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From the Editor

Greetings,

We are already a month into the year 2013, and the Nobles and Daughters of Texas began the year by traveling to Tyler, Texas for our Desert of Texas

Annual Workshop. Congratulations to all the newly and re-elected Potentates and Commandresses. Let's make 2013 the best year for the Desert. I ask all Temples and Courts to submit articles/photos of their activities to the *Texas Desert Traveler*. It is an honor to present the fourth edition of your *Texas Desert Traveler*. This publication provides our Temples, Courts and individual members the opportunity to showcase their activities within the Desert. It additionally serves as a communication vehicle to inform our membership and the communities in which we serve. I ask all Temples, Courts, Nobles, and Daughters to submit your stories and photos to the *Texas Desert Traveler*.

Fraternally,

Noble Burrell D. Parmer
Desert Public Relations Director

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P.P. Timothy Boone

Message from the Deputy

Greetings,

2012 was a great year for the Desert of Texas. We stepped out of our comfort zones and did some phenomenal things! Past Potentate Anthony Davis had a great run for Imperial Outer Guard, we had a membership drive that saw our numbers increase 44% over 2011. We re-adopted the Desert Workshop and the response has been tremendous. As a Desert, we've embrace the Imperial Initiatives and our programs are a welcome sight in our communities.

Where do we go from here? We must fine tune our plans by reevaluating the positives and truly understand the negatives; to make sure we don't make the same mistakes that we made along the way. We must continue to add Nobles to our committees who might not have the skill level to do what you just did. But by exposing them to the right way of doing things, they become more productive Temple members because of the training they received on your committee. I will forever believe that the best way to say on top is by sharing information.

We started out the New Year full speed ahead. The workshop in Tyler, Texas was a huge success. I'm very grateful to those who attended and I've heard nothing but compliments about the workshop.

If we are to continue this success, we must have a plan and work our plan. We must constantly be looking for ways to better ourselves and our programs. I'm challenging each Past Potentate in the Temples to become a mentor for one of the Line Officers. If you truly care about what happens to your Temple, I know you will step up to this challenge!

Gala Days are around the corner, I need everyone to register and make their hotel reservations at the host hotel. By doing so, we are able to maximize our dollar and build the Shrine Brand. All the information on Gala Days can be found on the Desert website at www.desertoftexas.org.

If you have not been notified, this is my last year as Deputy of the Desert of Texas. I'm asking all Nobles to come and support the Desert of Texas on my farewell tour. Being the Deputy of the Desert has been a great experience and one that I will always treasure.

A special thanks to all those who have mentored and encouraged me along the way, I will never forget the lessons-learned, good or bad, and the positive guidance you have passed my way.

Fraternally,

Tim Boone



H.P.I.C.
Anna M. Harris-Howell

Message from the Deputy

Greetings,

A new year is here and it is time to step up our game in the Desert of Texas. We had great success during the year of 2012 and I'm looking for even greater things to take place for 2013.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every Daughter in the Desert of Texas for all their hard work and dedication for the past year. If you did not do anything maybe someone who did will inspire you to step up to the plate.

A little word of wisdom: "Remember it is not about me, it is about us".

When you give respect, you will get respect, this is good to remember when you step into a leadership position and most of all "What God has for you is for you." And no one can take it away from you. Some may try but always put your best foot forward and do the best you can for the organization and in all you do, you will succeed.

We just finish our 2nd Annual Desert Workshop and it was great, not as many as last year attended but we did have over 60 Daughters registered. So that was great. Not only was the workshop received well, but we also met with the Aqaba Isis Club of Tyler, Texas after the workshop. The club was formed in May 2012 and they are highly motivated and ready to become Daughters of Isis. So the weekend was great from all aspects.

We look forward to some new programs for Gala Days, a "Think Pink Reception" and acknowledgement of our military members of the Desert, Active, Retired, Reserve, National Guard, from all branches.

I can't wait to see the great sight of men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving our country coming together to be honored. These are just two of our great programs that we are adding for Gala Days and they are worthy of being presented.

