

Now THAT was a SUPER bowl game!!!!

You all know how I love sports and particularly football. Well, that was the BEST game Sunday night. No matter which team you were rooting for, it was exciting not knowing how it was going to turn out. Of course, I was rooting for New England, but Atlanta was a force to be reckoned with for sure. What did we learn from that game? Well, never give up comes to my mind. Don't panic when things get tough. Don't panic when you are behind by 25 points! Never mind that the extra point hits the upright. Forget the penalties awarding automatic first downs. Just keep playing. For all 60 minutes too. Never quit! If it is your dream to win the Super Bowl, then play like you want it! Play like you deserve it! PLAY TO WIN !!!

You know where this is going, don't you? You're right too. As our membership declines, we have to BELIEVE we are going to turn it around. We have to BELIEVE we are going to improve in recruitment, retention, reinstatement. We have to BELIEVE that a Mentor Program is important for Temple continuity. We have to BELIEVE in the importance of newsletters that keep us in touch and informed. We have to BELIEVE that being nice to each other and working together for our common cause will only bring us closer and will help our Temples prosper and grow. We have to BELIEVE that memorizing our ritualist work and performing it well will only enhance the beautiful lessons it contains and help us all become better women. We have to be willing to make commitments and fulfill them to the best of our ability because we BELIEVE in Daughters of the Nile. We have to BELIEVE in the next 100 years of our order. We have to keep playing this game with every fiber of our being just like the Patriots did. Then the VICTORY on membership will be ours. This I do BELIEVE.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. These are tough times, but I BELIEVE in my heart that we can accomplish the challenging task of turning our membership around. I BELIEVE in each one of you and I BELIEVE every Temple can grow, prosper and succeed. The question is: do YOU BELIEVE it too? Then, as my mother would say, "Make me know it by doing it!"

I BELIEVE.

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