



# MECCAZETTE

## Newsletter



### Message from the Illustrious Commandress

It is always a pleasure to warmly welcome everyone. I am truly honored and deeply humbled to take on the role of the 118th Illustrious Commandress of the esteemed Mecca Court No. 2. I recognize the importance of this role and the substantial responsibilities it entails. With your invaluable support, I am dedicated to fulfilling my duties to the highest standard.

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our Meccazette Newsletter! We are thrilled to welcome you into our vibrant community of inquisitive thinkers and fervent visionaries. Our mission is to keep you not only informed but also inspired and deeply connected. As we journey through this remarkable year of excellence together, we'll deliver a thoughtfully curated array of the freshest news, enlightening insights, and captivating stories that ignite your curiosity and foster a true sense of belonging.

This edition of our newsletter is replete with valuable insights and thought-provoking information, meticulously curated to ensure that we remain both informed and engaged. My foremost objective is to establish open channels of communication and nurture a sense of unity within our Court, thereby fostering a profound sense of belonging and shared purpose among all members.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the members who have already volunteered their time, contributed generously, participated in our engaging fellowship, and attended various events and activities.

As we pursue our shared goals and dreams, my guiding principle for this year's theme is "Let Our Light Shine." Let us fully embrace this spirit of collaboration, paving the way for a truly remarkable year!

I hope you find our Court's newsletter both enjoyable and valuable. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Together, we can achieve great things.

Yours in the faith,  
HPIC Rosalie E. Powell  
*Illustrious Commandress*



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## Mecca Temple No.10



**Noble Andre Price**  
**Illustrious Potentate**



## Mecca Court No.2



**HPIC Rosalie E. Powell**  
**Illustrious Commandress**

It is with deep gratitude and immense pride that I embark on this journey alongside the Illustrious Noble Andre Price, Potentate of Mecca Temple No. 10.

As we step forward together, we are filled with enthusiasm to build upon the remarkable legacy crafted by our esteemed predecessors. Our mission is clear: to cultivate an even more vibrant and uplifting community, where every member feels valued and supported.

As we venture into what promises to be an extraordinary journey this Administrative year, let us hold firm to the unwavering belief that, guided by divine wisdom, there is no challenge too great for us to overcome. United in purpose, we harness an incredible strength and resilience that empowers us to face any trials that may come our way. Together, let us continue to uplift one another in prayer, forging a path toward greater unity and wisdom.





**MECCA COURT NO. 2**  
*Oasis of Washington*  
*Desert of the District of Columbia*



**Mecca Court No. 2 Invites You To Our**

# *Inaugural Program*

**HPIC Rosalie E. Powell**  
**118th Illustrious Commandress**

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**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**8:00 PM**

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**3015 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NE**  
**Washington, DC 20017**





I am excited about this amazing opportunity to collaborate with the distinguished members of the 2026 Mecca Court No. 2 Divan. Together, I envision a dynamic partnership where our collective insights and creativity will forge a path toward innovative solutions and remarkable achievements.



**MECCA COURT NO. 2**  
*Oasis of Washington*  
Desert of the District of Columbia  
**2026 DIVAN**

**HPIC ROSALIE E. POWELL**  
*118<sup>th</sup> Illustrious Commandress*

<b>Dt. SHELLY L. WALKER</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commandress</i>	<b>Dt. ROCKELLE R. WOODARD</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commandress</i>
<b>Dt. BARBRA POPE, HPC</b> <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>Dt. DEMETRICE PARKER-PHILLIPS</b> <i>Recordress</i>
<b>Dt. SHARAE A. SHARP</b> <i>High Priestess</i>	<b>Dt. LA'KISHA L. LACEY</b> <i>Oriental Guide</i>
<b>Dt. NICOLE CHAMBERLAIN</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Daughter</i>	<b>Dt. KELLI MCCOY-BURKETT</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Daughter</i>
<b>Dt. SHANNON SCARBORO</b> <i>Inside Spy</i>	<b>Dt. LISA FOUST</b> <i>Outside Spy</i>
<b>PC RHONDA STEWART</b> <i>Deputy for the Oasis</i>	

## Fixing each other's Crowns across the Domain

What a breathtakingly heartfelt ceremony, filled with poignant moments, as we lovingly fix each other's Crowns across the Domain. The air was alive with emotion, and every gesture resonated with deep connection and shared purpose.



