

# Al Amira Temple No. 157

## Daughters of the Nile

### NEWSLETTER

*Ladies of the Household*

March, 2017

By Order of Her Majesty 



**“If “Plan A” doesn’t work...stay calm...the alphabet has 25 other letters.”**

It is hard to believe that one year has passed since I ascended the Throne as Queen of Al Amira Temple #157 for 2016. It was a beautiful Installation attended by my family and friends. It has been my honor and privilege to represent all of you at many various events and functions this year.

It wasn't long before I was getting my “feet wet” at our first Stated Session in April. A little rough around some edges, but we got through it! The Queen's Brunch that month was well attended and we had lots of fun and laughs.

Our memories were soon put to the test, as we held our Spring Ceremonial in May, where we initiated two new Princesses. It has been wonderful to see our new Princesses coming out to Session and embracing our activities.

In June, we were off to Indianapolis for our “100<sup>th</sup> Supreme Session.” Those of us that were Cathy's Cleopatra's were truly treated like Queens in our special year. The performances by our Temple were wonderful, very well received and appreciated, as was the Queen's Party hosted by the Dancers who were the Official Unit this year.

We attended the first Edmonton Masonic Day where our Ladies helped with the registration table and then paraded behind our new banner; the Alberta Beach parade where we assisted the Nobles in handing out Bully Books on the parade route; the Princess Florence shopping evening; our Fall Craft Show; the Founders' Night session where we initiated a new Princess and then the membership committee put on a skit; the work done on our new website; our lunch and shopping afternoon at Greenland; and our December stated session Christmas dinner where we had so many laughs. It was great to have so many events where we just had fun!

I was honored to bring greetings this year on behalf of Daughters of the Nile at the Ladies' Auxiliary Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, the Edmonton Masonic Day at Fort Edmonton Park, Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, the Northern Lights Shrine Club, the Ladies Auxiliary Cookie Walk, the Al Shamal Shrine Nobles, and the Potentate's Ball.

The Official Visit of our Supreme Queen Cathy Carol Rose in August gave us special time to spend with her and get to know her better. At our Ceremonial, we initiated four new Princesses.

I was able to travel to Sakarra Temple in Calgary for their events, to Indianapolis for Supreme Session and to Vancouver and Victoria for their Official Visits this year, it was a great time to visit and renew friendships.

And I am so proud of our Pillow-making day that we held here in September where so many of our ladies came out to assist the Fort McMurray Nile Club in their yearly project of making pillows for the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada®. Add to that the generosity of our members for all those socks...we sent jam-packed boxes to the hospital just in time for Christmas, with gift cards to follow in December. We also had a "pillow case sewing bee" in February where we made pillow cases to send to the Canadian Hospital. Fifteen ladies loaded down with sewing machines, sergers, fabric, scissors, irons and thread came out and made over one hundred bright and cheerful pillowcases that the kids are going to love!

We sadly said goodbye to our Junior Past Queen Jean E Boone who passed away after a short illness in January. Jeanne and I moved up the chairs together for the last four years, we had many laughs together, and we often wondered "what the heck we had gotten ourselves into"...she will be missed.

It has been a very busy year, despite a few hiccups we encountered I feel that it was a productive year. I strongly believe that "you only get out of an organization what you put into it" so I encourage all of you to get involved.

This year could not have been as successful without the support and dedication of all of the Ladies of the Household. I want to give special thanks to my Advisors/Ceremonial Assistants who were there to counsel me, guide me along the way, and keep me on the straight and narrow. Thank you so much to PQ Donna, PQ Wendy and PQ Marian...you have been my "guiding" angels. I want to also give thanks to my Line Officers, and Elected Officers, without them, we could not have accomplished everything that we set out to do. I would also like to thank my Appointed Officers and Committee Members who carried out their duties. The Past Queens have been there with their wisdom and advice whenever I have asked for it. The Patrol, Dancers and Ambassador Units have made us proud with their performances, as have the Choir, you have all represented our Temple well. And to all of the Ladies of the Household, you have amazed me with your willingness to help out when asked and with your generosity to our Children. "We have fun so the kids can run".

I want to congratulate Queen-Elect Robyn and all her Officers and wish them a successful year.

So, now as I prepare to take a step back, I wonder where has the time gone? I want to thank PQ Marian Olyan for nominating me to be Princess Badoura four years ago, which

lead to this journey of mine in Daughters of the Nile. This only shows you that you can do anything that you put your mind to. Be open to changes, take on something new and run with it, don't be afraid of new challenges. Thank you for all your support, love, caring and kindness.

With Leopard Love and Cleo Hugs,  
Queen Estelle



**“Choice” “Chance” “Change”  
You must make a “choice”  
To take a “chance” or  
Your life will never “change”**

## **From the Princess Recorder's Desk**

### 2017 Membership Dues

This is a reminder that your 2017 membership dues are now due. As of March 31, your green dues card will no longer be valid; and you will be in arrears.

