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MERAK'S MEMOS

February 2020



DALE'S CROWNED JEWELS

Our upcoming new princess luncheon came and went. We had enough delicious food to feed probably another twenty-five people. We had a really nice turn out and I believe everyone had a good time. I know there were some who let it slip past them or were ill and could not make it. I am so sorry you missed this fun event. We "talked about" our Ladies in Waiting and Line Officers, worked a crossword puzzle in "couples," passed out information before having a question and answer time. We all filed a little more data in the gray matter.

The Hungry Camel Dinner was quite tasty. Thank you Cathy Pugh, Betty Bickett & Donna Wisneski for taking it over last night for Patsy. We can always count on our Past Queens to help when needed. It was also great seeing several of our new Princesses helping them. That's the way to get involved and have fun in the organization.

We had several officers who were ill or had other commitments at Session. A couple of new Princesses were a little nervous when they were asked to fill a chair. I believe one or two may have never seen a session before. I was so intent in getting started exactly on time, due to the Karem Installation, I didn't notice there were still two chairs empty. LOL!!! We had them promptly filled. You never know what will cause a chuckle during session.

There is a possibility we will have a ceremonial on March 14th at 2pm. This is dependent on the responses from our new "invites." We wouldn't want someone to have to wait until September to be initiated.

Have a Great Month!!

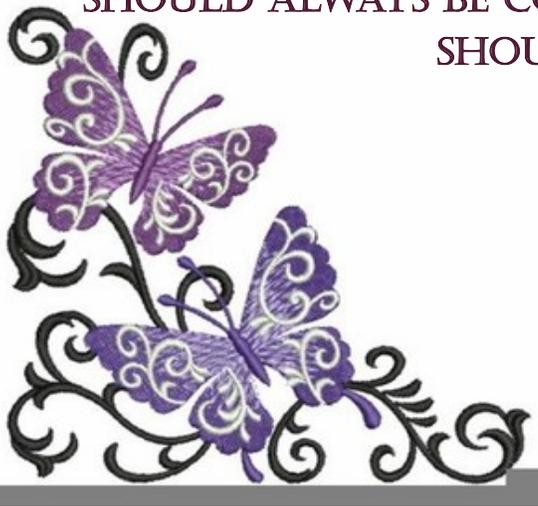
Carylon Orum

Queen

DIDJA KNOW...

QUEEN NEFERTITI IS STILL REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT EGYPT'S HISTORY AS BEING THE SWEETEST AND MOST BELOVED QUEEN. SHE WAS THE ROYAL CONSORT OF AMENOPHIS IV, ALSO KNOWN AS KING AKHANATON, WHO HAD AN ENIGMATIC AND RESERVED PERSONALITY.

SO AS QUEEN, SHE IS A LEADER OF HER TEMPLE AND SHOULD STRIVE FOR PROFICIENCY IN LEADING ALL OF HER PRINCESSES. BY DOING THIS, THERE WILL BE PEACE OF MIND FOR ALL. THE QUEEN SHOULD ALWAYS BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS' FEELINGS. SHE SHOULD NEVER BE SELFISH.



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February Events



Karem Shrine

February Events

12– Divan Meeting

20– Stated Meeting

22– Potentate's Ball



20th– Stated
Session



Heather's Nile Smiles

Ladies of the Household,

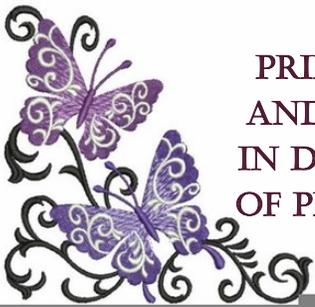
I am so grateful for everyone's prayers and concerns. I am undergoing Chemotherapy for breast cancer and have had a rough time so far.

Please keep me in your prayers as I go through this journey.

Princess Royal

Patsy Mathis

DIDJA KNOW...



PRINCESS ROYAL WAS BORN A PRINCESS OF ROYALTY IN EGYPT, AND WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HER GRACIOUSNESS AND CHARITY. IN DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE, PRINCESS ROYAL HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF PRESENTING THE NEW PRINCESSES WITH THE BEAUTIFUL JEWEL OF OUR ORDER.

