

WELCOME TO THE DESERT OF WISCONSIN



2025

PP Shawn A. James, Sr. (70) Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Wisconsin

PC Pamela Holmes (36) Imperial Deputy for the Desert of Wisconsin



ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, OHIO, WISCONSIN

To All Nobles and Daughters throughout the Domain:

Greetings,

We are happy to announce that the Imperial Deputies of/for the Deserts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin are hosting a Joint Gala Days Celebration. This event is being hosted by the Desert of Wisconsin. Gala Days will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, through Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, 375 South Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005. There will be events held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, for those looking to arrive early.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, 375 South Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005. Hotel room rates are \$149.00 per night/per room plus tax for a King or Double. When making reservations please call the hotel directly at (262) 364-1100 or the Hotel Link to Group Rate - [Regional Gala Day 2025](#). Reservations must be made under the name/block "Joint Gala 2025". All hotel reservations must be made no later than April 30, 2025, to receive the Joint Gala Day room rate. Reservations require a credit card deposit of \$149.00 plus taxes and fees for one night which will be charged to your card. If you wish to cancel, please do so by **May 1, 2025**, to avoid cancellation penalties.

- [Click Here to Book Room](#)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Regular Registration: \$150 per person (Eventbrite) includes kit or and banquet ticket)

Dec 1st - May 1st at 11:59 p.m. CST [Midwest Regional Gala Days 2025](#)

There will be no on-site registration. Cancellations will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

We will not allow switching of names on registration after deadline!

SOUVENIR JOURNAL:

To commemorate this special event, we are providing a virtual Souvenir Journal and would like you and the businesses in your area to express best wishes by purchasing an ad. Deadline for ads is May 1, 2025, please view the attached form in the packet. **(The souvenir booklet will be DIGITAL)**

VENDORS:

Vendors (clothing, jewelry, goods, etc.) are needed. Deadline for vendors is May 1, 2025.

Please view the attached form in the packet.

2025 MIDWEST REGIONAL GALA SHIRTS:

Midwest Regional Gala Day Shirts will be available for purchase. More information is forthcoming.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- The Community Outreach Committee is collecting diabetic socks for the “Stomping Out Diabetes; One Foot at a Time” Drive. The socks will be donated to local nursing homes throughout the Desert of Wisconsin. Please bring as many diabetic socks as possible to Gala Days. A trophy will be awarded to the Desert that donates the most socks.
- Monetary donations are also being accepted for the other community outreach initiatives within the Desert of Wisconsin. A check will be presented to the chosen non-profit organization.

During the 2025 Midwest Regional Gala Days other events will occur such as: Workshops, Memorial Service, Public Meeting, Banquet, Jubilee Day Service, Spades Tournament, Golfing, Roller Skating, Game Day, etc.

To register for Gala Days, purchase a souvenir journal ad, and/or participate in the Bowling event, Spades Tournament, Roller Skating, Golfing, etc., you may pay via Eventbrite:

[Midwest Regional Days Gals 2025](#)

The 2025 Midwest Regional Gala Days Committee would like to express our thanks to you in advance for your registration, participation, and support.

Fraternally Yours,

PP Micah E. Tharpe (70)
General Chairperson

Dt. DeAnna Tharpe (130)
Co-Chairperson

PP Shawn A. James, Sr. (70)
Imperial Deputy of the Desert of
Wisconsin

PC Pamela Holmes (36)
Imperial Deputy for the Desert of
Wisconsin

Included in the Packet

- Registration Itinerary
- Souvenir Journal Ad Contract
- Vendor Contract
- 2025 MWRGD Itinerary
- Contract Information & Deadline Reminder
- Flyers



Registration Form

Regular Registration Deadline: May 1, 2025

You may also register online at: [Midwest Regional Gala Days 2025](#)

☐ **Noble**

☐ **Daughter**

Full Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Type: Choose One

E-mail:

Title:

Temple/Court Name:

No.

