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THE BRIDGE is a form of communication to enlighten and encourage our members.
2011 THEME: “Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)

A Message from the Illustrious Commandress



Greetings Nabbar Court #123
 I hope everyone has had the opportunity to settle in from our Imperial Session that was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Nabbar Court #123, DOI really showed the nation what we were all about.

My hat is off to all daughters who were able to attend and share the experience of our 100th Annual Imperial Session for the Daughters of Isis. Accolades go out to all units from Nabbar Court that participated in the various competitions held in Ohio.

Our accomplishments as a court were great, because of our commitment, dedication, hard work and togetherness. I thank you Nabbar Court for a job well done. I am so proud to be a part of this team.

Dt. Vernice Scott
 Illustrious Commandress
 Nabbar Court #123

Community Service

Community Service Team 1 and 2 have been hard at work this year. They have participated in numerous community service projects since our last issue. In April they went to Shoal Creek Park with the DeKalb County Board of Health, where they gave out health information, and had visitors to spin the healthy exercise wheel. The following daughters were in attendance: HPC Rita Esters, PC Thelma Ingram, Dt. Marian Hunter, and Dt. Shirley Cunningham.

On May 7th they went to the Aids Africa Walk and Health Fair. Daughters in attendance were: HPC Rita Esters, PC Jackie McCoy and Dts. Kiema Mosley, Vanette Jordan, Marian Hunter, Eleanor Gantt and Monica Jacks. On May 21st HPC Rita Esters went to visit PC Mary McLurkin and took her 2 baskets donated by the team and a card and check from the Court.



On July 2nd the Community Service Teams went to A.G. Rhodes Nursing home to play bingo with the residents. They gave out 25 gift bags and 4 gift baskets. Daughters in attendance were: HPC Rita Esters, Dt. Vanette Jordan, Dt. Gloria Parks and Dt. Vernelle McDaniel.



On July 23rd they volunteered at the Back to School Health Fair at South Dekalb Mall. The following daughters were in attendance: HPC Rita Esters, PC Thelma Ingram, PC Cheryl Thomas, Dt. Sherry Foster, Dt. Marian Hunter and Dt. Mary Boone.



On August 8th, 9th and 10th the Community Service Teams went to the United Methodist Church Children’s Home where they packaged their mail. Daughters in attendance were: HPC Rita Esters and Dts. Mary Boone and Shirley Cunningham.

Upcoming Events

- Carrie Steele Pitts Children’s Home September
- Atlanta Food Bank September 21
- Cancer Walk October 22
- Gateway Homeless Shelter November
- Unwrapped Christmas Toys Donation December

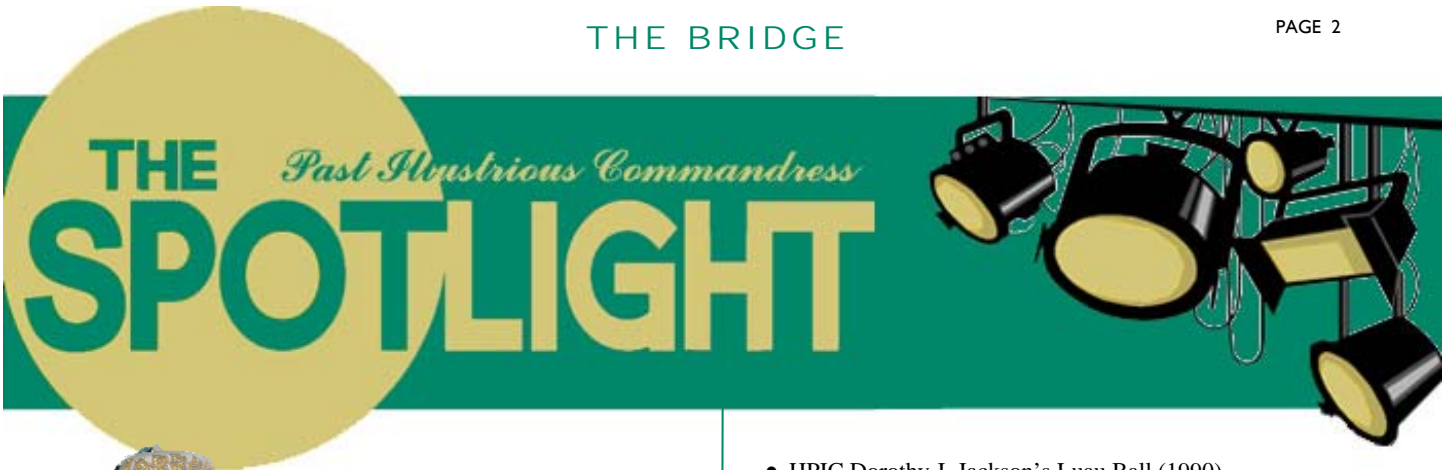
If you have not participated in any community service projects with Nabbar Court this year, please consider doing so. Please contact HPC Rita Esters or Dt. Mia Jackson if you are interested. They would love to have you in attendance. *Submitted by Dt. Pam M. Northern*

Teachable Moments
Don’t Be a Fool



Expecting snow in summer and rain in the dry season makes more sense than honoring a fool.
 Don’t make a fool of yourself by answering a fool. But if you answer any fool, show how foolish they are so they won’t feel smart.
 Where there is no fuel a fire goes out;
 Where there is no gossip arguments come to an end.
 Troublemakers start trouble, just as sparks and fuel start a fire.
 There is nothing so delicious as the taste of gossip! It melts in your mouth. *Proverbs 26*

