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Mecca Court No. 2 Invites You To Our

Inaugural Program

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HPIC Rosalie E. Powell

118th Illustrious Commandress

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8:00 PM

3015 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017



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I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for the 118th Illustrious Commandress Inaugural Program. The energy in the room was absolutely amazing, filled with warmth and camaraderie. It truly touched my heart to see so many dedicated individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to come together and show their love and support. Your presence not only honored the occasion but also strengthened the connections we cherish. Thank you all for making this celebration so incredibly special!

Seeing the room filled with smiling faces, all radiating love and support, left a profound impression on me and made the event even more memorable.

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





Mecca Court Inaugural

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the committee for their unwavering dedication, hard work, and invaluable contributions. Your commitment to our mission has truly made a difference in the success of this program. Additionally, I want to extend my appreciation to the generous individuals who have made donations to support our initiatives.

Your contributions have been instrumental not only in funding our activities but also in inspiring us to strive for excellence in our efforts. We could not have achieved this without your support. Thank you all for being an integral part of this celebration and for playing a crucial role in our journey toward making a positive impact in the community!



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The evening commenced as the Daughters from Other Domains made their entrance at the Mecca Court No. 2 meeting. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as illustrious Commandresses, adorned in their ceremonial regalia, gathered alongside their distinguished Court members. Representatives from Karnak Court No.213, Edfu Court No.247, Jerusalem Court No.1, Hymyar No.97, and MISR No.193 filled the room. Each court brought with them a love donation, a token of goodwill and support, as well as thoughtful gifts for the 118th Illustrious Commandress HPIC Rosalie E. Powell.

The atmosphere buzzed with anticipation as the Nobles from Mecca Temple No.10 were the first to step into the elegantly decorated room, ready to partake in the Mecca Court No.2 118th Inaugural celebration.

Their presence marked the beginning of a significant evening. The Court Advisor, HPIP Quincy G. Gant, took the floor with a warm smile, introducing the esteemed Illustrious Potentate.



Following his lead, each member in attendance took turns introducing themselves, and proudly stating their titles.

The same occurred for Karnak Temple No. 230, ensuring that each introduction was filled with a sense of respect and acknowledgment. The cycle continued with the introduction of the Illustrious Potentate from Edfu Temple No. 267, further enriching the evening's spirit of unity. Thereafter, was the Illustrious Potentate from Tuwa Temple No. 228, who had a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the Daughter of the hour.

The program continued as the Court Advisor introduced the Noble Timothy Ames from

Jerusalem Temple No. 1, ensuring each introduction was met with warm applause and recognition from the attendees.

Serving as the Mistress of the Ceremony for the evening was none other than 2nd Lt. Commandress Dt. Rockelle Woodard took the stage. She introduced herself with poise and outlined the evening with protocol, ensuring that all attendees felt included and informed. She expressed appreciation for everyone's presence and created a welcoming, uplifting atmosphere that resonated throughout the room..

The evening's proceedings were spiritually anchored by an Invocation from Dt. Sharae Sharp, the High Priestess, who captivated the audience with Prayer.

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1st Lt Commandress Dt. Shelly Walker delivered a warm welcome that radiated kindness, encouragement, and unity. In response, the Illustrious Commandress Cassandra Townsend from Jerusalem Court No. 1 brought forth a thoughtful reply, with both daughters earning a well-deserved round of applause for their exceptional performances.

A particularly significant moment transpired during the presentation and dedication of the ceremonial gavel, curated by Noble Andre Price, the Illustrious Potentate of Mecca Temple No. 10, in collaboration with HPIP Marco Kittrell (10). This ceremony underscored the vital roles of leadership and unity within the court.

Illustrious Potentate Andre Price delivered a poignant address centered on the message of 1 John 4:21. His remarks highlighted the essential themes of love, unity, and the importance of faith in God. He articulated the profound responsibility of loving both God and one another, emphasizing that true love manifests through our actions and steadfast commitments. Andre's insights regarding purpose and service left a lasting impact, reminding all attendees of the imperative to lead with love, fairness, strength, and vision.

The evening was further elevated by a heartfelt and inspiring prayer delivered by HPIP Marco Kittrell (10),

dedicated specifically to the Illustrious Commandress and her administration. His eloquent words invoked a spirit of hope, dedication, and unity that resonated deeply throughout the gathering, setting a positive tone for the proceedings.

As the night unfolded, members and guests alike expressed their admiration and gratitude towards Illustrious Commandress Powell by showering her with a variety of thoughtful gifts. Vibrant bouquets of flowers, each representing different sentiments of goodwill, adorned the tables, and attendees offered words of encouragement that filled the air with warmth and appreciation. This outpouring of kindness fostered an atmosphere rich with camaraderie and mutual respect.

The room was alive with the enchanting melody of 'So Glad' by Christian Bell, a song that filled the hearts of all that



are present with joy and connected everyone on a deeper level. The uplifting notes created an ambiance of shared happiness, as smiles lit up the faces of attendees, reflecting the profound sense of community in the room.

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Building anticipation in the audience, Deputy Rhonda Stewart, PC, introduced Illustrious Commandress Powell for her Inaugural Address. The energy in the room was charged with excitement as everyone leaned in, eager to hear her words and the visions she would share for her administration.

With grace and authority, the 118th Illustrious Commandress, Rosalie E. Powell, HPIC, commenced her address by invoking the profound and timeless words of Psalm 29:2, which speaks to the power and majesty of the divine. This powerful opening immediately captivated the attention of all those gathered, creating an atmosphere of reverence and engagement.



In her eloquent speech, Illustrious Commandress Powell artfully laid out her ambitious vision and specific goals for the upcoming year. She stressed the vital importance of reconnecting with the foundational elements of their rich history, urging her audience to draw strength and inspiration from their storied past as they move forward. Her heartfelt address resonated deeply with the members, infused with motivational messages that ignited a sense of inspiration and resolve among her listeners.

Throughout her speech, she took intentional pauses to express her profound gratitude, recognizing and acknowledging specific individuals who had played pivotal roles in her personal and professional journey at Mecca Court. This moment of appreciation added a layer of sincerity to her address, highlighting the collaborative spirit and support that underpin their community. The audience was left not only inspired by her words but also reminded of the collective effort that strengthens their bonds and furthers their shared mission.

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In a motion filled with enthusiasm, Dt. Shelly Walker proposed that the inspiring and uplifting inaugural address be formally accepted and recognized with a rising vote of applause. This motion was seconded by PC Angela B. Tyson and HPIC Barbara Murray and passed quickly with overwhelming consensus.

The program continued with remarks from the Court Advisor, HPIP Quincy G. Gant, as well as contributions from Deputy Rhonda Stewart, PC, and Deputy HPIC G. Delores Ellerbe, further enriching the conversation and camaraderie among those gathered.



As the evening drew to a close, Dt. Sharae Sharp returned to bless the meal and deliver the benediction, inviting everyone to partake in the joyous camaraderie that characterized the evening.

At precisely 10:22 PM, the Inaugural Program gracefully concluded, leaving all attendees with a sense of fulfillment, renewed commitment to their community, and a profound connection that would carry forward beyond the night.

































