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*Queen's  
 Message*



What a joy to be at Supreme 2014! We were promised a great experience with the Hilton's walkway across to the CenturyLink Convention Center and they even opened a usually unopened door that connected the Skybridge to the fourth floor of the Hotel. Even though we were the largest convention they have hosted to this date, the coming and going was relatively easy from the Hilton.

Serving as Chaplain to Shining Stars has continued to be a joy and will be for another year to come.

The business of Daughters of the Nile went smoothly in our second year of using electronic voting devices. In that respect we have truly entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk and her assistants did an excellent job conducting the business meetings and her delightful sense of humor helped us laugh at ourselves and move through hours and hours of business legislation and reports as gracefully as possible.

The Shining Stars Foundation Quilt Project was run by hubby Les and Badoura's hubby Paul Cronin, two of the most patient men I have ever known. Approximately 45 projects were brought to Supreme to be shown and tickets made available. The beauty and talent displayed was a joy to behold, and five projects were drawn the last day of Session with the remainder going to home temples to continue selling until the temple's

chosen time for drawing. Alabet's quilt winner will be drawn October 1<sup>st</sup> by Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers at our Official Visit. One hundred percent of all tickets sold will go to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation.

Three new crowns have been donated anonymously to Alabet Temple 31. We will be purchasing crown cases to keep them beautiful through the years the come. Cases at Supreme are more expensive than can be purchased on the internet so searching for cases is a project ongoing. We are grateful for the anonymous gift and send our Nile Love and Blessing to the benefactor, knowing that what is given freely comes back multiplied many times!!

While in Omaha, Gloria and Mike Patterson's Winnebago camper was damaged. At this writing, they are still at the Winnebago factory in Iowa awaiting repairs. We look forward to hearing about a successful outcome to the damage to their camper. PQ Jennie Patterson and dog Navy rode home with us in the bus from Omaha.

On the return trip from Supreme we made the same stops for lunch and breaks. Tanger Outlet Mall at exit 220 in Iowa benefited from our stops, and Machine Shed at the Living History Museum in Des Moines served us a delicious lunch each way. Craig and Chuck, terrific drivers, were most accommodating. I did notice there were more naps taken on the return journey, a testament to the full week at Supreme.

I look forward to Alabet's summer events and hope to make it to some of the Official Visits of my counterparts this summer and fall. I will do my best to let you know so if anyone wants to go along let me know.

It was a pleasure to represent you as Alabet's Queen at Supreme in the Shining Stars year, 2014-2015. One of the greatest joys is the beautiful women I serve with on the line. I see us as a team, and I look forward to serving all three who follow me in any way they ask. Gloria and Shirley did me the honor of accepting my invitation to run, and whatever they or Princess Royal, Phyllis Cain need me to do, I am their willing servant. To my teammates in Nile love, you are my Shining Stars!

In Nile Love,

Queen Pat

### *Princess Badoura Words*

WOW!

My first Supreme was so much more than I ever would have expected. I eagerly anticipated that I would meet new people (especially the other Badouras) and in fact I did meet many interesting and exciting people, some of whom I am sure will become good friends. I eagerly looked forward to the sessions and ceremonials and they lived up to expectations. I found the business meeting portion of Supreme interesting and instructive and was pleased to be able to vote on proposed changes. The memorial service was moving and beautiful; the initiation was encouraging (13 women were initiated) and beautiful; the installation was awe inspiring and beautiful. The opening and closing ceremonies were full of pageantry and beauty. The performances were wonderful (our patrol team did a great job!).

I could have skipped the 5:30 a.m. fire alarm at the hotel (Marriott) and the two hour lock down for tornado warnings and the sore feet, but the good things more than made up for the not so good. I returned home enthusiastic and eager to bring what I learned back to our temple to help continue the marvelous work that Daughters of the Nile does for the children.

