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# MERAK'S MEMOS

## SUMMER 2020



## Heather's Nile Smiles

Ladies of the Household:

Greetings to everyone. Summer is upon us, and it is warm! Or hot if you want to be precise. I hope all are safe and doing well. The world we live in today has changed and seems to be changing more and more. The things we took for granted are now gone, and new rules have replaced the old.

So we adapt. We are using Zoom to have meetings, Bingo games (promised by Vickie), and just to meet and greet each other. It seems so long since I have seen anyone in the flesh and hugged your necks. I really miss everyone. Maybe July and August will improve. Let's hope so. September will be our first meeting at the Shrine since March.

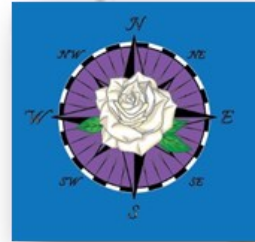
Our Membership Committee has been busy calling all members to check on everyone. If you were missed, please call Genie O'Neal and let her know. She is working hard to make sure everyone knows Daughters of the Nile are still going strong.

I am hoping we are able to have the Summer Social in July. We need a party, and I am ready to throw one! I will let everyone know the time and place as soon as possible. Meanwhile, please stay safe, and take care. God bless all.

Love to all,

Patsy Mathis, Queen

## DONNA'S COMPASS ROSES



As I was sitting on my patio pondering the world's situations, I realized I personally have so many things to be thankful for. I have my family, including my best friend, whom I have been married to for 38 years. We have our son Lewis, who can be trying at times but has a gentle spirit and a loving heart. Our wonderful, caring daughter and great son-in-law have given us the perfect grandson. And last but definitely not least is my mother who is currently living with us. She is 87 and requires a lot of care, nevertheless, she is mine and we do what must be done.

Next I have my Nile friends. They are so special and when I need prayers they are always there. When I need a word of encouragement, all I have to do is pick up the phone. They lift me up when I am down. Yes, we work together for the children at the Shriner's Hospitals and clinics. Our organization is so much more than that. We are a group of women who are loving, caring, full of compassion.

Third, as I ramble on, I could think of many other blessings, however, I will share some other thoughts. The covid virus is real. Please stay safe. There is hate in our world so please stay cautious and don't let the hatred rule your world. Sometimes we feel lonely, but we don't have to be alone. Call your Nile friends and let them lift you up. You never know, they may need that phone call as much as you do.

Lastly, as a Temple, we may be apart, but we continue to work together to get things done. We are working together online and the sewing machines are working at home instead of at the Temple. Remember the Temple is just a building. Ladies, we are the Daughters of the Nile. Praise God for Queen Patsy's successful surgery and PQ Betty's successful heart procedure.

Until next time with much love,  
Princess Royal,  
Cindy Curbo



## Vickie's Wildflowers

To All,

This has certainly been a time of "CHALLENGE" for all of us in some way or another. And as we all slowly climb back to the top of the heap and emerge to a changing world, I hope everyone has taken advantage of the time to reach out to family and friends using all the different ways of staying in touch. Share and Pray together.

Supreme is on the horizon, and I know many changes have been made to allow everyone to attend. I know I will bring back many wonderful and beautiful things to help me be the best possible as Princess Tirzah. I am hoping we have as many as possible attend and make this Temple's endeavors a success.

I am asking God to be with and support our Queen Patsy as she continues to lead and guide us through this challenging time.

God Bless,

Princess Tirzah,

Camille Wallace



# PRINCESS BADOURA

I have spent these past few months contemplating the word “change.” This word is small but is capable of meaning big things. You can make a small change such as what you would like for dinner or big change such as moving to a new home. Unfortunately, there are even some changes beyond our control that take our lives and turn them upside down. I believe the most important changes we make are the ones affecting others in a positive manner. The best changes we as Daughters of the Nile make are the ones affecting the hospitals and clinics. We use these changes to make a difference in the lives of others.

This is one of the reasons I am honored and proud to be a member. I have been blessed with the change of having new friends and a support group I can really depend on. Please remember as we go into the summer to reach out to all of our friends and keep in touch. You never know. They may need that call as much as you do. I am looking forward to seeing all of your beautiful faces in September!! Have a great summer and remember to spread that Nile Love!!

In Nile Love,

Princess Badoura

Angi Lackey



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

*~ Margaret Mead ~*



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

APRIL SHOWERS CONTINUED INTO MAY...SURREAL STORMS AFFECTED OUR AREA...HOPE THERE WERE NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO ANY OF OUR MEMBERS OR THEIR FAMILIES...

WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS LIFTED, SOME OF US ARE VENTURING FORTH...THE BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE IS TO BE CAUTIOUS, PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE, AND USE COMMON SENSE.

### SUNSHINE NEWS:

QUEEN PATSY'S SURGERY WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND SHE IS NOW CANCER FREE!!

REBECCA SHEEHAN'S TRANSPLANT CONTINUES TO DO GREAT.

SYMPATHY TO ALOISE COLE AND FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF HER MOTHER, CLARA JO POUND

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

PATSY MATHIS, REBECCA SHEEHAN, BETTY BICKETT, JADA BRYANT'S FAMILY, CINDY CURBO'S MOTHER, MARY DILL, GRETTA FISK'S STEP DAUGHTER, PATTI BUBEL'S PARENTS, LILLIAN COZBY, DORIS FORREST, AND PATRICIA HANCOCK



PLEASE NOTIFY MYSELF OR ONE OF OUR OFFICERS OF ANY PROBLEMS OR NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS WHO NEED HELP OR PRAYERS.

