

The Nydian



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

Queen Holly Austin

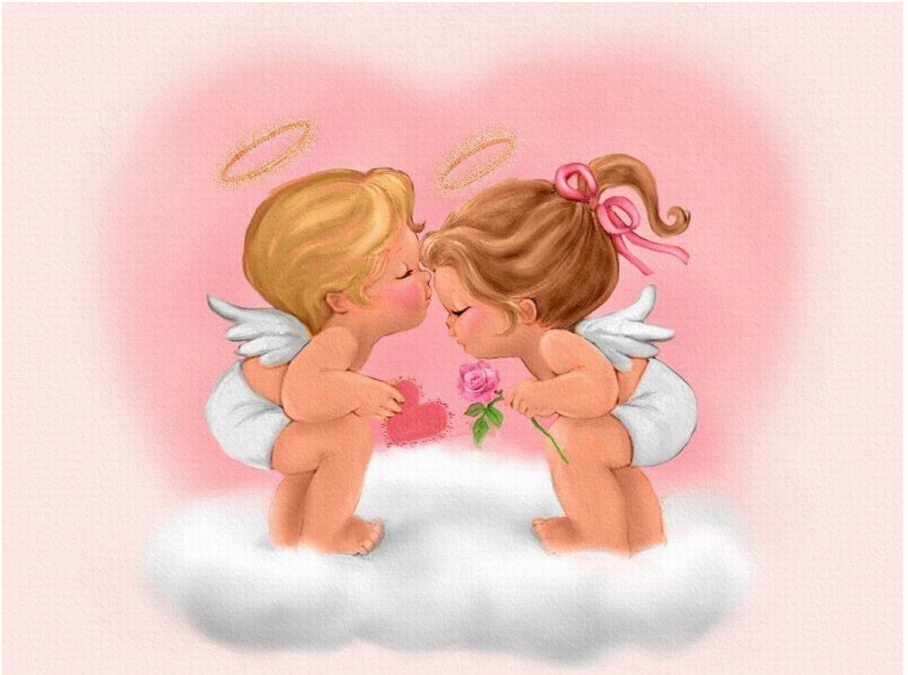


February/March 2021



Nile News and Events

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



Chartered April 24, 1919

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

Luncheon 11:15, Session 12:30

Al Kader Shrine Center,

25100 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville, OR 97070

The Queen Speaks . . .

By Queen Holly Austin



It's hard to believe that this will be my last article published in The Nydian as Queen Holly. I have enjoyed saying "Queen Holly" and hearing others address me as such. It's a regal title, one of distinction.

Never have I previously thought of myself as regal but tried to rise up to deserve that honor this year.

This year has not gone exactly as I had initially planned. My plans have been cast aside and dinner favors and gifts, gowns and surprises are neatly stored away. Nothing stored is perishable and will be retrieved when the time is right.

I have so enjoyed this year with its unexpected twists and turns. We were able to have an abbreviated installation of officers March 15, 2020, the day before "the world closed down." The officers had their instruction luncheon in September and ate Subway sandwiches (no use of the kitchen allowed). We had two in-person sessions and then learned all about Zoom meetings. Though we had a few wonderful club visits, I did have to cancel the balance of the year's visits due to a continued spike in our Covid numbers.

Personally, I used the telephone a lot more than I enjoy (I have never enjoyed the telephone) and decided to make "porch visits." This turned out to be a delightful experience, and I wish I had more time to visit everyone. Of course,

every visit was with our Covid-19 precautions – distancing and masking.

I thank everyone for making this a memorable year. I felt the presence of the angels among us as we fulfilled our duties of working on behalf of the Shriners kids, and of loving one another. We are part of an amazing organization and have an equally amazing group of women. I love you all.



Queen Holly



DO YOU VENMO?

Good news - Nydia Temple can now accept Venmo payments

This is another option available to our members (along with existing payment methods of cash, check, or credit card).

For Nydia Temple, find account name **Jennifer-Moyer-60** (phone 2562 if asked to verify).

This Venmo account is linked to Nydia Temple's bank account. When a transfer is received from a member's Venmo account, the Pr. Recorder immediately transfers it into the Temple bank account, and the Pr. Banker enters the transaction into the Temple's QuickBooks.

