

# Shriners Here For 43rd Imperial Council Session

Highlight of Monday's session at the 50th anniversary and the 43rd annual Imperial Council Session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was selection of the Public Relations Committee, one of the Council's most important bodies:

Howard Gilbert of Columbus, Ohio, was named chairman and his co-members are John W. Moore, No. 86, Flint, Mich.; John E. Smith, No. 10, Washington; G. Bernard Key, No. 39, St. Louis; J. E. Dixon, No. 125, Columbus; A. L. Mackey, No. 20, Oklahoma, and Jos. L. Oliver, Los Angeles.

The session will last until Friday, August 20, at Parkway Community Center, 5120 South Parkway. Explaining the function of the committee, a member stated:

"A Public Relations Bureau is needed to instrument the Council's objectives, as well as to integrate the strength of Masonry into all activities seeking betterment of education, welfare work, better housing, aid in civilian defense, comfort to our men in the armed forces and to obtain full benefit of all of Democracy's promises for Black Americans, including full participation in after-war rehabilitation of our sons who are in uniform."

Local arrangements for the conclave were handled by a committee headed by Robert H. Harper, chairman, and Levi H. Morris, secretary. A ceremony was held Monday night, conferring the honor of Past Imperial Potentates on James Lewis and George Crisup, both of Arabic Temple No. 44, Chicago.

Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., called the session to order Monday. The organization is affiliated with Prince Hall Masonry, and during the week, the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templars of North America, the International Conference of Grandmasters, and the appendant bodies, including the Daughters of Isis, will hold concurrent meetings at Parkway Center.

Officers of the Imperial Council are: Raymond E. Jackson, potentate; Zack Alexander, deputy potentate, Charlotte, N. C.; J. Lincoln McKay, chief rabban, Oklahoma City; Joseph L. Oliver, assistant rabban, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joseph W. Givens, high priest and prophet, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John L. Hubert, oriental guide, Wilmington, Del.; Charles D. Freeman, treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Charles C. Quander, secretary, New York City; Benjamin Lee, first ceremonial master, Philadelphia; William A. Kelly, second ceremonial master, Buffalo, N. Y.; and William H. Jones, outer guard, Chicago.

Nine of the 15 past imperial potentates are among those present. Sixty-six temples are represented, according to the registration committee reports.