In Nile Love,  
Princess Badoura, Shirley

PS: My class of Badouras are called Karen's Mystical Pixies; our colors are purple, lime green and turquoise; Supreme will be in Niagara Falls, NY in 2017.



# Thoughts about Supreme Session from Princess Tirzah...

This being my fifth Supreme Session, I have to tell you, no two are alike! I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every one. And like many aspects of life, the more you get involved, the more fun you have.

This was my first Supreme Session as a line officer. Thanks to a suggestion by our Princess Banker Susan Coulter, I spent a good portion of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday working in the Supreme Princess Badoura booth with Cathy Rose's mother, Carol. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet lots of new people including many of my counterparts. Cathy and her crew did a wonderful job of finding items with mass appeal. By Saturday afternoon we were informing many potential customers that we were "sold out" of various items. To anyone considering a position as a line officer, I would strongly advise getting involved as much and as early as feasible.

Friday evening I discovered that I was certainly with the right group of counterparts. The Princess Tirzahs met for an evening at "The Diner" which was closed to the general public and had prepared a special menu just for us. We emerged four hours later, still laughing, still singing and much better friends. Cathy Rose and the Princess Tirzah officers are certainly doing their part to put the **fun** back into Daughters of the Nile. In fact, one of Cathy's mottos which can be found on her T-shirts is: "We have fun so the kids can run."

I am certain that the opening ceremony was magnificent; however, when I returned to the campground to change into my formal, there was a sudden surge of strong winds, pouring rain along with a threat of hail and flooding. I opted to remain at the campground. This was just the first of the severe storms we experienced during the week. I won't bore you with the details here, but our motorhome is now scheduled to have the roof replaced in August.

I am so pleased that Alabet was so well-represented at this Supreme Session with all the line officers, twelve Past Queens, and two LOH delegates (also three non-voting LOH)!!! We had some significant legislation during this session; some of which had been brought forth in the past. These decisions are difficult as we move forward and try to maintain the quality of our rich history and yet keep up with the changing times. Such a balance is not easy and requires thoughtful consideration of each carefully placed word. No doubt some members walked away feeling we're changing too fast and/or in a wrong direction and others believed we are moving forward too slowly. With much of this legislation, there are no easy answers, no one way of doing things.

During the Princess Tirzah luncheon on Wednesday, each of us shared how we "Cleopatra'd" in our temple. Many had good suggestions and shared traditions from their temples. At least one of the ideas is something I hope that Alabet will adopt as a new tradition. I'm not going to tell you here what it is, but at a future session if you notice something new, let your line officers know if you like it.

I would be remiss if I did not share a bit of Navy's experience with you. First of all, he is the first male to my knowledge to sit through a Supreme Session. Having so recently taken on the role of service dog, I thought he did very well. I was both pleased and disheartened when I learned that there were two other members of Daughters of the Nile who had service dogs, but they had been concerned about how the dogs might be perceived and had chosen to leave their service dogs at home. We are after all an organization whose **ONLY** philanthropy is Shriners Hospitals for Children® which cares for children with various disabilities; why wouldn't our own members with disabilities be accommodated? I hope that our next Supreme Session includes additional service dogs.

Of course, raising money is always a given. The Princess Tirzahs will be selling raffle tickets for a six night stay at the J.W. Marriott during the **2016** Supreme Session to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The raffle tickets are \$10 each; I will do my best to have tickets available at each session. All hotel rooms, meeting rooms, entertainment and other activities will take place under one roof. The dates will be June 15 to June 19. Save these dates! With your assistance, Alabet will be planning another **road trip!!!**

In Nile Love,



Gloria



## Princess Royal

I was impressed with this year's Supreme Session in Omaha. The amendments we passed are indeed a step in the right direction for the Daughters of the Nile. I hope you'll agree when Queen Pat gives her report.

See you at Session or before -----  
Phyllis Cain, Princess Royal

P.S. Please start thinking of donations for door prizes and opportunities for our upcoming Card Party fundraiser.

