



No. 2

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Inaugural Address of HPIC Rosalie E. Powell

117th Illustrious Commandress

Mecca Court No. 2

To the Imperial Commandress Cheryl R. Eggleston
To the Imperial 2nd Lieutenant Commandress Venecia C. Bessilleu
Elected Imperial Officers
Appointed Imperial Council Officers
Appointed Imperial Court Officers
Illustrious Potentates
Illustrious Commandresses
1st and 2nd Lieutenant Commandresses
Divan and Members of Mecca Court No. 2
Noble Advisor Honorary Past Imperial Potentate Quincy G. Gant
Nobles and Daughters

Good Evening,

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Psalms 29:2

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Let us Pray,

O Lord make me an instrument of thy peace, Where there is hatred, let me bring love, Where there is resentment, let me bring forgiveness, Where there is discord, let me bring unity, Where there is doubt, let me bring faith, Where there is error, let me bring truth, Where there is despair, let me bring happiness, Where there is sadness, let me bring joy, Where there is darkness, let me bring light. O Master grant that I may desire rather: To console than be consoled, To understand rather than be understood, To love rather than be loved. Because it is in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we obtain forgiveness, in dying that we rise to eternal life.

Heavenly Father, Lord, I thank you for allowing me to see another day. Lord, I thank you for the people that you have placed in my life. Lord, I ask that you continue to guide my steps, guide this newly elected administration in the right direction and to watch over the members of Mecca Court No. 2. I ask that you continue to strengthen us where we are weak and prop us up on every leaning side. These and other blessings we ask in Jesus Christ name. Amen

Introduction

I am extremely honored and pleased to have been elected as the 118th Illustrious Commandress for Mecca Court No. 2. Tonight, I stand on the shoulders of those who have paved the way and served as Illustrious Commandress of this great Court. I am proud of the glorious past of our court and eagerly excited about the future ahead.

Membership and Recruitment

Mecca Court No. 2 is blessed with many seasoned members who contribute wisdom and experience to our organization. With the open enrollment period commencing on February 1, 2026, and concluding on May 31, 2026, as authorized by the 47th Imperial Potentate, we are hopeful to welcome quality members into our court. Our focus is not on the quantity of new members, but on the quality of individuals who join and uphold the values of this great organization.

Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future

Reflecting on our history, I ask: Can we revive the great traditions that once made this court renowned? From being the number one drill team, color guard, and clown unit, to best dressed teams and more, our legacy is rich. Let us strive to follow the Imperial Commandress Motto: “I AM MY SISTER’S KEEPER.” As we embrace the Imperial Commandress Theme— “HONOR THE PAST AND EMBRACE THE FUTURE AS WE R.I.S.E TOGETHER!” (with R.I.S.E. representing Respectful, Impactful, Sisterly, Empowering)—we can build an even greater organization, recruiting members who are committed to respect and love for one another. By leading through example and fostering a supportive environment, we ensure a positive outcome

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if we adhere to the principles of love and respect. My personal motto is: “Fixing each other’s crowns throughout the domain, one daughter at a time.” Who would have known that during Jerusalem 1 and Mecca 2 Photo op along with 2 other 1st Lieutenants that our goals were similar, not only are we starting from Jerusalem 1 to Mecca 2, but we are also the 118th Illustrious Commandresses of our courts.

Renewing Our Purpose

As members of this esteemed organization, it is important to reflect on the initial reasons that inspired us to join. Let us remember our foundational purpose: to embrace and care for one another, to foster fellowship among our members, and to engage in charitable works that uplift our community. These core values are what set us apart and drive our collective mission.

Now is the time to recommit ourselves to these guiding principles. I am prepared to move forward in service and unity—are you ready to join me on this journey back to our roots?