It's all done electronically - instantly and easily. Best part, **NO FEES!**

From Princess Royal

Dear Ladies of the Household,

As your Princess Royal, and as we near the end of this year, I have been busy making plans for our March 21st (2:00) Installation. We have a wonderful roster of new officers who have agreed to embark on this beautiful journey with me.

In order to keep everyone safe during the current Covid19 Pandemic/Quarantine, we will hold our installation via Zoom. You will be sent an email with the invitation and link to join.

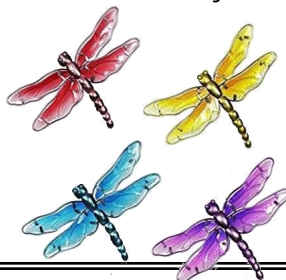
The theme I have chosen for these trying times, is *resilience*. In order to not just survive, but to thrive, we need to count our blessings and see the cup half full, not empty. Reach out to one another and both sides are raised up.

Next I needed to choose a symbol. Our soon-to-be Supreme Queen Donna Kramer, has chosen as her symbol, the compass rose. In addition to this “guiding light”, I would like our Nydia Temple symbol to be one that has special meaning for me, the dragonfly, which, if you were to Google it, you will see stands for *resilience*. Never have we needed the characteristic of resilience more than now.

Our colors will be purple and yellow gold. Dragonflies come in many colors, but these two prevail.

May the good Lord bless and keep each and every one of you safely in his arms.

Nile Love, Princess Royal, Gail Martin



The next Nydian deadline is

Monday April 12, 2021

Please submit articles and photos to

Pr. Pam Davis at Nile-Nydian@hotmail.com

A Shout from the Strategic Planning Committee

As the chair of the Strategic Planning/Membership Committee this year, I wish to send a huge shout out to the elected officers of Nydia Temple. I'm talking about Queen Holly, Princess Royal Gail, Princess Tirzah Nancy, Princess Badoura Donna, Princess Recorder PQ Jennifer, and Princess Banker Paula.

Over the summer, these dedicated, hardworking, and forward thinking ladies wrote Nydia Temple's Strategic-Plan Version 2. This plan gives guidance and consideration in three areas for Nydia Temple:

- 1) Membership – to retain current members and recruit new members,
- 2) Finances – to promote financial growth and stability, and
- 3) Relationships – to build and maintain positive relationships with our Masonic Family

We have faced many challenges this year – both in our temple and among our individual members. But during this time, these ladies spent many, many hours considering the challenges and roadblocks, and created a guide for Nydia Temple. The end result is a roadmap, or plan, for now and the future. Any member wishing a copy of the strategic plan, please contact me, and I will happily provide it.

Thank you Queen Holly for allowing me this opportunity.
JPQ Kathy Walliker

Did You Know...?

... the Daughters of the Nile Foundation's Stepping Stone to Happiness was introduced in 1955? This was also the beginning of the My Gift Program, which allows donors to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund and receive a gift in return. Visit www.donfdn.org to see the many beautiful items that have been added over the years.

Chaplain's Report

December

You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

Ladies of the Household:

I have said before, these are unprecedented times, but recently I was reminded that today is no different than any other day. Today is the day the Lord has made in whatever situation we are in. He knows our stories; He knows our circumstances. And best of all, He knows our endings. He created the path we are on today... Remember we are not alone, we have each other.

Congratulations:

Herb and Maureen Richardson – 50th Wedding Anniversary

Encouragement:

Anna Lamb – her mom's in hospital with cancer

Get Well/Encouragement for Health:

Pr. Michelle Wolbaum – migraine

Pr. Anna Lamb – doctor appt

Loss/Passed Away:

Pr. Peg Schuler – passed away

Pr. Crystal Stanaway – loss of her brother

January

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25 (NLT)

Ladies of the household:

We made it through the year 2020. Can you believe it? I cannot! ... I want to encourage you ladies today to look to the future with excitement not fear. Ladies of the household let us continue to be clothed in the dignity and strength we have, for we can look to the future with no fear.