### CARD REQUESTS GO OUT FOR:

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AND

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WITH NILE LOVE, THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

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# Temple Notations

Ladies,

I am working on the new Yearbook with Queen Patsy Mathis. If there are any changes or corrections to your information, please let me know.

Dues for 2020-2021 year are \$31.00. We have so many that have not paid their dues yet. I am sure with everything going on, it has just slipped through the cracks.

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Catherine Pugh, PQ.

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**"WHEN THE SUN IS  
SHINING I CAN DO  
ANYTHING; NO  
MOUNTAIN IS TOO  
HIGH, NO TROUBLE  
TOO DIFFICULT TO  
OVERCOME"**

**WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAM**

## QUOTES



**"LIVE IN THE SUNSHINE,  
SWIM IN THE SEA.  
DRINK IN THE WILD AIR"**

**~RALPH WALDO EMERSON~**



## Choir News

CHOIR,

WE WILL BE SO EXCITED TO GET BACK TOGETHER TO SING AND BE JOYFUL, BUT FOR NOW WE MUST BE HAPPY TO SING FOR OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, OR PETS.

STAY HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND ENCOURAGED. WE WILL BE TOGETHER SOON.

IN NILE LOVE,

PRINCESS CINDY CURBO,  
PRESIDENT

## PAGEANTRY

HELLO TO ALL!!!

IT HAS BEEN GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE ON ZOOM! PRAYING EVERYONE STAYS SAFE AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR PRACTICES AS SOON AS WE ARE ALLOWED!! UNTIL THEN, KEEP PRACTICING AT HOME!!!

I PRAY YOU ALL STAY SAFE!

SHERRY HOPSON,  
PRESIDENT

Sing a  
Happy  
Song

Dance Like  
there is no  
tomorrow

Keep the Beauty  
in everything you  
do!!

MARCH TO  
THE BEAT OF  
A DIFFERENT  
DRUM



WOW, SUMMER IS HERE WITH OUR USUAL TEXAS HEAT WAVE!! PATROL MEMBERS WHO ARE GOING TO SUPREME, I REALLY HOPE IT WORKS OUT FOR EVERYONE. I KNOW YOU WILL COME UP WITH SOMETHING TO REPRESENT OUR UNIT FOR QUEEN PATSY. HOPEFULLY KAREM WILL OPEN SOON SO WE CAN GET TOGETHER IN AUGUST TO PRACTICE AGAIN. EVERYONE PLEASE STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER, I MISS SEEING YOU ALL AND WEAR YOUR MASKS AND STAY HEALTHY!!

DONNA HUNT, PQ  
PRESIDENT UNIT PATROL



## DANCE UNIT

"OPTIMISM IS A HAPPINESS  
MAGNET. IF YOU STAY POSITIVE,  
GOOD THINGS AND GOOD  
PEOPLE WILL BE DRAWN TO  
YOU"

-MARY LOU RETTON

WISHING YOU ALL COMFORT  
AND PEACE IN THIS TIME OF  
CHALLENGE. LOOKING FORWARD  
TO SEEING EACH OF YOU  
SOON!

NILE LOVE,

MERAK DANCE UNIT





**JUNE**



**7- MARTHA ERVIN**

**16- CECILIA SHARP**

**21- JUDY MACKENZIE**

**23- CHARLOTTE WHITE**

**25- DORIS FORREST**

**29- PATRICIA LEDBETTER**



**1- VALERIE PARKER**

**3- PATSY PATRICK**

**6- MARILEE PREWITT**

**6- BELINDA SUMMERS**

**7- ANGI LACKEY**

**7- FRAN WILLIAMS**

**19- MARCELLE RUSSELL**

**21- CYNTHIA CURBO**

**23- REBECCA DANIELS**

**24- JADA BRYANT**

**24- CONNIE SMITH**

**27- BONNIE ODOM**

**28- STEPHANIE JOHNSON**

**29- CATHERINE PUGH**

**30- JAQUELINE SMITH**

**30-MARTHA LOU HOLLAND**







August

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5- CHARLOTTE HARLAN

8- ELIZABETH COUFAL

11- LINDA NEILL

13- DONNA BUCKLES

13- ALOISE COLE

20- GLORIA CANTWELL

22- GRETTA FISK

22- DIANE RING

26- GLORIA JOHNSON

27- TAMMY SAULTERS

28- REBECCA BYNUM

29- BETTY BICKETT



Upcoming Events



JULY

26- SUMMER SOCIAL 2PM

What's Happening

AUGUST

1- QUEEN & SUPREME APPOINTEES LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER

5- CEREMONIAL PRACTICE 10AM

12- CEREMONIAL PRACTICE 10AM

13- CEREMONIAL 2PM

17- STATED SESSION 7PM



September



8- MARY DENMAN

9- LORELEI REED

13- BOBBIE WEST

16- KRISTIE SEIN

17- CAMILLE WALLACE

21- DOROTHY BAKER

21- JULIA BROOKS

21- MARY JO JASKA

22- MARTHA THOMAS

23- HORTENCIA MOORE

27- BARBARA PAYNE





***NILE LOVE***





## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As we go into this summer, I wish you all a time of peace and happiness. I pray you enjoy the sun, read a great novel, spend time with your families, and go on that wonderful vacation you have always dreamed of. These things can and will happen again for us. Happy Summer to each and every one of you!!! Spread that Nile love every where you go.

If there are any corrections that need to be made, please contact me at  
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With Nile Love,  
Princess Angi Lackey  
Editor

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