HPC Brenda B. James
 Imperial Deputy of the Oasis



***A Tribute to Past
Illustrious Commandress
Mable Ray...our
Commandress Spotlight***

Mable Ray was born to the late Buren and Annie Mathis in Atlanta, Georgia at Grady Hospital. She is the youngest of 2 children. Mable has an older brother, Willie Mathis, who currently resides in Decatur. She has been a member of Paradise Baptist Church in Atlanta for over 50 years. She currently sings in the Sanctuary Choir and serves on the Trustee Board. Mable received

her education in the Atlanta Public School System and graduated in 1956 from L.J. Price High School. After graduation, she went on to attend Blayton School of Accounting, previously located on Auburn Avenue. She majored in Business Administration. Mable has one son, Garry Boykin, that currently resides in the Atlanta Metro area. He is a 32° Master Mason initiated into HR Butler Lodge No. 24.



Mable has 2 grandchildren, a grandson, Darren who is an Environmental Engineer and a granddaughter, Carmen, an attorney. Mable was married to the late Charles Ray. Mable worked for the Federal Government for the last 46 years. She started her Federal career with the Department of Defense (DOD) where she worked for 9 years and then went to General Services Administration (GSA) where she worked for 37 years until her retirement on July 2nd of this year.

Mable joined the Daughters of Isis in 1988 under the administration of Past Illustrious Commandress Ruth Stevenson. Mable initially became interested in the Daughters of Isis because her son, a 32° Master Mason, encouraged her to join. She was also approached by several members asking her to join. She had attended several Nabbar Court events and had a great time. She thought the Daughters of Isis was very exciting and that she could really enjoy being a member.

From 1988 to 1995, Dt. Ray sat in almost all of the line officer positions in the Court and served on most committees to include, but not limited to, Ways and Means, Feast of Isis and the Recruit, Retain, Reclaim committee. Dt. Ray chaired the following Nabbar Court events:

- HPIC Dorothy J. Jackson's Luau Ball (1990)
- PC Catherine Truitt's African/Egyptian Ball (1995)
- PC Thelma Ingram's Egyptian Ball (2004)

*This year Past Illustrious Commandress Ray co-chaired Illustrious Commandress Vernice Scott's African/Egyptian Ball.

Dt. Ray was elevated to Illustrious Commandress of Nabbar Court No. 123 in December 1995 and served as the 20th Illustrious Commandress. Some of the accomplishments of Nabbar Court under her reign were follows:

- Successful African/Egyptian Ball that raised over \$2000
- Homeless shelter visit and room remodeled
- Membership continued to increase
- Turkey give-away
- Attended Jubilee Day in Rome, GA
- Joint church visitation with the Nobles of Nabbar Temple #128
- Donated money to various charities



Illustrious Commandress Ray led her year with the theme "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me". With that theme in mind she was able to move Nabbar Court No. 123 to the next level.



Under the leadership of Deputy for the Desert Honorary Past Imperial Commandress Dorothy J. Jackson, Past Illustrious Commandress Ray chaired several Desert fundraisers to include an Egyptian picture give-away and Centennial Jacket sale. She also served on the Imperial Sally Berry Fashion Show Committee for numerous years and the Imperial United Negro College Fund Committee (UNCF).

Words of wisdom from Past Illustrious Commandress Ray to new daughters: "Stay out of cliques...have your own mind....do the right thing. Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

Past Illustrious Commandress Ray's personal goal for Nabbar Court No. 123: "I would like to see us go higher and higher each year. We need to be a team and just love each other".



Members of Nabbar Court #123 arrived in Cincinnati on Friday and Saturday by various modes of transportation. There were approximately 45 Daughters in attendance.

Although, Georgia had no one to be created during the Imperial Session, we were told that there were nine (9) created into the Daughters of Isis. The Joint Worship and Memorial Service on Sunday morning was very inspirational as Bishop Bobby Hilton spoke on "It's Your Thang."

The 2011 Egyptian Parade of Stars proved to be one of beautifully crafted designs. The theme for this event was "The Blue Nile." The highlight of the event was the various Egyptian headpieces. I would not want to have been a judge to choose from such well sewn headpieces. The event opened with a "gold man" to guard the Imperial Commandress. His skin was completely gold all over. It was Noble Ronnie Miller (Temple #228). After which, an array of colorful Egyptian hand sewn garments with headpieces adorned each contestant as they moved fashionably down the runway. Walking on to the beat of the drums of the Master Drummer, each contestant displayed poise, beauty and confidence. There were 16 courts and 6 temples represented. The winners were Dt. Greta A. Hill (PC/Minaret Court #154) and Noble LeRoy Douglas (Omar Temple #21). After the winners were chosen, Imperial Commandress Dt. Charlesena H. Smith congratulated them and all were given a round of applause for such an excellent event.



PC Dt. Greta A. Hill (Winner)
2011 Egyptian Parade of Stars
Minaret Court #154



Imperial Commandress
Dt. Charlesena H. Smith and
Egyptian Parade of Stars participants



On Monday morning we were all up bright and early to get a good seat for the 100th Imperial Court DOI opening and flag ceremony. The 100th Session was called to order by the officers and members of Sinai Court No. 35, and the flag ceremony was as usual the highlight of the opening and Georgia showed out in giving our representatives a grand welcome as they entered the room. Imperial Commandress Dt. Charlesena H. Smith made her grand entrance into the ballroom with "I Did It My Way" by Frank Sinatra.