Congratulations:

PQ Laurie and Scott Winchester - 50th wedding anniversary

Encouragement:

The officers for a strong new year

Get Well/encouragement for Health:

Pr. Anna Lamb - surgery for cancer (doing very well, and level 0)

Pr. Florence Carter - infection in her heart valve, receiving tests

Pr. Jennifer Moyer's son - sick – Covid

Pr. Carol and Ard Pratt- in a car accident (both recovering well)

Pr. Deanna Phillips- recovering from an accident at home

Pr. Sherilynn and Grant Mobley- sick with Covid (recovered, doing well)

Pr. Minnie O'Dell - place in hospice (at the beginning of the month)

Q. Holly's 16 year old grandson, Pr. Heather Gamotis' son, Kyle - Covid

Loss/Passed Away:

Pr. Marilyn Sloan - passed away Pr. Minnie O'Dell - passed away

Pr. Patricia Skiles - passed away Pr. Anna Lamb's mother passed way

February

Psalm 34:1-8 ...The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Ladies of the household:

This month is when we celebrate the lives of so many that go before us... Let us as ladies of the household find strength in the Lord for He is good and he will cover us in our sorrow.

Congratulations:

Pr. Dolores Dunn - 50th anniversary

Pr. Pam Davis - birth of a new great granddaughter

Get Well/Encouragement for Health:

Pr. Cathy Wheeler - heart surgery

Pr. Dorothy Lewis - broke her wrist.

Pr. Gladys Kruse - was in the hospital and now is home resting

Pr. Kathy Foster - recovering from bladder surgery.

Pr. Kathy Hervey - home resting, not responding well.

Pr. Katie Thornburg - in a car accident (doing well)

Pr. Lori Snyder - cyst on her kidney

Pr. Lynnette Duggan - cataract surgery

Pr. Mary Anne Dougherty - had some tests taken.

Pr. Vena DeHut - her husband, Mel, had back surgery.

PSQ Muriel Knapp - surgery

Pr. Nancy Coddington - house fire

Loss/Passed Away:

Pr. Anne Greer's husband passed away.

Pr. Evelyn Ogilvie passed away

Pr. Florence Carter passed away.

Pr. Keely Vrsalovich nephew passed away.

Pr. Nancy Faes passed away.



Please contact Pr. Chaplain Michelle Wolbaum at 503-268-7417 - email faithfulmaw@yahoo.com, or Princess Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer at 503-888-2562 - email nydiarecorderno4@gmail.com for those needing card or call.

More about our officers and Cheerful Cherubs

Helen Bible, Lady of the Keys

Retired nurse, loves to read

Shirley Stanfill, Lady of the Gates

The smallest of us all, is a wonderful cook

Julie Birmingham, Attendant

Works in insurance and loves Hallmark movies

Penny MacKinnon, Attendant

Retired cosmetologist. Came from a rodeo family and has hand crafted a saddle

Patti Baldwin, Cheerful Cherub

Worked as a dispatcher for City of Dallas, OR and Polk County

Linda Barton, Cheerful Cherub

Worked in schools and was a Job's Daughter

Trudy Biotti, Cheerful Cherub

Retired RN, is very artistic and crafty



Sydney Bush, Cheerful Cherub

Worked as a Teacher's Aide. Was a foster parent to 50 kids

Sylvia Evey, Cheerful Cherub

Worked with her husband in their drilling business

Sherry Hevland, Cheerful Cherub

Worked as sect'y and office manager. Likes camping, sewing, reading, and puzzles

Susan Marshall, Cheerful Cherub

Retired legal assistant. Loves watching sports, grandchildren, and camping

A Note From Princess Banker

It's time to pay our annual dues again! Do you ever wonder what the Temple does with that money every year? I'm happy to tell you where just some of that money goes.

In March every year each temple is required to pay a \$9 per capita fee to the Supreme Temple and then in April, we pay a \$3 fee for each member for insurance coverage.

What happens to the remaining money? One big item is communication. We pay for printing and postage for the Nydian as well as paying for maintenance of our website.

Each year Nydia provides \$2000 to the Sewing Committee. This helps to defray the cost of purchasing material to make the many items (quilts, pillowcases, wheelchair bags, shorts, and more) for the children at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Portland.

We also provide \$250 to the Birthday Party Committee to help them to purchase a present for each child.

Funds are also used for our yearly installation of officers, as well as printing the yearbook. We maintain a phone and internet for the Princess Recorder and provide a monthly stipend to cover the many hours necessary for her to perform all of her duties. A small monthly stipend is also given to the Princess Banker.

