

“Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler,” NILE STYLE

SOUTHERN DAYS 2017

KHAFRA TEMPLE NO. 121



AUGUST 17-20, 2017

**WYNDHAM GARDEN SHREVEPORT
1419 E 70TH ST, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

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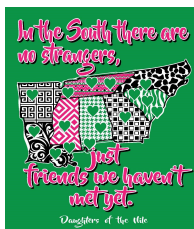
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Dear Reigning Queen, Officers, and Ladies of the Household:

Khafra Temple No. 121 members are excited to invite everyone to the 2nd annual Southern Days, where you can “Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler” in our state, Louisiana, rich in history, food and tradition, August 17-20, 2017. Queen Tammy McCartney and the members of Khafra Temple are looking forward to hosting this event, featuring occasions to honor all the reigning Queens as well as unit performances.

The Event will be held at the Wyndham Gardens Shreveport, LA. Located at 1419 East 70th Street, with easy access to Shriners Hospital, shopping, great restaurants, and casinos. We hope that our guest will take advantage of all that our city has to offer, especially the tour of the First Shriners Hospital which is celebrating its 95th year of serving OUR kids.

We will begin our weekend Thursday afternoon with a tour of the First Shriners Hospital, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT! Followed by a casual “Meet and Greet” in the evening, located in the hospitality room with food, fun, and socializing.

Friday morning QUICK START: coffee, juice, fruit and pastries will be available. At the luncheon you will have an opportunity to honor YOUR queen followed by a ceremonial. Khafra Temple members will be responsible for the Ceremonial. We invite each Temple to bring candidates to be initiated. In the evening we hope you will take advantage of what our cities have to offer; shopping, restaurants and seven casinos.

Saturday begins with a breakfast honoring the reigning Queens, a style show, drawings for goodies and the bidding for the upcoming Southern Days. In the evening, a banquet followed by unit performances and fellowship.

The Market Place will be available each day; each temple will have the opportunity to raise funds for their own needs. There will be a variety of commercial vendors with bargains that YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS.

Attendees will receive a program book in their registration packets. If you wish to honor your Queen, Temple, or Members you may purchase an ad in the program book. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please complete each form completely before clicking the submit button.

We look forward to seeing you in August 2017 in Shreveport, Louisiana, Home of the First Shriners Hospital.

In Nile Love,
Karen Arnold, PQ,
Barbara Rodriguez,PQ
Co-Chairpersons



When the Shriners fraternity officially made the momentous decision to establish a hospital to care for children with orthopedic problems in 1920, few envisioned a location as little as Shreveport to serve as the home of the first hospital. Although a well-established port and agricultural town, at the time it was little known on a national level.

Local Shriner membership was relatively new with El Karubah Shriners receiving its charter in 1914.

By 1921, Imperial Session of the Shriners fraternity, plans for a system of hospitals to care for children had evolved with the first location to be in St Louis, MO. It was a well-established city and had the benefits of Washington University a medical training center. By mid 1921, plans to acquire necessary plots of land near the university had stalled.

A well known Shriner, businessman, and civil leader began an aggressive campaign to bring the First Shriners Hospital to Shreveport, LA. He began to raise funds and secured the land for the hospital. The Shreveport Medical Society began to gather qualified orthopedic surgeons for the first year of operation.

A group of El Karubah founding fathers along with the then mayor of Shreveport went to Atlanta, GA to present their proposal to the Shriners committee overseeing the hospital initiative. They laid out not only the strong local support and the plans already underway but also the potential for Shreveport area to benefit greatly from oil and natural gas development over the years. The committee was impressed with the level of preparation by the Shreveport delegates and in September of 1921, they were given approval to proceed.

After all of this, in May of 1922, the cornerstone of The World's First Shriners Hospital was placed and signaled the start of an ambitious and unprecedented effort to provide essential care to children in need.

**Southern Days 2017
Program**

Thursday:

Registration-----12:00 Noon-4:30 PM
Market Place-----12:00 Noon-4:30 PM
Hospital Tour-----2:00 PM
Meet and Greet-----6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Friday:

Registration-----8:00 AM-11:00 AM
1:00 PM-2:00 PM
Hospitality Room-----8:00 AM-11:00 AM
Market Place-----9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Luncheon-----11:30 AM

Honoring Reigning Queens

Ceremonial-----2:00 PM
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Saturday:

Breakfast-----8:00-Until
Honoring Reigning Queens, Raffles, Business Session
Market Place-----10:00 AM-4:30 PM
Hospitality Room-----11:30
AM
Practice for Performances-----1:00 PM
Social Hour-----5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Banquet-----6:00 PM
Unit Performances

Hotel Information

Wyndham Garden Shreveport
1419 E 70th Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71105

All reservations must be made individually through the Hotel's Reservations Department by calling **318-797-9900** or **877-999-3223** ask for **Southern Days-Daughters of the Nile Room rate**.

The Room Rate is **\$94.00 for King or Double Queen**, for 1 to 4 people.

The Room Rate for a **2-two bedroom suite is \$282.00 a night**.

These rates will apply 2 days pre and post.

Please be advised that all rates are subject to current local occupancy tax, currently at 15.6%.

Amenities:

Complimentary Internet

Complimentary Parking

Complimentary guest room planner

Outdoor pool

The “cut-off date” is July 29, 2017. Reservations made after cut-off date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis up to the Group block. If the group rate is not available after the cut-off date, the prevailing rack rates will apply for any reservation confirmed.

The Wyndham Garden Shreveport **check-in time is 3:00pm**. Room assignments prior to that time are on a “space available” basis. The Wyndham Garden Shreveport **check-out time is 11:00am**. Guest occupying their rooms beyond check-out time, without hotel authorization, will be charged for and additional room night. Late check-out is provided based on availability and is subject to the Wyndham Garden Shreveport Business needs.

Guest will be responsible for room and taxes, and other incidental charges.