Donna's Compass Roses

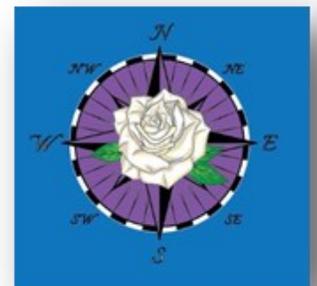
Ladies,

Thank you all for your sympathy and kindness with the passing of my father Charlie Barrett. This has been a very difficult month for me and I am so grateful for all of the prayers and acts of kindness you have all given to me and my family.

In Nile Love,

Cindy Curbo

Princess Tirzah



DIDJA KNOW...

PRINCESS TIRZAH IS KNOWN AS "THE NOBLE PRINCESS", BECAUSE SHE HAD STRONG FAITH. EVEN WHEN SHE WAS THROWN INTO A PRISON BECAUSE OF HER BELIEF IN JESUS CHRIST. SHE WAS KEPT IN A DUNGEON FILLED WITH DAMPNESS, LACK OF LIGHT, AND DURING THIS TIME CONTRACTED LEPROSY. BECAUSE OF HER STRONG WILL AND FAITH, SHE MADE IT OUT OF THE DUNGEON TO THEN BE HEALED BY JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF. IN DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE, PRINCESS TIRZAH'S CLOSING LECTURE HAS MANY LESSONS TO BE LEARNED.



Vickie's Wildflowers

To all the Royal Court of the Daughters of the Nile,

January is quickly passing us by and we all have busy months ahead of us. I do want to thank all the ladies that attended the installation of Potentate Lynn Everett, his Lady Linda, and the rest of the Divan. I get cold chills every time I watch the ceremonies and think about all the history we are presenting and experiencing together.

I am so looking forward to my first visit to one of the Shriner Hospitals in the near future, and visiting with the staff and kids. I know I am going to enjoy the kids, as they are our first priority, along with providing items the kids need such as pajamas and blankets.

We all need to be attentive and compassionate to everyone, and more especially to our own membership. Our Princess Cindy and her family have certainly been through some rough times and she needs all our prayers and positive thoughts.

Please remember our Princess Patsy through this time of challenge as she goes through treatment, and then gets back to doing the things she loves with her typical enthusiasm. February is going to be busy, but please mark you calendars for February 22nd and plan to attend the Potentate's Ball. It will be a beautiful ceremony, and sure to be fun. DAUGHTERS HELPING SHRINERS.....



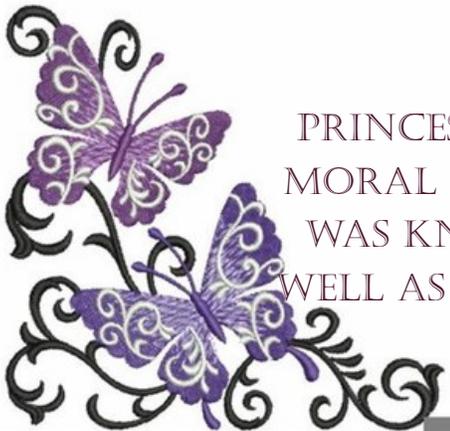
Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the doors of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.

~ Christina Rossetti~

Love to All,

Princess Badoura

Camille Wallace



DIDJA KNOW...

PRINCESS BADOURA WAS MARRIED TO PRINCE CAU MORAL ZOMAN, AND WAS OF ROYAL ANCESTRY. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY, AS WELL AS ENTERTAINMENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN HER PALACE.

Chaplain's Corner

Valentines Day and Leap Year and the 2nd month of this brand new year...

Thought: *Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.*

With our "roller-coaster" weather and "cedar fever", we have had a lot of members suffering from minor problems but no serious cases have been reported to me.

Congratulations to Angi Lackey on the birth of a grandson, Niklaus Alexander.

Illness or Distress:

Lou Brinegar had surgery over the holidays but is now home.

Cindy Curbo's family and the loss of her father

Edie Koehler fell and broke her ankle and is now in rehab at St. Anthony's. She is in the Bosque Wing room 501.