As we venture into the New Year we need to reclaim our old members and recruit some new members. It's time to grow in the Desert of Texas and the Daughters of Isis, and we can. We belong to a great organization and we need to show it to others, this will encourage others to come and join ranks with us.

Fraternally,

Anna M. Harris-Howell

Elected Desert Officers (Nobles)



P.P. Burnell White, Jr.
Chief Rabban



P.P. Derec Thomas
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P.P. Malachi Dews
1st Ceremonial Master



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2nd Ceremonial Master



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Captain of the Guard



P.P. Leroy Scott
Outer Guard



P.P. Robert Hicks
Auditor



P.P. Norman Thomas
Auditor



P.P. C.W. Bankston
Auditor

Nobles, Daughters come to Tyler for Workshop



Story and photos by:
Noble Robert McNair (45)

TYLER, Texas - Nobles and Daughters of the Desert of Texas gathered in the Rose Capital of the city to conduct their annual 2013

Gala Days Workshop. Jan. 18 – 19.

They were greeted on Friday evening with a hospitality hosted by the Desert, whereby Nobles and Daughters alternated in preparing and serving refreshments.

On Saturday morning, the workshop was officially opened by Deputies of and for the Desert of Texas, Past Potentate Tim Boone and Hon. Past Imperial Commandress Anna Harris-Howell.

The agenda consisted of subject matters to include but not limited to dress of Nobles and Daughters, protocol at official functions and balls, the connection between Nobles and Daughters, and the upcoming Desert Conference of Gala Days in Austin.

Later that morning, a joint luncheon was conducted. After lunch, meetings resumed and subjects for the Nobles were presented. Dep. Boone presented Imperial Certificates of Appointments, i.e.; Clown Union, Motor Patrol, etc., and he also opened up the meeting for question and answers on concerns of the Nobles.

In the Daughters meetings, the Dep. Harris-Howell discussed issues like receiving volunteers for Public Relations, IT Department, establishing a Mentoring Program





for the Golden Years, the Youth, and the Diabetes Initiative Program.

Another subject discussed was a joint endeavor with the Nobility for a Military Veterans Program and "Think Pink" a Breast Cancer Awareness Reception.

Additionally, Dep. Boone announced and appointed Noble Robert B. McNair as the New Desert of Texas Photographer.

Later that night, the Desert sponsored a "Grown and Sexy Black Party" and all turned out wearing black attire and the function was a success.

The next morning, all members of the Nobility and Daughters disbursed, and the members of the Desert Divan had an after action review of the past weekend and the upcoming Gala Days.



Aqaba Isis Club of Tyler, Texas



Leaders of the Prince Hall Fraternity join Together in Nation's Capitol



Sovereign Grand Commander Solomon Wallace (A.A.S.R., N.J.), Sovereign Grand Commander Deary Vaughn (A.A.S.R., S.J.), Imperial Potentate Homer Buchanan (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.), Grand Master John T. Doles Sr. (M.W.P.H.G.L. of D.C.), and Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis (M.W.P.H.G.L. of TX and President, C.O.G.M.) stand behind the Congressional Induction Class of 2013 (lt-rt): Bro. Donovan Lambert, 33°; Bro. Junior Curtis; Bro. Kenneth Allen, 33°, Bro. Isiah Thomas 33°, Bro. Ray Anderson, Jr. 33°, Bro. Dr. Farrah Gray 33°, Hon. Bro. Joe Armstrong 33°, Bro. Joe Harris 33°; and Bro. Rex Edrington 33° at the U.S. Capitol Meeting Room North, Jan. 22.

Story by: Noble Burrell Parmer (106)
 Photos courtesy of:
 Noble Dr. L. Ken Collins II

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The top leaders of the Prince Hall Fraternity: Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, Inc.; United Supreme Councils, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions; Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; Conference of Grand Masters, Inc.; and the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Texas, and Oklahoma participated in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Jan. 22.

According to Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis (Texas), President of the Grand Masters Conference, he along with the two Sovereign Grand Commanders, and the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar were extended invitations from Imperial Potentate Homer Buchanan of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. to attend and stand in solidarity with him at the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

"This was a historical event in several ways. It has been 40 years since a Prince Hall Body has had the privilege of performing in such an honored event," said G.M. Curtis. "Secondly, it occurred on

the day after President Barak Obama's inauguration and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It was gracious of Imp. Potentate Buchanan to extend the invitation to all the Prince Hall Bodies."

