

Message from the Illustrious Commandress



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the latest edition of our newsletter. As the 118th Illustrious Commandress, I am thrilled to reflect on another excellent quarter filled with growth, achievement, and collaboration. This period has seen remarkable progress across our projects, a strengthening of our community spirit, and the successful launch of several new initiatives.

I want to convey my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication and enthusiasm. Your invaluable contributions and steadfast commitment have been the vital driving force behind our collective success. It is through our united efforts that we continue to set remarkable standards of excellence, pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve together.

Thank you for your support. Let's celebrate this quarter and achieve even greater milestones together.

Wishing you an inspiring read. In our History Corner section, you'll find a wealth of information that not only educates but also fosters a deeper understanding of the past.

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





The History of the Meccazette

During the administration of PC Zenetta Bates in 1994, a significant change occurred with the establishment of the Correspondence Assistant position. This innovative role was created with the intention of providing essential support to the Recordress. One of her goals was to have an Administrative Assistant to the Recordress read correspondence from other constituent courts and the Imperial Court, thereby relieving the Recordress and Assistant Recordress of their duties, allowing them to focus on more pressing administrative responsibilities.

Furthermore, PC Bates recognized the importance of communication within the Court, particularly for members who could not regularly attend meetings. To bridge this gap, she identified the need for a dedicated newsletter, which would serve as a vital link, keeping all Court members informed about the latest developments, events, and activities. This initiative was designed to foster a sense of community and engagement among members, ensuring that everyone remained connected to the vibrant life of the Court, regardless of their physical presence.

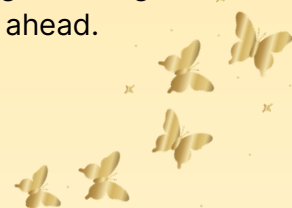
HPIC Marion E. Howard was appointed as the first Correspondent Assistant, and with her creativity, she launched a monthly newsletter known as the 'Meccazette.' This engaging publication ran from 1994 to 1998, showcasing the activities and updates at Mecca Court No. 2.

Then, in 1999, HPIC Elizabeth (Liz) L. Howard was appointed by PC Dianne Marshall Street as the Correspondent Assistant, and she then became the Editor-in-Chief for the Meccazette Newsletter. HPIC Liz had previously submitted an article to the Pyramid Magazine highlighting in 1987 PC Grace E. Vowels. This was particularly significant as it marked the first time Mecca Court had been spotlighted in the Pyramid Magazine in many years.

As Editor, HPIC Liz not only provided insightful content for the monthly newsletter but also diligently recorded the results of ballots on membership and elections. Her dedication was evident as she continued to single-handedly edit and publish the Meccazette for an impressive eleven years, until 2010. The newsletter became a beloved staple within Mecca Court, filled with highlights on membership, engaging puzzles, valuable health information, and recognition of members' noteworthy accomplishments in the Court.

The newsletter had long awaited a revival since 2010, and under the leadership of 118th Illustrious Commandress HPIC Rosalie E. Powell, this vision has finally come to fruition. With the valuable support of HPC Gerly Sapphire Harris, who is also the Co-Chair of the Meccazette Newsletter, IC HPIC Powell, is brimming with excitement about the Meccazette's reemergence. Both myself and HPC Sapphire, are dedicated to ensuring that this publication not only keeps members well-informed but also provides entertainment, promising a bright and engaging future for years ahead.

Fraternity Submitted,
HPIC Elizabeth L. Howard





A message of gratitude

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With heartfelt gratitude, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone who has shown kindness, support, and encouragement along the way. Life's journey is filled with both challenges and blessings, and it is often the people around us who make the greatest difference. Whether through a thoughtful word, a helping hand, a listening ear, or simply your presence, your support has meant more than words can fully express. It is a gift to be surrounded by individuals who inspire strength, compassion, and hope even during difficult times.

Gratitude is not only about recognizing the big moments, but also appreciating the everyday acts of care and generosity that often go unnoticed. I am deeply thankful for the shared experiences that continue to bring meaning and joy into my life. Each act of kindness has left a lasting impact and serves as a reminder of the power of community, love, and support.

As I reflect with appreciation, I am reminded that none of us walk this journey alone. Thank you for your unwavering encouragement, your patience, and your belief in me. May we all continue to extend grace, compassion, and gratitude to one another, making a difference in the lives of those around us each and every day.





