

We wish everyone a blessed holiday
as each one celebrates



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The Nydian

Queen Nancy Coddington

Winter 2022

Holiday Memories and Traditions

While Nydia Temple has some wonderful holiday traditions which we share with our membership – December Session pin-ons and the annual holiday party come to mind - I think it fitting to also reflect on traditions and memories that helped shape us as individuals.

Speaking for myself, I came from a family of five as the “caboose”; the last child of three to be born. And when I say last child, I mean by quite a few years. My brother Ron is 10 years my senior and my sister Sandra is 14 years older than I.

Because I was the youngest, Christmas for me was, in some ways, a more solitary event around the Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

The only gifts opened on Christmas morn were those brought by Santa because the big event at our house was Christmas Eve!

My mother came from an Italian Catholic family, and as such prepared the Christmas Eve meal with lots of friends and family around. While we usually ate turkey on Christmas day, Christmas Eve dinner was usually ravioli with the best homemade meat balls and spaghetti sauce you’ve ever tasted. My father helped oversee the festivities, and often gave the cook a quick peck to let her know she was supported and loved. Presents were usually not opened until after midnight unless we attended Midnight Mass. My mother was quite the seamstress and clothes were often the gifts we received... my Barbie dolls were the best

dressed on the West coast! However, Santa often brought me my special requests such as games, dolls or other toys. I was especially proud of the toy sewing machine that was operated with a hand crank that I received one year.

There were lean years, to be sure, but as a child I wasn’t really aware of them. My parents always did their best to make Christmas a special time. My husband, Bruce, and I often strived to do the same for our own children.

Wishing you joyous and peaceful holidays this season,

Queen Nancy Coddington



Princess Royal Holiday Memory



When growing up there was always a lot of excitement revolving around Santa Claus coming and Christmas morning. Santa always knew to leave our stockings in our bedroom for my sister and I to quietly open. The hope was to keep us quiet until 7:00 am, when we were allowed to get up. My parents always hung up a sheet over the opening between the kitchen and the living room, preventing us from seeing what Santa

Claus brought us. We had to wait until my grandmother came over bringing her danish puff for breakfast. After breakfast the sheet would come down and we would find the Christmas tree with the lights on surrounded by many wrapped presents. I remember the joy my siblings and I had and the family time we had together.

To this day Warren and I still celebrate Christmas morning with our family. It's a fun time, we start first with breakfast, including the Danish puff and then we all open gifts from each other. Then we go back to eating more breakfast and having a fun visit.

My wish this year is for all Nydia members to have a rememberable holiday with friends and family.

Love to you all.
Princess Donna L. Gray



Queen Nancy, PQs, and Ladies of the household.

The Three Sisters Nile club wants to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. May this time with family and loved ones, bring joy and happiness to you all. "I am grateful for who I am and what I have My Thanksgiving is perpetual" Supreme Queen Vickie Tabor Hill





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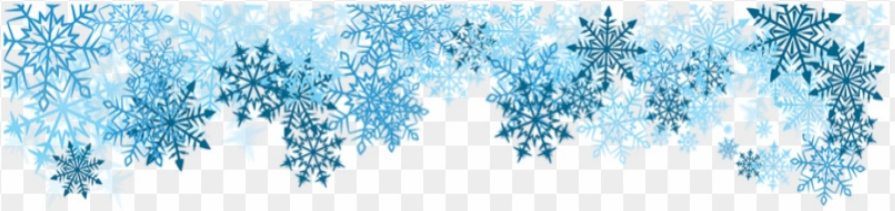
Queen Nancy asked us to write a bit about our Holiday Traditions growing up. Well in the Merrell Household (my maiden name), my mother always prepared a feast for Christmas Eve dinner, usually ham, potato salad, shrimp salad, homemade parker house rolls and of course pie for dessert. We were not allowed to open any presents until Christmas morning. Which meant for a very SHORT night for my parents. They would send us to bed and almost immediately, one of us kids would yell (another rule, we weren't allowed to get out of bed until Mom and Dad said it was okay), "Is it time to get up yet!!" This would go on about every half hour, until Mom and Dad would say it was okay to get up. I wish I could tell you we were more patient as we got older, but it didn't happen.

Santa, with my mother's help, would always bring us new matching flannel pajamas, in which we quickly changed into prior to opening the rest of the presents. Breakfast was a Danish treat called Ebleskiver and hot chocolate or homemade eggnog. The rest of the day was filled with finger food and leftovers, from the Christmas Eve dinner. We would play board games, like Aggravation or Monopoly or card games, and of course Christmas music playing all day in the background. There was lots of fun and enjoyment in the Merrell household

Princess Tirzah Linda Hatch



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THE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PAST BY HOLLY AUSTIN

The fond memories of the holiday season remind me of the Christmas miracle. It is not the things "Santa" left under the tree or the days home from school the end of December. No, my memories are those of a happy family celebrating traditions, old and new. Singing Christmas carols, school plays and performances, the lighting of the Advent candles on Sundays, visiting friends, making gifts, baking, making candy, and...Santa coming.

