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OFFICE OF:
THE IMPERIAL RECORDER -

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OASIS OF DETROIT 26,

DESERT OF MICHIGAN

10th day of month Shaaban

which corresponds to

Hegira 1383

December 27, 1963

Dear Illustrious Potentate:

In accordance with the regulations of the Mystic Shrine Imperial Council, I am sending you enclosed with this letter the following items:

1. A letter to all Illustrious Potentates from the office of the Imperial Legal Advisor, James Jackson, Sr.
2. Certification of the Imperial Recorder.
3. A letter to all Illustrious Potentates from the Imperial Recorder.
4. A copy of a propose amendment to the By-Laws of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Jurisdictions.

The regulation proposed for amendment, may be found in the Constitution and General Laws, page 32, Article IV, Subjects OTHER OFFICERS AND DIVAN.

At the end of the copy of the proposed amendment, in the last paragraph, you will find the certification, whereby each Temple is to record their action taken on the proposed amendment.

This proposed amendment was sent, by our current Imperial Legal Advisor, James Jackson, Sr., to all Imperial Council Elected and Appointed Officers, all Temple Illustrious Potentates, and many Past Potentates, FOR THEIR INFORMATION, several weeks prior to the opening date of the recent 1963 Pittsburgh Imperial Council Session.

On Friday, August 23, 1963, Noble James Jackson, Sr. of Marracci Temple #13, formally presented this proposed amendment to the assembled 62nd Annual Imperial Council Session, by reading the proposal in its entirety; explaining the necessity for such a regulation and offered a motion, which was duly seconded, that it be mimeographed and sent to all Temples for their action thereon, by approval or disapproval, by the membership of the Temple, taken at a regular meeting, after due notice had been given.

TIME LIMIT

In order that the office of Imperial Recorder not be rushed in preparing a report on this subject for the next Imperial Council Session, at the time when other Imperial Council business, reports and etcetera are being formulated and prepared, (from May 1st to August 10th, 1964), I am requesting that all Illustrious Potentates read this proposed amendment at the meeting of their Temple in the months of either January or February. Send notices immediately thereafter to the entire Temple membership, that they will be given an opportunity to vote on the same, either in the months of February or March (must be definite).

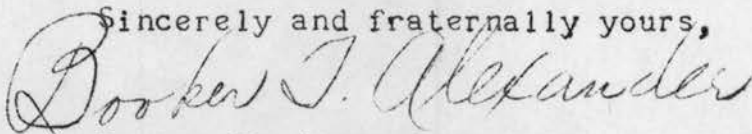
Immediately thereafter, that portion of the proposal, specified for the actions of the Temple, must be executed and returned to the office of the Imperial Recorder

PLEASE HAVE THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE TEMPLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MARCH MEETING OF THE TEMPLE.

In the past, on subjects of this nature, there have always been 15 or 20 Temples who never send the actions taken by the Temple and 15 or 20 others, who delay their actions until May or June, thereby not filing their reports until July and even August. DO NOT PERMIT YOUR TEMPLE TO BE IN ANY OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS.

Remember the time for filing this report.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



Booker T. Alexander
Imperial Recorder

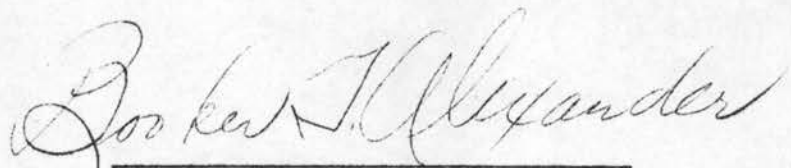
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CERTIFICATION OF THE IMPERIAL RECORDER

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected and functioning Recorder of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, that attached hereto is the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, for the government and direction of the Imperial Council.

I further certify that the attached amendment was read and a motion for its approval, presented and approved by formal vote, in the Imperial Council on Friday, 23rd day of August 1963 and directed to be sent to the constituent Temples for their consideration and action in consonance with the provisions of the Constitution.



