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### From the President

#### Greeting and Happy Spring!

This time of year is always an exciting time for the Daughters of the Nile Foundation (Foundation). We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Supreme Session in Mashantucket, Connecticut. The Foundation met in March and elected the following individuals to the Board of Directors. Elected for a second term were Margaret Silvers, Islam Temple No. 25 and Charlla Sistrunk, El Kanah Temple No. 142. We welcome to the Board, Sarah Dolliver, El Mejdel Temple No. 47; Vickie Tabor Hill, Merak Temple No. 104; and Cindy Vann, Agapa Temple No. 155. We bid a sad farewell to Kathy Walliker, Nydia Temple No. 4; Jackie Holloway, Iras Temple No. 40; and Carol Hefley, Shalman Temple No. 90, who will be retiring from the Board. We thank these ladies for their dedication and service to the Foundation. Congratulations to our new and returning Board members.

It has been an honor to serve on the Foundation Board as President. My term as President comes to an end in July. However, I have the pleasure to serve one more year on the Board. Foundation officers for 2023 – 2024 will be: Herbie Kay Lundquist, Ruh Neb Temple No. 64, President; Joanne (Joni) Lerud-Heck, El Mejdel Temple No. 47, Vice President; Margaret Silvers, Islam Temple No. 25, Secretary; Kathy Gough, Yucca Temple No. 74, Treasurer; and Barbara Adkins, Naphis Temple No. 66, Executive Board Member. Congratulation ladies. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.



The Foundation's annual contribution to Shriners Children's™ will be announced at Supreme Session.

We will also announce the Rose Garden winners and Holiday Shazing winners at Supreme Session.
Congratulations to all the winners!

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The Foundation will be funding approved capital equipment for the following hospitals:

Shriners Children's™ - Chicago - Verathon Bladder Scanner - \$11,575

Shriners Children's™ - Greenville – Shukla Screw Extraction Kit - \$11,400

Shriners Children's™ - Honolulu – Medtronic Bone Mill - \$7,030

Food Steamer - \$26,000

Shriners Children's™ - Philadelphia – Zimmer Air Dermatome and Mesher - \$24,447

Shriners Children's™ - Twin Cities - Balanced Body Pilates Reformer Machine - \$6,103

2 Phillips Ultrasound Transducers - \$23,254

The Foundation Board members will be presenting checks for the equipment to these hospitals in the coming months.

If you are attending Supreme Session in Mashantucket, please plan to come by the Foundation Booth in the Market Place. We have new items available. Thank you to all the ladies that will be helping with the booth. Also, don't forget about the Silent Auction. I'm sure there will be some fantastic items to bid on.

For the first time, the Foundation will have Stepping Stones to Happiness and Charms for sale at Shrine Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina. We share a booth with Supreme Membership, so come by and say hi.

Hi again everyone, from Sylvie. I have been hearing so much about what's going on at Supreme Session this year that I could not wait to tell you. You know I love to shop, and the Marketplace at Supreme Session is the place to do that.

Back by popular demand is the Silent Auction and I'm told it will be bigger and better than ever! My Mom and I just love browsing through all the lovely items, writing down our bids, and then coming back later to do it again because someone else out bid us. It is so much fun. The silent auction is having a face lift (not me!), and items no longer need to be in a basket. There will be many beautiful and artistic displays – some in baskets, some not. We sure have a lot of talented ladies who know how to make it look good.



In addition to everything I love getting every year, there are new things to check out. There will be a new pin, a new charm, and more. Yikes - what will take the place of the traditional holiday ornament? That will be the first thing for me to find at the Foundation Booth. Can hardly wait, and I get a free gift just for visiting the booth! Isn't that cool?

On top of everything else, there will be the presentation of the big check, announcing the amount being given this year to Shriners Children's™. Yahoo!

I can't wait to spread my wings and fly to Supreme Session this year. See you there! Sylvie, your enthusiastic shopper



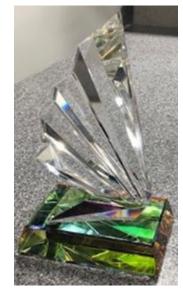
As another Daughters of the Nile year begins, once again reminders of our successes abound. The My Gift Foundation Program donations have reached new heights with new merchandise and pledge programs to provide incentives for all. Our philanthropy, the patients at the Shrine Hospitals and Clinics, profit through your selection of an item(s) and your contribution. Our slogan has been, "Give a Gift, Get A Gift," but the gift you receive is more than a beautiful object, it is a gift of joy and happiness knowing you helped a child grow stronger and healthier, knowing you are assisting in research, knowing better medical equipment is purchased. Your gift is love.

