet not this world's vain riches That so rapidly decay. Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures. They will never pass away. [Refrain]

4. When your journey is completed, If to God you have been true, Fair and bright the home in Glory Your enraptured soul will view. [Refrain]

## *God Be With You*

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you until we meet again. God be with you, God be with you, God be with you until we meet again.

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine  
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## Roster of Deceased Nobles

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

**IN THE HANDS OF GOD  
EVEN DEATH IS A TIME FOR REJOICING**

And so when death brings weeping, and the heart is filled with sorrow, It beckons us to seek **GOD** as we ask about "**TOMORROW**". . .  
And in these hours of "heat-hurt", we draw closer to believing That even death in **GOD'S HANDS** is not a cause for grieving; But a time of joy in knowing death is just a stepping-stone  
To a **LIFE** that's **EVERLASTING** . . . Such as we have never known!

*In Memoriam*

*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee . . ."*  
(Isaiah 41:10)

To The Unseen Temple

*Sacred to the memory of Nobles of the Ancient Egyptian  
Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who have crossed  
the Mystic Desert into an Oasis of rest during the year  
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.*

*One Hundred Ninety Three(193) of our beloved Brother Nobles joined the caravan of those who decreed their labors on this earthly vale, to have been completed, for their journey over the sands of the desert to their eternal home in the heavenly oasis.*

*The Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate, and the Nobility of the Imperial Domain, are saddened by the demise of these Nobles during the past year, and extend to their widows, children, love ones and friends, their condolences and sympathies.*

*The names of our deceased Nobles and the Temples of which they were members, are as follows:*

