

# The Nydian



*Nydia Temple No 4 Daughters of the Nile - Portland, Oregon*

*Queen Gail Mitchell Martin*

*April/May 2021*

## Nile News and Events

*Temple News, Clubs & Units, Coming Events,  
and More*



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

*Luncheon 11:15, Session 12:30*

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# The Queen's Message

As the newly installed Queen of Nydia Temple No. 4, Daughters of the Nile, it is my great honor and joy to take the helm of this beautiful organization. With our sole mission of working for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, we are making the world a better place, as well as building friendships for a lifetime.



I have chosen as my theme for this year, loving kindness, and wish to engender this spirit in all we do. For my symbol, I have chosen the dragonfly. This lovely insect stands for resilience, for bouncing back, for making the best of things.

 In these uncertain times of pandemic and quarantine, our world has changed, and we can't be entirely sure when it will come back to center again. We need to remember to stay resilient, to try to see the cup half full. Instead of focusing on the loss of hugs and close gatherings, let's think of what we have: for instance, more time.....to read, to sew, to organize, to find peace in quietude. People tell me they have gotten cards and calls from friends and relatives they haven't connected with in years. Let's do this: continue to reach out to one another and make each other's day.

We will continue expanding our wonderful new Mentor Program, bringing in and keeping new members, and reaching out to other Masonic organizations, especially our

youth. As Past Honored Queen of Bethel 26, Clintonville, Wisconsin, I am delighted to be asked to speak to the Job's Daughters in Jefferson next month. We are one big family, and I want them to know about Daughters of the Nile.

Above all, I want us to stay safe and well.

Consequently, our April and May sessions will be held via Zoom. We look forward to the visit to Nydia Temple by our soon-to-be Supreme Queen, Donna Kramer, July 12 (to include a ceremonial) and July 13, her visit to the Shrine Hospital. And while we hope and pray that June's Supreme Session in Canada might go forward, we will remain resilient in the event of a postponement.

Thank you, Nydia Temple, for choosing me as your Queen. I will do all in my power to make this, 2021-2022, a year of accomplishment and fun, in all the ways we can.

Nile Love to all,  
Queen Gail Mitchell Martin

*The Officers - introduced by Carol Livie, PQ*

Queen	Gail Mitchell Martin
Junior Past Queen	Holly Austin
Princess Royal	Nancy Coddington
Princess Tirzah	Donna Gray
Princess Badoura	Linda Hatch
Princess Recorder	Jennifer Moyer, PQ
Princess Banker	Paula Levin
Princess Marshal	Debbie Cook
Princess Chaplain	Ashley Hellman
Lady of the Keys	Helen Bible
Lady of the Gates	Shirley Stanfill
Princess Nydia	Joy Stevens
Princess Zulioka	Judy Alley
Princess Zenobia	Dorothy Lewis
Princess Zora	Velna DeHut
Princess Zuliema	Mary Anne Dougherty
Princess Musician	Alice Daniels
Attendant	Barb Wilde
Attendant	Julie Birmingham



# Holly's Farewell and Thank You



To my sweet Nydia friends, we did it. We have nearly come full circle. Our quasi-installation began our year on March 15, 2020. Today is March 3 and we are coming closer and closer to normalcy.

This has been a bittersweet year. Yes, we have had challenges and roadblocks, but look what we have accomplished!

We have learned that life does go on although changed. We have learned that we can still stay involved through modern technology. We have learned to Zoom and have a new respect for the telephone, email, and porch visits. Yes, we did it.

Personally, I have learned more about myself. Little did I realize what a people person I am. I ached to have more personal contact, to the point I started making porch visits just to see each other. I forced myself to use the telephone more often which is not in my comfort level.

Look at all the conveniences we discovered. No need to wear lipstick. Chap Stick is good enough. Be sure you address your eye make-up – that is all that will be seen. Be sure to have a clean mask – kind of like the new underwear. Dressing up is much easier – only the upper half is necessary. It is easier on the budget as well.

Most of you have saved money on gasoline and car maintenance. Personally, I have been out and about quite a bit so I haven't saved anything.

I lost weight this summer due to not going shopping very much at all. My much younger sister was doing my shopping so didn't buy my comfort foods. Yes, I lost 20 pounds. Then this winter, I was more stressed, so I then gained 23 pounds. The positive side of that story is that I didn't need to buy any new clothes.

We missed the fun things we normally do – the sessions, fundraisers, Shriner functions, the East-West Football game in Baker City with the parade, Potentate Ball, unit practices, and the club visits I needed to cut short. To our advantage, our lives will be back, though will be back yet perhaps in a “new normal” state.