Be sure to look for our booth at the Marketplace at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Session to be held at Foxwoods Resort. Our selection will include a new pin (this one is fun, and hopefully, brings a smile to your face), a new charm, and a surprise – our new Supreme Queen's special remembrance of her year. You will want to have this as you start your collection of these memory pieces. All the items, including previous Seasons of the Children ornaments from

2000 to 2023, will be available. Also available will be Special Offers.

If you would like a preview of the other pieces, visit our website: http:donfdn.org.

Our new pledge item, the Tenet, has been widely accepted and the response has been overwhelming. A special thank you to those of you who have made this gift your own. Orders will continue to be accepted for this remarkable piece.



## 2022 Foundation Club Members

The Queen and one other member from each of these Temples will be honored at a special reception at Supreme Session to thank them for donating at least \$10,000 during 2022 to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. Thank you and congratulations to these generous and hard-working Temples!

Naphis Temple No. 66	307,810.50	Shimron Temple No. 133	16,819.00
Iras Temple No. 40	258,407.68	Hatasu Temple No. 1	15,765.99
Mecca Temple No. 34	132,223.00	Aromaz-Dynasty Temple No. 163	15,636.10
Rithmah Temple No. 93	41,605.00	Teti Sheri Temple No. 60	15,314.22
Isis Temple No. 41	32,201.00	Nefru-Ari Temple No. 17	14,843.50
Shalman Temple No. 90	28,783.84	Mokattam Temple No. 12	14,827.35
Allah Temple No. 28	27,165.00	Zitta Temple No. 27	14,203.51
Dorcas Temple No. 129	21,700.62	Yucca Temple No. 74	13,171.71
Sapphira Temple No. 79	19,895.34	El Mejdel Temple No. 47	12,709.50
Menzaleh Temple No. 16	19,262.09	Ruhamah Temple No. 71	11,137.00
Islam Temple No. 25	18,324.00	Alabet Temple No. 31	10,775.00
Nydia Temple No. 4	17,992.00	El Kanah Temple No. 142	10,273.00
Merak Temple No. 104	17,712.00	Dynasty Amenna No. 164	10,180.09
Milcah Temple No. 77	17,499.20	Zenobia Temple No. 8	10,000.00
Elim Temple No. 76	16,934.67	remples:	

Grand total for the 29 Temple \$1,163,171.91



### BREAKING BIG NEWS

Beginning on <u>August 1, 2023</u> the Assistant Treasurer's job and the My Gift Foundation Program will begin operations under one umbrella.

## The new name will be **THE GIFT STORE**

The plan going forward is to have:

<u>Donation Management Specialist</u> who will receive all monies due the Foundation. She will process all orders received (Stepping Stones, cards, etc., and all My Gift Foundation orders) and then distribute the order to one of two (2) Distribution Managers for shipping.

There will **NOT BE AN ADDRESS CHANGE**, all mailed in donations and orders will still go to **6705 Mesa Drive**, **Austin**, **TX 78731** 

<u>Two Distribution Managers</u> will fulfill and mail out the orders when received. Both will maintain inventory of all fundraising items.

<u>Design and Purchasing Manager</u> will select and design all items sold through Awards Unlimited, order Stepping Stones, all cards, and all printed items sold through the current Assistant Treasurer and make sure that the Distribution Managers have all products in their inventory.

<u>Pledges and Communications</u> will keep the pledge book up to date and process any communications with the Subordinate Temples that is necessary and also work with the Charitable Giving Chairmen in the Subordinate Temples. She will also work the Supreme Session booth.

At Supreme Session this year, you will find the Foundation Booth and the My Gift Foundation Program booth side by side. In the past, it has been difficult to understand that we are both operating for the Foundation as we looked separate.

As our new plan begins operations, we hope that you will anticipate your needs or the needs of your Temples and understand that under our new plan the turnaround time will be extended. We would like to have your orders filled and out to you within a **two/three-week** time period, with the exception of anything ordered that would require engraving at Awards Unlimited.

We certainly will appreciate your patience.

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## You shop. Amazon gives.