During her annual address, the following honors were given to Nabbar Court. Dt. Dorothy J. Jackson was awarded "Daughter of Distinction" and Dt. Verlyn Smith was given the title Honorary Past Commandress. In the afternoon session, Nabbar Court was named "Court of the Year" and throughout the week, we were given allocades on the great job we did on creating Al-Karim Court No. 219 in June.

Nominations for officers were done and officers to be elected were Imperial Recordress, Imperial Outside Spy and Imperial Auditor. Our new Imperial Recordress is Dt. Lula Lang-Jeter, Imperial Outside Spy is Dt. Bridgett Archer and Imperial Auditor is Dt. Diane Soto.

Also during this session, there were several constitutional changes voted upon, which all passed. Look for communication on these changes.

Nabbar Court No. 123 was very visible in Cincinnati, participating in Chantress competition, Equestrienne, Clowns and Bicycle.



Awards received were 1st Place – Chantresses; 1st Place Inspection, 2nd Place Overall Unit and 3rd Place Best Dressed-Equestrienne; 2nd Place Clown Costume and 3rd Place Clown Makeup and the Bicycle Unit made history as the first Female Bicycle Unit to be in competition and our Commandress received "Commandress of the Year" award. The following daughters were recognized during a Generational ceremony - PC Joyce Coleman, HPC Doris Hamilton and Dt. Tamara St. Germaine.



Ursula Hines Botts Education Scholarship Department- Connecting Links for Scholarships 2011 presenting the Sally Berry Fashion Show "An Outburst of Color" was held Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel – Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Imperial Court Ursula Hines Botts Education Scholarship Program is a major outreach initiative of the Imperial Court Daughters of Isis. Due to generous donations from Daughters across the domain, they are able to provide scholarships to deserving young people.

The scholarship program and fashion show were well attended by well over five-hundred daughters, with several from Nabbar. The room was absolutely magnificent. While we were entertained by the latest's fashions; we dined on roasted chicken breast, snow peas and red roasted potatoes followed by a dessert of raspberry cheese cake.

You don't want to miss this event in New Orleans 2012.

On Wednesday, August 17, 2011, the Charlie P. Albury Golden Years Mentoring Annual Luncheon was held from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Attending the luncheon from Nabbar Court #123 were HPC Barbara Perkins, HPC Sara Frazier, PC Mable Ray and PC Ruth Stevenson. HPCs Verlyn Smith and Sharon Lane were invited, also. The Golden Years Mentoring Committee was so impressed with the large number of collected items from Nabbar Court #123 (123 each of razors, t-shirts, deodorants and socks) that Nabbar Court #123 was recognized during the program for this accomplishment. Dt. Sharon Coleman (PC/#35) was the speaker. She spoke on high blood pressure and diabetes. It was very informative. The collected items were donated to a nursing home in Ohio.



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The daughters of Nabbar Court #123 had their annual repast at noon time on Wednesday, August 17th in the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The daughters showed their commitment and support by attending the repast in mass numbers dressed in the color red. There was great fellowship and harmony among the daughters as the Illustrious Commandress, Dt. Vernice Scott thanked the daughters for the support and contributions to the Court that led to the recognition of awards and accolades at this year's session. Dt. Scott invited comments from the Imperial Deputy for the Desert, Dt. Dorothy J. Jackson, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Atlanta, Dt. Brenda James, Past Commandresses and Daughters who would like to speak positive sentiments on behalf of our beloved court. The fellowship and the great food left us with great energy and confidence as we prepared to attend the Imperial Parade.



It was a beautiful clear Wednesday in Cincinnati as members of Nabbar Court #123 waited patiently anticipating the arrival of our history making Bike Unit, our funny Clown Unit and our best dressed Equestrienne Team with our Georgia flags in hand. The parade was well attended as the daughters, nobles and spectators lined the streets of 5th Street. The Cincinnati's Police Department Motor Cycle Unit performed a special routine as they opened the Imperial Parade. Our Imperial Potentate and Imperial Commandress followed along with their perspective divans, courts and temples followed along the parade route. The parade was very enjoyable and our units looked great!



On Thursday, Aug. 18th, the Installation of the new Officers was well attended. Daughters, Nobles and guests witnessed as Dt. Charlesena Smith was robed as a Past Imperial Commandress and Dt. Ruth M. Ellerbe, Abubekr Court No. 74, was crowned the 43rd Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis. After the installation, Imperial Commandress, Dt. Ellerbe closed the 100th Imperial Court Daughters of Isis Session by having each Daughter join hands and formed a circle around the ballroom.



The Imperial Potentate / Commandress Ball was well attended.