The funds also help to cover some of the costs incurred by the Queen and Princess Royal to attend Supreme Session each year. It covers registration fees for the line officers and performing unit representing our Temple at Supreme Session.

These are some, but not all, of what it takes to keep our Temple going. When you think about it, it's amazing that your dues are able to cover as much as they do!!!

If you have any questions about what was just listed, please feel free to contact me (Princess Banker Paula Levin).

I hope to see all of you on Zoom or in person when we're allowed to meet again. Stay well and stay safe.

How To Revise or Update Club or Unit Bylaws

There are specific steps that must be taken in order to update your club or unit bylaws. These steps follow basic rules set by *Roberts Rules of Order* and by Supreme Nile Bylaws. The Temple must have a current set of your bylaws on file, and they must have been approved by the Temple and signed by the Queen. (See Supreme Temple Manual of Procedures; XIV, UNITS AND CLUBS GUIDELINES)

Appoint a bylaws committee to review your current bylaws and if needed write up a revision or addition. Make sure that the change does not conflict with Supreme or Subordinate Temple bylaws.

Have the first reading of the bylaw change at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for this purpose with permission of the Queen. Note the date of the meeting.

Notify members of the proposed amendment and that it will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Have the second reading of the bylaw change at a regular meeting. Two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members is required for approval. Note the date of the meeting.

Type up the new bylaws with the dates of the readings and submit to the Temple Bylaws Committee for approval. (Sending a virtual copy is recommended to make it easier for the committee to study before submitting it to the Temple for approval.) Send a *hard copy* to the Princess Recorder with the proper signatures and dates of the readings and vote.

If the Temple Bylaws Committee finds any conflicts or errors, they will return the bylaws to you with recommendations to correct.

If the Temple Bylaws Committee approves the bylaws, they will submit them to the Temple for approval. Note: club bylaws must have a majority vote of the temple for approval; unit bylaws only need the Temple Bylaws Committee approval.

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The Princess Recorder will keep a copy on file and send you the approved bylaws signed by the queen.

In special circumstances, the Queen may temporarily approve a bylaw change. This is only for a limited time, and the club or unit must still submit the change in proper form according to the Supreme and Subordinate Temple Bylaws.

Questions? Contact your Temple Bylaws Committee.

Judy C Smith, PQ

Nydia Temple Bylaws Committee Chair,

Supreme Temple Action Team Committee

Did You Know...? ... that Nydia Temple donated the first sum of money to start the newly formed Convalescent Relief Account? The CRA Account was established in 1925 when Nydia Member Winifred Lea was Supreme Queen. Because of this connection, Nydia Temple was honored to kick off the fund with the first deposit. Our charitable work continues in earnest, with Nydia Temple donating over \$15,400 to the Foundation last year alone.



Tirzah Nile Club

By Pr. Dorothy Lewis, Ambassador

Tirzah Nile Club is excited to get together, even if it is on Zoom. At least we will get to see each other's faces. Thank you President Lynette Duggan for setting this meeting up for February 9th between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon.

The nominating committee of Pr. Adell Goggins, Pr. Bonnie Hambleton and Pr. Dorothy Lewis will report:

PQ Joan Blizzard has agreed to be President for one year, Pr Dorothy Lewis, Vice President for one year. Pr. Bonnie Hambleton will then available. Pr. Shirley Stanfill has agreed to be Secretary again. The President will appoint the Chaplain and Ambassador.

The vote will be taken at this meeting and those elected will be installed at the meeting in March.

Reaching for Membership

By Nancy Coddington, Pr. Tirzah

Since, unfortunately, our Queen's Visits have been curtailed (gee, thanks loads, COVID 19) it was suggested that maybe one of the discussion topics be reviewed. So, from my computer to your newsletter, here is my topic on membership outreach to young adults:

As we continue to maintain and grow Nydia Temple, we all recognize that we have challenges to overcome in maintaining those numbers. Sadly, we lose members for various reasons, but what it comes down to is this: we need to be continually thinking about inviting new, vibrant women to join our ranks. Women who are willing to help us perform the good work we do for our beloved Daughters of the Nile and our only philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The purpose of this discussion is on capitalizing on a built-in cadre - our Masonic youth and those who have been involved in Masonry.