## 2014 Supreme Session Legislation Update

At the May Session I presented the legislation with previous notice, grouping similar topics together and asking for feedback from the Ladies of the Household for voting members going to Supreme as your representatives. All decisions that passed will be worked through for working and/or conflicts within any of our publications of bylaws, rules, and regulations. The final report is expected in the fall. In the meantime, this is a summation of things that passed and one key decision made by a Supreme committee following the request for an opinion at the April meeting.

First, the decision was handed down by a Supreme committee subsequent to the opinion poll that all Ladies of the Household may (and actually some Temples have already allowed) wear Pantsuits and dress pants to session. An amendment to this was attempted but failed to change the dress code requirements for the 19 officers to tea length or longer from ankle length or longer.

The amendment to change membership criteria to allow a friend of a Daughter of the Nile failed, as did membership with no affiliation with a Masonic body but the amendment to allow membership to a past patient passed.

Failing to pass also was the amendment that all Daughters of the Nile in Good Standing who are registered and in attendance at an Annual Session would be voting delegated; however raising the number of voting delegates at a Supreme from two to five passed.

Changing the requirement for the Secret Work at each Session to a minimum of three times per year -- at ceremonials and the Supreme visit -- failed.

Changing the number of rituals a Temple has to purchase and make available to four passed and included with that amendment is a change that the Recorder is responsible for them rather than the Queen.

Passing after a good deal of discussion and clarification was an Obligation Only initiation.

The formation of a Supreme Temple Convention Committee to assist with negotiation and contracts with the Supreme Session hostess city chosen by the Supreme Princess Badoura was passed by a huge percentage. By the fall the final wording and clarification of those amendments that passed should be sent to our Temple.

Queen Pat

# A Few of My Favorite Things At 2014 Supreme

**Kami Minor** – Meeting new people and making new friends ● Getting to know my Alabet sisters better ● Ooga Booga & Eh! ● Break out sessions – Technology and membership ● Marching with Patrol.

**Norma Linderoth** – The camaraderie of all the “Alabetens” ● Watching the Patrol – they stood out from all the rest!.

**Queen Pat** - Bus to Supreme with plenty of room and delightful drivers ● Spending time with Shining Stars Counterparts ● Sharing plans for the year with counterparts ● Shining Star Quilt Project for the Foundation ● Sharing Supreme with Les ● Entertainment at the Monday night Get Together Banquet ● Serving as Chaplain for Marsha’s Shining Stars ● Feeling like a teenager at a “lock-in” Tuesday during the storm ● Spending time with Foundation to coordinate the Foundation Project

**Alice Alfredson** – The very fine bus, to Omaha and to home ● The comfortable room at the Hilton, and the convenience of the overpass to the conference center ● The hospitality and friendliness of the host temple members ● The joy of meeting old friends, and making new friends ● The ease of the Supreme sessions ... SQ Margaret Ann is a “jewel” ● Watching Alabet members’ participation in the action of sessions and performances. How proud I am of every one of my Alabet friends! ● Escorting the Supreme Temple Banner ● Escorting our lovely queen Pat, with my special friend, Jackie ● Grateful for our queen’s “Prince Consort”, Les – He’s very special! ● Enjoying Jenny and Navy, coming aboard on our return trip ● All of these things have been tucked into my Treasury of Golden Memories

**Jeanne Sumpter** – Loved the bus trip ● Lots of beautiful quilts ● Fire alarm going off at 5:30 a.m. and everyone had to go outside ● Next day at our meeting storms and tornado warning led to a lot of singing and dancing ●

**Shirley Cronin** – Sharing my first Supreme with my husband Paul ● The amazing way Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk led us through the tornado warning ● Meeting our new Supreme Badoura ● Making friends with many of my sister Badouras ●

**Jennie Patterson** –

I met my friends in Omaha, NE  
We all were attending Supreme Session  
Registering, credentials, and shop ‘til you drop  
These are a few of my favorite thin at Omaha Supreme



Each counterpart breakfast and counterpart lunch  
Brought each of us closer every year we attend  
I’m so glad I have my Nile friends and family  
These are a few of my favorite things at Omaha Supreme.