Submitted by HPC S. Diane White, HPC Sharon Lane, Dt. Timolin Jefferson, and Dt. Karyn Bailey

**Committee Highlight
Playing the "Name Game"
Nabbar 123 Clown Unit**



"Sunshine", "Lasha", "Cup Cake" and "Lady Sunshine" all have something in common. Any guesses? Well, it's a story behind their clown names. Clowns are meant to be funny and entertaining. A clown is a buffoon or jester who entertains by jokes, antics, and/or tricks. Our clowns are very funny, unique and have interesting stories behind their "clown names". Let's take a moment to meet our very own Nabbar #123 Clown Unit:

Sunshine (Dt. Tina Huston) Prior to becoming a daughter I did amateur clowning for businesses, waving at passing cars, passing candy out at my friends children birthday parties. Because I was suppose to brighten people's day, I got the name Sunshine. So joining the Clown Unit was my calling. I enjoy bringing smiles to children and adults alike. I feel I was meant to be a clown because *I always enjoy doing it.*

Lasha (Dt. Jackie McCoy, PC) I got the name when Dt. Linda James bought her dog, Piper. Piper had the longest eyelashes I'd ever seen on a dog and people say I have very long eyelashes as well. I decided to roll with the clown name "Lasha".

Lady Sunshine (Dt. Sarah Malone) When we first started trying to obtain permission for Daughters to be clowns, I took on the name of "Bubbles" because I like bubbles as they are easy to entertain with. I later took on a second name due to a statement made on my job. One day I had to work in Administration, the Director of Social Services (Mark) walked out of his office and said "Well! Good morning Sunshine!, What is your name?" The way he said it was very special. I knew then that would be my second name. I told Mark that he had provided me with my second clown name. However, after finding out that we have a Daughter with a clown name Sunshine, I just added Lady to my Sunshine to respect her.

Cup Cake (Dt. Pat Miller) It began with my thinking of something everyone could identify with. A color (pink) that had many hues and could be represented by a variety of costumes and props were also a deciding factor. Becoming a clown is an opportunity to make children and adults laugh out loud and immediately forget about their everyday cares. It is also an opportunity to tap into my entertaining alter ego. Just to mention of my name, "Cup Cake" to people and they immediately begin to laugh. Being in costume brings even more smiles and laughter. A clown transcends all languages....It is a universal language all on its own...*A clown needs no introduction!*

Our Nabbar #123 Clown Unit in preparation for Imperial Session in Cincinnati has been meeting to sharpen their makeup application techniques and tighten their clowning skills in hopes of showing off for the crowd and having fun.



This year Nabbar Court created 11 Daughters. We will get to know our new members a little better by taking a small glimpse into their everyday lives. We will find out their interest outside of the Masonic Order.

Dt. Brandi Davis is no stranger to service. Dt. Davis serves her church as a member of liturgical dance team with the Mount Zion Baptist Church Dance Ministry. Although she has no children of her own, she serves her community helping children succeed; in ways of mentoring, teaching and coaching. Dt. Davis comes from a huge family, 13 uncles and 6 aunts. (Created June 2011)

Dt. Nicolette Gordon is a lover of adventures, she is an outdoors-woman. Dt. Gordon loves football and white water rafting. She has travelled to Europe and spent a month in Greece; in the near future Dt. Gordon plans to spend time in Scotland. Another interesting thing about Dt. Gordon, she sits on the GA Tech Alumni Association Board. (Created April 2011)

Dt. Patricia Langford loves singing and dancing. She is retired from Pepsi Company and is currently a City Council Member for the City of East Point when she has been for 15 years. A member of Ruth Chapter No. 102 since 2008. (created June 2011)

Dt. Renee McIver a Firefighter for Spaulding County for 4 years. She is one of the 2 African-American Female Firefighters in the Department. When Dt. McIver is not putting out fires she is doing what she loves the most, she calls it her passion, coaching cheerleaders and dancers at the local park in Griffin. Dt. McIver's favorite place to be at the beach. (created February 2011)

Dt. Sadie Murphy (created April 2011)

Dt. Pandora Payne is a woman of nostalgia; she loves to watch westerns, her most favorite western movie is Tombstone, she is a habitual reader of DC/Marvel comics and comic books. When Dt. Payne is not drawing super-heroes, she is in the kitchen baking cakes from scratch and preparing ethnic and American dishes. (Created June 2011)

Dt. Claudia Raymond was introduced to us as a "clown". Dt Raymond was involved in Court activities long before she became a Daughter, dressing up in costumes and clown wear, mimicking her husband, Noble Ricky Raymond. Dt. Raymond is a grandmother of 2, a 4 and 2 year old. She loves shoes and loves to have fun and hang out with good people. (Created February 2011)

Dt. Odette Simmons (created February 2011)

Dt. Beverly Stephens brings to us, a sophisticated palate; she is studying at La Cordon Bleu culinary school, where she is maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Dt Stephens will graduate in December. Dt. Stephen recently purchased a new home. Congratulations Dt. Stephens on all your future endeavor. (Created February 2011)

Dt. Takiyah Welch came to us still on her honeymoon. Dt. Welch is newly married and new to Atlanta, by way of New Jersey. Dt Welch is a graduate of the Art Institute of Philadelphia and self-employed freelance web designer. Her company **Best Kept Secrets Entertainment** is in partnership with the YWCA across America to launch the Rise Up Against Domestic Violence compilation album, a collection of positive songs benefiting the YWCA's domestic violence initiative. Check out her website which she designed. www.riseupworld.com. (Created February 2011)

Dt. Sacarshela Williams the book worm of the bunch. Dt. Williams is an avid reader, she reads 2 to 3 books at a time; she enjoys crossword puzzle(s) because they put her in a relaxed state. Dt. Williams is employed by Wellstar Home Medical Equipment. She is the one to call for your insurance coverage questions. (Created February 2011)

Submitted by Dt. Linda James



Kudos to Outstanding Daughters on their Accomplishments!