**Pyramid No. 1**

**Philadelphia, PA**

CHARLES M. STERLING

GERALD W. SAUNDERS

KENNETH C. BROOKS

**Magnus No. 3**

**Alexandria, VA**

ROBERT REED

**Jerusalem No. 4**

**Baltimore, MD**

HERBERT B. STEVENSON

**Egyptian No. 5**

**Los Angeles, CA**

DONALD R. WARE

GREGORY C. LAWRENCE

HAROLD W. FORSHA

ROBERT HABERSHAM

**Mocha No. 7**

**Richmond, VA**

DERRICK THOMAS

WALTER B. FOUNTAINE

**Mecca No. 10**

**Washington, DC**

JOHN R. MURRAY

JOSEPH MILLER

PERCY ELLISON

QUINTON L. JOHNSON

THOMAS WRIGHT

**Arabia No. 12**

**Portsmouth, VA**

HOWARD JENKINS

JOHN SKINNER

RAYMOND NELSON

RICHARD C. BELL

**Marracci No. 13**

**Detroit, MI**

CARL W. SAUNDERS

JAMES H. WESTBROOK

JEFF TOLER

**Constantine No. 14**

**Providence, RI**

PAUL M. CARDOZA

**Khedive No. 16**

**Birmingham, AL**

CORNELIUS C. HARRIS

**Palestine No. 18**

**Mobile, AL**

JAMES E. HALL

**Medina No. 19**

**New York, NY**

JOHN F. FIELDS

LARRY MITCHELL

OTTAVIO M. JOHNSON

**Alaraf No. 20**

**Oklahoma City, OK**

JAMES WOODARD

TITUS L. STORY

**Omar No. 21**

**Savannah, GA**

JOHN L. COAXUM

ROOSEVELT MCKENNIE

**El Hasa No. 28**

**Cleveland, OH**

ELIJAH MITCHELL

ROOSEVELT GODDARD

WILLIAM STRAWBRIDGE

**Oasis No. 29**

**Topeka, KS**

KEVIN Y. WILLIAMS

ROBERT E. BROWN

**Menes No. 32**

**Lawton, OK**

JOHNNIE B. FLOWERS

RALPH SMITH

**Koran No. 33**

**Kansas City, KS**

ROBERT W. BANKS

**Menzel No. 35**

**Lancaster, SC**

DAVID O. LONG

GALE H. WALKER

WILLIAM T. HOLMES

**Menelik No. 36**

**Oakland, CA**

CLARENCE L. BAKER

ERIC M. WILLIAMS

**Akbar No. 41**

**Springfield, OH**

ALEXANDER MCCARTY

**Mecca No. 43**

**Toledo, OH**

KENNETH W. POWELL

**Arabic No. 44**

**Chicago, IL**

EUGENE J. SMITH

**Medji No. 45**

**Fort Worth, TX**

CHARLES R. DEWITT

**Mahja No. 47**

**Ashbury Park, NJ**

DANIEL B. SINGLETON

RONALD SEWARD

**Karun No. 48**

**Gulfport, MS**

EDGAR A. FOWLER

**Syrian No. 49**  
Denver, CO  
DONALD R. WALLIN

**Saudi No. 50**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
LEVON FORD

**Rameses No. 51**  
Charlotte, NC  
CLARENCE M. BAILEY

**Alla Baba No. 53**  
Columbus, OH  
GEORGE SMITH  
WILLIAMS C. TERRY

**Moolah No. 54**  
Memphis, TN  
ARVIN W. GLASS  
CLARENCE MCFERREN

**Haken No. 55**  
Leesburg, FL  
RONALD J. VANDOORN

**Damascus No. 58**  
Louisville, KY  
DAVID V. MILTON

**Sinai No. 59**  
Cincinnati, OH  
MICHAEL S. BROWN  
OLLIE W. SCOTT  
UHURU D. YISRA'EL

**Hadji No. 61**  
Buffalo, NY  
CHARLES H. ALLEN

**Kindah No. 62**  
Fayetteville, NC  
CLARENCE R. WOLFE  
DONALD L. FEREBEE  
JAMES L. MCCLEARY  
JAMES O. WRIGHT  
LEROY MCCULLOUGH  
WELSEY WALKER