Thank you for supporting Amazon Smile over the years. We have been the recipient of more than \$16,000, all thanks to you. Like you, we are sad this program has gone away. We appreciate all of the support and are looking forward to the next opportunity.

Again, Thank you!



The elevator speech is a way to share personal expertise quickly and effectively with people who don't know you.

Picture yourself in an elevator. Someone sees your Foundation gift bag and asks you about it. What do you say? "Daughters of the Nile Foundation is a group of professional women who volunteer time, treasure, and talent to manage the endowment of our foundation to support Shriners Children's™. To date we've raised over 70 million dollars...." Next time, you will be prepared!



# A Legacy of Love

Congratulations to Queen Linda Gray, a 2023 McHenry Award winner. Queen Linda was from Iras Temple No. 40, Boise, Idaho. She was very dedicated to Daughters of the Nile and supporting the children with generous contributions to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. She lived a life that leaves a Legacy of Love.

## **THANK YOU!**



On November 12, 2022, seven Daughters of the Nile Foundation Directors and guests descended on Houston, Texas' Tropicana Field for the Celebration of the Century. Dressed in our finest cowgirl/boy duds, we attended the Shriners International event to celebrate Shriners Children's™ 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

As a show of support for Shriners International, the Foundation purchased two tables and invited the Queens of Tabéel Temple No. 88 and Nekodah Temple No. 44 and other Daughters as guests. We were also joined by Supreme Queen Vickie Hill, being a Texas girl herself. Additional friends and spouses enjoyed an evening of fun and friendship as we celebrated this milestone in Shriners International history.

The outfield of Tropicana Field, home of the World Series Champions the Houston Astros, was transformed into a dinner club for hundreds of guests. (This is so hard to write, being a dyed in the wool Pacific Northwest MLB Mariners fan!) The tables were elegantly set with all the appropriate glasses and tableware. Now which fork do we use for salad? Any beverage you wanted was available, and the dinner was so delicious. There were clean plates all around.

During a brief ceremony we were honored to be singled out during the speech by Kenny Craven, Shriners International Board Chairman and Imperial Potentate. He mentioned the work the Daughters of the Nile and the Foundation has done this year supporting the Women Impacting Care program by the sales of our Pearl Stepping Stones. He noted we have the distinction of being the longest consistent donor to Shriners Children's™. We were very surprised, but full of pride for the shout out from Imperial Sir Kenny.

A lively auction was held. As of January 12, 2023, over \$1.6 million had been raised and had received lots of media attention. There were three BIG TICKET items up for auction. The bidding was lively and extensive, and the winners went away happy looking forward to their Saint Martin island villa, an evening with Cole Hauser of "Yellowstone," or a week at a Normandy, France Chateau.

The evening was capped off with a rockin' and rollin' performance by country music star Dierks Bentley. We enjoyed the performance with singing, dancing, clapping, and generally having an awesome time. Alas, the evening had to end sometime, but not before lots of hugs and goodbyes to old and new friends, great comments and experiences shared, and memories we would remember for a long time.



Pr. Jennifer J. Cravens, Imperial Sir Kenny Cravens, Vickie Tabor Hill, Supreme Queen



## **Silent Auction Supreme Session 2023**

Please share this information with your membership

Help us again this year to have a record-breaking silent auction with all proceeds going to the

## **Convalescent Endowment Fund**

All donors donating an auction item will receive recognition through the Fall Foundation newsletter. The individual who purchases the item will receive credit to her Temple.

We ask that you bring your auction item to the Foundation Booth in the *Shop 'til You Drop Market* as soon as possible upon your arrival at Supreme Session.

Please provide us with a written description of the item, together with the retail value and your desired starting bid, when dropping it off at the Foundation Booth.

Temple Name and Number		
Contact Name		
Email	Phone	
Silent Auction Item		

Please send information to Maria' Boyer-Jensen S63W35554 Piper Road Eagle, WI 53119-1259 mboyer@donfdn.org 1-414-581-7393 Daughters of the Nile Foundation

Winners will be announced at Supreme Session

Rose Garden - 2022 "Making a Difference"

## **Holiday Sharing**

It's Christmas in June!! All the dollars have been counted, checks cashed, and donations tallied; we have winners!!

The winners of the Holiday Sharing campaign for 2022 are ready for their big announcement. We have winners for four membership categories, three winners for each category.