According to Imp. Potentate Buchanan, the event was a step to dispel the rumored splintered relationship between the Shrine, Supreme Councils and Prince Hall Conference of Grand Masters.

Additionally, Imp. Potentate Buchanan sent invitations to the Grand Master of Virginia, the General Conference Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, and the General Conference Grand High Priest.

G.M. Curtis applauded Imp. Po-



Photo by: Bro. Donovan Lambert

G.M. Doles grips Noble Isiah Thomas after his induction to Prince Hall Freemasonry and Shrinedom at the U.S. Capitol, Jan. 22.

tentate Buchanan's sincere effort to mend the splintered relationship between the Shrine and Prince Hall solidarity.

"I truly believe that we all are trying to work toward that end," said G.M. Curtis.

"I have said it many times before, I am a proud Freemason and also a Shriner," said Imp. Potentate Buchanan. "Both unique bodies are sovereign in their own right and govern their appropriate membership separately. However, I encourage each and every Noble to remain financially active and participate in their local Lodges."

G.M. Curtis agrees with Imp. Potentate Buchanan's statement on sovereignty of the unique bodies and their right to govern their membership separately.

"There is no reason why we can't maintain a collaborative working relationship between the Prince

Hall Bodies," said G.M. Curtis. "That relationship starts with mutual respect for the leadership of the Prince Hall Bodies and I truly believe that we have that respect, friendship and Brotherly Love. I feel good about the future relationship of Prince Hall Freemasonry and Prince Hall Shrinedom."

At the conclusion of the Wreath Laying Ceremony, the leaders traveled to the U.S. Capitol where G.M. John T. Doles Sr. of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia opened an Occasional Lodge and caused several Brothers to be made "Masons at Site". After which, several Master Masons were elevated to the 32 Degree (A.A.S.R.) and several brothers were Created Grand Inspector Generals (33rd Degree Masons) which after they were Created Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

"While we know that as social trends have changed and membership in Fraternal Orders such as ours have declined, we find it essential to remember those members who have gone on before us," said Imp. Potentate Buchanan. "Each time we put on our fez and hear the Star Spangled Banner, we feel a sense of pride knowing somewhere our Brothers served and protected our Nation with the ultimate sacrifice."





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Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Inc.
Austin, Texas



Theme: "Ain't No Stoppin' Us.....Were on the Move...2013"

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Tools for School Giveaway



Medji Temple spreads Magic, Christmas Cheer

Story by: Noble Robert B. McNair (45)

FORT WORTH - Nobles of Medji Temple No. 45 gave back to the community of the Carville Housing Projects by spreading Love, Laughter, and the Reason for the Season during their Magic Show/Christmas Cheer, Dec. 15, 2012.

More than 60 children attended from the local low-income housing community. The Nobles focused on going into the area because most children and their parents do not have transportation or a way of traveling outwards to attend such festivities.

The Magic Show/Christmas Cheer was filled with entertainment, food, games, and of course plenty of gifts for the children. The Nobles gave out a gift to every child in attendance ranging from the age of 1 – 15 years old.

Diane Cooper of the Carville Housing Projects stated, "You guys are a God sent, you all always



make sure we aren't forgotten about here in the hood."

Ms. Sykes, director of the Carville Boys and Girls Club, where the activities were performed stated, "Thank you for always bringing joy to these kids here. Without your help and love, some

of these kids wouldn't get much of anything for Christmas...and not only that, they always ask me are the men with the big red hats coming this year."

The Nobles of Medji Temple stood high and erect while representing the Nobility and of course Shrinedom.



P.C. Sharon Jones named Daughter of the Year



Story by: H.P.I.C. Anna Harris-Howell

Past Commandress Sharon Jones is an outstanding Daughter in all aspects. You do not have to ask twice when you assign her a task or ask her to volunteer for a project. She has the love of the organization at heart and gives a 100% in all she does. P.C. Jones is a no-nonsense person who demands the best in all she does.