**Beni Hassan No.64**  
Seattle, WA  
RICHARD SIMMONS

**Mizpah No. 66**  
Goldsboro, NC  
ALFONZO MANLEY  
ROBBY L. MCKINNIE

**Oman No. 72**  
Flint, MI  
CHARLES MURPHY  
DMITRI T. JOHNSON  
FREDDIE L. JOHNSON

**Zamora No. 73**  
Camden, NJ  
KING I. SHABAZZ

**Thutmose No. 74**  
San Francisco, CA  
MACK WATSON  
MERRITT L. THOMAS

**Salaam No. 83**  
Madison, WI  
JEFFREY A. BROWN

**El Katif No. 85**  
Galveston, TX  
PHILLIP G. JACKSON

**Kaaba No. 89**  
Conway, SC  
DENNIS L. BELLAMY

**Abu Bekr No. 91**  
Brooklyn, NY  
JOHN C. BETHEA

**Rajah No. 92**  
Hopkinsville, KY  
LAMAR FOSTER  
MARK STEELE  
MICHAEL L. SUTTON

**Sudan No. 93**  
Champaign, IL  
FREDDIE J. GORDON

**Abduhl No. 94**  
Shreveport, LA  
ALVIN R. KIRK

**Muharram No. 95**  
Santa Monica, CA  
LEONARD E. WHITE

**Aleikum No. 96**  
Covington, KY  
RONALD E. MILLER

**Sheik No. 98**  
Riverside, CA  
JIMMY B. FOWLER  
MILTON JACKSON

**Shaaban No. 103**  
Montgomery, AL  
SYLVESTER PRESSLEY  
VICTOR K. EUTSEY

**Bagdad No. 104**  
LaGrange, GA  
KENNETH L. FORD

**Hella No. 105**  
Nashville, TN  
EUGENE C. EILAND  
MICHAEL A. JOHNSON

**Moussa No. 106**  
San Antonio, TX  
JULIAN B. JENKINS

**Amer No. 107**  
Dayton, OH  
MARK A. WELLS  
ROBERT J. OWENS  
WAYNE G. JOHNSON

**Al Kaf No. 109**  
Akron, OH  
JERRY R. ELLERSON

**Ismid No. 110**  
Lexington, KY  
JAMES K. MONIE

**Al Haraan No. 112**  
Grenada, MS  
WILLIAM L. BIBBS

**Thotmes No. 113**  
Fairmont, W. VA  
STEVEN C. STEWART

**Cawthar No. 118**  
Evansville, IN  
TOKUNBO W. OSHODI



**Khufu No. 120**  
**Princeton, NJ**  
ALBERT B. BANKS  
EARL J. BUGGS  
EUBERT G. BROWN  
WILBUR G. STEWART

**Hyksos No. 123**  
**Chattanooga, TN**  
SAMUEL JACKSON

**Cairo No. 125**  
**Columbia, SC**  
HARRY GRIFFIN  
NED WEST

**Nabbar No. 128**  
**Atlanta, GA**  
CALVIN F. LOYD  
ETHEMIAL G. CALLOWAY  
WALLACE C. MAFFETT

**Rissah No. 130**  
**Jackson, MS**  
DARYL L. DORTCH

**Aahmes No. 132**  
**East St. Louis, IL**  
JAMES PERRY  
JOHN BAILEY  
JOSEPH LEWIS  
ROGER H. GRIFFIN

**Kadesia No. 135**  
**Colorado Spring, CO**  
CHARLES TATE  
RODERICK D. BARBER

**Arabesque No. 136**  
**Waynesboro, MS**  
HENRY A. POUGH

**Arabian No. 139**  
**Charleston, SC**  
JOHNNIE THOMPSON

**Azah No. 140**  
**Greenville, SC**  
EDDIE GARRETT  
JAMES A. HUNT  
JEFF BALLENGER

**Al Rakim No. 142**  
**Albany, GA**  
EUGENE G. SHERMAN

**Malta No. 143**  
**Orlando, FL**  
ANTHONY S. ELLIS

**Khalif No. 144**  
**Greensboro, NC**  
DAVID M. DANSBY  
ELGIENT L. PRITCHETT  
GILLIS HOPKINS  
HAROLD W. WHITE  
HENRY L. JOHNSON  
MOSES MCCLAM  
RONNIE R. SHAFFER