Dt. Felicia Atkinson has passed the Certified Forensic Accounting exam. Forensic accountants are professionals who use a unique blend of education and experience to apply accounting, auditing, and investigative skills to uncover truth, form legal opinions, and assist in investigations. Dt. Atkinson was also elected as one of two Congressional District County Representatives.



Dt. Semba Brittain was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal on September 2 as a board member of Service and Volunteerism for the State of Georgia. Congratulations on being selected!



HPIC Dorothy J. Jackson was awarded "Daughter of Distinction". The award was presented during the Imperial Commandress' Address, and given by the Imperial Commandress Charlesena H. Smith.



Dt. Linda James' daughter Bria has been awarded a band scholarship at Benedict College in Columbia, SC. Bria is a freshman and the only female in the trombone section of the "Band of Distinction".



Dt. Timolin Jefferson was selected in June as a Consumer Reviewer for the Department of Defense (DOD) for the Breast Cancer Research Program for 2011. DOD makes funds available to scientist around the world with the overall goal of promoting innovative, integrated, research efforts that will focus on such areas as treatment and intervention and prevention measures in diagnosis and genetics. As a Peer Reviewer Dt. Jefferson will be assigned to work with a panel of scientist and act as a breast cancer expert, she will be traveling to Washington, DC in mid October for the panel session.



Dt. Pandora Payne's eldest son David J. Washington received a full athletic scholarship to Hinds College, Raymond, MS. After one year at Hinds College, David will attend the University of Kentucky in Lexington with a full football scholarship.



PC Mable Ray retired on July 2nd after 46 years of service with the Federal Government. Dt. Ray worked for the Department of General Services Administration (GSA) as a Contracting Officer.



Dt. Verlyn J. Smith was awarded her Honorary Past Commandress Degree in recognition of her hard-work and dedication to the Daughters of Isis. The award was presented during the Imperial Commandress' Address, and given by the Imperial Commandress Charlesena H. Smith.



PC Mary Surry received her Actual Past Commandress degree at the 100th Imperial Session in Cincinnati. Thank you PC Surry for all of your hard work and dedication as Nabbar Court's 2010 Illustrious Commandress.

Submitted by Dt. Linda James

Nabbar Temple Potentate's Ball July 29-30, 2011 Sheraton Gateway Hotel

Nabbar Temple #128 celebrated its Potentate Ball in grand style, with hospitality on Friday afternoon, dance at the Grand East, cookout on Saturday afternoon, ball and a breakfast hospitality. The ball was well attended by Nobles and Daughters throughout the domain and Past Imperial Potentate Oliver Washington was in attendance. The presentation of Illustrious Potentate Mario Eury was one of a kind on Saturday and was enjoyed by all. The Daughters of Nabbar Court #123 were well represented at all events.

Submitted by Dt. Deitra Duncan

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The chair of the Clown Unit, Dt. Sara Malone, shared enthusiastically that the daughters were approved for the Clowns Unit by Past Imperial Commandress, Dt. Iris Moore. The Clown Unit was introduced at the 2009 Imperial Session during the parade in Atlanta, Georgia. "I think we really surprised her", says Dt. Sara Malone. The clowns reached the reviewing stand and Imperial Commandress Dt. Iris Moore stood up with a smile and said "Those are my girls, my Daughters". To hear her say that was a sign that she was really pleased, says Dt. Sara Malone.

Dt. Sara Malone would like to give her thanks to Dt. Susan Gibson, PC, Dt. Brenda James, HPC (Deputy of the Oasis), Illustrious Commandress Vernice Scott, and Noble Victor Lee (Advisor for the Daughters) for their support. She would like to give a special thanks to the Deputy for the Desert, Dorothy J. Jackson, PC, Noble Harry Prince (Imperial Director of Clowns) and Dt. Diana Cody (Imperial Directress of Clowns)

Keep your eye on Nabbar #123 Clown Unit! They are clowning around with great clown names, fun and games! Please remember their major goal is to make your day with a SMILE ☺.

Submitted by Dt. Timolin Jefferson

Committee Highlight
Capturing Nabbar's Memories
Photography Committee

Lights! Camera! Action! Is the mood that is established when our Photography Team is on the scene. Click! Click! Snap! Snap! There goes the flash and behind the commotion is HPC Verlyn Smith making our court look simply fabulous on film. "We are always ready to capture the court activities", says HPC Verlyn Smith. The team has also compiled photo albums of the Thanksgiving Service, the African-Egyptian Ball and Nabbar's Creation of Al-Karim just to name a few.



The Photography Committee made special album presentations to Illustrious Commandress; Dt. Vernice Scott, The Deputy for the Desert of Georgia, HPIC Dorothy Jackson, The Deputy of the Oasis of Atlanta, HPC Brenda James and committee chairs, Dt. Sherry Foster and Dt. Mary Watts.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

Dt. Verlyn Smith, Chairperson

Dt. Mia J. Jackson, Dt. Veronica Cook, Dt. Bridgette Cox, Dt. Theresa Hill, Dt. Priscilla Hurston, and Dt. Felicia Atkinson.

