

Supreme Grand Court Ancient Arabic Order of Daughters of Sphinx

of

North and South America

Executive Letter

Working under the protection of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Noble Alexander H. Smith, 33/96, Imperial Potentate Pro-Tem



February 8, 2026

Greetings Nobles and Daughters:

May God bless each of you with His grace, peace, and favor, guiding your steps and fulfilling your needs according to His divine will.

The purpose of this communication is **in response to correspondence received from Noble Michael Smith and Daughter Patricia Blanchard**, in which they advised that they have chosen to remove themselves from **The General Grand Masonic Congress A.F. & A.M. of the USA**.

As your leader, and under the guidance and leadership of the Imperial Council and the Imperial Potentate Pro-Tem, entrusted with carrying this organization forward through unity, dedication, and obedience to our established order, I want to be clear: **you are not required nor obligated, to become members of any non-jurisdictional body**.

Daughters, I am earnestly encouraging you to follow the leadership and direction of your Grand Master. We are governed by our **bylaws and rituals**, which remain in full force and effect. Due to the recent change in leadership, I have accepted the responsibility and role of **Supreme Matron Pro Tem**, and I do so with a commitment to order, stability, and the continued growth of our organization.

In the coming days, I will be reaching out to all **Most Worthy Grand Matrons** as we prayerfully outline and communicate the future plans and direction of our organization. Daughters, please **disregard any communications issued by the newly formed Congress**, as they are not recognized under our jurisdiction.

May we continue to move forward together in unity, obedience, and faith.

Fraternally yours

Dtr. Mary L Ceasar Gilbert

Most Worthy Supreme Matron, Pro-Tem
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