



# Meccazette



Auxiliary to the Imperial Court Daughters of Isis

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Mecca Court No. 2, Daughters of Isis

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## Imperial Deputies Visit Tonight!

### The Imperial Deputies Visit!

**T**onight the Imperial Deputy for the Desert Brenda R. Swanson and Imperial Deputy of the Oasis Jane Robinson-Levant will make their official visits to Mecca Court. Their original visit was postponed to this meeting. We will hear the reports which they submitted to the Imperial Commandress and they in turn will get to enjoy a program honoring them.

### Calendar of Events!

#### SEPTEMBER 2007

**25 - Mecca Court No. 2, Regular Meeting, Imperial Deputies Visit, 7:30 PM, Ballroom.**

29 - 9:00 AM, Occasional Meeting of the General Conference of Grand Courts LOCOP, Room 413.

29 - 1:00 PM, PC Meeting, Brent Dining Room

29 - MWPHGL & GTGC Joint Community Health Fair, 10 AM, Ballroom.

29 - MWPHGL Blood Drive

#### OCTOBER 2007

6 - GTGC Awards & Appreciation Banquet, 3:00 PM

6-9 United Supreme Council Annual Session, Jacksonville, FL

8 - COLUMBUS DAY - Holiday

12-13 Marie I. Smith Annual Conclave, Visitation on Saturday.

19 - MWGM Ball, Omni Shoreham Hotel, 7:30 PM, Donation: \$75.00.

21 - JD Consistory Divine Service, 4:00 PM.

21 - Mecca Court No. 2, Egyptian Fashion Show & Luncheon, 3:00 PM.

**23 - Mecca Court No. 2, Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ballroom.**

27 - PHFMESCF Annual Meeting, 1:00 PM, Ballroom.

### Black History Fact Today!

**I**n 1974, Barbara W. Hancock becomes the first African American woman to be named a White House Fellow.

### Good News and Other Blessings!

**A**t the Imperial Session in Charlotte, two of our Daughters received from the Imperial Commandress Charlie P. Albury, honors as Past Commandresses: *Barbara A. Clark* and *Imogene B. Stewart!* They joined daughters *Carolyn Hunter* and *Vivian Fowler* in receiving their honors. Congratulations to the newest members of the Past Commandresses group.

In addition a certain daughter received from the Deputy Imperial Commandress, Iris L. Moore an achievement as Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of the Year! Can you guess who that may be? It's our very own *PC Jane Robinson-Levant!* Congratulations to her as she will be tell us more about it tonight.

### Imperial Bicycle Department!

**D**t. *Rosalie E. Powell*, Bicycle Captain of Mecca Court No. 2, working with Noble Carl Jameson, Imperial Director of Bicycles is requesting all temples and courts to host on September 29, 2007, to coincide with National Health Day a Ride for Health Bicycle Ride. This fundraiser is two-fold, 1. To recruit more members to start new bicycle units in each Desert; and 2. To raise funds for each bicycle unit and to place additional funds in the Imperial Bicycle Department.

Dt. Powell is requesting each Desert to choose a Captain or Point of Contact to chair the fundraiser and to find a designated place to ride on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee will be \$20.00 which

will include a cap and tee-shirt. Please send back to both Imperial Director Jameson at [CJ6140@aol.com](mailto:CJ6140@aol.com) and Dt. Powell at [nyrose2000@hotmail.com](mailto:nyrose2000@hotmail.com) with the details of your Deserts efforts.

9. If possible, attempt to write down the license number of the vehicle and remember what the stranger looked like.

## **Your Health and Safety!**

*By HPIC Thelma J. Tyler*

### **Protecting Your Child From Molestation**

#### **Who is a Child Molester?**

It is very difficult to explain to a child who is the molester. It is also difficult to describe a child molester (what he or she looks like, where they can be found and why they hurt them). The word stranger may also be confusing because a stranger to many children may mean anyone except family members and friends. As parents, you must impress upon your child that harmful situations can occur almost anywhere. They must be taught to be aware of their surroundings and to approach uncommon situations with caution.

#### **Commitment by Parents**

The prevention of child molestation depends heavily on the parent's commitment to discuss the problem with their children. The approach must minimize fear and distrust. The parent must develop a loving trusting relationship that no matter what happens that the child is not afraid to confide in them.

#### **Specific Instructions Should be Given to Children**

Since either boys or girls may encounter a molester anywhere or anytime, vague warnings against strangers must be replaced with specific instructions. Even small children should be told that no one except a doctor or parent should touch their bodies with any intimacy. If anything inappropriate should happen involving your child parents must have the wisdom and courage to notify the proper authorities at once. Your child's future safety and well being must supercede your embarrassment or fear of reprisal.

#### **Points to Discuss with Your Child**

1. Refuse rides from strangers.
2. Avoid accepting candy or other gifts from strangers.
3. Refuse to go near a stranger's car who is asking for directions or other information.
4. Go straight home from school.
5. Always let your parents know where you are.
6. Avoid playing in deserted areas or around public rest rooms.
7. If anyone attempts to touch or grab you— run, scream and immediately tell your parents.
8. Teach your child that a police person is their friend and should be called upon for help whenever possible.

Take time to discuss the prevention tips with your child. The prevention of child molestation must become the concern of everyone. Be sure your child is taking the safest route home.

For additional information on child molestation, Contact the Youth Division on Child Abuse - 202/576-6762.

### **FOUR RULES TO LIVE BY**

**Drink, Steal, Swear, & Lie**

I was shaking my head 'no', but listened while he explained his four rules. So here they are:

1. "Drink" from the "everlasting cup" every day.
2. "Steal" a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.
3. "Swear" that you will be a better person today than yesterday.
4. And last, but not least, when you "lie" down at night, thank God you live in America and have freedom.

I am not as good as I should be; I am not as good as I could be; but THANK GOD, I am better than I used to be.