*Photos By Thel Nelson*



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## Mayor Muriel Bowser's 12th Annual FITDC Fresh Start 5K



On Thursday, January 1, 2026, Mecca Temple No.10 and Court No.2 kicked off the new year strong by joining Mayor Muriel Bowser's 12th Annual FITDC Fresh Start 5K. This event brought together thousands of participants to run and walk across the

Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, marking the New Year with a focus on health and community. It was designed to promote fitness for people of all ages and skill levels within the Nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C. The event highlighted the importance of staying active and connected as a community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Michael Scarlett, Noble CR of Karnak Temple No. 230, for their unwavering support and dedication. Their commitment to showcasing the values and traditions of our Temple has been truly inspiring. The love and encouragement they consistently provide not only uplift our community but also strengthen the bonds among our members. Thank you, Michael, for your exemplary representation of Karnak Temple No. 230 and for being a beacon of positivity and leadership within our organization..

🌹 Thank you IC Rosalie Powell, the Daughters of Mecca Court No. 2, and the Nobles of Mecca Temple No. 10 for making this day a SUCCESS

🌟 New Year. Fresh Start. One DC. Mighty Mecca. 🌟 #fitdc



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## Buffalo Wild Wings for Mecca



I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the Daughters for making this year's gathering a remarkable success. The event at Buffalo Wild Wings for Mecca provided a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, enjoy each other's company, and strengthen our fellowship. The lively atmosphere, combined with delicious wings and great conversations, made for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter and camaraderie. Thank you all for your contributions and for enhancing the spirit of our gathering!



Dt. Angela B. Tyson, PC  
HPIC Shari McCoy



HPIC Rosalie E. Powell  
Illustrious Commandress  
with her beloved family

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## National Wreaths Across America Day



National Wreaths Across America Day is an annual occasion celebrated on a Saturday in December, typically the third Saturday of the month. On this day, volunteers honor fallen U.S. veterans by placing live balsam wreaths on their graves at Arlington National Cemetery and at numerous other sites across the country, at sea, and overseas. This heartfelt gesture serves to commemorate their service and sacrifices, remember their lives, and educate younger generations about the importance of freedom.

As a proud veteran, the momentum we've built together holds immense significance for me. It's heartening to stand alongside the Daughters and dedicated friends of Mecca Court No. 2, whose unwavering support and camaraderie truly illustrate the depth of love we share within our community. Their presence amplifies the spirit of unity and resilience that motivates us all, making this experience even more meaningful.

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## Matthew Memorial Baptist Church



On Sunday, January 11, 2026, the Oasis of Washington, Desert of the District of Columbia, kicked off the New Year with a heartfelt Church Service. The gathering took place at the historic Matthew Memorial Baptist Church, located at 2616 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE. This beloved Church, known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, often serves as a cornerstone for spiritual and community events. As the congregation came together, the air was filled with a sense of hope and renewal, embodying the spirit of the day and the promise of the year ahead. In all, there were 74 present, and 20 Daughters from Mecca.

Mecca Temple No. 10 generously contributed a significant monetary donation to support the Youth Ministry, demonstrating their commitment to nurturing the younger generation. The event also recognized the contributions of all four Temples and the three Courts, highlighting the collaborative efforts of the community. During the gathering, the Pastors delivered a deeply impactful sermon that resonated with attendees, providing insightful reflections and guidance that addressed the pressing needs of the congregation. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and purpose as everyone came together to uplift and inspire one another.



Nobles of  
Mecca Temple No.10



Daughters of  
Mecca Court No.2

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**WE REMEMBER**  
*Joan D. Campbell*

YOUR TRANSITION HAS TENDERLY TOUCHED OUR HEARTS AND LEFT A SACRED SPACE WITHIN THE TUWA FAMILY—ONE FILLED WITH LOVE, GRATITUDE, AND CHERISHED MEMORIES. YOU GAVE SO SELFLESSLY, LEADING WITH COMPASSION, GRACE, AND AN UNWAVERING DEVOTION.

WHILE WE MOURN YOUR PHYSICAL ABSENCE, WE ARE COMFORTED BY THE BEAUTIFUL LEGACY YOU LEAVE BEHIND—A LEGACY OF SERVICE, LOVE, AND LIGHT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE ON. YOU WILL FOREVER BE HELD CLOSE IN OUR HEARTS, HONORED WITH REVERENCE, AND MISSED BEYOND MEASURE.

REST PEACEFULLY, KNOWING YOU WERE DEEPLY LOVED, PROFOUNDLY APPRECIATED, AND WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

—THE DAUGHTERS OF TUWA COURT No. 210

**DT. JOAN D. CAMPBELL, PC (210)**  
**DEPUTY IMPERIAL COMMANDRESS**

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Dt. Joan D. Campbell, a cherished Deputy Imperial Commandress of Tuwa Court No. 210. She has returned to the embrace of the Lord, leaving behind a legacy of love and dedication. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Daughters who participated in the special memorial virtual service held by the Desert of Maryland.