If you have not already done so, please send your payment to:

Victoria Scott  
330, 99 Westerra Manor  
Stony Plain, AB T7Z 0G7

## **Princess Royal's Report**

Sakkara Temple's Installation of Officers is being held on [Saturday, March 25, 2017](#).

Please contact Princess Royal-Elect if you are planning on travelling to Calgary.



Pixie hugs,  
Pr. Queen-Elect Robyn

## **Princess Tirzah's Byline**

Many hands did hours of work for our various fundraisers this year. Ladies with kitchen skills provided us with tasty delights for our bake table at the Gift and Craft show last November. Those eager readers gave us a mountain of books to sell with the remainder donated to the Cross Cancer Clinic. Many pieces of gently worn jewelry were donated and given some sparkle and polish by our Bling Queen Estelle. Quite a bit of it found its way from the jewelry table to a new home where someone else can love it for a second time. Pr. Badoura Kendra was also kept busy with the 50/50 draws at each Session. The two Brown Bag Auctions were well received at the Queen's Breakfast and our **Christmas** Dinner Session. The lucky winners of the Queens Raffle were thrilled with their beautiful baskets. A big shout out goes to the ticket sellers and purchasers for the biggest fundraiser we had. We shared a lot of laughs and good fellowship while raising Ways and Means funds. I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your generous gifts of time and effort throughout the year. Daughters of the Nile ARE second to NONE. You Rock Ladies!!!!

For the upcoming Installation of Officers at Sakkara Temple No.115 in Calgary on Saturday **March 25th**, please contact me if you are interested in going. I will be putting together a list of who will be attending and arrange for carpooling. Sooner is better than later as they will also need a headcount for the caterer.

Pr. Tirzah - Elect Kendra Thompson will be taking over the ordering of name badges. Please contact her if you need a new one.  
Again, Thank you Ladies!!!!!!

Pr. Tirzah  
Connie Martin Regan- Pr Royal-Elect



## **Sick and Visiting**



"Thinking of You" cards were sent to Shirley Harris, Hazel Hart, Doreen Bryson, Gail Hogle, Irene Moir, Dawn Blue, Olive Heron and Peggy Murray (Queen-Elect, Sakkara Temple).

Sympathy cards were sent to Diane Butlin, Sharon Heron, Bernadette Johnson, and the families of Jean Boone, Jean Burrows and Dorothy Squibb.

Pr. Chaplain Theresa Allan

## **BREAKING NEWS:**

Election results from March stated meeting:

Queen-elect: Robyn Beyersbergen  
Pr Royal-elect: Connie Martin Regan  
Pr Tirzah-elect: Kendra Thompson  
Pr Badoura-elect: Dorothy Tomniuk  
Pr Recorder-elect: Victoria Scott  
Pr Banker-elect: Fran Peacock

Supreme Delegates: Deb Ellard, Yvonne McGeachy, Diana Nسدoly, Barbara Slade, Coreen Foster



## **HOSPITAL REQUESTS COMMITTEE REPORT**



We would like to thank everyone in Al Amira for their generosity to the children in the Canadian Hospital. Your response to all of the requests has been overwhelming.

The hospital has received from us this year: 5 quilts, 267 heart-shaped pillows, 455 pairs of socks, \$1205 worth of assorted gift cards and there are still 122 pillowcases to be sent.

Thank you all for your efforts — be it time and/or money; the Canadian hospital has been very appreciative!

Sharon McDonald & Alix Walsh

## **AMBASSADORS' NEWS**

Since our last update, we have welcomed several new members to the Ambassadors' team, Shannon Tobias, Louise Chrapko and Coreen Forster. The new Ambassadors have enthusiastically embraced our responsibility of planning fun events for members of our unit and Daughters of the Nile. We are appreciative of the assistance the new members have already provided and look forward to continuing to work together!

Our unit has planned and hosted several activities, which were successful in raising funds for the children, and were a lot of fun for the participants.

At the Gift Show in November, the Ambassadors prepared and served a tasty lunch of perogies, sausage, and lazy cabbage rolls. A huge thank you to Judy Jacobs and Louise Chrapko for their leadership in producing this great lunch!

In February, we hosted another successful paint night (pictures below). It was a fun-filled evening, with much laughter (and a little frustration for those of us who are less artistic), with some fantastic pieces of art being created! This event raised \$675.00, which has gone to the Patient Transportation Fund. Thank you to Jamie Shumilak for planning this fantastic event.

We are looking forward to another busy year, with several wonderful, fun activities planned for all members of our unit and anyone else from Daughters of the Nile who want to join us!