My lifelong passion has been supporting and helping others, not just since being elected to this position. Mentorship, wise counsel, and embracing one another are crucial for growth and understanding. My theme, “Leading change through Communication and Collaboration,” will continue to guide both the temple and the court. As 1st Lieutenant Commandress, and in partnership with Chief Andre Price, we have cultivated a strong bond and communicated our shared vision for the 2026 administrations. Since our election, we have already completed joint community service initiatives, such as participating in the “Walking the Bridge” event on January 1, 2026, during Mayor Bowser’s 5K Walk. Our collaborative spirit extended to joint socials in December and January, participation in the MLK walk, and community service during that event. The court, including Deputy of the Oasis PC Rhonda Stewart, HPC Rosalie David, PC Stephanie Hardy, Dt. Alta Hayes, and myself, contributed to these efforts, while Dt. La’Kisha Lacey supported operations from the Command Center. Our joint Divan photoshoots allowed members to be introduced to their counterparts, further strengthening our unity. This year has just begun, yet our partnership is already flourishing through excellent communication.

Supporting the Domain Temples and Courts

Throughout January, we have shown support for Temples and Courts by attending their events, both in person and virtually. These occasions provided opportunities to bond, with Mecca Temple and Court reserving tables and ensuring that I was never alone at events. Even when I stayed until the end of an affair, the temple and court waited in the parking lot for the Illustrious Potentate to escort me to my car—an act of love and solidarity. I hope the domain continues this spirit of cooperation, working with counterparts in a loving and respectful manner. As Ralph Marston said, “Harmony does not mean that everyone is in agreement. It means that no one is attempting to force his or her opinions on others.”

Gratitude to Mentors and Supporters

I pray that those who mentored me and are no longer with us are proud. I am grateful to PC Ida Austin, PC Leola Thomas, Dt. Hilda Isham, and the entire Color Guard team for their guidance and support before I became a daughter. These remarkable women embraced me and encouraged my journey,

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particularly when I joined the bicycle department and supported the drill and color guard team. Thank you to PC Sonia Young for starting me on my Divan journey and to PC Angela Tyson for allowing me to continue on this path.

Community Service and Charitable Involvement

My vision for the Court is to support the District of Columbia through numerous community service projects. "We are DC." My chosen charity is the American Diabetes Association, which has held personal significance since 2002, following the loss of my oldest sister and mother-in-law to this disease. I have participated in many ADA bike and walk events in

the DMV as both a volunteer and participant. Other important causes include the Margaret E. Anderson Breast Cancer Walk, in memory of PC Margaret E. Anderson, and initiatives supporting Alzheimer's and dementia, which have affected members and their families in recent years. This year Mecca Temple and Court will collaborate and support Naomi Chapter No. 9 in their Colorectal Cancer Alliance Walk in Memory of our HPP J. Raymond Murray. We will continue to honor our PIC Sadie B. Mitchell by supporting the Special Olympics. On Saturday, February 21, 2026, IP Andre Price and Noble Bennett collaborated with Mecca Court during the Special Olympics Plunge, providing support and encouragement to the participants. Our next event is scheduled for the week of May 18 - 22, where we will be supporting the Special Olympics relay games at Catholic University. I encourage everyone to dedicate at least one day during this week to honor PIC Sadie B. Mitchell by supporting the cause she deeply cared about.

Fostering a Spirit of Sisterhood and Brotherhood

To the Legends, I eagerly anticipate our continued brotherly and sisterly love. During a recent photo opportunity for the 2026 administrative year, Illustrious Commandress Cassandra Townsend of Jerusalem Court No. 1 graciously prepared us for our photo op. I remember IC Townsend fixing the crown of her Illustrious Commandress at their 2025 charity ball, and during our session, I suggested we photograph each other adjusting our crowns. I hope to begin a tradition with Jerusalem No. 1 and Mecca Court No. 2: Commandresses fixing crowns throughout the domain, one daughter at a time, in line with my motto. Commandresses of 2026, let's pass this on to our courts and uphold the vision of our Imperial Commandress: "I am my sister's keeper." Let us continue to be Respectful, Impactful, Sisterly, and Empowering. To all the Legends, both nearby and distant, congratulations on your advancement to the East. I eagerly anticipate supporting you in your future pursuits.

Encouragement to 2026 Illustrious Potentates

To the 2026 Illustrious Potentates, let us continue to support one another with wise counsel, respect, and love. I have observed that the Illustrious Potentates of Mecca Temple No. 10 and Karnak Temple No. 247 face similar challenges as myself, so I have gifted them shirts to celebrate our shared passion. We have become known as ADHD1, ADHD2, and ADHD3 out of our boundless energy and dedication. Wear these shirts with pride and humor, so our families understand our movement and commitment.

