





"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

-Vince Lombardi



First Tebala/Alabet Family/Patient Picnic, Jeremy surprised everyone and sang the Star Spangled Banner and O Canada in French. Alabet had received two Proclamations from the City of Rockford and City of Sycamore for the Official Visit. The Murder Mystery Dinner, "Dreaming of a Red Christmas" was a huge success. There was only one activity that I had planned, but due to logistics we were unable to do was the Arlington Park Day. Alabet sponsored an Action Team Regional Training for the first time. Lots of Past Supreme Queens and ladies from neighboring Subordinate Temples. Past Queen Jan Bloom, Bereavement Committee did an awesome job, especially coordinating funeral lunches, roses to ladies under the weather and the traditional Memorial Service. Thanks to Sharon Secoy (Girls Want to Have Fun plus her overall support), Judy Bowers (Nuts plus her support), Jackie Anderson (decorations plus other contributions), and Carolyn Pitterle and Jeanne Sumpter(sound) for being very positive and always willing to "pitch in."

This was the first year we started a "Girls Want To Have Fun Committee" planning mini events and concluding with the Rock Valley College Starlight Theatre presentation of **Akhnaton** by Agatha Christie, **March 21, 2014, 8 pm.** Ladies plan to attend a dinner prior to the play.

**Special thanks to all of the wonderful ladies who supported me this year through their volunteerism, commitment or participation, but most of all to my parents who have been my inspiration.**

*Queen Jenilee Johnson*





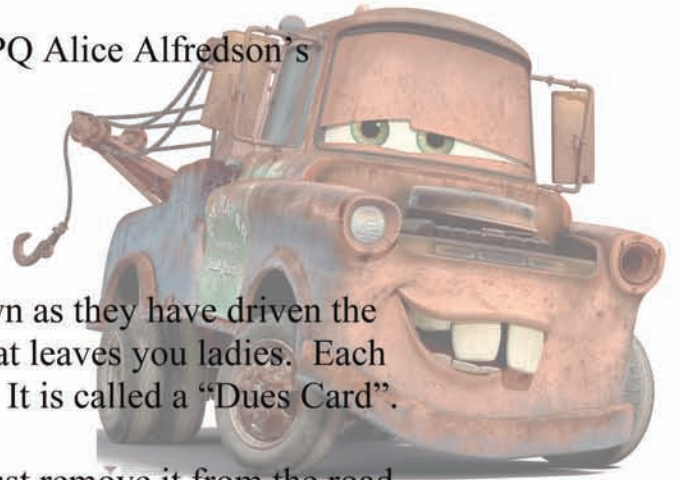
## *Special Message From Supreme Temple, Daughters Of The Nile*

PAST SUPREME QUEEN M. RHONA KERR (PQ Alice Alfredson's Supreme Queen)

Who is driving the car?

Everyone please stand.

Pretend we are a car, the Past Queens may sit down as they have driven the car and are now the support group in waiting. That leaves you ladies. Each one of you has a driver's license to drive this car. It is called a "Dues Card".



Now, if we do not have a driver for our car we must remove it from the road and take it to the DUMP. Is that what you want for our car? Is that what you want for our Temple? Because that is exactly where we are headed. We must have three drivers in waiting, Princess Royal, Princess Tirzah and Princess Badoura. Which appeals to YOU? I am very serious. You may sit down.

We are in a very serious situation. We do NOT have the three vital "operators to drive our car and we are not going anywhere unless we get three eligible drivers." What more can I say? Please don't walk out the door this evening thinking "who could fill these important positions?" Think of doing it YOURSELF!!!" You may say I can't memorize,....READ it!! We have a book all written out for you to use. It is called a Ritual. (Every Queen's Bible).

You will not travel the road alone. The car will be filled with trained Nile Mechanics each with a wealth of Nile knowledge. Reference maps/books to show you the way with continued maintenance from Supreme Temple and Past Queens. You will have all the assistance for a speedy and comfortable trip. One that will bring you much pleasure and satisfaction when visiting a Shriners Hospital knowing you assisted in the continuation of Oronto Temples generosity and love for the children.

It is the CHILDREN who will miss our Temple as much as we shall. It's UP TO YOU!!!!!!

Much love, PSQ Rhona



P.S. I have a few copies of this ALERT MESSAGE in case your memory slips out of gear on the way home. Tuck it in your driver's manual (Ritual) for a safe driving. WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## ABOUT CHARITABLE GIVING

### SUPPORTING HUMANITY IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY

As a unique and vital part of the Masonic fraternal family, Daughters of the Nile in the United States and Canada join hands across the border to work together in Friendship, Charity and Truth. Our philanthropic efforts are focused on the patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment regardless of the child's ability to pay.

The Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public corporation which maintains a permanent endowment fund to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

All monetary donations promote, support and maintain the philanthropic endeavors that enhance the medical care and treatment of the patients in the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The Canadian Trust provides the same support to Shriners Hospital for Children®-Canada.

