

Why did YOU join Nile?

Why did you join Daughters of the Nile in the first place? Was it because of the beautiful lessons taught in our ritual work? Was it because of the décor of the Temple's Session room or the potlucks that the Temple holds twice a year? Was it because you enjoyed the fundraiser the Temple held or the float it sponsored in a parade? Was it because your mother made you join just because she was a member and so was your grandmother? Was it because your friends were all joining and you didn't want to miss out? Was it because your husband is in the Shrine Divan and it is expected of you? Or, was it because you wanted to be active in helping the patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®? Whatever your reason for first joining the Daughters of the Nile, we are glad you are a member.

No matter the reason for joining, in my opinion, the most important reason for staying a member is that the heart of all we do is to benefit the patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Because of our members' work, along with the Shriners, we help to make miracles happen every day for countless children and their families. What a blessing! The fundraisers that our Temples hold for the Shriners Hospitals for Children®, the sewing, the gifts, and the transportation provided, is a blessing to someone in a small or big way.

The next best reason for staying a member is the fellowship that we have with fellow members. Friendships, close friendships, can be made with fellow members in your own Temple and those across the U.S. and Canada. Together we learn and share with other women of all ages, embracing the same ideas and goals of helping the children. I personally have friends in my own Temple who are towards 30-plus years my elder and towards 20 years my junior. I would not have been blessed by these friendships if were not for my membership in Nile. I also have been blessed with friends who live far west and east of my home, whom I feel are like family, who I would not have known if it were not for my membership in Nile. These friendships have enriched and blessed my life.

Our Ritual is another blessing that each member receives. The lessons taught by each office are ones that truly benefit our daily lives and our family. So, get out your Ritual and read the lessons taught therein. Reading it discerningly is so beneficial. Seeing and hearing the ritual work at each Stated Session is very beautiful and adds more meaning to the

words. If you haven't attended your Temple's Stated Session or a Ceremonial recently, plan to be at the next one. Get a fellow member to go with you. You will be blessed in so many ways. What? You say the Temple is too far from where you live? I personally travel 125 miles each way to attend my Temple's Session each month. It takes up a whole day for me but, oh, it is so worth the time and effort.

Each one of us had a different reason for first becoming a member of Daughters of the Nile. No matter what your reason, membership is a blessing to others. This blessing should be shared and encouraged. Consider proposing other women to become new members of Nile. Encourage your current members to become more active and reach out to former members to remind them of the blessings their membership provides to others.



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