I thank all of our members for being so resilient. Thank you to my officers and Cheerful Cherub Handmaidens for taking on their responsibilities. I thank our Clubs and Units for trying to make it work despite our roadblocks. I thank our committees for working behind the scenes all year long. You have all made me look good in my leadership position. Thank you.

*Kindness is a language the deaf can  
hear and the blind can see*

## Nydia Temple Sewing Committee

By Sheri Hevland, Chair

As we all have said, "Wow, what a crazy year!" But instead of dwelling on all the things we haven't been able to do in our personal lives, Nydia has managed to accomplish many things for the patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Portland.

Having just completed the Donations Report for Supreme, I want to share some numbers with you:

37	Transition Quilts
169	Inpatient Quilts
71	Pillowcases
627	Face Masks
74	Shorts
587	Other items: Rehab, Wheelchair/Walker bags, etc.
58	Items Mended



Our total hours contributed by SHC volunteers, at home sewers, Christmas tree volunteers, non-Nile ladies: 3,726.25. Great accomplishments for Nydia during a challenging year.

We will continue to help the hospital in anyway we can. Looking forward to returning to the hospital to volunteer in person in the near future.

Thanks to all who made us look so good!



## News From Princess Royal

I can't tell you how excited I am to progress as Princess Royal. It's a thrill and a challenge! Thank you for putting your faith in me. I'm looking forward to assisting our newly installed Queen Gail Martin and proud to call her my friend. With her leadership, we hope to move forward with Nydia Temple No. 4 in aiding the Shriners Hospital and the mission for the children they serve.

As you know, our hopes were dashed of being able to attend Supreme Session this June. Miss Covid (as JPQ Holly Austin refers to it) is still affecting our lives and our order. All of this separation has definitely impacted our units, our clubs and our temple as a whole. There is hope on the horizon that we will meet again in person, perhaps sooner rather than later. Some of our units and clubs are talking about gathering for summertime picnics and other activities, and many of us have already received at least one dose of the vaccine helping to ensure our safety and the safety of those around us. Take heart; we will get through this!

Our Supreme Princess Royal Vicki Tabor Hill has many plans for our order as we look forward to visiting Waco, Texas next June! Vicki's Wildflowers is a very active group and I am grateful for all of the talented women I have met. Zoom meetings have actually facilitated much of our interaction. Who would have guessed that a pandemic would help bring us together even more?

Speaking of Vicki's Wildflowers, we have an ongoing fundraiser over the next few months called "EVERYONE LOVES CASH." There will be five monthly drawings to win \$250, the first to occur on July 15, 2021 and the last on November 15, 2021. A sixth and final drawing will be for **\$500** on December 15, 2021. Tickets are \$20 each. The proceeds will go towards the 2022 Supreme Session Fund Ways and Means. You may purchase tickets by contacting me at (503)551-5616 (phone or text) or via email at [nancyceeohdee@gmail.com](mailto:nancyceeohdee@gmail.com). You could be a winner! \$\$\$

Blessings to all!

Nancy Coddington, Pr. Royal

## Letters From the Hospital

The following note was received from Dereesa Reid, Administrator of the Shriners Hospital in Portland.

*“Dear Holly,*

*The Portland Shriners Hospital employees were delighted to receive the special card and to see your video presenting the check. Your video of appreciation was recently shown during our March hospital-wide meeting.*

*Please share our deepest gratitude for all that Nydia Temple, Daughters of the Nile do for our hospital, patients and employees. Sincerely, Dereesa Reid, Administrator”*

It was our pleasure!

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The following is a letter received March 17 from Kathy Krueger Park, Director of Development, and Shriners Hospitals for Children:

*Dear Ladies,*

*Thank you for your generous gift of candy for the staff at the Portland Shriners Hospital as well as the thoughtful donation to the Convalescent Endowment Fund in support of Shriners Hospitals for Children (R), for its Portland location. The candy was a huge hit with the staff and they felt much appreciated!*

*Despite the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, last year the Portland Shriners Hospital treated almost 6,500 children that amounted to over 14,000 patient encounters. Your gifts help make possible the pediatric specialty care and innovative rehabilitation services at our hospital. Shriners’ children see that, despite the incredible obstacles they face, they can have a future full of promise and opportunity...a future where anything is possible.*

*Thank you again for your support and for helping Shriners Hospitals for Children makes a difference in our patients’ lives. Your ongoing support helps to give our kids the power they need to hope and heal. We are so appreciative.*

*Best regards, Kathy Park*





# Chaplain's Report

## From March Session:

*John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Ladies of the household-

We are embarking on a new beginning. This year we have had, has been anything but uneventful. Our officers have faced so much more than any of us could ever have imagined. Our Queen Holly has led us through a year of uncertainty with grace and dignity. We can now look to the future with hope. We can embrace the fact we have the peace of God with us as we elect our new officers today.