IMPERIAL RECORDER

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SPECIFIC DUTIES
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FOR IMPERIAL RECORDERS
OFFICE

INSTRUCTIONS:

When
completed send this copy
to the office of the
Imperial Recorder immediately
after March Temple meeting.
504 Tobin Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

To all Illustrious Potentates, Temple officers and Nobles
wherever dispersed over the Imperial Domain, A.E.A.O.N.M.S.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, PAGE 32, OF THE BY-LAWS
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4-5 SECTION 12: The Divan of the Imperial Council shall
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4-5A 1. The Imperial Potentate, Deputy Imperial Potentate,
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and Prophet, Imperial Treasurer, and Imperial Recorder and the
Imperial Legal Advisor shall compose a Conference Divan of the
Imperial Council. They shall assist in advising the Imperial
Potentate in the performance of the duties of his office when
requested so to do.

4-5B 2. They shall meet and confer with the Imperial
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SPECIAL MEETINGS

4-5D Special meetings shall be called at the request of any four members of the Conference Divan, addressed in writing to the Imperial Recorder, at least twenty days prior to the date of the meeting. All such meetings shall be held within thirty days after receipt of request by the Imperial Recorder. All such meetings shall be held in Washington D. C.

4-5E The Imperial Recorder shall mail notices of all meetings, regular or special, to all members of the Conference Divan at least fifteen days prior thereto.

4-5F Four members of the Conference Divan shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. Any member voting in the minority on any question may, within ten days thereafter, file with the Imperial Recorder, a written statement of his reasons for such vote, which will become a part of the official records of the Conference Divan.

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4-5K At the regular meeting of the Conference Divan, immediately following each Imperial Council Session, the Imperial Potentate shall submit to the Conference Divan the names of his appointees of all Departmental Directors, all Directors of the various programs and projects of the Imperial Council and all Deputies of the several Deserts, and the Imperial Recorder shall notify each appointee of his appointment and duties within Ten days thereafter, and each Noble so appointed shall serve until his successor is appointed and installed.

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(TEMPLE SEAL)

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Office Of:
IMPERIAL LEGAL ADVISOR

406 Tobin Bldg.

Oasis of Detroit 26, Desert of Michigan
9th day of month Shaaban which corresponds to
Hegira 1383 December 27, 1963

To: The Illustrious Potentates and Temple Officers


Dear Sir and Nobles:

These proposed amendments are submitted with the hope that you will immediately approve them and return the copy with your approval certified thereon to the Imperial Recorder. The last Imperial Council year demonstrated to us the weakness in our rules for management of the Imperial Council between Imperial Council Sessions, and these amendments are intended to correct this situation. If these amendments are adopted, it will assure the following things:

1. Deputies, Program and Project Directors will be appointed within Ten (10) days after the Annual Imperial Council Sessions and their duties outlined to them.
2. Temples and all Imperial Council Officers will receive, at least, Three (3) reports each year, of the activities of the Imperial Council between sessions.
3. The power to call Conference Divan Meetings will not rest solely upon the will of the Imperial Potentate and the whole domain will receive the benefit of the unified efforts of its top officers.
4. The business and fiscal affairs of the Imperial Council will be reviewed at least four times each year.

Article 1, Page 3, of the Constitution places the Government of the Mystic Shrine in the hands of the Imperial Council and we, as members of the Imperial Council, have a sacred duty to make certain that the work of the Imperial Council will be carried on between Imperial Council Sessions. I ask your serious consideration of these amendments.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,


James Jackson, Sr.
Imperial Legal Advisor

Report of Imperial Organizer for Desert of Mim. & Jurd.

To the Imperial Potentate, Deputy Imperial Potentate,
Officers & members of the Imperial Council,

I find it a pleasure to draft this report & give an account of my stewardship. Allow me to say, out here, behind the sun, the hot sands of the desert seem hottest; we stop only for a while to refresh ourselves, & bathe our minds in the pool of faith. With a prayer on our lips to Allah, we find our caravan still moving onward. Sometimes ^{we} I have run into sand storms, but we have weathered them all. The prospect for a fruitful year looks bright.