**Ouda No. 147**  
**Maxton, NC**  
CLYDE R. MCCOY  
THOMAS WOOLRIDGE

**Amen Ra No. 158**  
**Norristown, PA**  
JULIAN A. RAMSEY

**Habib No. 159**  
**Wilmington, NC**  
KENNETH A. SMITH  
WILLIAM CRUMMY

**Jeddah No. 160**  
**Orangeburg, SC**  
LEON SISTRUNK

**Gizeh No. 162**  
**Clarkton, NC**  
CALVIN D. ELY  
JAMES M. HAYDEN

**Zakat No. 164**  
**Dallas, TX**  
ISAAC CARY

**Shawall No. 165**  
**Waukegan, IL**  
CURTIS L. DORSEY  
JOHN WEBB

**Imran No. 168**  
**Henderson, NC**  
ENOCH E. NICHOLSON  
JAMES VANN  
NORWELL D. WILSON

**Al Uzza No. 169**  
**Somerville, TN**  
THOMAS E. POLK

**Sethos No. 170**  
**Winston-Salem, NC**  
JAMES L. CAMPT  
WILLIAM F. HYMAN

**Makalia No. 172**  
**Hartford, CT**  
ABE W. CHAPPELL

**Minaret No. 174**  
**Chester, PA**  
JOHN W. MCCULLOUGH

**Rofelt Pasha No. 175**  
**Rock Mount, NC**  
MONNIE DOWNING

**Zafa No. 176**  
**Durham, NC**  
WILLIAM L. SATTERWHITE  
WILLIE D. BURT

**Kabala No. 177**  
**Raleigh, NC**  
J.M. WILLIAMS

**Alcazar No. 179**  
**Sacramento, CA**  
ARTHUR J. MCPHERSON  
JAMES H. BOWSER  
LOUIS J. THOMPSON

**Haggai No. 182**  
**Pensacola, FL**  
GEORGE JORDAN

**Obelisk No. 187**  
**Okinawa, Japan**  
WALLACE DEAN

**Faisal No. 192**  
**Stuttgart, B. W. West Germany**  
CHARLES R. JENKINS

**Al Azhar No. 195**  
**Huntsville, AL**  
LEONARD SPINKS

**Cheops No. 200**  
**Austin, TX**  
CHRISTOPHER L. MARVELS

**Alooma No. 212**  
**Suisun City, CA**  
EDWARD L. MOORE  
WILLIAM G. BROOM

**Misir No. 213**  
**Upper Marlboro, MD**  
ROCHESTER BUNN

**Siwah No. 216**  
**Alamogordo, NM**  
RUDOLPH P. MUNOZ

**Anwar No. 219**  
**Rockville, MD**  
HERBERT K. SHANNON

**Edfu No. 267**  
**Washington, DC**  
KENNETH E. BLACK

**Al Lalim No. 223**  
**Elyria, OH**  
JOSEPH HARRIS

**Isaad No. 275**  
**Waco, TX**  
CURTIS COLLINS

**Tuwa No. 228**  
**Annapolis, MD**  
KENNETH H. WASHINGTON

**Qawiun No. 284**  
**Collierville, TN**  
DAVID K. ROYSTER

**Hilaal No. 229**  
**Petersburg, VA**  
JAMES CROCKER

**Karnak No. 230**  
**Washington, DC**  
HOWARD PAYNE

**Zafir No. 237**  
**Denison, TX**  
JACOBY STEWART  
OSCAR C. SMITH

**Idris No. 239**  
**Crestview, FL**  
EDGAR W. JENNINGS  
RONALD COOK  
THOMAS D. DARGAN

**Al-Karim No. 242**  
**Riverdale, GA**  
STANLEY A. AMERSON

**Al Nahada No. 247**  
**Radcliff, KY**  
ROBERT L. HARRISON

**Dubar No. 250**  
**Winnsboro, LA**  
DERRICK J. FREEMAN

**Al Maseer No. 251**  
**Amityville, NY**  
VALENTIN C. DAVIS

**Fayza No. 254**  
**Greenville, NC**  
THOMAS F. VINES

**Amasis No. 262**  
**Ventura, CA**  
TARON X. ROBINSON



*In Loving Memory*

Of

*Noble Donald Ware, M.D. (5)*

Deputy Imperial Potentate

*Sweetly  
May He  
Rest*

February 21, 2024



# *Imperial Court Daughters*

*An Auxiliary of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.*



## Roster of Deceased Daughters

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

# Deceased Daughters

(July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024)

## **Jerusalem No. 1**

*Baltimore, Maryland*  
Gladys L. Johnson  
Barbara Marrow

## **Mecca No. 2**

*Washington, District of Columbia*  
Gladys Whitmyer  
Sarah G.S. Horne  
Anna Paige  
Deatrice S. Besong

## **Shawall No. 4**

*Waukegan, Illinois*  
Sandra Tucker

## **Egyptian No. 5**

*Los Angeles, California*  
Sarah L. Branche  
Eugenia B. Elliott  
Annie M. Robinson-Brady