P.C. Jones motivates others around her to take action. Her inner strength and energetic personality have an undeniable effect on those whom she works with and serves.

If I had more Daughters of her caliber in the Desert of Texas, we could reach goals that even I find difficult to do. She is truly a supporter and an encourager in all aspects.

And I am proud to title her "Daughter of the Year" for the Desert of Texas (2012 - 2013). She will formally be recognized during the Desert Conference of Gala Days to be held in Austin in April.

Objective: Work within the community providing service to those who are in need. Assist my Brothers and Sisters in the Prince Hall Masonic Family to achieve the missions and goals of our leaders.

Organizational History:

Created in Medinah Court No. 15 April 1989
Member of Medinah Court No. 15 from 1989-2006

Served the following offices before relocating in 1995

- Outside Spy
- Inside Spy
- 1st Ceremonial Daughter

Served on the following committees from 1989 -1995

- Budget Committee
- Audit Committee
- Community Service Committee
- Promotional Committee
- Souvenir Journal Chairperson/Committee (6 years)
- Served as Desert Recordress
- Assisted with the Talent Competition (Local and Regional)
- Assisted Past Imperial Recordress Natalie Hunt establish Resource Center (Imperial Council 1995, Indianapolis, Indiana)

Medji Court No. 38 (2006 - Present)

Served in the following capacity:

- Oriental Guide
- High Priestesses
- 1st Lt. Commandress
- Illustrious Commandress (2010-2011)

Served on the following committees

- Budget
- Community Outreach
- Daughters Orientation
- Isiserettes
- By-Law Committee
- Tools for Schools
- N.A.A.C.P.
- Imperial Arts and Crafts Committee (Volunteer 2010)
- Imperial Resource Committee (Volunteer 2006)
- Convention Directress for the Desert of Texas

Medji Court No. 38 continues Community Support



Story and photos by: Court Staff

FT. WORTH - Medji Court No. 38 is in love with the idea of giving something back to their communities. Through service, the Daughters have taken part in projects to benefit the community as a whole and minister to individual needs as well. Examples of community service projects included feeding the homeless, donating clothing and toiletries to the residents of a homeless shelter, volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and assisting with the Special Olympics, just to name a few.

The Court has a personal goal to reach out to needy families and lend a helping hand to those who desire to be helped. The Daughters volunteered at The Ronald McDonald House of Ft Worth, the only organization that provides a

temporary home-away-from-home for families whose children are receiving treatment for a serious illness or injury at an area hospital.

In an effort to lessen the burden, reduce stress, keep the family intact, and enhance the quality of life for these families, the Ronald McDonald House provides affordable housing in a caring home-like atmosphere. The members of Medji Court will continue to assist the families by purchasing and preparing meals to serve the families in the Ronald McDonald House.

The Daughters graciously volunteered with the Special Olympics. The members know that giving their time and talents transforms lives, including their own.

It's about a spirit of giving and teamwork. It's about making the community and neighborhood a

more welcoming and accepting place for people of all abilities.



Medji Court No. 38 was both proud and excited to be recognized at the 2012 Imperial Session with awards for the Poster Contest, Number of Persons served in the Community, and Outstanding Contribution towards Tools for School.

Moussa Temple holds Kids Day Out, supports N.D.I.



I.P. Clary Glover Jr.

Story and photos by:
Noble Burrell Parmer (106)

SAN ANTONIO – Nobles of Moussa Temple No. 106 ended 2012 by bringing cheer to children during their annual Kids Day Out Program held at the East Side Branch Boys and Girls Club, Dec. 15, 2012.

Children from the surrounding area enjoyed the free magic show sponsored by the Moussa Temple.

On Dec. 13, the Nobles elected a new Potentate, Noble Clary Glover Jr. During the meeting numerous awards were present to Nobles for their hard work and dedication during the year.

Continuing their support of the National Diabetes Initiative, the Nobles donated \$500 to the Prince Hall Shriners Foundation.

For the Temple's support and participation in the American Diabetes Association 2012 EXPO, the Temple's N.D.I. Committee was invited to the local A.D.A. Awards Dinner at the Omni Hotel, Jan. 17.