My family always attended a Christmas Eve service at church and we would get home about midnight. We would immediately go to bed so that Santa could come. I was always one to try to catch Santa in the act of giving (I never did), but I did find my father sleeping on the couch before Santa arrived. Later, as a parent, I understood.

Early one Christmas I tried to spy on Santa but in my sleepy state I got lost in the bedroom and ended up spending the rest of the night on the cold floor since I never did find the door in the dark.

How I miss those days! I tried to emulate those warm and happy feelings with my own family. Though many of the traditions were similar, we chose paths unique to us. We each had a part in making new traditions, all with the love and warmth that I remembered from when I was a child. I still look forward to enjoying our Christmas miracles.

Happy Holidays to all of you!



Blessed

*Chaplain Report
September &
October*

Encouragement:

Princess Pam Woolcock fell the beginning of September and broke ribs.

Princess Alicia Buehler's brother had a Heart Attack.

Princess Darlene Robinson (Potentate's Lady) recently collapsed at the store.

Princess Betty Schrock's husband is battling cancer.

Princess Sharon Armstrong remains in Hospital. She was admitted October 14.

Sickness and Cheer:

Princess Suzie Marshall recovering from Covid.

Princess Teri-Lynn Allphin home from Hospital.

Surgery:

Princess Nancy Clark had surgery on her wrist.

Princess Sylvia Evey recently had surgery.

Princess Kathy Foster had rotator cuff surgery in September.

Deaths:

Princess Lynne Rieke passed.

Princess Helen Swails passed.

(Mother of PQ Laurie Winchester and Princess Lenna Rose).

Princess Donna Burkett passed.

Princess Mildred Schultz passed.

Princess Isabel York passed.

*HAPPY
Holidays!*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,*

Princess Chaplain Linda Barton

Hallmark vs Daughters of the Nile

Are you still sending money to Hallmark?

Did you know that you can send greetings, birthday wishes, get well notes, thank you's and any other good wishes you can think of through Daughters of the Nile. Just go to donfdn.org and purchase a virtual rose or roses for the person you are thinking of. Each rose is \$5, just about the cost of a Hallmark. All the money goes straight to the foundation so you know it will be used for the benefit of the children. Now, isn't that a better way to recognize your friends and family?

Pr. Judy Alley

Charitable Giving Chairperson

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Nydia Temple No. 4

Chartered April 24, 1919



Stated Session is the first Wed. of each month Sept. to May.

Luncheon 11:15 am. Session 12:30 pm

**Al Kader Shrine Center
25700 SW Parkway Ave.
Wilsonville, OR 97070**



Have you heard the coming Event News

December

5 – Queen’s Visit to Zenobia Nile Club

7 – Stated Session, Holiday Edition

11 – Holiday Luncheon & party - Gnome for the Holidays

12 - Queens Visit to North Clackamas Nile Club

19 - Queen Visit to Eastmont Nile Club



January

4 – Stated Session, Flannel Formals

13 – *Ceremonial practice*

15 – Ceremonial and Unit Performances
“Queen’s Tea” follows immediately

18 - **ZOOM BINGO 7PM**

24 - Queen’s Visit to Halos Nile Club

February

1 - Stated Session, Memorial

March

1 - Stated Session, Elections

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Happy Holidays!



The Portland Shriners Children's Hospital recently kicked off the newly formed Volunteer Ambassador



Program. These volunteers greet families in the main lobby of the hospital, offer assistance getting around the facility, and have many activity items available for the children to take with them. The Ambassadors are in need of two things:

Volunteers -

The goal is to have two volunteers on duty for the three-hour shifts, Monday through Friday. The shift times are 9:00am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Important - Since these are hospital volunteers, everyone must go through the on-boarding process required by the hospital.

Activity Items -

Coloring pages or coloring books, word searches, puzzles, etc. A big need right now are items in Spanish.

Interested? Contact:

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Rod Hevland (hevlandro@gmail.com)

The Hospital Volunteer Coordinator Cheryl
McCurry (Cheryl.mccurry@shrinenet.org).



Nydia Temple Sewing Committee November & December 2022

With the recent increase of patients coming to Shriners Children's Portland, we have been busy keeping the shelves stocked with quilts, pillowcases, shorts, comfort pillows and several other requested items. Thanks to all those Nydia ladies sewing at home!