If you want to find out who won the prizes for Holiday Sharing 2022, you will have to come to Supreme Session 2023 in Mashantucket, CT.

Be sure to check to see when the Foundation presentations will be made and find out if your Temple has won a Holiday Sharing award. See you all in June for the big news.







Last November, the Board of Directors of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation had the rare opportunity to witness the workings of one of the hospitals when we were invited to hold our regular Board meeting at Shriners Children's™ - Southern California. This was to coincide with unveiling of the plaque naming their new infusion suite after the Daughters of the Nile Foundation.

We spent three fascinating days at the hospital. The hospital administration generously allowed us to use their Board room for our meetings, which is located on the top floor with a lovely terrace and amazing views of the Pasadena area. The first day we were busy with our normal

business but at the end of the day we were treated to a field trip to the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium. Upon arrival, we were greeted by the Potentate of Al Malaikah Shriners, Ills. Sir Raffi Barsmian and several members of his Divan, as well as Queen Anna Sue Eldridge and several members of Mokattam Temple No. 12, who took us on a tour of the historic building. The building was built in 1926 and over the years has served as the location for many great events. The Academy Awards ceremonies were held in the auditorium for many years, beginning in the 1940's. In the 1950's, *A Star is Born*, featuring Judy Garland, was filmed at the auditorium. In the 1960's and '70's, it hosted various large concerts, award shows, and theatrical performances, and continues to do so today. In 1984, Michael Jackson's hair caught on fire when he was filming a Pepsi commercial on the stage of the auditorium and in 1992 Frank Sinatra made his final television appearance from there. Many of you may remember it as the location of the 1959 Supreme Session.

The ladies from Mokattam Temple also gave us a personal tour of the Nile Museum they maintain within the larger auditorium museum. They've filled it with all sorts of interesting artifacts from their Temple. We particularly enjoyed viewing the quilt that was created for Past Supreme Queen Sharalyn E. Wininger by the Queens who served during her year. We saw one square that was created by someone named Patty Larimore and we wondered what she is doing now?

The morning of the second day we resumed our business session but adjourned at noon to view a ballet performed for the patients in the hospital lobby by some local dancers. Then it was time for us to visit the infusion suite, named in honor of the Foundation. The suite is used to treat patients with brittle bone disease using an infusion technique developed at the hospital in Montreal, which has proven to be very effective.



On the third day, we resumed our business meeting but were interrupted midmorning by a knock on the door. To our surprise, we were greeted by a friendly and adorable miniature horse, Blue Moon, who had come to visit the children.

That evening we were invited back to the hospital for a special musical rock show. We were told to dress in jeans and rock concert t-shirts but had no idea what to expect. Boy, were we in for a pleasant surprise as we had been invited to attend a concert performed by music industry professionals who are part of Music Has Healing Power, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the

universal language and healing power of music. The organization partners with the hospital to provide instruments and music rooms to assist in treatment of the patients. The title of the performance was "The Story Behind the Song" and the performers were all notable in the music world, having worked as producers, performers, and song writers. During the performance, they told stories about certain songs and then performed the songs for our enjoyment.

Meeting at the hospital provided the Board a unique experience. Our meetings were as productive as normal, yet we were able to observe firsthand the importance of the work we do. This reaffirmed our commitment to help Shriners Children's™ doctors, nurses, and administrators continue to perform miracles.





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### A Daughter of the Nile's Privilege

When we think of our membership in Daughters of the Nile, so many sweet things come to mind — friendships, fun social time, inspiration received from our ritualistic work, leadership opportunities, and common purpose with like-minded philanthropic women. But there is one more thing that we do that is more important than all the rest and that is the opportunity to exercise the privilege of sharing our wealth, to whatever degree that individually is, with deserving children. Some people may not understand how it is that a Temple organizes itself and functions, but nobody can fault what we collectively do — provide muchneeded funds for the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® and, ultimately, the patients who are given outstanding medical care there. This is a season of thanksgiving and celebration, so we want to give you another occasion to give a donation to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation by way of the donation envelope enclosed with this newsletter. It is your choice to give a monetary gift in honor or in memory of someone and to give it to either the Convalescent Endowment Fund, the Convalescent Relief Account, or to Holiday Sharing. Every dollar you contribute supports the Foundation's reputable cause. Please consider participating as a reflection of your feelings of privilege to be a Daughter of the Nile. You are blessed, loved, and appreciated.

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