Moussa Temple N.D.I. Coordinator Noble Robert Moya; A.D.A. EXPO 2013 Co-Chair Carlos Correa; local A.D.A. Director Elizabeth Tobias; Asst. Desert N.D.I. Representative P.P. Edward Jones, and Asst. N.D.I. Coordinator Noble Burrell Parmer at the conclusion of the A.D.A. Awards Dinner held at the Omni Hotel, Jan. 17.



Nobles of Moussa Temple No. 106 and Daughters of Moussa Court No. 119 pose for photos during a social event held during the Desert Workshop in Tyler, Texas, Jan. 19.

Aqaba Temple participates in Annual Parade



Nobles of Nubia Temple take SAMs to New Heights



The children and their families really enjoyed themselves and each child received a toy.



Story and photos by: Temple Staff

food, drinks, and Christmas music. During the event, the Temple raffled a X-Box 360, a \$50, and a \$75 gift card.

(lt-rt) Deputy of the Oasis Robert Hicks, Tammy Clark Director of the Boys and Girls Club, and Illustrious Potentate James Clark.

KILLEEN, Texas - Nubia Temple No. 191, in support of Shriners as Mentors (SAM) Program, donated 14 bicycles to New Light Lodge No. 242 of Killeen in support of their Christmas Bicycle Giveaway, Dec. 19, 2012.

Eight families received bicycles from the Shriners as Mentors Program; the value of the bicycles was approximately \$500.

On Dec. 22, Nubia Temple held their 1st Annual Christmas Party for members of the SAM program.

More than 30 children and their family members attended the event. Special guests whom attended the Christmas Party were Santa Clause (Noble Albert Parker) and Ms. Tammy Clark, program director of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Texas.

More than \$1,300.00 was provided to cover the expenses of



Prince Hall Shriners mentor Through Fishing



Story and photos by: Temple Staff

HARKER HEIGHTS, Texas - Nubia Temple No. 191 and Central Texas Past Potentate Council conducted their 3rd Annual Clayton Crawford Children's Fishing Tournament in support of the "Shriners as Mentors Program" at Carl Levin Park, Oct. 27, 2012.

In 2011, the name of the tournament was changed to honor Past Imperial Deputy of Oasis Clayton Crawford (Past Imperial Advisor) for his many years of service to the Temple and to the A.E.A. O.N.M.S. in general.

The tournament was opened to the public for children 3 - 17 years of age. The event was a catch and release tournament.

There were prizes for the biggest fish for each age group and biggest fish of the tournament. Before the start, Past Potentate Elvis Irby, President of the Central Texas Past Potentate Council gave the children a safety briefing.

In the 3 - 5 age group, Robert Mathis (4) caught two fish with his largest catch weighing four pounds, 23 inches long.

In the 6 - 9 age group, Abraham Diaz (8) caught one that weighed in at 4 pounds, 5 ounces and 20 inches long.

Diaz landed the biggest fish of the tournament.

A total of 30 children registered and combined they caught 18 pounds, 3 ounces of fish for a total of 107 inches.



Noble assists Students in Local Academic Bowl



Story and photos by: Temple Staff

DALLAS – Illustrious Potentate Kevin Porter of Zafir Temple No. 237 assisted Scoggins Middle School 8th graders Marcus Jones, William McCollum, and Jonathan Battle in the 4th Annual "Aiming for the Stars" Academic Bowl held at the University of North Texas at Dallas, Jan. 26.

The annual bowl is geared toward involving African-American young men in academic competition and excellence, and is sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of North Texas at Dallas, and the Dallas

County Community College District, along with several corporate sponsors.

Students were asked questions from different categories, including math, science, literature, and inventors, as well as specific historical questions about each of the colleges sponsoring the event.

With only two weeks' preparation time, the team, coached by I.P. Porter, reached the semi-final round of the competition, placing 4th out of 17 participating middle school level teams.



