

IT'S SUPER BOWL TIME

The Big Game is coming soon, Super Bowl 50, and I am so excited. Peyton Manning and Cam Newton will be playing opposite each other on the same field. Peyton, at 39 years old, is still playing football. 39 is OLD in football years, and he's winning! He still has the talent, desire and will to go out week after week and lead his Denver Broncos to victory. How can that be, you ask yourself? It is called dedication and commitment among other things.

Then there is Cam, quarterbacking the Carolina Panthers. He very well may be the MVP of the NFL this year (that is Most Valuable Player of the National Football League for those novices out there). It is an honor that comes to very few. This man is amazing week after week in finding a way to win. He passes the ball, runs the ball and sometimes carries the ball over the line as he leap-frogs into the end-zone for a score. Then he does a little celebratory dance and gives the ball to a youngster in the stands. He smiles and hams it up for the fans as he trots back to the sidelines. Yes, sometimes, he is a bit over the top in his exuberance... but, he and his TEAM are winning games. And, it is exciting to watch. The rules for the game have not changed in the least. He is just finding a way to get the job done and win the game. It just goes to show that we don't have to CHANGE things to make progress, we just have to work harder and execute better what we already know. That is exactly what Peyton and Cam are doing this year. They are playing with dedication, commitment, desire and ENTHUSIASM and having fun too. We are having fun watching. Are we learning anything?

I ask you, how can this relate to Daughters of Nile? It is very simple. If we each had the same desire, enthusiasm, determination, commitment and love for our Temples, we would be winning the MEMBERSHIP WAR. If we were each submitting proposals and following through with them to see the ladies initiated, that would be an excellent beginning. If we were willing to serve as Mentors to our new members and those we already have, that would be a start. If we would run for elective office, serve as appointed officers and committee members, learn our ritual (at least TRY and learn our ritual), what a difference that would make! Our rules do not have to change for us to make a difference. We just are not making the effort. Look at Peyton and Cam. Look at us. What do you see? I see a defeatist attitude and an "I Can't" mentality. Really it is an "I won't" mentality and THAT is sad, depressing and unacceptable. We cannot have negative attitudes in our lives if we wish to be successful. Nothing was ever accomplished with a negative attitude. If Peyton and Cam and the others on their teams played with negative attitudes, their teams would not be in this Super Bowl Football Game next week.

As we fast approach the end of another Nile year, I ask each one of you to volunteer in your Temple for jobs and take offices and serve this organization with ENTHUSIASM and ENERGY. It doesn't matter what your age is. If you have the desire, you can and you will get the jobs done. Watch the game and see if you get inspired by the actions of these amazing men as they play the game they love. Then turn around and let's play

the Nile Membership Game the same way. I know you can make a difference and I'm betting on it!