## **Fezzan No. 7**

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*  
Nina Sudduth

## **Syria No. 10**

*Boston, Massachusetts*  
Elizabeth Moore

## **Medina No. 11**

*New York, New York*  
Shanell L. Robinson  
Alice Simmons  
Rosalie Springer

## **Azure No. 14**

*Atlantic City, New Jersey*  
Margaret Burroughs

## **Medinah No. 15**

*St. Louis, Missouri*  
Naomi M. Hunter  
Cora M. Williams  
Judith M. Watts  
Charellise T. Coleman  
Jessica Williams

## **Golconda No. 16**

*Newark, New Jersey*  
Maudestein Taliaferro  
Mary W. Parham

## **Pyramid No. 17**

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*  
Esther M. Evans

## **Oro No. 20**

*El Paso, Texas*  
Bettie A. Carter

## **Arabic No. 21**

*Chicago, Illinois*  
Patrice R. McCastle

## **Moolah No. 22**

*Memphis, Tennessee*  
Thymia Rogers

## **Arabia No. 23**

*Portsmouth, Virginia*  
Vivian Boykins  
Erica N. Bynum  
Mavis Demby  
Thea O'Neal

## **Koran No. 37**

*Kansas City, Kansas*  
Cora M. Jackson  
Inez Stewart

## **Mohammed No. 39**

*Little Rock, Arkansas*  
Joan Sanders

## **Syrian No. 40**

*Denver, Colorado*  
Ardella W. Ikner  
Deborah I. Ford  
Marcia Y. Allen-Smith



# Deceased Daughters

(July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024)

**Zafa No. 41**

*Durham, North Carolina*  
Winfred Headen  
Naomi Jackson

**Mocha No. 42**

*Richmond, Virginia*  
Shirley Tucker-Hardy

**Kindah No. 43**

*Fayetteville, North Carolina*  
Louise Morgan

**Beni Hassan No. 45**

*Seattle, Washington*  
Eleanor Hill

**Khedive No. 46**

*Birmingham, Alabama*  
Emma Bailey

**Menelik No. 53**

*Oakland, California*  
Donna McKinney

**Imran No. 55**

*Henderson, North Carolina*  
Peggy M. Kearney

**Rajah No. 58**

*Hopkinsville, Kentucky*  
Bobbie M. Jackson  
Revella Brooks

**Zoan No. 61**

*Tulsa, Oklahoma*  
Lenora Jackson  
Veronica Drew

**Amer No. 65**

*Dayton, Ohio*  
Yvette D. Lewis  
Vivian White

**Kabala No. 67**

*Raleigh, North Carolina*  
Betty Purdie

**Alaraf No. 69**

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*  
Bobbie J. Taylor  
Loretta A. Brewer

**Alla Baba No. 75**

*Columbus, Ohio*  
Bobbie L. Gentry

**Rameses No. 78**

*Charlotte, North Carolina*  
Octavia Pruitt

**Rissah No. 80**

*Jackson, Mississippi*  
Bernice Bailey Essix

**Omar No. 91**

*Savannah, Georgia*  
Barbara Suggs

**Al Faruk No. 94**

*Columbus, Georgia*  
Eleanor Burney

**Arabic No. 95**

*New Haven, Connecticut*  
Juanita Wells

**Harram No. 96**

*Tampa, Florida*  
Gail P. Williams  
Willie N. Gaines  
Betty T. Baker

**Magnus No. 100**

*Alexandria, Virginia*  
Lula L. Lang-Jeter  
Annyeppearl Johnson

**Azah No. 101**

*Greenville, South Carolina*  
Christine Garrett

**Abduhl No. 103**

*Shreveport, Louisiana*  
Shirley J. Ford

**Sethos No. 105**

*Winston Salem, North Carolina*  
Nannett W. Taylor  
Delories M. Wilson

**Al Ashraf No. 106**

*Jackson, Michigan & Canada*  
Claudia D. Yates



# Deceased Daughters

(July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024)

