



## **HARRAM TEMPLE NO. 23, Inc. (PRINCE HALL SHRINERS) *Oasis of Tampa – Desert of Florida***

**Imperial Council 2009 Temple of the Year (AEAONMS, Inc.)**

**(Seven Time Imperial Council Temple Charities Program Award Winner – 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009)**

**Overall 2009 Grand Champions - Imperial Council Temple Charities Program Award Winner**

**(Desert of Florida 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 Temple of the Year)**

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## ***Noble Ronnie Souter - Illustrious Potentate***

### **Who We Are...**

Harram Temple was instituted in Port Tampa under the leadership of Noble John R. Hall, Illustrious Potentate in 1896. Here's a point of history: during this time, they were called Rising Star #23 before the name was changed to Harram #23. Rising Star was moved to Tampa in 1900. Prince Hall Shrinedom embraces all of the basic fundamental concepts of the Masonic Order, but is more colorful with a broader spectrum of visibility by the manner in which it serves as a charitable non-profit organization and dispenses charity in the community and the care for its own.

### **Shrine History**

Noble John G. Jones established our organization on June 3, 1893. Its incorporation took place on December 12, 1900. The Shrine Organization takes great pride in its Auxiliary, which is comprised of wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of the membership – officially styled, the Imperial Court Daughters of Isis (DOI).

The Imperial Potentate, and the Daughters by the Imperial Commandress, heads the Shrine. The men of the organization, Nobles, wear the red Fez; and the women, Daughters of Isis, wear the white Fez. Most importantly, both are community servants.

The Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Incorporated and Harram Temple No. 23, Inc. Prince Hall Shriners of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Incorporated is a benevolent, charitable, educational and fraternal organization of Prince Hall Shriners, dedicated to charitable, civic, economic and educational development programs.

Our worldwide fraternal group has a membership of approximately 20,000 in some 235 Temples and over 200 Courts (its women's auxiliary – The Daughters of Isis), throughout the Continental United States, Canada, Germany, Italy, England, Spain, Japan, Korea, Guam, Thailand, Panama and the Bahamas.

We foster a multitude of national charitable programs: The Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which is established to provide financial resources to help support the following initiatives: Health Care: AEAONMS, through its National Diabetes Initiative (NDI), and the American Diabetes Association (ADA); Mentorship: African – American male youth who have at-risk or high-risk educational deficiencies will have a forum to improve these deficiencies through the Prince Hall Shriners' Shriners As Mentors (SAM) program; and Education: Low-income, African-American students who achieve academic success in high school will have an opportunity to receive financial assistance to attend college or specialized trade schools through the Prince Hall Shriners' Student Aid (SA) program.

On the local level, Harram Temple No. 23 Inc., Prince Hall Shriners is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization. Some of the charitable endeavors and programs for Harram Temple No. 23, Inc. Prince Hall Shriners include support to the Educational/Charity program, which covers the United College Fund and the Shriners Hospitals for Children- Tampa Unit (School Supplies/Book Bags), Temple Youth program, and Shriners as Mentors program. We award (five) \$500.00 Educational Scholarships annually to selected and deserving college/university bound students to help offset any unexpected out of pocket expenses. We prepare and deliver over 60 food baskets during our Annual Charitable Christmas Food Basket program for the less fortunate; we operate an annual Clothes Closet Distribution program and the Christmas Toys program. Most importantly, we serve as a proud sponsor for the Belmont Heights Little League and much more.

*So there you have it, that's who we are and what we are all about!*

**Imperial Potentate – PP Oliver Washington, Jr. #165**  
**Imperial Second Ceremonial Master – The Honorable PP Eric R. Myers #23**  
**Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Florida – PP Billy D. McLamb #182**  
**Imperial Deputy of the Oasis (Tampa) – PP Earl Haugabook #23**  
**Advisor to the Daughters of Isis – HPP Elmer Stevenson #23**

*As of January 16, 2010*