Submitted by Dt. Timolin Jefferson

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Past Illustrious Commandress Ray's Motto: "You praise the bridge that carried you safely across"

Past Illustrious Commandress Ray's Favorite Scripture: I Corinthians 12:26 "And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

Past Illustrious Commandress Mable Ray, a faithful member of Nabbar Court No. 123 for the past 23 years, has received several Desert Awards from Deputy for the Desert Honorary Past Imperial Commandress Dorothy J. Jackson and numerous awards from Illustrious Commandresses throughout the years. It has truly been an honor and pleasure to spotlight Past Illustrious Commandress Mable Ray. Nabbar Court #123 thanks you for your leadership, guidance and service.

Submitted by Dt. Pam Northern

Voter Registration and Education



The Voter Registration and Education Committee held a Voter Registration Drive on Saturday June 4 from 9 am until 12 noon at the Wal-Mart in Union City. They had a table set up at each entrance to the store. Between the two tables they registered 5 people to vote and gave out several applications for people to fill out and mail in later. They also distributed informative brochures on the importance of not only registering to vote, but actually going to the polls and voting. The following daughters were in attendance: Dts. Monica Jacks, Susie Parker, Eleanor Gantt, Denise Mundy, Charlene Maupins, Anissa Bain, Linda James, Pam Northern, HPC S. Diane White, PC Jackie McCoy, Deputy of the Oasis Brenda James and Illustrious Commandress Vernice Scott. HPC Verlyn Smith of the Photography Committee took photos at this event. (See photos below)



Submitted by Dt. Pam M. Northern

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The pre-registration is \$30.00 with a deadline of October 7, 2011. If you would like to register through the Court, please bring your registration of \$30.00 to the September 10th meeting.

Creation of Al-Karim Court No. 219

Talking about "Doing Something! Nabbar Court # 123 did just that once again with making "Creation History" 3 + 99 Daughters strong.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we could pull this creation off", said Deputy of the Oasis for Atlanta, HPC Brenda James, who feverishly instructed the daughters of Nabbar Court # 123 who volunteered their time on June 23rd to make sure the Court was on track for this historic event. The court has created hundreds of daughters confidently in the past but was focused more about how logistically they would maneuver 102 potential daughters efficiently and orderly during the ceremony. The court collaborated as a team, stormed for the best ideas, created a cohesive plan and implemented *flawlessly* on June 25, 2011 making "Creation History".



The ritualistic opening was just magnificent and accomplished with proficiency by our Divan III Commandress, Dt. Vernice Scott, 2nd Lt. Commandress, Dt. Sherry Foster, 1st Lt. Commandress, Dt. Denise Mundy, High Priest, Dt. Mary Watts, and Oriental Guide, Dt. Cynthia Lee. Our Marshals and Ceremonial Daughters led the potential daughters into the ceremony 10 ladies at a time. Nabbar Court #123 was honored to host the elite in the Oasis of Atlanta with the presence of our Imperial Officers, Imperial Commandress, Dt. Charlesena H. Smith (73), Imperial Directress, Dt. Anne C. Smith (17), Dt. Symira J Parks (126), Wihelmina L. Means Creation Dept, Imperial Directress, Dt. Carmem Parks (44), Artemisa J. Junier Archive & History Department; who made this creation over the top and an event that we all would remember for many years to come. We also had daughters hail from Macon, Augusta and Columbus to witness this historic event.

"To be a part of the Creation for Al-Karim Court was a once in a life time experience for me Nabbar Court #123, DOI performed the ceremony in an excellent manner which made me very proud to be the Illustrious Commandress for such a wonderful group of Daughters." My interaction, with the

Imperial Commandress, Dt. Charlesena H. Smith, Imperial Potentate, Noble Donald R. Parks and other Imperial officers, is an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I know that I was in the position that many Commandresses will never have the opportunity to experience", said Illustrious Commandress, Dt. Vernice Scott.

Newly created daughters of Nabbar Court # 123, Dt. Pandora Carreker Payne, Dt. Brandi Davis and Dt. Patricia Langford led the processional gracefully into the sanctuary as 99 daughters of Al-Karim Court followed them down the aisle. All in white regalia, significant of the Daughters of Isis, each carrying their new fezzes in hand proudly they marched. The newly created daughters were escorted by Marshals, HPC S. Diane White and HPC Rita Esters. The capping ceremony with the assistance of Nabbar Court #123 was beautifully completed as each daughter was proud to represent their respective courts. It was pure, white and simply marvelous as you looked out amongst the audience of 102 newly created daughters who were emphatically named "The Dorothy J. Jackson Class of 2011".

The excitement of newly created daughters of "The Dorothy J. Jackson Class of 2011" was like a burst of sunshine that illuminated the room. The new daughter's congratulated each other in excitement and ease as their journey had ended. They walked around the sanctuary with smiles and comfort. "As a newly created Daughter of Isis of Al-Karim Court #219, Oasis of Newnan, the Desert of Georgia. I appreciate the hard work and exemplary efforts exhibited by Nabbar's Creation Team. They answered the call of proficiency...BEAUTIFULLY!" said Dt. Marcia Brown. The vibe in the room was intense and resolved. The sentiment among the daughters was commonly expressed by many others as this is an historic moment. "It was an exciting experience to be a part of the creation. It was well organized. We were guided from step to step. The creation was a smooth process. I'm also happy that Nabbar Court #123 received accolades from the Imperial Commandress and so many other people. This sealed my decision to petition with a historic court. It's a great pleasure to be in a court with the Deputy of the Oasis of Atlanta and with the Deputy for the Desert of Georgia", said Dt. Pandora Carreker Payne.