**El Katif No. 115**

*Galveston, Texas*  
Sharon Barriere

**Kazah No. 117**

*Miami, Florida*  
Cleora Brooks

**Khufu No. 118**

*Trenton, New Jersey*  
Carole D. Taylor

**Tamin No. 122**

*Spartanburg, South Carolina*  
Josephine McBeth  
Jessie Thompson

**Nabbar No. 123**

*Atlanta, Georgia*  
Elizabeth Starks

**Cairo No. 125**

*Columbia, South Carolina*  
Frances J. Jones  
Josephine Fraiser

**Kaaba No. 127**

*Conway, South Carolina*  
Mary L. Avant-Baldwin  
Rebecca Stanley

**Arabian No. 128**

*Charleston, South Carolina*  
Carolyn W. Scott  
Francis Keels

**Zembo No. 130**

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*  
Emma Winfrey  
Carrie McKinley

**Ahmed No. 134**

*Tallahassee, Florida*  
Abbie Isom

**Zamora No. 135**

*Camden, New Jersey*  
Gloria Bivins

**Mahja No. 136**

*Asbury Park, New Jersey*  
Mary Baity

**Muharram No. 139**

*Santa Monica, California*  
Estelle G. Beard  
Linda Lou Jones-Dillon

**Aleppo No. 140**

*Syracuse, New York*  
Jacqueline M. Smith

**Ismael No. 147**

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana*  
Lillian Fowler  
Rosa Lunkin  
Roxanna Hatch

**Suez No. 149**

*Springfield, Massachusetts*  
Deloris R. Jiles

**Ouda No. 151**

*Maxton, North Carolina*  
Geraldine Greene  
Wanda Regina Davis

**Menzel No. 153**

*Rock Hill, South Carolina*  
Karen M. Howze

**Alcazar No. 161**

*Sacramento, California*  
Jeanette Parsons  
Jo Ann Henderson

**Menes No. 164**

*Lawton, Oklahoma*  
Betty Collier Williams  
Mary Underwood

**Masqat No. 167**

*Rock Island, Illinois*  
Rebecca Momon  
Clara Jenkins



# Deceased Daughters

(July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024)

**Obelisk No. 170**

*Okinawa, Japan*  
Shelia Johnson

**Masab No. 174**

*Macon, Georgia*  
Sheila Y. Love-Lee

**Bejilah No. 177**

*Marion, South Carolina*  
Betty German Gunter

**Al Kerak No. 179**

*Kaiserslautern, Western Europe*  
Relisa Taylor

**Al Azhar No. 181**

*Huntsville, Alabama*  
Adria J. Jones

**Cheops No. 182**

*Austin, Texas*  
Nancy Ashe

**Abu Lahab No. 189**

*Salisbury, Maryland*  
Kimberly Lawhorne

**Abu Talib No. 194**

*Toronto, Michigan & Canada*  
Barbara Chensue

**Amman No. 195**

*Darien, Georgia*  
Estella German

**Alooma No. 198**

*Suisun City, California*  
Birdell Valmore

**Al Asir No. 200**

*Youngstown, Ohio*  
Persephnize S. Hunter

**Kiku Zeki No. 202**

*Freeport, Bahamas*  
Leonie Penn

**Al Hamid No. 203**

*Joliet, Illinois*  
Louise Nichols

**Karnak No. 213**

*Washington, District of Columbia*  
Dorothy Jean Jacobs

**Hilaal No. 218**

*Petersburg, Virginia*  
Corliss Johnson

**Al Karim No. 219**

*Riverdale, Georgia*  
Alice Malcolm

**Nemesis No. 231**

*Nassau, Bahamas*  
Renee' Curry-Davis

**Rahman No. 243**

*Pine Bluff, Arkansas*  
Deborah Dorn





# ...in Memoriam Never Forgotten

“The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop  
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more,  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
That no man can restore.

The present only is our own,  
So live, love, toil with a will, Place  
no faith in "Tomorrow," For the  
Clock may then be still.”