History of Ann O. Winchester First Aid and Health

Mecca Court No. 2's First Aid and Health Committee had this name for several years. In essence, this is a report where we acknowledge and pray for our members who are sick and/or distressed, along with their family members.

The Committee is now called the Ann O. Winchester First Aid and Health Report.

Our beloved Dt. Ann O. Winchester joined Mecca Court No.2 in 2004 with several other sisters from Datcher Chapter No.7, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated.

Dt. Winchester, at some point, was appointed as Chairperson of the Committee. She took her position seriously and served with Fidelity. She made it a priority to call not only our sick and distressed members and their families.



She also reached out to our senior members, sent cards by mail, and reported on them at the Court Meeting every month.

Dt. Winchester took ill in February 2018 and went on to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. A few months later, the late HPIC Jane R.L. Robison placed a motion on the floor at our meeting to change the sickness and distress name to the Ann O. Winchester First Aid and Health Committee. Needless to say, the motion passed unanimously.

To God Be The Glory

Our beloved Dt. Ann O. Winchester has departed from this world, leaving an irreplaceable void in our hearts. Though she may no longer walk among us, her spirit and the memories we hold of her remarkable presence will forever linger. May her soul find eternal peace as we remember her with love and admiration.

In All Things Give Thanks,
PC Angela Tyson





WITH RESPECT, HONOR & GRATITUDE

Honoring the Life of
LT. MARCO F. KITTRELL
 (RET) MPD

MAN • FRIEND • BROTHER • FATHER • HUSBAND • GRANDFATHER

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
 Friday, May 22, 2026
 Viewing: 9:00 am
 Masonic Burial Ceremonies: 10:30 am
 Celebration of Life: 11:00 am

TENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
 1000 R St NW,
 Washington, DC 20001

FINAL RESTING PLACE:
 Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery
 11301 Crain Hwy,
 Cheltenham, MD 20623

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:
Precious Memories
 FUNERAL HOME, PA.
 2960 Technology Pl Ste 103
 Waldorf, MD 20601
 (240) 585-5214

His legacy of service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to others will never be forgotten.

In loving memory of a dear friend, mentor, and distinguished Noble HPIC, Marc Kittrell, whose presence brought light, laughter, and warmth into every life he touched. Your kindness, strength, and beautiful spirit will never be forgotten. Though you are no longer with us, the memories we shared and the love you gave continue to live on in our hearts. You taught us the true meaning of friendship, and your legacy will remain in the countless lives you inspired. Rest peacefully—you will always be deeply missed and forever cherished.



Joint Desert Conference

2026 Desert Conference of Courts of the District of Columbia
Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of
North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc., PHA
“A dedicated and committed Desert serving the community”

Friday, April 17, 2026, and Saturday, April 18, 2026



Crowne Plaza College Park
6400 Ivy Lane
Greenbelt, MD 20701



Illustrious Commandress HPIC Rosalie E. Powell (2)
presided over the ceremony

Mecca Court No.2
DFO Rhonda Stewart (2)

Karnak Court No.213
DFO Paula Sowell (213)

Edfu Court No.247
DFO Karen Robinson (247)

Allied and Concordant Bodies
were recognized by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert
HPIC G. Delores Ellerbe (2)

Those presents were:

Shelby Hill – HOJ

Elizabeth Howard

Regina T. Bolden-Woodard

Paula Sowell – V. Matron – Datcher Chapter No.7

Asya Heatley – Thornton A Jackson

Barbara Murray – State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler

Vickie McNair – Thelma J. Tyler State Grand

First Lady of the Desert, HPC Rose David

HPIC Patricia L. Young – Former IDD

PC E. Milla Jordan – Former IDD

HPIP Stalk Curry Jr.



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This Quarter

As we step into a new quarter—April, May, and June—we welcome a season of renewal, growth, and fresh opportunities. Spring invites us to reflect on the goals we set at the start of the year and refocus our energy on what truly matters. It's a time to embrace new ideas, strengthen connections, and build momentum for the months ahead. With longer days and a renewed sense of possibility, this quarter encourages us to move forward with purpose and optimism.