This gathering allowed us to honor and celebrate the remarkable life and contributions of Dt. Campbell, who touched the hearts of many. Her warmth, guidance, and unwavering spirit will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

**"A Conglomerate Moment of Prayer"**

Join the Desert of Maryland in mindful prayer and meditation, as we lift our eyes to the hills, from whence cometh our help.

**Featuring a Memorial Moment for  
Dt. Joan D. Campbell (210)  
Deputy Imperial Commandress**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026  
5:00 PM– 6:00 PM EST**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<http://bit.ly/49hPx1P>

**Meeting ID: 857 9677 2310**  
**Passcode: 07703**

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". MATTHEW 5:4*

HPIP Anthony D. Thorpe (4), Imperial Deputy of the Desert, Desert of Maryland  
Dt. Nicole D. Dunn, PC (210), Imperial Deputy for the Desert, Desert of Maryland

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## Up Coming Events

**The Desert of Maryland**  
Presents  
**3rd Annual Desert First Ride**  
A Scholarship Fundraiser Event  
~We Party for a Purpose~

Donations  
**\$50**  
With associated fees

Awards for the following Categories  
Best Dress Temple  
Best Dress Court  
Best Riding (Nobles)  
Best Stroll (Daughters)  
Most Nobles (Temples)  
Most Daughters (Courts)

For Tickets copy & paste the link below:  
<http://2026mddesertfirstride.eventbrite.com/>

**01.03.2026**  
8pm - 12am

**Accokeek Firehouse**  
16111 Livingston Road  
Accokeek, Maryland 20607

Proceeds will go to the Desert of Maryland Scholarship Fund

HPIC Anthony "Da Dee" Thorpe (4)  
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Maryland

Mecca 10/2

**2026**

24 JANUARY

**"PULL-UP"**  
IMPROMPTU FELLOWSHIP

JASPERS  
9640 LOTTSFORD RD  
LARGO, MD  
5PM - 8PM

Mecca Court No. 2  
Oasis of Washington Desert of the District of Columbia

**A GO-GO GOSPEL EVENT**

Bringing in 2026 with a Go-Go Gospel Mix.  
In celebration of our 2026 Illustrious Commandress, HPIC Rosalie E. Powell

Featuring:  
**boe Body of Evidence Band**

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 7, 2026

VFW Post 9619  
6527 Suitland Rd,  
Morningside, MD 20746

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

TICKETS: **\$55**

<https://tinyurl.com/Mecca2GospelEvent2026>

For more information, please contact Dt. Sharae Sharp (Chair), 202-498-2625  
or Dt. Nicole Chamberlain (Co-Chair), 202-744-0406



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## Up Coming Events, Cont.

As we participate in a variety of events, activities, and community service projects, I want us to come together not just in spirit but also in our appearance. Coordinating our dress code will foster a sense of unity and cohesiveness, which reflects our commitment to our shared mission. If you can purchase any items, that would be great. If not, please don't let that discourage you from attending and enjoying our time together.

With that in mind, I'm excited to announce that our Attire Décor Committee has selected a specific outfit for us to wear during the upcoming Meet & Greet at Edfu Court No. 247. This carefully chosen ensemble is designed to highlight our collective identity and promote a professional image while ensuring that we all look polished and put-together. Let's make a memorable impression and showcase our unity through our coordinated attire!

If you can purchase any items, that would be great. If not, please don't let that discourage you from attending and enjoying our time together.

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Unit Price: \$49.94

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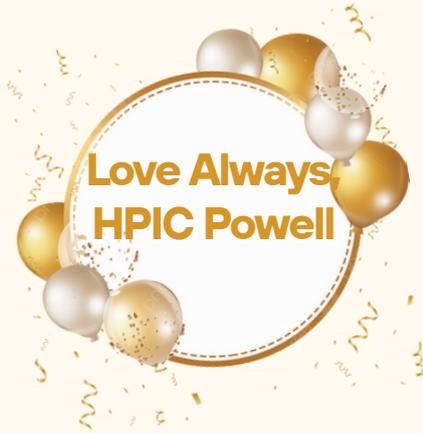
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5TH ANNUAL  
MEET & GREET:  
CAMO EDITION

FEBRUARY 20, 2026  
7:00 PM -12:00 AM

LENA MAE COMMUNITY SPACE,  
1915 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018

TICKETS: \$35.00 (PLUS \$2.89 FEE).



## *Mecca Court No. 2*

We extend heartfelt birthday wishes to everyone celebrating in January and February! On your special day, may you feel the warmth of love and joy surrounding you. We pray that the Lord showers you with blessings today and in the many years to come, filling your life with happiness, health, and unforgettable memories. Enjoy this time of celebration, and may this new year bring you closer to your dreams!



**Newsletter Co-Chairs:**  
**HPIC Elizabeth Howard**  
**Dt. Gerly Sapphire Harris, HPC**