Stormie Reed and Connie Smith have had surgery to repair their shoulders

Jada Bryant

Rebecca Sheehan

Patricia Hancock

Continued Prayers for those who are still having problems in their life:

Patsy Mathis

Gretta Fisk's step-daughter

Patti Bubel's parents have serious health problems

Mary Dill

Lillian Cosby

Doris Ford

Chaplain's Corner...continued

Cards to Penny Boyd

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Cards to Penny Garner

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Exciting things are happening around Merak...check the calendar and watch your emails for updates for events.

Please contact me with any illness or distress as I am as close as my phone, call anytime as I will answer unless I am in church or a doctor's office.

With Nile Love, Thoughts and Prayers,
may God bless and keep you, till next time.

Genie O'Neal, PQ

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Temple Notations

Ladies,

Our Dues for 2020 have increased due to a change in the portion that is paid to Supreme each year.

The amount due by March 31, 2020 will be \$31.00. Any extra that you would like to donate to Merak is greatly appreciated.

Want to avoid the long lines at my desk in February and March just to pay your dues? Mail your check to me ahead of time!

I will be placing an order for the 2020 Ritual soon. They are in hardback and large print spiral...\$22.00. Please let me know if you would like a new ritual and which type.

Catherine Pugh, PQ.

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“ QUOTES ”

It is not the size of the man,

But the size of his heart.

Erander Holyfield

February

1- Vickie Hill

1- Elizabeth Price

3- Mary-Elade Harcrow

4- Patricia Hancock

11- Ann Wills

14- Dana Harrell

18- Pam Broadman

19- Myrna Dyer

21- Mary Anna Roch

22- Jerry McEwen

23- Cindy Everett

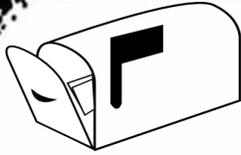
26- Donna M. Wisneski

26- Jean Williams

27- Wera Worthan

27- Vera Salley





NOTE! ADDRESS CHANGE

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ESTATE SALE

Please join us to help Princess Royal Patsy Mathis to conduct the Estate Sale for George Mathis. Set up will be on Thursday, February 13th starting at 10:00 am. Estate Sale is February 14th and 15th from 9:00 am—5:00 pm each day. Please let me know which days you are able to work and I will set up a schedule.

Cathy Pugh, PQ

Princess Recorder

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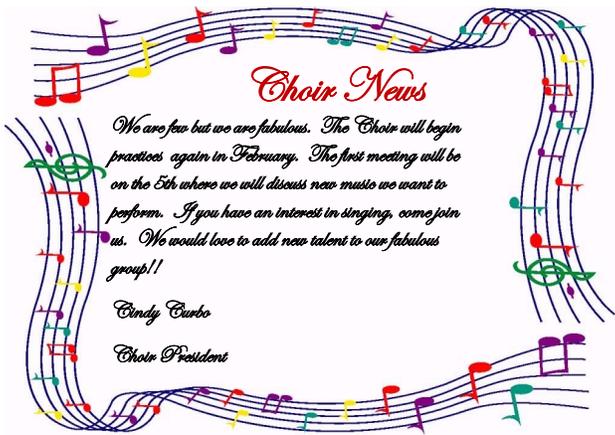
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It's a Wrap!



During Christmas Holiday, we had 14 members (including our Queen, Past Queens, line officers, and new members) participated in the wrapping fundraiser at Cabella's. They provided the supplies for us to take care of their customers. We were able to do this for the "12 days of Christmas." As a result, we were able to raise \$1800.00 in CRA donations. A BIG thank you to all who participated. It was a great opportunity for community outreach, Daughter's of the Nile awareness and helping the children all WRAPPED into one. ~Betty Bickett, PQ~



Choir News

We are few but we are fabulous. The Choir will begin practices again in February. The first meeting will be on the 5th where we will discuss new music we want to perform. If you have an interest in singing, come join us. We would love to add new talent to our fabulous group!!

Bindy Curbo

Choir President

Pageantry

Pageantry's Annual Epifunny Party was held Sunday, January 12, 2020 in Gatesville at Prima Pasta. All eight of us had a great time! We collected gift cards and cash to be sent to the Galveston Hospital. Princess Royal, Patsy Mathis joined us and then, off to the Woodlands for her treatment. Our love and prayers accompanied her on her trip. Our director, Princess Angi will be calling practice as soon as her time allows.