Throughout this season, we look forward to exciting initiatives, meaningful events, and continued progress within our community. From awareness campaigns and collaborative projects to moments of celebration and learning, there are many opportunities to stay engaged and make an impact. As we navigate this quarter together, let's remain inspired, supportive of one another, and committed to growth—both individually and collectively.



Events and Activities:

April 2026:

- April 2nd ~ AAFB Stuff the Egg
- April 16th ~ Desert Conference
- April 22nd ~ Divian Meeting & Leadership Training
- April 28th ~ Court Meeting

May 2026:

- May 1st ~ Military Spouse Appreciation
- May 14th ~ Court Meeting
- May 16th ~ Mecca Temple No.10 Fish Fry
- May 17th Thanksgiving Service & Fest of Isis
- May 18th – May 19th ~ Special Olympics
- May 23rd ~ Divine Meeting & Leadership Training
- May 29th ~ Lieutenants' Paint Party

June 2026:

- June 6th ~ NCHI Walk
- June 7th ~ Jubilee Day (Kemet Temple)
- June 10th ~ Central Kitchen
- June 20th ~ Divan Meeting & Leadership Training
- June 23rd ~ Court Meeting & Deputies Visit
- June 27th ~ Mecca Temple No.10 All White Party



Autism Awareness Month is observed every April, a tradition that began in the early 1970s when the Autism Society first launched National Autism Awareness Month in the United States to increase public understanding and support for individuals on the autism spectrum. Over time, it grew into a global movement, further amplified in 2007 when the United Nations established World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 to highlight the need for greater awareness, acceptance, and inclusion worldwide. The purpose behind its creation was to address widespread misconceptions, reduce stigma, and advocate for better resources, education, and opportunities for autistic individuals and their families. Today, the focus continues to evolve beyond awareness toward acceptance and appreciation, recognizing the diverse strengths and contributions of people with autism while promoting a more inclusive and supportive society.

You're invited to join us for a fun and creative Paint Party Fundraiser! Come enjoy an evening of art, laughter, and community as we paint, connect, and support a meaningful cause. No experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll provide all the supplies and guidance to help you create your own masterpiece. This special event is not only a chance to unwind and express yourself, but also an opportunity to make a difference, as all proceeds will go toward supporting our mission. Grab your friends and be part of a night filled with color, creativity, and purpose!

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

Presents
Lieutenants' Memorial Day Weekend

Paint Party!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/lieutenants-memorial-day-weekend-paint-party>

Friday, May 29, 2026 * 7:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm
619 Hampton Park Blvd, Capital Heights, MD 20743
Paint Supplies ~ Door Prizes ~ Vendors ~ Music ~ Cigars ~ Fun!
Food while it lasts.

\$45

POC: Dr. Shelly L. Walker - 1st Lt. - delta1star@gmail.com
Dr. Rockelle Woodard - 2nd Lt. - woodard0123@aol.com



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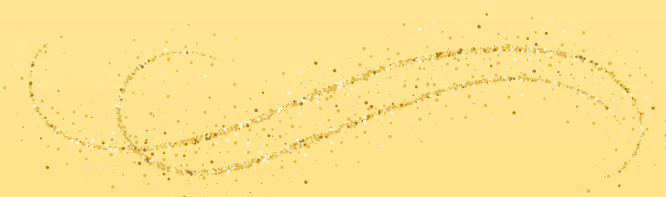
September 18th - 20th, 2026
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA 22311

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ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE
HPIC ROSALIE E. POWELL
ILLUSTRIOUS COMMANDRESS*



Daughters Word Search

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OSIRIS
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CONWAY
FEZZES

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EMPOWER
OUTREACH
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MENTORSHIP
RESEARCH



Happy Birthday

Mecca Court No. 2

Love Always,
HPIC Powell



Happy birthday to all who are celebrating in the beautiful spring months of April, May, and June! As you mark another year, may your days be filled with the warmth of love, the joy of laughter, and the comfort of family and friends gathered around you. This special time is a reminder of how much you are appreciated and the light you bring into the lives of others.

May this new chapter ahead be filled with abundant blessings, continued growth, and countless moments that bring you happiness and peace. Wishing you good health, exciting opportunities, and the courage to pursue your dreams with confidence. Celebrate wholeheartedly—you deserve it—and may the year ahead surprise you with even more reasons to smile. Take time to savor each moment and create memories that will last a lifetime.

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