If any of you would like to help out, we would welcome pillowcases and small (40ish by 40ish or 40ish by 60ish) small quilts. Child Life recently mentioned that the following themes are popular: Nature (Forest/Animals), Fishing, Camouflage, Music (notes/instruments), Sports (footballs, basketballs, soccer, etc), Video Gaming, Geometric patterns. Many different themes have been donated, which are all appreciated, but it's nice to get some input from staff and patients. We have all age ranges, so we try to keep a variety of quilts and pillowcases for them to choose from. And, as always, we need shorts! They use a lot of them and we sometimes have a hard time keeping up.

If you would like to help, but are not able to sew, you can still help. If you enjoy shopping, it takes 1 yard of fabric for a pillowcase (we have plenty of smaller pieces for the bands we add), and 2 yards for most of the larger shorts. Please remember that we use new, cotton/flannel fabrics for our patients. If you have more questions about what we are doing, or need instructions or ideas of how to help, please give me or PQ Judy Smith a call. We love to share what's going on!

Sherry Heyland, Chair
Judy Smith, Co-Chair



Four-Season Experience –

107th Annual Supreme Session 2023 to be held from
June 11th through June 15th at
Foxwoods Resort in Mashantucet CT.

Our hotel room, all the events and meetings will be held in the Fox Tower. However, it's easy to get from one tower to the next to try out the 32 different restaurants, gaming machines and tables. Supreme Pr. Royal, Patty Larimore, has been working hard to ensure Supreme Session 2023 is a success. Prior to the start of Supreme we will have a chance to bowl at the High Rollers Luxury Lanes, Zipline on the 3,750-foot-long ride, drive a race car and have a Halloween costume party.

Registration for Supreme will come out approximately the second week in January. Come join me for a Four-Season Experience.

Below are three airport options along with travel time and which airlines service the airport. There will be free parking at the resort for members who drive or have a rental car.

Airport	Dis- tance	Transpor- tation	Air Can ada	Ameri- can Air- lines (AA)	De lta	Fron- tier	Sou thwest	Unit ed	Alas ka Air- line
Provi- dence Rhode Island	20 min	Uber ride	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bradley AP Wind- sor Locks CT	1.5- hour drive	Suttle Bus - \$85 each way	X	X	X	X	X	X	X trans- fer AA
Boston Intl. Suffolk MA	2.5- hour drive	Rent a car Free park- ing at re- sort	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Pr. Royal Donna L. Gray
Patty's Dragonfly





Introducing the Pearl Stepping Stone

For a \$100 donation to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, Pearl Stepping Stones are available in both “in Honor” and “in Memory”. The Pearl Stepping Stones are in addition to the Traditional \$25 and the Crown \$50 Stepping Stones.

In honor of Imperial First Lady Jennifer Craven’s Women Impacting Care program, entitled “The World is Your Oyster”, the proceeds from the sale of the Pearl Stepping Stones will be donated to the Women Impacting Care program. This year the program benefits Shriners Children’s sports injuries program.

Shriners Children’s – Portland is very proud of its very busy walk-in fracture care and sports injury clinic, open every day of the week.

Submitted by: *Supreme Princess Badoura, Kathy Walliker PQ*



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**Nydia Temple No. 4
Mission Statement**

Nydia Temple No. 4 is a subordinate temple of the international, fraternal organization known as Daughters of the Nile.

We are a social and charitable group comprised of units and clubs.

We provide opportunities for our members to support and promote Shriners Hospitals for Children.

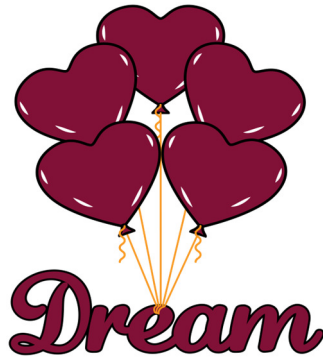
We contribute volunteer hours and in-kind donations to the hospitals, to provide a nurturing environment for the children they treat.

Monetary donations through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation provide financial benefits to the hospitals, allowing decisions to be made in the best interest of each child.





SUPREME SESSION 2025 UPDATE



Hi ladies,

Thank you so much, Nydia Temple, for hosting Supreme Session in 2025, which will be held in June in Las Vegas. The name of session will be the “Dreams Come True” Session. We are very close to signing a contract, but not wanting to jinx it, I’ll let everyone know the location after it is signed.

The Nydia Temple Dream Makers (aka: the committee members) are being lined up and work will begin soon.

I am pleased to announce the Executive Committee assisting me are:

PQ Judy Smith – General Chair
PQ Jennifer Moyer
PQ Holly Austin
Queen Nancy Coddington

As we go along, I will strive to provide updates. Any questions, please reach out to me or any member of the Executive Committee.

Thank you everyone so much, for your confidence in me and your continued support.

Kathy Walliker, PQ
Supreme Princess Badoura

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