To the officers as we finish off our year, thank you. Thank you for being an amazing example of hope to the ladies of the household. To the new officers thank you for the hope you bring us, and the peace you show us.

Respectfully, Pr. Chaplain Michelle Wolbaum

## *Congratulations:*

Pr. Patti Baldwin- Happy Birthday! Pr. Ruth Hughes- anniversary

## *Encouragement:*

PQ. Jennifer Moyer- thank you for the mentorship seminar

PQ. Judy Smith- thank you for the work on the mentorship seminar

To all the elected officers: thank you

## *Get Well/encouragement for health:*

PQ. Donna Claire Blankenship- fell and is recovering

PQ. Paulette Schlee- eye surgery

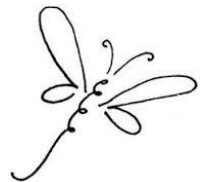
Pr. Donna Burkett- COPD and encouragement

Pr. Isabel York- continued health issues

Pr. Katherine Bland- battling with memory issues

Pr. Kathy Foster-surgery and is recovering

Pr. Ruth Hughes- fell and is recovering



## **Mentioned in April Session:**

Pr. Carol Pratt, Margaret Bently, Nancy Stanek

Joan Keister and PQ Patti Compton both passed away.

*Please contact the NEW Pr. Chaplain Ashley Hellman*

*or*

*Princess Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer*

*for those needing card or call.*



## Say it with Flowers!

If you are spending a lot more time at home these days, you may find yourself looking back on good times you've enjoyed in the past, friends you haven't seen in a while, or groups that haven't met in a long time now. In the old days you may have run to the store to buy a greeting card to send off. Nowadays buying a Hallmark card can set you back as much as \$5. Sending a virtual rose through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation can save you the trip to the store. It will help the Shriners Hospitals for Children. And it can help Nydia Temple reach the #1 spot as most giving Temple.

It amazed me to see that though we are the largest Temple we came in #2 in giving thus far this year, 2021. Let's send a kind word to friends we haven't seen in a while. Let's bring Nydia Temple back to the #1 spot is deserves!

### How it Works

Go to [donfdn.org](http://donfdn.org). Look for Send a Rose.

For just \$5, you may purchase a rose in celebration, honor, or memory of a special person. The honoree will receive an email letting them know you sent them a Rose, and their name will be added to the Rose Garden display at Supreme Session!

When you receive your donation confirmation, you can download the Rose Garden Image and paste it into an email to a Daughter of the Nile member, your parents, spouse, friends, and supporters or share it on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Share the Nile Love!



# Kids who once thought skiing, boarding was impossible enjoy the slopes



Remember when Nydia Temple hosted North/West Daze, and when the fun was done, and everyone went home, we had enough money left over to purchase a set of adaptive skis for the Portland Shriners Hospital?

A year and a half later, April 19th, Channel 8 News did a story on the ski program put on by the hospital. And guess what one very special little girl is using - the adaptive skis!!

Watch this fun video, with your hankie of course, and feel the pride of understanding why we do what we do for the hospital.

You can find the video by going to [www.kgw.com](http://www.kgw.com) and searching for the above title.

(PS - big thanks to PQ Judy Smith and PQ Holly Austin for planning that awesome event.)

The next Nydian deadline is

**Monday July 19, 2021**

Please submit articles and photos to

Pr. Pam Davis





# Patrol

Patrol was pleased to have our first in-person meeting in a year. Queen Gail installed our officers for the coming year: President PQ Judy Smith, VP Pr. Pam Davis, Sec/Treas PQ Sharon Kelley, and our Captain is PQ Jennifer Moyer.

Captain Jennifer has some fun new routines for us to try out in anticipation of being able to perform at the upcoming Supreme Queen visit and the Winter Ceremonial in January.



Keep your fingers crossed!