Love to All,

Sherry Hopson

President



Masonic Wives and Widows

Dinner

White Rock Lodge #347 is hosting a dinner in honor of Masonic Wives and Widows on February 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Karem Shrine Center. The guest speaker will be Supreme Princess Badoura, Vickie Hill. All Daughters of the Nile members are invited. Please **RSVP** to

Sonny Juarez at 254-498-2094



KAREM DINNER CLUB

Well Everybody, the

Dinner Club for 2019 has come and gone. We had 25 people attend the December meeting for fun and fellowship. It was the first time for brand new Shriner, Buddy Buckles, who just happens to be our son. He had a fabulous time!

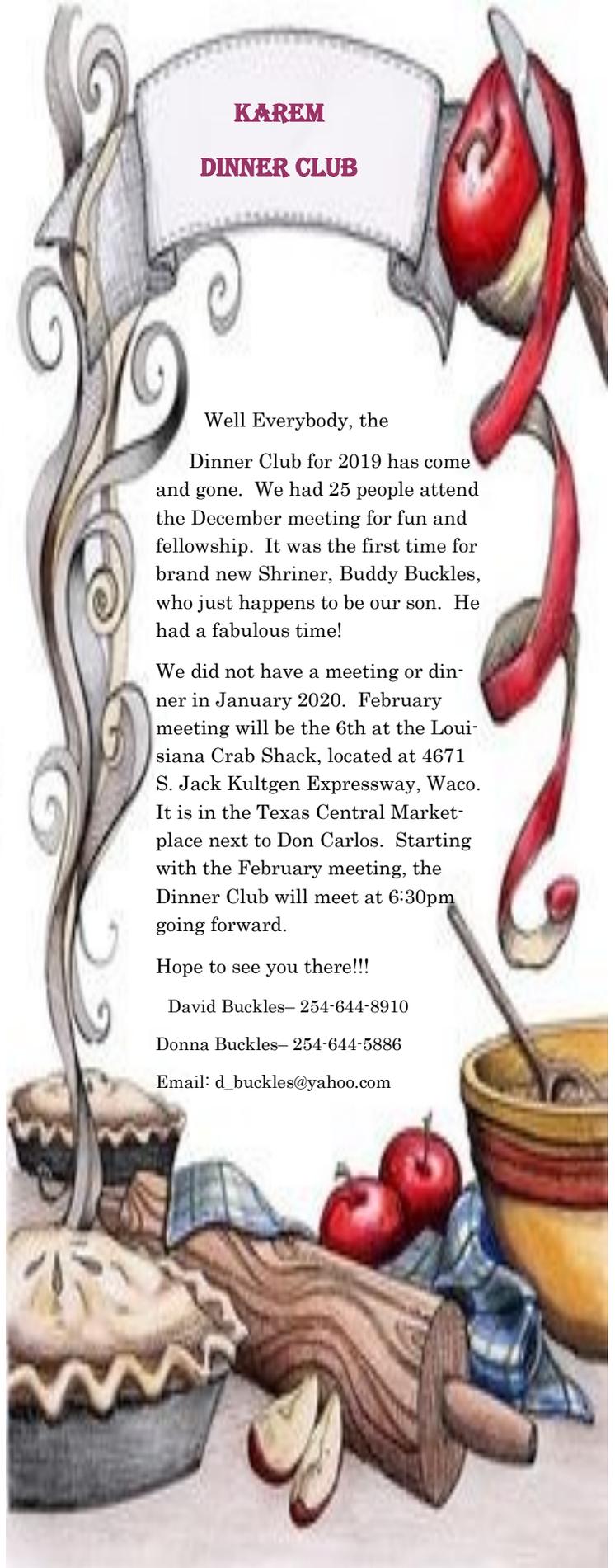
We did not have a meeting or dinner in January 2020. February meeting will be the 6th at the Louisiana Crab Shack, located at 4671 S. Jack Kultgen Expressway, Waco. It is in the Texas Central Marketplace next to Don Carlos. Starting with the February meeting, the Dinner Club will meet at 6:30pm going forward.