Congratulations, Nabbar Court #123 on a job well done! Magnitude over attitude, making history creating 3+ 99 daughters strong. That's what makes Nabbar Court # 123 trailblazers in everything they do.

Illustrious Commandress Vernice Scott would like to send a special thanks to the Deputy for the Desert, HPIC Dorothy J. Jackson for the opportunity given to Nabbar Court #123.

Submitted by: Dt. Timolin Jefferson

EDUCATION CORNER

What's the Hype about Private School versus Charter School versus Public School

Private schools, also known as nonstate schools are not administered by local, state or national governments; thus, they retain the right to select their students and are funded in whole or in part by charging their students' tuition. However, one of the more positive things about private school is the low student to teacher ratio, small class sizes and services, such as libraries, science laboratories and computers. But the majority of private schools aren't set up to provide to children who qualify for special education.

Public School is completely state and federal funded. State education is generally available to all. The funding for state schools, on the other hand, is provided by tax revenues, so that even individuals who do not attend school (or whose dependents do not attend school) help to ensure that society is educated. For the most part, all teachers will hold some type of certificate in some content area, but not necessary a certified teacher. It is also fair to say that public school provides the best special education services to children from the age of 3 to 21 regardless of their disability.

Charter schools get the best of both worlds sometimes. They are schools that receive public money (and like other schools, may also receive private donations) but are not subject to some of the rules, regulations, and statutes that apply to other public schools in exchange for some type of accountability for producing certain results, which are set forth in each school's charter. Some charter schools are opened and attended by choice. While charter schools provide an alternative to other public schools, they are part of the public education system and are not allowed to charge tuition. Some charter schools are founded by teachers, parents, or activists who feel restricted by traditional public schools. But most of all, not always restricted to a certain zone with your city limit or county.

Well there you have it, regardless of what form of education you provide for your child, there are truly more options than one may think.

Submitted by Dt. Deitra Duncan



TIME CAPSULE LAUNCHING AND DEDICATION OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
May 22, 2011 – Memphis, TN



The launching of the DOI Time Capsule and Dedication of the DOI National Headquarters was a wonderful weekend. There were Daughters and Nobles across the domain to witness this historical event. The time capsule was sealed and placed in the Archives Department of Howard University for the next 25 years, at which time it will be opened. In attendance were eleven (11) Daughters from the Desert of Georgia, to include three (3) from Nabbar, Deputy Dorothy Jackson, Deputy Brenda James and HPC S. Diane White.



Submitted by HPC S. Diane White

Nabbar Court attends Jubilee Day with Nabbar Temple

Members of Nabbar Court #123 fellowshiped with Nabbar Temple to help them kick-off their Jubilee Day celebration. The Temple's annual Friends and Family Cook-out was held on Saturday June 4th at Coan Park in the Kirkwood area of East Atlanta. The festivities were well attended and fun-filled. The celebration carried on to Sunday as Nabbar Court attended Emmaus Rd Baptist Church along with the nobility of Nabbar Temple. There were nearly 20 Daughters in attendance. The Jubilee Day Celebration was a chance for Daughters and Nobles to fellowship and worship together. Illustrious Commandress Scott brought greetings to the congregation on behalf of Nabbar Court.



Submitted by Dt. Linda James

2011 GOLDEN YEARS MENTORING PROJECT
A.G. RHODES NURSING HOME
May 26 , 2011

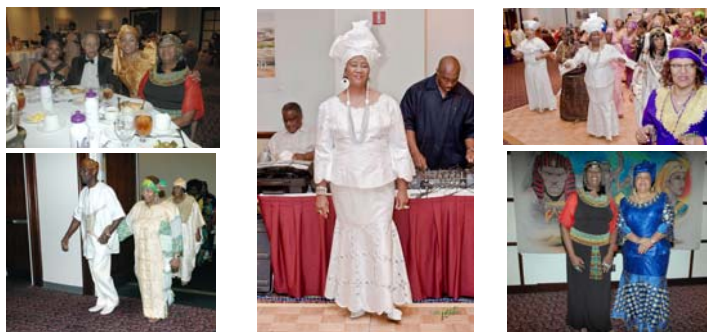
Nabbar Court #123 is always out in the community supporting various causes and projects. Nabbar Court #123 was tasked to choose two volunteers to do a Golden Years Mentoring project by PIC Charlie P. Albury. HPC Verlyn Smith was chosen as the Chair and HPC Sharon Lane as Co-Chair. Any Daughter that wanted to participate could. They were also tasked to collect from each member specific items to be brought to the Imperial Session to be given to a nursing home and develop a project going to a nursing home in the local area. A.G. Rhodes Nursing Home was selected. The theme was "Spirituality and Religion." A "Songs of Praise" program was coordinated for the residents with Ms. Vanessa Johnson/Activities Director. Three members of the Chantresses (PC Susan Gibson, HPC Sharon Lane and Dt. Keima Mosely) volunteered to sing various songs to uplift the residents. Other Daughters attending were Ill. Commandress Vernice Scott, PC Mary Surry, and Dts. Veronica Cook, Theresa Hill, Mia Jackson and Bambi Hayes. Upon introduction of our Court to the residents present, the program began with favorite songs and hymns enjoyed by all. The residents were so excited, they joined in the singing. Bibles were passed out to the residents and a presentation was made to Ms. Johnson. She stated how much she and the residents present enjoyed Nabbar Court #123 for bringing such a great program to the facility and look forward to our return. Illustrious Commandress Vernice Scott gave remarks and concluded the program with a spirit-filled prayer.