— Robert H. Smith

And the peace of GOD, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus... *Philippians 4:7*



Sacred to the Memory of the Daughters of the Imperial Court  
*An Auxiliary of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine* who have crossed the Mystic Desert into an Oasis of rest during the  
year **July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024**

...and GOD shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,  
neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the formerthings  
are passed away... REV. 21: 4-6



# *Order Of Worship Service*

*Rev. Dr. Xavier L. Johnson, No. 41*

*Imperial Chaplain Officiant*

Call to Prayer	Patrick Williams, No. 15 Imperial Chanter of the Koran
Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. Xavier L. Johnson, No. 41
Congregational Hymn	<i>Hold To God's Unchanging Hand</i> Imperial Music Department
Scripture	Rev. Dr. Ricky Lee, No. 12 Past Imperial Chaplain
Prayer	Rev. Jerome Kirk, No. 16 Imperial Chaplain-Deputy
Prayer Chant	Imperial Music Department
Worship Through Music	Imperial Music Department
Offertory Appeal & Prayer	Rev. Dr. George McCormick, No. 144
Offering	Imperial Marshals/Imperial Music Department
Introduction of Speaker	Gary Sylvester, No. 24 Imperial High Priest & Prophet
Selection of Illumination	
Sermon	Bishop Rodney McFarland, No. 250 Chief Deputy Imperial Chaplain
Worship Through Music	Imperial Music Department
Remarks	Dr. Karen Wright Chisholm, No.128 49th Imperial Commandress  Eric R. Myers, ESQ, No. 23 45th Imperial Potentate
Announcements	Gary Sylvester, No. 24 Imperial High Priest & Prophet
Closing Congregational Hymn	<i>God Be With You</i>
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Xavier L. Johnson, No. 41

**Bishop Rodney McFarland, I**, was born in Hartford, Conn. After the death of his mother, Millicent Marie McFarland, at the age of thirty-six, with breast cancer, he was placed in a foster home for thirteen months. Afterwards, he was given to his paternal grandmother, the Late Venetta Sadie Connor-Johnson of Crowville, Louisiana.

At the age of eleven, Bishop McFarland accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and united with the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Winnsboro, Louisiana under the leadership of the Late Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, Sr. The following Sunday he was baptized in Owens Lake in the heart of Winnsboro by the Late Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, Sr.

Bishop McFarland transferred his membership to his family's former church, the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church of Crowville, Louisiana under the leadership of the Rev. Herbert Rancher. At the age of thirteen, Bishop McFarland was blessed with the gift of teaching and was teaching Sunday School. That same year, he began to serve as President of the Youth Department of the Church. He was also elected to serve as the church musician for the next five (5) years.

He received his secondary education at Crowville High School and from there he went on to Worsham College in Chicago, Ill where he received a degree in Mortuary Science. April of 2024, he received a Master of Theology and Religious Studies from Hope Bible Institute of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Bishop McFarland is the former President of the Louisiana Funeral Directors and Morticians Association where he served as the youngest President ever to be elected, being so by his colleagues across the state of Louisiana in 1996. He has served a 2-year term as a board member of the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association and is the Founder and Mortician of McFarland Funeral Companies of Delhi and Monroe, Louisiana, and Founder of Morning Rest Memorial Gardens of Tallulah, Louisiana. He was also the first Black Assistant Coroner of Richland Parish.

He is a lifetime member of the Sigma Phi Sigma Fraternity, President of the Theta Chapter of Epsilon Nu Delta Fraternity. Former members of the American Society of Embalmers and the British Institute of Embalmers of the United Kingdom.