Desert:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Registration (includes kit + 1 banquet ticket)	\$ 150.00		
Additional Banquet Ticket	\$ 75.00		
Golf Outing Fri., May 30, 2025	\$ 75.00		
Golf Outing: Sponsor a Hole (name signage) Fri., May 30, 2025	\$100.00		
Gala Glide Sat., May 31, 2025	\$ 25.00		
Spades Tournament Sat., May 31, 2025	\$30.00		
Charitable Donation	\$ 20.00		
TOTAL			

☐ **CHECK HERE IF REQUESTING A VEGETARIAN MEAL FOR THE BANQUET**



Virtual Souvenir Journal Contract

Deadline for Ads: May 1, 2025

You may also pay online at: [Midwest Regional Gala Days 2025](#)

I authorize the 2025 Souvenir Journal Committee to publish the designated _____ virtual Ad for the 2025 Midwest Regional Gala Days. I understand that my Ad will be published per specifications listed below, and I have enclosed my payment. I further understand that failure to provide payment prior to the due date will cause my Ad to not be published in the 2025 Souvenir Journal.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

	Full Page	\$50.00
	Patrons Ad	\$10.00

Please adhere to the following guidelines for your souvenir journal ad:

1. Email souvenir journal submissions to: mwgd2025@gmail.com
2. Please be sure all names and titles are spelled correctly
3. All electronic ads must be of JPG or PNG format
4. Polaroid, laser-printed, inkjet, or xerox will **NOT** be accepted nor returned
5. \$25 fee for ad creation (customization) if needed



Vendor Contract

Deadline for Vendors: May 1, 2025

You may also pay online at: [Midwest Regional Gala Days 2025](#)

Greetings,

The 2025 Midwest Regional Gala Days will commence on Friday, May 30, 2025, conclude on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, 375 South Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005.

The vendor fee is \$200.00 per table (two chairs included) for three (3) days. \$50 for each additional table. The vendors hours will be as follows

Business Name:			
Contact Person:		Vendor Hours	
Business Address:		Fri., May 30	10 a.m. until 10 p.m.
City, State, Zip:		Sat., May 31	10 a.m. until 10 p.m.
Cell Number:		Sun., June 1	10 a.m. until noon
Email:			
Trade Goods:			

As a condition of your vendor contract, you hereby consent and warrant to the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc. that you will not use allocated space for any unlawful purpose except those within the guidelines as stated.

The Desert of Wisconsin, the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc. nor the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel will assume responsibility or liability for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. ***All vendors will be responsible for unloading and loading of their products as well as setup and breakdown. The Desert of Wisconsin will not assume any liability for Nobles, Daughters or hotel staff assisting vendors.***

For accountability purposes, all conference vendors must check in with the Vendor Committee, prior to setting up booths.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

(A more detailed itinerary will be provided as we get closer to Gala Days)

TOPIC	TIME	ATTIRE	LOCATION
Thursday, May 29			
Registration	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Diabetic Sock Collection	5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Hospitality	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Friday, May 30			
Registration	12 noon - 6 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Vendors	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Diabetic Sock Collection	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Wreath Laying Ceremony PIC Gwendolyn C. Thompson #130	11 AM- 12 PM	Regaled	Glen Oaks Cemetery 4530 N. Green Bay Road Milwaukee, WI 53209
Golf Outing	8:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.	-	New Berlin
Nobles Meeting	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Regaled	Sheraton
Daughters Meeting	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Regaled	Sheraton
Break	4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	-	
Joint Meeting, Queens' Contest & Presentations	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Regaled	Sheraton
Karaoke Contest	9 p.m. - 11 p.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Hospitality	11 p.m. - 1 a.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Saturday, May 31			
Registration	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Vendors	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Diabetic Sock Collection	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Nobles Workshop	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Daughters Workshop	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Regaled	Sheraton
CCW Training CPR Training	12 noon - 4 p.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Spades Tournament	1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Gala Glide (Skate Party)	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Casual	Waukesha Skate Land 1931 E. Main Street Waukesha, WI 53186
Wisconsin Derby Deputies Gala Edition	6:00 p.m., doors open 7:00 p.m., program	Derby Themed	Sheraton
Hospitality	11 pm until 1 a.m.	Casual	Sheraton
Sunday, June 1			
Vendors	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	-	Sheraton
Memorial Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Regaled	Sheraton
Jubilee Service	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Regaled	Sheraton

