



The Imperial Council Desert of California

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc.
Organized June 10, 1893; Incorporated November 10, 1901 Washington, D.C.

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**14th Day of Shaaban, Hegira 1447
which corresponds to February 2, 2026**

To: To: Noble Thomas R. Hughes, Sr., (120), 47th Imperial Potentate, Dt. Cheryl R. Eggleston, 55th Imperial Commandress (23), All Elected Imperial Council and Imperial Court Divan Officers, PC Sh've Case, (161), Imperial Deputy for the Desert of California, All Imperial Officers, Illustrious Potentates, Chief and Assistant Rabbans, Illustrious Commandresses, 1st and 2nd Lieutenant Commandresses, Deputies of and for the Oases, All Temples and Courts, Nobles and Daughters:

Subject: Desert Conference 2026 Official Summons

Greetings,

First, Giving all Honor and Praises to our most High God the Author and Finisher of our Faith, I hope you receive this summons in good health.

Per the 2024 Imperial Council Book of Laws: Constitution and General Laws, **Article XXII, Section 3:**

The Imperial Deputy of the Desert "shall summon the representatives of the several Temples and Courts within his Desert and at such meeting, plan the participation of the Temples and Courts in the Desert Conference / Gala Day Convocation."

The 66th Desert Conference for the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc. and the 59th Desert Conference for the Daughters will convene at 1:00 p.m. **Thursday, May 28, 2026 – Sunday May 31, 2026**, at the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel 6101 W. Century Blvd. Los Angeles, California. The host Temple and Court are Egyptian Temple #5, and Egyptian Court #5 in the Oasis of Los Angeles.



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Please click this to register. <https://events.eventnoire.com/e/2026-desert-conference-gala-day> ; Deadline for Desert Registration is April 15, 2026.

Deadline to make your [Hotel Reservation-Link](#) registration is Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Yours in Shrinedom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Ricks, III', is written over a large, faint watermark of the organization's logo.

PP Leonard C Ricks, III (5)
14th Deputy of the Desert
A.E.A.O.N.M.S., INC.





Desert of California

2026 Desert Conference/Gala Day

Housing Information



The 2026 California Desert Conference & Gala Day Annual Convocation will take place from May 28th to May 31st, hosted by Egyptian Temple #5 and Egyptian Court #5 from the Oasis of Los Angeles. The event will be held at the **Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel**, 6101 W. Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045

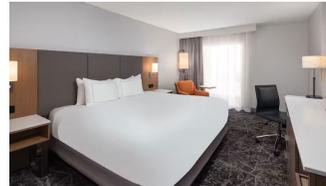
HOTEL INFORMATION:



Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel, 6101 W. Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045

CONVENTION ROOM RATES

Room	Rate
1 King Bed	\$175.00
2 Queen Beds	\$175.00



Room rates quoted above are commissionable rates, subject to tax, which is currently 16.195%. Breakdown Los Angeles occupancy tax 14.00%, LATMD Assessment (City Assessment tax) = 2.00% and Tourism Assessment Fee: 0.195% (subject to change).

CUT-OFF DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Reservations by attendees must be received on or before **Wednesday, May 6, 2026** (the “Cut-Off Date”).

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS: Each individual guest must make their own reservations online or by calling **1-888-855-7741** by **May 6, 2026, by 2:00PM**. They must identify themselves as members of the Group (Desert of California A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc.)

Hotel Registration – Please Click Link Below:

[Reservation-Link](#)

PARKING: A discounted **Day Valet rate of \$30.00+ plus tax / \$40.00+ plus tax, for Overnight Valet** is offered with in and out privileges for the duration of the ticket holders’ stay. Skyview for self-parking is an alternative option for all attendees, which is currently \$24.00 inclusive per 24-hours (rates subject to change) each way, no in and out privileges, located behind the hotel and does not include any in and out privileges. Skyview is not owned or operated by the Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel.



**CALIFORNIA DESERT
CONFERENCE/GALA DAY
2026 REGISTRATION FORM
One (1) Form Per Person - No Exception**



Please Type or Print Information

Date _____ 2026 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Registration No. _____

Name: First _____ Last _____ Tel # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
Temple Name & Number	Temple Title	Desert Title	Imperial Title

_____	_____	_____	_____
Court Name & Number	Court Title	Desert Title	Imperial Title

E-Mail Address for Confirmation (if desired) _____

Registration Fees:

\$175.00	Early	_____	January 1 Through March 15, 2026
\$200.00	Late	_____	March 16, 2026, Through May 17, 2026
\$45.00	Bowling	_____	January 1 Through May 17 2026

Registrations include **One Award Luncheon, Deputy Dance, and Desert Hospitality Tickets** for each registered Noble & Daughter. If you plan on bringing a guest, then extra tickets can be purchased by filling out the boxes below.