One of the first things to consider is how to get them interested in our mission. We are, quite frankly, in a bit of a competition to encourage these young individuals to join. Just about any of the Masonic groups would whole-heartedly welcome new members. So, the question for all of us to ponder is, how can we stand out? How can we make our membership, our activities, and our mission attractive to other people? What are their special needs or requirements that would allow them to participate in a meaningful way?

- ◆ Let's start with a few points that may be barriers/disincentives for people to join:
- ◆ Schedule conflicts/time constraints (e.g. work and family responsibilities)
- ◆ Don't know who we are, what we do
- ◆ AAARGH - COVID19
- ◆ We're a boring bunch of old people!

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What can we do about these issues? One of the most important things you can do to engage with our Masonic youth is to first attend their functions. Yes, right now it's difficult to attend in person, but many activities are occurring on Zoom, meaning you can observe and stay home at the same time. Your interest in their activities may make the difference in creating interest for them in our activities. You needn't feel you must attend every activity, but just once in a while will make them aware the members of our order are taking an active interest in *them*. Let them know that we do appreciate what they do as part of the Masonic family and want to encourage them to be successful.

Once you've participated in some of their activities, another thing to consider is to invite them to a special activity, such as a focused event which includes information about Nydia Temple, Daughters of the Nile, and your own club. Some ideas:

- A movie and dinner
- Mother/daughter tea
- Painting night
- Cooking class

For slightly older (over 21) a trip to a winery or even a distillery

Obviously, you may have better ideas about outings or activities especially during a pandemic! No matter what you do, carefully consider your scheduling of any activity to a time when more people are available and, right now especially, think about using Zoom or other online platform. Some of the above activities might be really fun that way.

Is it work? Yes, certainly and it's not an overnight result, but the rewards can be great for all involved. People of all ages like to know that what they do is important and appreciated. Let them know you care, and in time building this bridge may create interest and new members anxious to help.



“DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE, IT’S WORTH YOUR WHILE!”

Thoughts From Pr. Badoura

Queen Holly gave each officer a topic to present during her official visits to all Nydia's Nile Clubs. We were fortunate to safely visit several clubs including those in Eastern and Central Oregon. It was fun, and I enjoyed getting to know these wonderful ladies. I even met another Linfield Alumni! I am also sad we missed many other club OV's and have my fingers crossed we can visit all Nydia's clubs in 2021.

Here is a condensed version of my topic:

How to Increase Club Membership

Being active in a club can give a member the sense of connection, belonging, and working towards our common goal of raising money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, while at the same time socializing and making lasting friendships.

What are benefits of increasing club membership?

- ◆ Bring new ideas to the club
- ◆ Spread the responsibilities to more members
- ◆ Help other women gain leadership skills

How can we increase club membership?

- ◆ First ask for a demographics of your club's areas from the Pr. Recorder. Then invite these members to a club meeting or social event.
- ◆ Request to be a mentor for a proposed member. Invite this proposed member to a club social. After she becomes a member invite her to join your club.
- ◆ Ask your husband or significant friend to think of a Mason or Shriner whose wife or significant friend might be a potential Nydia member. I did this with my husband and submitted 14 proposals. I now need to volunteer as a mentor and encourage these women to join and then help the new member form a connection by inviting her to join a club.

- ◆ Talk with your friends outside Nydia Temple. You may find they would be interested in supporting Nile's philanthropic efforts.
- ◆ Look at the time or day of your meetings. If this was changed would more members be able to attend? Also think about holding a meeting or two using Zoom; especially during the winter when it's dark, rainy, or maybe snowing.

What are some of your ideas for increasing club membership? When we all work together, we can increase both Nydia's membership as well as our clubs'.

Take care and hope to see everyone soon,
Pr. Badoura Donna Gray



The key to immortality is to first live a life
worth remembering.

--Bruce Lee

Nite Lites Meetings Update

By Pr. Linda Barton

We had our first monthly meeting of 2021 via Zoom on January 11. It was nice to be able to see each other again. We are unable to meet in person or make projects at this time for the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Portland because of Covid 19.

It was discussed and agreed upon to send cards of encouragement to the Hospital Administrator and to the Hospital Volunteer Coordinator.

Our next Zoom meeting will be held February 8th at 6 PM. We plan to present ideas for upcoming monthly kits for the Hospital. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue this support to the hospital as soon as Covid 19 has run its course.