Hope to see you there!!!

David Buckles- 254-644-8910

Donna Buckles- 254-644-5886

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Sewing Committæ

The sewing committæ meets on the Wednesday following the stated session. Thankfully, we have some new sewers. I had 2 of our sergers refurbished. During the February Session, we will be collecting cash or checks made out to Elaine Parker. These are to be sent to the Mexico City Shriner's Hospital. This hospital serves more patients than any other Shriner's hospital, yet the Mexican Shriner's are unable to raise as much money. This is the 3rd or 4th year that all temples have been asked to make a donation. We have been ranked in the top 25% of the donations submitted from all the Temples. **Let's Do It Again!!!!**

Elaine Parker



In Memory of

A Donation has been made to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation

In the Memory of:

Charlie Madison Barrett, Father of

Cindy Curbo,

Princess Terzah



Beaded Roses

This comes with the hope that everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends throughout the holidays. I would like to thank all the ladies who have started beading this year.

We had our first beading class at Betty Bickett's home on January 10th. I believe it went well and everyone enjoyed themselves. We will be having another class tentatively Sat. January 25th, 2020 in the Nile Room. PLEASE COME!! We will have kits available to get you started. It will be a time for learning, sharing, and just having fun. We just filled one order for 2 crown roses and have an order for 5 small roses. We work on any unfilled orders; then start on roses for our queen to take to Supreme. We can use all the help we can get.

I'd like to than Betty Bickett for assisting me with the chairmanship of the Beaded Rose Committee. She will be making the report during stated sessions, passing out kits, and collecting beaded roses for me to get back. There are order forms in the Nile room if you have someone who might be interested in purchasing one. Everyone can help in the promotion.

We are the only temple we know of who make the beaded rose emblem. They do make lovely gifts. It is through word of mouth, the promotion in Newsletters, and displaying them at various Nile functions that increase our sales. If you are unable to help bead, then spread the word and help us sell them.

Looking forward to seeing you.

With Nile Love,

Carol Steiger

Beaded Rose Chairman



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Dues Notice

Please note that membership dues for the Temple year April 1, 2020– March 31, 2021 are due now. These dues are to be paid on or before March 31, 2020. You must be a member in good standing, with current dues, in order to participate in the Installation of Officers for the ensuing year.

Dues of Merak Temple No. 104 are \$31.00 annually.

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Supreme Temple Bylaws - Manual of Procedures

II. Membership

K. Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues

- 1. A Member whose current year's Annual Dues are unpaid on March 31 shall be dropped for non-payment of Annual Dues.**
- 2. A former Member dropped in this manner may restore her membership within one (1) year by paying all arrearage and the current year's annual Dues and shall retain her original Membership Number.**

M. Petition for Reinstatement

- 1. A woman who has not restored her membership in the one (1) year grace period shall complete a **Petition for Reinstatement** form, using her original qualifying eligibility and shall receive her original Membership Number.**

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Ladies of the Household,

The Annual Election of Officers of Merak Temple No. 104 will be held at our Stated Session on March 19, 2020 in the Nile Room at Karem Shrine at 7:00 P.M.

As defined in the Supreme Temple Bylaws, Part II, Article V, Section 4 (a) The Annual Election of Officers shall be held at the March Stated Session and (b) Campaigning for or against any candidate shall not be permitted and could result in suspension or expulsion.

Our full slate of officers will be elected to serve during the year of 2020-2021, as well as our Lady of the Household delegates planning to attend Supreme Session in June.

A member desiring to hold an elective office may consult with Officers and Past Queens about the duties required before she makes her desire known to the members of the Temple.

Nominations for an elective office shall be open and made from the floor. A majority vote of members present and voting shall elect.

It is very important that every member attends our March Stated Session for this election, if at all possible.

Fraternally,

Carylon Orum,
Queen

Catherine Pugh, PQ.
Pr. Recorder

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It has been a very busy month for my family, as we welcomed our newest member Niklaus Alexander. I am very honored to have put this newsletter together for you and look forward to constructing many more. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write their articles and make this such a great source of information for our Temple.

If there are any corrections that need to be made, please contact me at
angi.lackey75@yahoo.com

Princess Angi Lackey
Editor

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