He serves as Grand Chaplain of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana, District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th, 12th, 13th, & 14th Masonic Districts, Past Master of Trinity Lodge # 175 F&AM, PHA; Honorary Past Grand Lodge Officer of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Past Grand Lecturer of the Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Past Patron of A. L. Brunner Chapter # 35 OES, PHA; Honorary Past General Grand Conference High Priest of the General Conference Grand Chapters of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A. and Bahamas, PHA, Inc., Past General Grand Chaplain of the General Conference Grand Chapters of Holy Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A. and Bahamas, PHA, Inc., Grand Chaplain of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana, Past High Priest of Widow's Son Chapter # 14 HRAM, PHA; Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the State of Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Kentucky; Past Grand Court Director of the Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho of Louisiana, Past Joshua of Alice J. Clark Court # 46, Heroines of Jericho, Delhi, Louisiana; Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of The Pelican Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana; Past Illustrious Thrice Master of the Rodney McFarland, Sr. Council No. 4 of Royal and Select Masters of Monroe, Louisiana; the Past Royal Chief Advisor of the Rebekah Court No. 1, of the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Past Royal Grand Chief Advisor of the Byron S. Gray, Sr. Royal Grand Court of the Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Past General Conference Royal Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Associate Advisor of the General Grand Conference of Grand Courts, PHA, USA & the Bahamas; Honorary Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of American, PHA; Assistant Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of American, PHA; Knight



Commander of the Temple of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of American, PHA; Honorary Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Pelican Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Masons of Louisiana; Grand Prelate of the Pelican Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Masons of Louisiana; Past Eminent Commander of King Solomon # 19, Knights of Templar, Monroe, Louisiana; Right Eminent Grand Jurisdictional Deputy of Louisiana of the Convent General, U.S.A., Knight York Cross of Honour (PHA), Past Eminent Prior of the John G. Lewis Priory No. 19 of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour of the State of Louisiana, a Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of 33rd and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, DC were he also serves as Grand Prior; A Grand Prior of the Pelican Council of Deliberation; Past Prior of Louis R. Price Consistory # 173, PHA; Honorary Past Imperial Potentate of A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Chief Deputy Imperial Chaplain of A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Past Recorder of Jomadi Temple # 171 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Honorary Past Potentate of Jomadi Temple # 171 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and Past Deputy of the Oasis of Dubar Temple # 250, A.E.A.O.N.M.S.

Bishop McFarland surrendered to the Holy Call on May 23, 1987, and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel on December 24, 1988, by the Franklin Parish Missionary Baptist Educational Association. Bishop McFarland is the proud Pastor of the Greater Free Gift Missionary Baptist Church of Monroe, Louisiana for the past 35 years. When he was called to Greater Free Gift, he was the youngest pastor in the City of Monroe.

During his pastorate, he has baptized over Seventeen Hundred, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. He has performed over four hundred weddings of which many couples are still enjoying the state of holy matrimony.

He is the former Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, Louisiana and the Ackland Creek Baptist Church of Jonesville, Louisiana. He is the Moderator (President) of the North Louisiana Old Line Missionary Baptist Association, former Vice-President-at-Large of the Greater Louisiana Baptist State Convention and former Assistant Parliamentarian of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and now the Assistant Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

On the political level, he is the former District 5 Monroe City School Board Member and served as President of the School Board for three consecutive years. He is the former Chairman of the Ouachita Parish Democratic Executive Committee and was a 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020 Elected Delegate to the National Democratic Convention. On March 23, 2024, he was elected as a Councilman for the District 4 of Monroe, Louisiana, where he is now the Vice-Chairman of the Monroe City Council.

He was appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards in March of 2017 to the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, where he served as President of the State Board for the years of 2021 and 2022.

Many have applied the message of his teachings to their lives through his ministry and are now enjoying the crown of success through the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Being called to the ministry means, he is Christ-like, which means he is an enemy of sin and a lover of sinners. He has persuaded many to receive his message and to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

He is the husband of Nikki V. Wade-McFarland, the father of six wonderful children, Rev. Rodney McFarland, Jr., Quinton R. McFarland, Dr. Millicent M. McFarland, Tony Potts, Christopher Wheeler and Andres McFarland, grandfather of eleven, and Godfather of too many to name.