Book Release: Angry Little Men: Hypermasculinity, Academic Disconnect, and Mentoring African American Males



Author and mentoring consultant to at-risk males, Illustrious Potentate Kevin Porter of Zafir Temple No. 237 has released a very intriguing book that looks at developmental issues faced by at-risk males, in

particularly, African American males regarding their academic disconnect in the classroom.

The book is aimed at offering insight for new and experienced teachers and mentors who have the desire and calling to work with at-risk kids, but find it difficult to reach a certain group of young males – in particular, African American males. It offers a view that few authors have examined called hypermasculinity identity – or male bravado – as a significant contributor to school disengagement.

A lot of books and studies suggest that negative outcomes faced by at-risk youth are associated with race and poverty, but very few investigate a developmental trajectory as to why African American males suffer dramatically in school, leading to bleak future employment opportunities or often inclusion in the criminal justice system. Even fewer studies and books focus on this trajectory as it relates to the notion of hypermasculine identity among African American male adolescents.

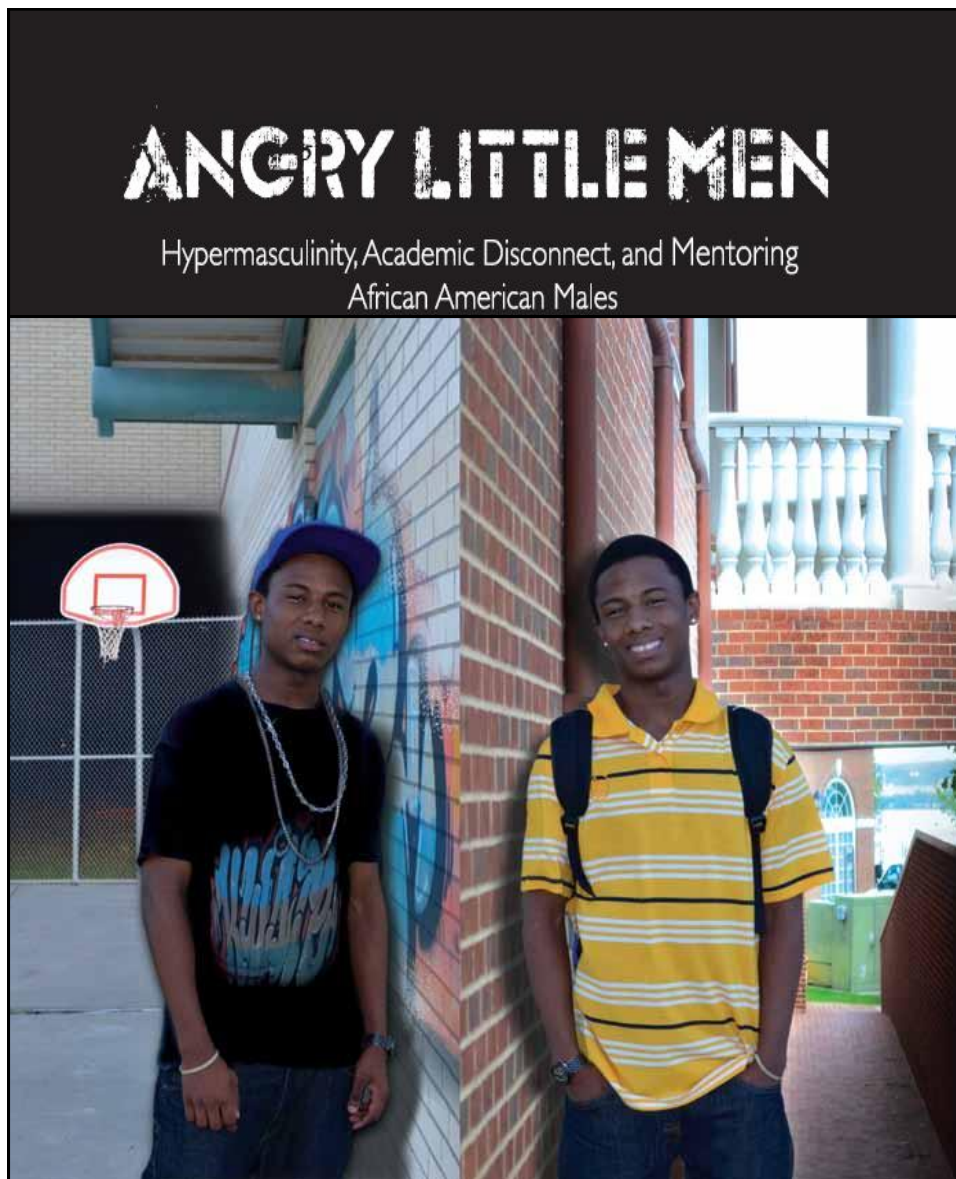
This book will offer a different perspective about why some at-risk kids are going to make it through the system and become excellent citizens in our great country, while a large part of the African American at-risk male population will continue to struggle beyond school or drop out. It often boils down to a lack of investment of one-on-one time from a trusting relationship – because gaining trust takes time. It's even more difficult for educators forced to compete with what seems like over-