Submitted by HPC Sharon Lane

African –Egyptian Extravaganza
"An Enchanting Evening of Essence"
 Sheraton Gateway Hotel
 June 18, 2011

The ballroom of the Sheraton Gateway Hotel was glamorously decorated with white and gold linen and the members and guest beautifully adorned in African and Egyptian attire. It was truly "An Enchanting Evening of Essence."



Submitted by HPC S. Diane White

Health Awareness CANCER PREVENTION

The number of new cancer cases can be reduced, and many cancer deaths can be prevented. Research shows that screening for cervical and colorectal cancers as recommended helps prevent these diseases by finding precancerous lesions so they can be treated before they become cancerous. Screening for cervical, colorectal, and breast cancers also help find these diseases at an early, often highly treatable stage. Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers free or low-cost mammograms and Pap-tests nationwide and free or low-cost colorectal cancer screening in 25 states and four tribes. CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) provides breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women across the United States.

The NBCCEDP programs offer the following services for eligible women in your area:

- Clinical breast examinations
- Mammograms
- Pap tests
- Pelvic examinations
- Diagnostic testing if results are abnormal
- Referrals to treatment



You may be eligible for free or low-cost screenings if you meet these qualifications –

- You are between 40 and 64 years of age for breast cancer screening.
- You are between 18 and 64 years of age for cervical cancer screening.
- You have no insurance, or your insurance does not cover screening exams.
- Your yearly income is at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.

Breast Cancer: Women between 50 and 74 years old should get mammograms every two years. Those under 50 should talk with their provider about when they should be screened.

Cervical Cancer: Women should get their first Pap test within three years of the first time they have sex or at age 21 (whichever happens first) and continue screening at least every three years.

Retrieved August 25, 2011 from <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcp/prvention/>

Submitted by Dt. Karyn Bailey (Health & Awareness Committee)

'11 CALENDAR Through December 2011



1st Annual Past Potentate's Ball
Saturday, Sept. 17 @ 7pm
Marriott Decatur Conference Center
130 Clairmont Ave, Decatur
Tickets \$35.00 proceeds to benefit Prostate Cancer

- Sept 24 Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Sept. 25 Church Visitation -
Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
- Sept TBA Girls & Boys Home School Supply Donation
- Sept 29-Oct 1 .. PH Shriners Diabetes Football Classic
Tallahassee, FL
- Oct 22..... Cancer Walk
- Oct 29..... Nabbar Temple Halloween Party
- Nov 4-5 Desert Planning Meeting - Augusta, GA
- Nov 20..... Church Visitation - Providence Baptist Church
- Nov TBA..... Gateway Shelter
- Dec 10..... Court Elections
- Dec 10..... Holiday Social - Teamsters Union Hall
- Dec TBA Annual Toy Drive

Submitted by HPC Dt. S. Diane White

Sick and Distress Report May - September, 2011

Only God

*At times like these
man is helpless.....
it is only God
who can speak the words
that calms the seas,
still the wind,
and ease the pain.....
so lean on Him
and you will never walk alone.*

Helen Steiner Rice



Daughter who Suffered Loss of a Family Member

Dt. Karyn Bailey	PC Attawa Childres
Dt. Bambi Hayes	HPIC Dorothy Jackson
Dt. Mia Jackson	PC Cheryl Thomas
Dt. Rhonda Simpson	Dt. Yolanda Sykes

Daughters with Illnesses / Hospitalized

HPC Geraldine Andrews	Dt. Felecia Atkinson
Dt. Veronica Cook	HPC Rita Esters
Dt. Bambi Hayes	Dt. Crystal Lockhart
PC Mary McLurkin	HPC Sarah Frazier
Dt. Odette Simmons	

Daughters with Illnesses without Hospitalization

Dt. Eleanor Gannt	Dt. Priscilla Hurston
Dt. Sacarshela Williams	

Daughters with Illnesses in their Families

Dt. Deitra Duncan	HPC Doris Hamilton
Dt. Theresa Hill	Dt. Monica Jacks
Dt. Mia Jackson	Dt. Sacarshela Williams



We ask that you keep our members lifted in prayer as they continue to progress through these stressful times. Submitted by Dt. Timolin Jefferson

Thanksgiving Service & Feast of Isis

2011 Thanksgiving Service and Feast of Isis was held on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Prince Hall Grand East, 7340 Old National Hwy, Riverdale, GA.



A Note from the Newsletter Committee

The Bridge

PC Attawa J. Childres, Chairperson
HPC S. Diane White, Co-Chairperson



Dt. Bailey Dt. Duncan Dt. Jefferson Dt. James HPC Lane Dt. Northern

We are pleased to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are excited about the opportunity to provide you with information and inspiration throughout the year. We hope you enjoy this issue of "The Bridge." Our goal is to inform, inspire, and uplift each of you.