Sitting in session and having a party  
During a Tornado warning and siren  
Being with friends and relaxing outside at the Hilton  
These are a few of my favorite things at Omaha Supreme



The best part of all was riding the bus back to Rockford  
Spending the time with my Alabet Family  
The night before in the Motorhome at campground  
My dad and I were in a really bad storm  
It lifted the motorhome and took the piece under the jack  
And ripped the seam off the side of the room  
I was just glad we were all safe.  
These are a few of my favorite things at Omaha Supreme.

## Upcoming Events

### July

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> DON Open Board meeting Queen Pat's home  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Tentative date Starlight Theatre (more information soon)  
Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> Bunko 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Tebala Shrine Center

### August

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Light Supper (Tray Favors Serving)  
Fundraising Set up  
7:00 p.m. DON Session Tebala Shrine Center  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. Ceremonial Rehearsal Tebala Shrine Center  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Brunch  
12:30 p.m. Ceremonial  
2:30 p.m. Unit performances  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> DON Open Board meeting Queen Pat's home

## Supreme Appointments 2014-2015

Supreme Finance Committee: Doris McClendon, PQ  
Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the Central Area: Alice Alfredson, PQ  
Supreme Temple American Flag Escorts: Jacqueline Anderson, PQ and Susan Coulter, PQ  
Supreme Temple Canadian Flag Escorts: Jennie Patterson, PQ and Jane Whitaker, PQ  
Supreme Temple Banner Escort: Jean Keyser, PQ

## Childrens Parties at the Hospital

Alabet raised funds during the recent craft sale in order to provide a Back-to-School Party for the Shriner's Children. Our first planning meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:00 before our June Session on Tuesday, June 17. While the party is a project of the line officers and tray favor committees, we are inviting interested members to participate to the extent that you are able (planning, preparing, attending, etc.). More details will be shared at sessions. If you have an idea, please contact Gloria Patterson at [gloriajean@aol.com](mailto:gloriajean@aol.com) or 847-341-5001. It is hoped that providing parties at the hospital will become a new tradition for Alabet as a way to stay connected with the children.

## A Small Change

Please have any motion presented at Session in writing to be given to the Princess Recorder immediately after being proposed.

This models the process of Supreme Session and also helps the Princess Recorder in keeping accurate records.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## Segwaying Outing Postponed

The segwaying outing that was being planned for late August has had to be postponed. We are working hard to reschedule it. Perhaps things will work out for early Fall but if not, the Spring is a possibility. Watch for details!

## Starlight Theater

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.**

**At Rock Valley College**

**Tickets: Through Tebala, are \$27. for adults, \$22.50 for Seniors, (adult and Senior group rates). Reservations with money to Tebala for this event are due by July 10th.**

**Pre-Play Social: Pre-play Dinner off the menu is planned for the pre-play social, 6:00 p.m. at Francesco's at 7821 Spring Creek in Rockford. On your own dinner, drinks, appetizers and socializing.**

In the London season featuring the appearance of *The Lion King*, *Honk!* became a standout by winning the 2000 Olivier Award (the British equivalent of the Tony Award) for Best New Musical. A heartwarming tale and a quackingly good time, *Honk!* is a deeply moving, creatively masterful adaptation of one of the most beloved fables of all time. Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping. Feeling rather foul about himself, the little fowl finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out being different is not a bad thing to be. *Honk!* is a popular family-friendly musical. With its bouncing score and universal story, this touching musical will entertain and draw you in with plenty of heart.



## David Roth Concert



## Pre-Supreme Dinner



## By My Own Hands Craft Fair





# Supreme 2014

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