ORDER EXTRA TICKETS BELOW AS NEEDED

Guest Award Luncheon Tickets	How many _____	@\$55.00 Each	\$ _____
Desert Deputies Dance	How many _____	@\$30.00 Each	\$ _____
		Grand Total	\$ _____

Early registration fees apply through **March 15, 2026**, and late registration fees apply **March 16 through May 17, 2026**. Make Check or Money Order payable to: **California Desert Conference/Gala Day**. Mail Complete Registration Form To:

**Desert of California Convention
Attn: Kenny Wright
2416 L St.
Apt. #1
Antioch, CA 94509**

No On-Site Registration Available

Do Not Mail This Registration Form After May 17, 2026. There will be a \$30 Service Charge on All Returned Checks **Registration Fee is Non-Refundable**



California Desert Conference Gala Day

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66th Desert Conference for the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.
59th Desert Conference for the Daughter of the Imperial Court



The Souvenir Journal

The **2026 Desert Conference and Gala Day Souvenir Journal** will capture the spirit, pride, and history of the Desert. This treasured keepsake will stand as a lasting testament to our collective journey. We invite you to share your photos and words of congratulations honoring the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, **Noble Leonard C. Ricks**, and the Imperial Deputy for the Desert, **Dt. Sh've J. Case**, as we celebrate this historic moment together.

Please Select Your advertisement Option:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Back Cover (with color photo): | \$225.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Inside Front/Back Cover (with color photo): | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Page (w/color photo): | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Half Page (w/color photo): | \$65.00 |

Deadline for All Ads and Money: **May 15, 2026**

All Ads should be typed or legibly printed...Photos must be of good quality. Please must be high resolution in JPEG format (5x7 or 8x10 photos preferred. Please include your name, address and Temple/Court name and number. If you mail your photos and desire to have it returned, please include a self-stamped and addressed envelope.

Name: _____
 Temple/Court: _____
 Title/Office: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone Number () _____ Email: _____

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AD Submissions: Mail -Your Ad To: Gwendolyn Thomas,421 East 129th St, Los Angeles, CA 90061
or Email Your Ad To: bunnyt1963@outlook.com with picture and words. **(Do Not Send Payment to this Address)**

Method of Payment: Personal Check # _____ Money Order # _____ PayPal

All returned checks will be assessed a \$35.00 Fee.

Please make your Checks, Money Orders, Cashier's payable to Desert of California

MAIL ALL PAYMENT TO THE DESERT RECORDER:(DO NOT MAIL YOUR AD'S (PAYMENT ONLY)

Noble Floyd Cobb-Desert Recorder

12867 Calle De Las Rosas

San Diego, CA 92129

Words of Congratulations & Best Wishes

For more Ad Forms please go to the Desert website :www.desertofca.org –Email convention@desertofca.org

We Sincerely Thank You for Your Support!



The Desert of California

*Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of
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January 26, 2026

Dear Vendor:

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The Desert of California Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine Inc. is a nonprofit fraternal organization composed of men committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship, regardless of age. As Nobles we strive to implement innovative ideas, facilitate positive change and plan for the future, while working cohesively with our Masonic family and communities.

Please complete the attached Vendor Registration / Agreement Form and return it by **May 15th 2026**

Return Completed Agreement Form and Payment To:

Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr.
P.O. Box 1
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(408) 206-2930

Note: All payments must be made payable to: The Desert of California

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your participation.

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Best Regards,

Dr. Terrell A. Gray, Sr.
Desert Treasurer



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VENDOR REGISTRATION / AGREEMENT FORM

Vendor Name: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone(s): _____

Please give a detailed description of your products/services and include a photo, if possible.

This Agreement made this _____ Day of _____ by The Desert of California herein called the party of the first or the Lessor, and _____

Herein called the party of the second part of the Lessee. In consideration of the rent and covenants herein contained on the part of the Lessee to be paid. The Lessor does hereby lease unto the Lessee two (2) 6 foot tables (or space thereof, racks may be substituted for tables) for **May 28th to May 31st** inclusive, said purpose of displaying Lessee's goods, services, or products and the sale of the same. The cost per space is **\$175.00** payable in advance on or before **May 15th, 2026**.

- Lessee agree that prices for all goods and or service must be visible and policies displayed or explained to customer before sale is made i.e. (EXCHANGE / REFUND POLICY).
- Lessee agree that all display booth shall be self-supporting and not be attached to the Walls, Floors or Fixtures of the Hotel nor use tacks or nails or any other sharp objects of the same.
- Lessee agrees to secure any license or permits required by this city, and pay all fees and taxes required by any municipal, state or federal regulation.



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- Lessee agree to hold harmless ***The Desert of California, Egyptian Temple #5, Egyptian Court #5, and Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel***, their Officers, Directors, Employees, and Agents for and against any action, cost, damages, claims and expenses (including attorney fees) arising from any damage to property or bodily injury to lessee his/her representative agent and employees by reason or occupancy of the Hotel.
- Lessee is hereby informed and agrees that SECURITY WILL NOT be furnished by the ***Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel, nor by The Desert of California***. Therefore, each vendor is responsible for safeguarding their merchandise during the entire duration of the conference.

Please sign to acknowledge that you have read all the information, rules and regulations and agree to be bound by this agreement.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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