whelming odds, including crowded classrooms that include students dealing with street codes and credibility issues associated with maintaining reputations.

I.P. Porter is a mentoring enthusiast who has worked with hundreds of kids in programs that include Kappa League, Man-Made Mentoring, Knights of Pythagoras, REACH, and Shriners As Mentors (SAM).

For more than 20 years he has reached out to at-risk males in an effort

to coach them to CODE switch from a street survival mentality in order to embrace classroom learning and set goals. As a former teacher and entrepreneur he offers an intuitive perspective about at-risk males and male bravado. By day, I.P. Porter is an Electrical Engineer who holds two engineering degrees and a Master's degree in Psychological Science. He is a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. I.P. Porter lives in McKinney, Texas with his wife and three children.



Spotlight

Daughter Pamela A. Jameson hails from this nation's capitol, Washington, D.C.; she was created into Nubia Court No. 190 on March 7, 2005 under the guidance and leadership of Illustrious Commandress Ruby Jamerson. On Dec. 6, 2005, Dt. Jameson was duly elected as the Illustrious Recordress for Nubia Court and served faithfully for five consecutive years 2006 - 2011, while serving three different Illustrious Commandresses (P.C. Ruby Jamerson, P.C. Edwina Evans and P.C. Terri Morrison).

During her tenure as Illustrious Recordress, Dt. Jameson did not miss a meeting. She was known for providing detailed and accurate minutes which had a great impact on the proficiency of all of the Court's meetings. She never received any negative or derogatory findings from the Imperial Council Daughter of Isis during this time period.

In 2007, Dt. Jameson attended her very first Imperial Council Session in Kansas City, MO., while attending all required meetings for her newly elected position as the Illustrious Recordress. She went on to attend the next five consecutive Imperial Council Sessions to include Charlotte, N.C. in 2008; Atlanta in 2009; Tampa in 2010; Cincinnati in 2011 and recently New Orleans in 2012.

In 2011, Nubia Court voted

unanimously to have Dt. Jameson receive the prestigious degree of Honorary Past Commandress for her distinguished accomplishments.

In doing this Nubia Court had established a first for its Court's



perial Council Session that long waited honor was bestowed upon her. On Aug. 21, Dt. Jameson received her degree of Honorary Past Commandress by Dt. Ruth Mayfield Ellerbe, the 43rd Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court Daughter of Isis.

What makes Dt. Jameson's accomplishments so noteworthy is while serving in the position of Illustrious Recordress for Nubia Court, she also served as the Most Ancient Matron for E.L. Downing Court No. 237, Heroines of Jericho from 2005 - 2010. As the Most Ancient Matron she presided over York Rite Weekend in 2007 which was held in Killeen, Texas.

In 2006, E.L. Downing Court was voted "Court of the Year" by Grand Most Ancient Matron Jackie Levingston.

Dt. Jameson served as the Princess Captain for South Central Guild No. 39 from 2007 - 2009 and was appointed Special Deputy for Lone Star Grand Guild from 2007 - 2011. She also served as the Loyal Lady Ruler for Central Texas Assembly No. 306 from 2010 - 2011.

These accomplishments could have not been earned without the trust and faith of the members in each organization that she participated in or presided over.

long and rich history. Dt. Jameson had become the first Daughter voted upon to receive such an honor.

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