

Hello autumn,

The fall season is upon us, the leaves are changing, the air is getting colder, the days are shorter and the holidays are just around the corner. Change is upon us.

You say "Change??" Why??? What has been done in the past isn't working? We need to CHANGE the culture of our Temples in order to change the results. Think outside the Box.

How do you, as Daughters of the Nile, communicate with the ladies who are Masonic-related? I learned at the Shriner's Membership Seminar that there are over 265,555 Masons. Wow! And I bet you all know women who are eligible: mothers, daughters, sisters, nieces, wives of sons and nephews, in-laws, majority members of the youth organizations, and the list goes on. How would you get these ladies interested in knowing about our organization?

Do you attend the Masonic-related events, such as: Ladies night at the Lodge, various public school recognitions, and picnics? Ask your Lodges and Shrine Temples if you may provide information to the new Ladies of Masons/Shriners being initiated. How about when the Shriners are participating in a parade? The Daughters of the Nile can have a float or car with Ladies of the Household riding behind the Shriners. For the Shrine Circus, ask if you can do a skit (Nile clowns or dancers). Have a ladies' night where you make greeting cards, decorate cakes, make bows for the holidays, invite guest policemen to talk about self-defense (especially at the holidays). What are some of YOUR ideas for creating awareness of Daughters of the Nile within the various Masonic-related organizations? I would love to hear your ideas.

The warmth of friendship is what helps to keep these ladies connected to our Temples. A purposeful effort to create those connections through mentoring and organizing rewarding events is necessary for retention and future growth.

When my day is done and I am called from this earth, I hope my legacy will be a life of giving to those who need my help. What will be your Daughters of the Nile legacy?

"In Shriner's hands, children find Miracles."

Ladies of the Household are: Better Together - Passionate - Thankful - Purposeful - Accountable - Flexible - Respectful - Courageous - Gracious - Fun Loving - Authentic and Hard Working.

You can make a difference. You will make a difference! End of Discussion!!!!

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