*Daughters Of the Nile Participants*



*Ambassador Unit Participants*



## ❧ HIGH TEA ❧

Sunday, June 25, 2017  
Al Shamal Shrine Centre  
14510 - 142 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**\$20.00**

Tickets available from:

All Ambassador Unit Members

Bev Shumilak

Ph: (780) 464-7653

[bevshumilak@shaw.ca](mailto:bevshumilak@shaw.ca)

Al Shamal Shrine Office

Ph: (780) 482-6065

Sponsored by:

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## Al Amira Temple #157 Patrol Unit

Are you thinking of joining Patrol???? It is the perfect time to join as we are working on a new routine and just ordered new marching gear. We practise the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Shrine Center and you can learn with the rest of us. If you are interested in joining our fun unit, please contact Patrol President Sharon Heron or Captain Victoria Scott.

Patrol is pleased to announce that Princess Dorothy Tomniuk has joined our unit. Below is a picture of us practising for the Spring Ceremonial.



The Patrol Unit is honoured to provide escort duties at Queen Elect Robyn Beyersbergen and officers Installation on March 18, 2017.



Pr. Marg Miller is presented with a Life Membership



Pr. Ella Cowan is presented with a Life Membership



Pr. Norma Johnston is presented with a 50-year pin



Presentation of 25 year membership pins were made at our Founders Night in November.  
 Pr. Alice Bell, Pr Fannie Campbell, Pr Gail Shaw, Pr Eileen Broberg, Pr Margaret Blue, Pr Brenda Schmidt,  
 PQ Barb Thompson, PQ Pam Kwasnycia, Pr Cheryl Petruk, Pr Dorothy Tomniuk, and Pr Judy Jacobs.  
 Missing from the picture are Pr Delores Hanna, Pr Leona Jamieson, Pr Jeanette Blue, Pr Mary Elizabeth  
 Anton, Pr Laddie Martin, Pr Doreen Nyroos, Pr Doreen Heron, PQ Shirley Dean

## LET'S LIGHT THE FIRE OF NILE

Membership Today!! "Yesterday is Ashes, tomorrow Wood, only today does the FIRE BURN BRIGHTLY!!!

Daughters of the Nile is one of the most rewarding organizations you can belong to. When you see a child that has been helped by one of the Shriners' Hospitals your heart nearly explodes knowing you've had a part.

Let's **REKINDLE** the **FIRE** YOU had for Daughters of the Nile and start the **FLAME** burning again with Membership.



I challenge each of you to propose and bring in ONE member this year. Think of the possibilities for your Temple!

We are all in this together.

What would you like your Temple to do: any ideas please let us know. We will be having the Mentoring Program as well as "Everything you Need to Know to be a Princess". Stay Tuned.

Exciting news for Al Amira Temple we now have a Webpage. The address is [almira157.ca](http://almira157.ca) Did you know we have a Facebook page: Al Amira No. 157. Check us out.

We will be participating in the Masonic Day June 24 at Fort Edmonton Park. Please let me know if you wish to join in this fun day.

From the Ladies In Waiting:

Faith is the Fire; Hope is the fuel; Charity is the Purpose; Trust is the kindling; Harmony is the result.

MEMbership Begins with ME.

Pat Thachuk, PQ  
Membership Chair

As many of our members are also members of OES we have included some upcoming events in the hope that the members of each organization will support the other in its worthwhile fundraising efforts:

**March 11: Majestic Chapter 126** Mad Hatters Tea Party, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Pioneer House, 10102 – 100 Avenue, Ft. Saskatchewan. Tickets \$12.00 available from PQ Pam Kwasnycia 780 922 5487

**April 19: Edmonton Chapter 19** April Showers Tea and Shopping, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Freemasons Hall, 10318 – 100 Avenue, Edmonton. Tickets \$5.00 available from Pr. Linda Brown 780 456 4467

**April 24: Allenby Chapter 38** Pub Night, 7:00 to 10:00 pm, Freemasons Hall, 10318 – 100 Avenue, Edmonton. For details see Pr. Cheryl Petruk 780 457 9976

**April 29: Pioneer Chapter 135** Shopping Extravaganza, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Cornerstone Hall, 6 Tache Street, St. Albert. For details see Pr. Sandra Critchley 780 460 8402

Pr Linda Brown and PQ Pam Kwasnycia  
Newsletter Team

## Post Script:

As this is my last newsletter for you, I thank you for the opportunity to have served you; it has been a pleasure to hunt clipart, articles and news stories to make your newsletter pleasurable. Publishing your newsletter is a team effort. A huge thank you to Pam Kwasnycia and Kendra Thompson, without whom your newsletter would never have been completed, as well as to all the contributors who have made the articles so interesting. I was particularly happy when we won an award at Supreme and I wish the 2017-18 committee all the best in their endeavours to keep you well informed. Be kind to your new team—be prompt, don't make them chase you, you want them to write HAPPY thoughts about you!

Pr. Linda Brown  
Newsletter Chair



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