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REMINDER OF DEADLINES

TOPIC	DATE
Registration	May 1, 2025
Souvenir Journal Ads	May 1, 2025
Vendors	May 1, 2025
Golf Outing	May 1, 2025
Gala Glide	May 1, 2025
Spades Tournament	May 1, 2025

CONTACT INFORMATION

	CHAIRPERSONS	PHONE	EMAIL
General Information	Micah E. Tharpe DeAnna Tharpe	(334) 657-5626 (414) 213-7255	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Registration	Glenn A. Mathews Nicole Griffin	(414) 617-9464 (414) 759-4088	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Souvenir Journal	Marcel A. Clarke DeAnna Fields	(414) 737-6340 (262) 930-5734	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Vendors	Minor King II Kimberly Watts-Howell	(414) 248-2113 (414) 840-8804	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Karaoke Contest	Marcel A. Clarke Bernadette Cole	(414) 737-6340 (608) 469-5958	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Golfing	Marcel A. Clarke Bernadette Cole	(414) 737-6340 (608) 469-5958	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Gala Glide	Marcel A. Clarke Bernadette Cole	(414) 737-6340 (608) 469-5958	mwgd2025@gmail.com
Spades Tournament	Lashonda Harrell	(414) 202-4894	mwgd2025@gmail.com

MIDWEST REGIONAL JOINT GALA DAYS

GOLF GALA



Please contact PP Marcel A. Clarke for more info @ 414-737-6340

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

PROJECTED START AT 8 AM

\$75.00 PER GOLFER

**NEW BERLIN HILLS GOLF COURSE
13175 W. GRAHAM STREET
NEW BERLIN, WI 53151**

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MIDWEST REGIONAL JOINT GALA DAYS

PRESENTS



**MAY
30th
9:00PM**

KARAOKE NIGHT

HOSTED BY

THE DESERT OF WISCONSIN

HIP HOP . JAZZ . ROCK . BLUES . COUNTRY . R & B

This event is FREE for all Gala Days Registered Guest

SHERATON MILWAUKEE BROOKFIELD

Please contact PC Bernadette Cole for additional info @ 608-469-5958

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MIDWEST REGIONAL JOINT GALA DAYS

GALA GLIDE



**Saturday
May 31st
3:30-5:30 PM**



**\$25
Includes skate
rental and
transportation**

**Waukesha Skateland
1931 E. Main Street
Waukesha, WI 53186**

**Please contact PC Bernadette Cole
@ 608-469-5958 for additional info**



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MIDWEST REGIONAL JOINT GALA DAYS

SPADES TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MAY 31st
SHERATON MILWAUKEE BROOKFIELD

Team Entry: \$30

PRIZES - FOOD - DRINKS

For additional info please contact Dt. Lashonda Harrell at 414-202-4894



Wisconsin DERBY DEPUTIES GALA EDITION

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST AT SHERATON MILWAUKEE BROOKFIELD

Cocktail Hour 6 PM | Dinner 7 PM



Preferred Attire: Derby Themed

For more details contact PP Micah E. Tharpe (70) General Chairperson at 334-657-5626

or Dt. DeAnna Tharpe (130) Co-Chairperson at 414-213-7255



Midwest Regional Joint Gala Days



STOMPING OUT DIABETES

ONE FOOT AT A TIME



Sock donations will be
distributed to local nursing
home and homeless shelters
throughout the Desert of
Wisconsin



Contact Noble Isaias Ortiz

414-975-9637