## Did You Know...?

... that the first step in creating a new member is for a current member to submit a Proposal for Membership. These proposals can be downloaded and printed from the Nydia Temple's website ([www.nydiatemple.com](http://www.nydiatemple.com)), found under the Members tab. Also, the proposal, and pocket sized proposals, can be printed from the Supreme website ([www.daughtersofthenile.com](http://www.daughtersofthenile.com)), found under the Information for Members tab. Also on this page is a great explanation of our proposal and petition process. The Princess Recorder can always mail forms to any member, when requested.

*If something is worth doing,  
it is worth doing poorly enough times  
to get it right.*



So if a cow doesn't give milk,  
is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

Be kind to your  
Daughter.



One day she will  
be in charge of  
your wheelchair.

# Session Notes



This is always a busy time of year:

Queen Holly had her last session as queen in March via Zoom. There were elections - we know how those turned out, except for Linda Hatch as the new Pr. Badoura. Holly reported on taking gifts from Nydia to the Hospital staff (see pg 7). PQ Kathy was granted her Life Membership. And Vancouver Nile Club was disbanded. In her end of year remarks Queen Holly emphasized how much we have learned this past year.

The Supreme Queen's visit for Holly's year finally happened in March via Zoom. There were 41 ladies virtually present for the obligation only ceremony. Betty Schrock won the Queen's Quilt drawing.

The middle of the month Zoom social meetings continue. These are in the evening usually on the 3rd Wed. and are a fun social time. You get to catch up on news you wouldn't otherwise hear - such as PQ Paulette's move, PQ Sharon's marching miles (approaching 1,000 miles!), and meet new members. Some ladies attend who couldn't otherwise get to an in-person session. You should attend if you can.

Queen Gail had a virtual installation, There were 71 members and guests signed in to watch! (For new officer list see pg 3.)

And in April she had her first session via Zoom. The next Ceremonial will be in July with Gail's Supreme Queen's visit. To be included in that the proposals needed to be read today. The wives of the newly initiated Shriners were all proposed for membership. Judy Alley reported on the Rose Garden Contest (see pg 9). We're #2 - Why is biggest temple not #1? Pr. Banker Paula reported on moving our investments from VBS to Ameriprise. We are looking for greater returns and more personal service. Annual reports included Sewing - 37 Transition Quilts and 730 blue bags (see pg 5). Recorder - net loss in members of 36. We're down to 482 members. Banker - spent more than took in. Pr. Royal Nancy under Ways and Means is looking for ideas we could do under the Covid restrictions and said that we are scheduled to prepare and serve the Food Caravan Dinner in October. The meeting closed about 2:00 and was a pretty good meeting for Queen Gail's first.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon whether via Zoom or in person.

# Calendar

**Upcoming Dates** - All activities are tentative and dependant upon government mandates and social distancing requirements.

## COMING EVENTS:

### May 2021

19 Mid-month social via Zoom, 5pm

### June 2021

Supreme Session - in-person cancelled - possibility of virtual

9 Practice opening and closing & costume fittings

16 Practice & costume fittings

### July 2021

9 Practice for OV

12 Supreme Queen Visit and Ceremonial

13 Supreme Queen Visit Hospital Tour



### Nile Word Search

Attendant	p a t r o l a b c r e d r o c e r	Padir
Banker	d b k e f g h c h a r i t a b l e	Patrol
Badoura	g a t e s r i t u a l i k n l t s	Philanthropic
Chaplain	c n p h i l a n t h r o p i c n o	Princess
Charitable	h k i r t l b r i d a p v l h a r	Queen
Children	a e h r i q u p o o n p m e i d e	Quilts
Club	p r s s r n l z c z s o t u l n t	Recorder
Donation	l a d y z b c a s i z r y w d e i	Ritual
Friendship	a z n e a d e e f g s t h i r t h	Service
Gates	i u e k h p s a s o m u l k e t w	Session
Giving	n l i r z s t d h s w n m y n a z	Sewing
Hospital	s e r v i c e o r z g i v i n g a	Shrine
Keys	e i f o z m s u i s s t l i u q b	Supreme
Lady	w m n k e p h r n e m y n p o u q	Temple
Love	i a u r i e m a e u a i b o n e z	Tirzah
Marshal	n w p t e m p l e d l a y o r e o	White rose
Music	g u a i d y n y b a d o u r a n r	Zenobia
Nile	s l a h s r a m d n o i t a n o d	Zora
Nydia		Zulieka
Opportunity		Zuleima
		Royal

## 2021 ~ 2022 Officers' Contacts



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Pr. Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer . . . . .  
Pr. Banker Paula Levin . . . . .  
Pr. Chaplain Ashley Hellman . . . . .

### 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.

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