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Special Recognition

To my Illustrious Potentate Andre “Culture” Price, thank you for being a supportive brother and always having my back, as well as the court’s. I look forward to continuing our strong Temple and Court relationship, which will unite and support us all. I am optimistic about a successful year and a wonderful charity ball in 2026. Thank you to Mecca Temple No. 10 for your unwavering support of Mecca Court and me personally.

To the Desert of DC and the Domain Nobles and Daughters , I look forward to deepening our bonds of love. To the DMV Legends, and the Domain daughters, nobles, and friends, thank you for your ongoing support and for being present tonight for Mecca Court No. 2.

Acknowledgment of Advisors and Administrative Team

To my advisors—Imperial 2nd Lieutenant Commandress Venecia Bessilleu, PC Angela Tyson, HPIC Barbara E. Murray, HPIC Ada Whitley, PC Frankie E. Hill and PC Brenda Bradford—I value and anticipate your wise counsel. To my administrative team, thank you for your dedication and organizational skills in getting this year off to a strong start. I appreciate all you have done and look forward to your continued support.

To our Imperial 2nd Lieutenant Commandress, you have my full support, as well as that of Mecca Court No. 2. Please inform our Imperial Commandress that Mecca Court supports her values and goals.

Looking Ahead

Mecca Court No. 2 is moving forward with positivity and enthusiasm. I am excited for all the wonderful things we will accomplish together. I am making efforts to schedule daytime events so all members can participate. Our GoGo Gospel event ushered in 2026 with a mix of praise and worship—a prayerful start for our administration. This was a needed start especially after saying farewell to our PIC Sadie B. Mitchell earlier in the day. Praise and worship was definitely needed then and now.

Recognition of Dedicated Supporters

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Marco and Dorothy Kittrell for their steadfast support. Your unwavering commitment has been instrumental to our progress, and I am truly grateful for the encouragement and assistance you have consistently provided.

I also wish to recognize our newest daughter, Alta Hayes. Since joining in August 2025, Alta has distinguished herself as one of my court’s administrators. Her dedication and outstanding contributions have greatly benefited our court, and her efforts are sincerely appreciated. To the very excellent and efficient Mistress of Ceremonies 2lt Commandress Rockelle Woodard, thank you for taking on the task and keeping the audience motivated. To the Inaugural Committee Chair and Co-Chair and my Big Sisters PC Angela Tyson and HPIC Shari McCoy thank you and the committee for a job well done.

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Appreciation for Naomi No. 9 Chapter Members

To my Naomi No. 9 Chapter members, thank you for your continued support. Your steadfast encouragement and commitment have been invaluable to our collective progress. I deeply appreciate the dedication and camaraderie you consistently demonstrate, which strengthen the bonds within our chapter and contribute to our shared success. Your ongoing support inspires me and reinforces the unity that drives us forward together.

Key Themes and Inspirations

- Theme: Leading Change through Communication and Collaboration
- Scripture: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)
- Inspirational Hymn: This is the day the Lord has made.
- Song: So Glad – Christina Bell, I need your Glory – Ernest Pugh,
- Motto: Fixing Each Other's Crowns Throughout the Domain, One Daughter at a Time.
- Colors: Purple and Gold, accented with a touch of silver
- Favorite Flower: Purple Rose

Care for Members

Let us continue to remember our members who are sick or in distress. It is important for all of us to check on our fellow court members, reminding them they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Call to Action

Will the Divan and members of Mecca Court No. 2 please stand?

Closing Thoughts

In closing, I leave you with these words from 1 Corinthians 12:14: "Now the body is not made up of one part but of many." Indeed, the body is composed of many members. Let us strive to work together as one. Alone, I could do little, but together we can accomplish many great things.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you REAL GOOD.

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Interest Meeting

All Roads Lead to Mecca

Thursday, May 7, 2026 * 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

3015 4th Street NE, Washington, DC

Attire: Business Casual

- Fellowship
- Organization's History
- Imperial Court's Mission
- Membership Process
- Community Initiatives
- Questions & Answers
- Door Prizes

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1st Lieutenant Commandress

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