For further information: [www.daughtersofthenile.com](http://www.daughtersofthenile.com)

The LOVE FOR THE CHILDREN TOUR is winding down, but the excitement is not! You can still be part of this exciting initiative to raise awareness and raise money for the special kids of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The members of Khafra Temple No. 121 in Shreveport, Louisiana have taken on the challenge of raising \$1 million, one dollar at a time and have designed a special T-shirt highlighting the Tour. Order yours today through our online Gift Store or by mailing an ORDER FORM. All proceeds from this project go to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

## OFFICIAL VISIT TO SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Following is a sign posted at the hospital:

I believe in a place where  
 Children learn they can  
 Do more than they thought.  
 Be more than they thought.  
 And families are healed by the  
 Knowledge that they are not alone.  
 I believe in a place where research  
 And technology are powered by  
 A passion for doing good.  
 I believe in  
 Shriners Hospitals for Children --- Chicago, IL



**Shriners Hospitals**  
 for Children®



**ROCKIN ALA BETTES**

No meeting in March because the typical monthly meeting date is the same date as the Fashion Show. We will skip March and then resume meeting on April 12th. Meeting will be held at Thunder Bay at 11:30 am.

“BY BELIEVING PASSIONATELY IN SOMETHING THAT STILL DOES NOT EXIST, WE CREATE IT. THE NONEXISTENT IS WHATEVER WE HAVE NOT SUFFICIENTLY DESIRED.”

FRANZ KAFKA

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

New candidates February 16, 2014

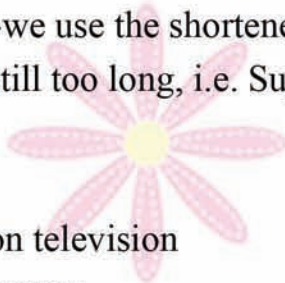
Sandra Rice  
Tiffany Alexander  
Roslyn Konigsfeld

Thirteen new members in 2013!!!  
The Queen met her goal by “being in the double digits!”



ALABET NO. 31 IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS TO KEEP NILE IN OUR FUTURE.....,  
(list is prioritized from most requested to least)

- \*Modify dress code, to include dress pants
- \*Open the membership to friends of Nile members
- \*Eliminate the first reading of the proposal to expedite the process for new members
- \*Supreme Correspondence should be mailed to the Queen and Princess Recorder
- \*Shorten version of minutes---we use the shortened version but the Princess Recorder’s reading of all the correspondence is still too long, i.e. Supreme Communication, etc.
- \*More social events
- \*Sponsor for newcomers
- \*Advertise in newspaper and on television
- \*Establish parade units for exposure





## ***HOSPITAL TRAY FAVOR COMMITTEE***

The Committee would like to thank all the ladies who have helped put the favors together for the Shriners Hospital for Children. A special thanks has to be given to the transportation drivers who take the favors to the hospital.

The Committee prepares 40 individual favors, plus one for the Queen, for eight holidays.

If anyone would like to donate items to put in the bags or money to purchase items, it would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions for items needed are: crayons, coloring books, crossword puzzle, word games, yo yos, markers, stickers, pads, pencils, play dough, sweet goodies.

Donations can be given to Gloria Patterson (East Hospital Tray Favor Committee) for St. Patrick's Day, July 4th, and Christmas or to Anne Niday, PQ (Rockford Committee) for Easter, Memorial Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day and 2015 St. Patrick's Day.

Remember, 40 items are needed for each holiday!!! Thank you for your support.



### ***Hospital Visit – March 5, 2014, 2 p.m.***

There will be a celebration of Alabet No. 31 retiring one of the Queen's crowns by placing the crown at the Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children, Chicago, IL. on March 5, 2014, 2 p.m. We are fortunate to have Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk return to the State of Illinois for the presentation. Typically, Supreme Queens only make one official visit for the year, but Supreme Queen Margaret Ann was so committed to Alabet's strong relationship to the hospital that she is coming to help in the celebration. Please join us, Nobles are invited as well. Everyone always asks about a visit to the hospital, so here is your chance. We plan to go for lunch and then attend the celebration.





For the last time as your Princess Royal:

All Shining Stars are preparing to be installed next month and the preparations are reaching an energetic level. As Chaplain to Marsha's Shining Stars I reminded all of us that these tasks have been done by many before us and will undoubtedly be done by countless many others after we complete the upcoming year. For any stress we may find in our minds or our bodies, we can remind ourselves that to find and keep a center of peace at this time is a gift to ourselves, our temple, and our world.

We sing about Peace in our closing ode, and an ancient sage once said that when there is peace in the person, there is peace in the family, the community, the nation, and the world. The greatest peacemakers began by finding peace within then sharing it in their community. Peace is a choice! When we make peaceful choices every day, we can establish peaceful communication and understanding in our home, work, neighborhood, and Temple. Our ode reminds us of that peace every month.

