

## ATTENTION: Proposal versus Petition

Several members have recently called to my attention the use of the words “petition” and “proposal” regarding MEmbership.

A Lady of the Household submits to the Temple Princess Recorder a “Proposal” for membership which is read at a Stated Session. This proposal lays over until the next Stated Session and, if there are not enough objections, it is balloted on. Then a “Petition” for Membership is sent to the lady inviting her to join and to submit the necessary funds.

At the time of initiation, the Princess Recorder is asked by the Queen if there have been any Petitions for membership received since the last Stated Session.

A prospective member never signs anything or fills out any forms until she submits her Petition for membership accepting her invitation to join Daughters of the Nile.

Our members carry in their purses Proposals for membership. Some may be regular-sized and some may be pocket-sized, but all are Proposals. Our members fill them out and submit them to the Princess Recorder. The prospective member does nothing.

Please try to use the correct word when referring to these forms. We propose a lady for membership and she then submits a Petition for initiation.

I appreciate this having been called to my attention because MEmbership Begins with ME.

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