I have performed the duties that have been requested of me. I have assisted the Deputy of the Desert & Oasis & all other Officers in furthering the progress of the Order. I have given advice when ~~ever~~ necessary. I have participated when ~~ever~~ possible in any capacity. ^{hard labor,} His confidence, kindness, patience puts. I Love that ^{will keep} ~~builds up~~ the Order. ^{going} We must devise plans to do better.

We sow a thought & reap a act. ~~We sow a sh.~~

We gaze upon the receding sun with steady eyes; hearts unafraid; we go back to nature's spring & partake of the original source of inspiration & strength.

God in his infinite mercy has spared us to ~~go~~ again clasp hands & feel that brotherly love that emanates from the hearts of true & loyal Nobels.

Sincerely & fraternally yours
Wraft.

June, 62

Mr. Booker T. Alexander
Imperial Patentate
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Mich.

Report of: Imperial Organizer of Desert of Minn.

To: the Imperial Patentate, Officers & members of the
Imperial Council.

I do not find it a pleasure to draft this report
I do not have enough nice things to say. * I will try
to give an account of my stewardship.

I have visited Grand Forks, North Dakota &
Duluth, Minn. I will be in Winnipeg, Man. Canada before
the Imperial Session.

I have performed the duties that have been requested
of me. I have assisted the Deputy of the Desert, Oasis & all
other Officers in ~~the furthering~~ ^{freely} the progress of the Order.
I have given advice ~~when necessary~~. I have partic-
ipated wherever possible in any capacity.

In our meetings, we deliberate, & our opinions often
differ; but I have tried to spread the cement of love.

Whatever has been amiss, has been of a human nature.
To err is human, to forgive Divine. I beg you for -
giveness; & solicitate your continued guidance.

Upon being elevated to the exalted office of Imperial
organizer, it was in profound humility that I accepted.
With a faith ever-living in the almighty Allah, I
humbly bowed to the task that I had been

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assigned, and by His Divine guidance, I performed every duty incumbent upon me to the best of my ability, and I did so, without fear or favor. My every act; my every comment was made for the specific purpose, of making Shrinedom a great organization for the members. My prayer was, with the infinite help of the almighty Allah that we might have an abundance of peace, happiness & prosperity. Due to reasons beyond my control, all of my prayers have not been answered. There have been many discussions. I feel if you search you will find many things that have not been actually brought to the fore.

One experiences the greatest happiness & satisfaction in this life through service to ~~one's~~^{your} fellow-man. Those who serve only for praise or prominence do not attain real pleasure from such service.

The most important thing in all transactions are the results that follow.

Part of our mission should be to transform the rough into the perfect ashlar, to destroy prejudice, ignorance, & injustice; to promote peace & harmony, to obtain by peaceful processes a higher standard. To achieve this we need ^{the} powerful influence of cooperation, association, sacrifice and service.

Our hope should be that the time will come when signs & emblems will not be necessary to designate our membership; when we shall be known by our upright acts, daily ~~converse~~ conversation & strict observance of all the tenets. A pure, unsullied

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manhood is the proudest distinction on earth.

^{Temple}
A leader needs inspiration in order to give his ^{its} best service.

I shall ever be grateful for the privilege to serve you. I have held my office as a sacred trust. The hot sands of the desert seem hottest out here. Our caravan is still moving, with a prayer ~~on~~ on our lips to Allah. Sometimes we have faced ^{hot} sand storms, but we have weathered them.

We gaze into the scorching sun... Allah has spared us. We are still searching for the brotherly love that emanates from the hearts of true & loyal Nobels.

Sincerely & fraternally yours

M. W.

* I suggest that ^{you} recommend to the next Imperial Patentate, that ^{he} investigate before making disappointments for ^{Temple} ~~the~~ ^{for the good of the Order} there should be some changes. If there are not some changes made, I predict we will lose some members.

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