We are in the process of making or buying Valentine cards to send to the Hospital. These cards will be given to the patients on Valentine's Day.

So Many Ways to Make a Difference!

By Pr. Judy Alley

Maybe you are in a routine, on autopilot, or even in a rut. You give to the Hospital during the holidays, but then there are so many things to occupy your mind that the children get put on the back burner.

Let's resolve to make a difference. Think hard about a princess you have always admired, enjoyed, or thought a lot of. You may know her well or not at all. Perhaps you have only overheard her say kind or insightful things. This sort of behavior needs to be encouraged in the midst of our current challenges.

Look this princess up in the directory so you have her contact info on hand. Then go to <https://donfdn.org>. Select "Send a Rose." Read about this clever program. Then select "Start Giving Now" and fill out the form. **A rose is only \$5**, but this sort of recognition will encourage our princesses and knit together a stronger temple.

For those who don't care for the computer, you can always mail your gift to



Daughters of the Nile Foundation
6705 Mesa Drive
Austin, TX 78731-2817



Be sure to name the princess you want to send the rose to and include her email address. Give your mailing address, let them know you belong to Nydia Temple No. 4 and be sure to include your check.

It may not be time for roses outside, but they can always bloom in our hearts.

Think Before You Speak?

Researchers at Lund University in Sweden have suggested that speech is only partially planned... and that part of our understanding of what we say actually comes from hearing ourselves speak.

Nydia Temple Sewing Committee

By Sheri Hevland, Chair



At this time we continue to provide requested items to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Portland: wheelchair/walker bags, shorts, rehab bean bags and wedges, and transition quilts. We are hopeful that small inpatient quilts will again be used - more on that as I hear from the hospital.

Recently Rod and I were able to visit Pr. Adell Goggins at her home and collect over 100 small quilts that she and other members of Tirzah Club made since summer, along with pillowcases to match some of the quilts. She has been storing these for us, but was running out of room as she has many more ready to complete. What beautiful work! Adell has a great “She-Sewing cave” set up, and she is the Energizer Bunny of creations. It’s always a delight to visit her!

I especially want to thank PQs Carol Livie and Judy Smith for keeping the transition quilts coming for the Hospital. We have received heartwarming thank you notes from Susan Labhard at SHC sharing some stories of the joy Transition Patients have when they get to pick out a quilt that’s just right for them. These are keeping us energized and focused during this challenging time.

Thanks to all in Nydia who support the SHC through their creative endeavors.

Did You Know...?

... that Nydia Temple has a special book where our members can make a donation in memory of someone special? The Nydia Temple Memory Books are displayed at every session and contain memorials to princesses, husbands and family members, friends – anyone who was special in someone’s life. A \$5 donation given to Nydia Temple goes directly to the Convalescent Endowment Fund and is a wonderful way to remember a loved one. The Memory Book Remembrances are entered into our permanent book and the donor receives a lovely note card for the family. For more information, ask the Princess Recorder.

Calendar

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

COMING EVENTS:

March 2021

3 Stated Session (elections) via Zoom

5-6 Supreme Queen's visit via Zoom

21 Installation of Officers via Zoom

April 2021

7 Stated Session

May 2021

5 Stated Session



May Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door



Smiles

Mrs. Pearlman went to the doctor's office, and saw Dr. Levine, one of the new young doctors.

Five minutes later, she burst out of the examination room, screaming as she ran down the corridor.

Gray-haired Dr. Goldberg asked what was happening, and heard her story.

He calmed her down, seated her in his office and asked her to wait there for a moment. Then he hustled over to Dr. Levine's examination room.

"Are you insane? Mrs. Pearlman is 61 years old! She has four grown kids and seven grandchildren, and you told her she's pregnant?"

"Does she still have the hiccups?"



2020 ~ 2021 Officers' Contacts

Queen Holly Austin
Jr. Past Queen Kathy Walliker
Pr. Royal Gail Martin
Pr. Tirzah Nancy Coddington
Pr. Badoura Donna Gray
Pr. Recorder PQ Jennifer Moyer
Pr. Banker Paula Levin
Pr. Chaplain Michelle Wolbaum

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.

“All the text enclosed within this book/newsletter belongs to a Daughters of the Nile member and she has received this book/newsletter in good faith and understands no information may be made available to non-members of the Order, with the exception of a caregiver.”



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