We have the God-given freedom to choose our response to people and circumstances. As we choose peace and kindness in everything we think, say, and do . . . our tasks will seem more effortless, our plans fall in place easier, and our mind, body, and Spirit soar in peace with ourselves and our world. Along with the many tasks at this time of preparation, I attempt to keep that Peace Song in mind, and it helps. For anything that gives you concern the same approach may give you peace of mind.

Be at peace,

Pat McClelland, Princess Royal



# CARING CONCERNS – MEMORIAL

HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS BY KHYLE SNOWDEN

We send your family our condolences during your time of grief

May God bless your souls,

You may be wondering why did they have to go

But only God and Heaven knows

When the day comes you'll see them at the crossroads

But until that day

Just know God works in mysterious ways.

LOSS OF HUSBAND, RALPH NORMAN.

Princess Jeanette Norman

LOSS OF PAST QUEEN MARJORIE ANDERSON

LOSS OF HUSBAND and FATHER, STEVE MORRIS

Princess Jean Morris, spouse

Princess Kayla Morris, daughter

LOSS OF HUSBAND, Henry "Hank" Twombly.

PRINCESS SONJA TWOMBLY



**RECIPES FROM CHRISTMAS—We had a table of cookies,  
but the following are the only ones I received recipes:**

**Recipe: Almond Butter Cookies**

Cream 1 pound of butter and 1 1/3 cup of sugar. Mix in 2 egg yolks and 1 tsp. almond flavoring. Add 4 cups flour. Chill for one hour. Roll in balls, place on sheet and flatten with a fork. For Christmas sprinkle red or green sugar crystals on top. Bake 325 degrees for 12-15 minutes. These may be made ahead, they store well. Makes 6 dozen.



**Recipe: Pecan Balls**

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups ground pecans

Mix dry ingredients. Add softened butter, vanilla and pecans. (I pulse in food processor until it comes together) Form into balls.

Bake in slow oven at 250 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Toss in powdered sugar

Makes 3 dozen.



**Recipe: Peanut Butter Balls**

1 cup crunchy peanut butter

1 cup powdered sugar

Beat and mix well

Add 1 cup chopped dates and 1 cup nuts

Form into about 1 inch balls and chill. May be made day before and then dipped in chocolate.

Melt 1 small package of:

Chocolate chips and butterscotch chips and add about 1/4 shaved bar of paraffin in a double boiler over hot, not boiling water until melted. Stir gently.

Dip balls in the melted chips and remove with forks, drain and rest on waxed paper.

Put in refrigerator to set and can be kept in refrigerator for a long while.







## GIRLS WANT TO HAVE FUN COMMITTEE—OPPORTUNITIES!

by Agatha Christie

Rated G

This play was the first play ever written by Agatha Christie in 1937, around the same time she was writing the novel *Death on the Nile*. It is set in Ancient Egypt, and follows the exploits of the Egyptian Pharaoh Akhnaton, his wife Nefertiti and his successor Tutankhaton (who would take the name Tutankhamun when he became Pharaoh). In writing the play, Christie was assisted by the eminent Egyptologist, Stephen Glanville, who was a friend of both her and her husband, Max Mallowan. It is the largest play she ever wrote. Truly an epic by the master! Performed March 19-29, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. (additional 2:00 p.m. matinees on 3/22, 3/23 & 3/29) Tickets To Order Tickets: The Starlight/Studio Theatre - Rock Valley College On-line Box Office is where you can purchase Individual and Season tickets for the Starlight or Studio Theatre. As always, tickets are also available by phone or directly from the college box office at (815) 921-2160 between 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

☒☒On-line Ordering:☒☒By Phone: Call (815) 921-2160 to order tickets.☒☒Walk-up:☒ Starlight Theatre Box Office is open weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.☒☒Group Rates: Group rates are available for groups of 20 or more. Call (815) 921-2160 weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for more information.☒☒Tickets Purchased are NOT refundable.

☒All purchases are final. We will be happy to exchange your tickets with the physical ticket presented at the Box Office at least 24 hours BEFORE the ticketed event

SPECIAL DAY WE WOULD LIKE HAVE DINNER at Francisco's at 6pm and the play at 8 pm March 21, 2014



# Spa Day

You choose the day you want to go on your own to enjoy a massage!!

Please contact--

Total Serenity Day Spa & Wellness Center

Tina Blanchard

5301 E. State Street. Suite 315

Rockford, IL 61108

(815)316-1003

Located in the New Town Plaza



Tina will donate 15% back to the Foundation. Thanks Tina for making this offer!!



## ***ALABET TEMPLE #31 NO BAKE - BAKE SALE***

Instead of spending all that time and energy on shopping, measuring, preparing and baking goods to sell for a fund raiser, just donate the amount you would have spent. Much easier and the money goes to our General Fund .

Please send checks payable to Alabet Temple #31

To: Jean Keyser, P. Q.

213 Taylor Ridge

Belvidere, IL 61008

Thank you in advance for not forcing us to eat all those goodies.



*"Believe in yourself, and the rest will fall into place. Have faith in your own abilities, work hard, and there is nothing you cannot accomplish."*

*--Brad Henry*