



The Imperial Council

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Illustrious Potentates
Illustrious Commandresses

Greeting to All in the Desert of Tennessee,

Nobles and Daughters the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is real and we need to take all precautions for our health and well-being. We must follow all Imperial Council, CDC, State and local recommendations and rules in the Desert of Tennessee. I am attaching correspondence from the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Medical and Imperial Legal Teams for your actions on this matter. For your protection I have already cancelled our Desert Conference for April 23-26, 2020. The Desert Staff has decided to go to Chattanooga, TN in 2021 if we are allowed to have our Desert Conference during that time.

The Desert of Tennessee will refund all monies we received. You can request your refund from the Desert Recorder, Noble John Pew and it will be returned to you by mail. Please provide your correct mailing address. Funds that are not requested to be returned will be credited for the year 2021 or future years.

I have been in contact with the Embassy Suites, Chattanooga, TN. At this time, you do not have to cancel your hotel reservations. The hotel staff has the technical abilities to save your reservations to a future date if you would prefer. If you have already cancelled and would like to reestablish your reservation call the hotel using Tennessee Shrine Conference to remake your reservation. The telephone number is 1-423-602-5100 or 1-800-EMBASSY.

We are in a constant changing environment with new rules and closings each day; Churches, Schools, Courts, etc. Please do your part with these changes and challenging world situations. I will keep in touch with the Imperial Council on the many questions that my staff had on our conference call last night. As I receive answers, I will communicate them to you. Stay prayerful and please remember this too shall pass in time.

Yours in Faith,
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