

Daughters of the Nile

Oppela Temple No. 50 Installs Officers for 2008

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OPPELA Temple No. 50, Daughters of the Nile, held their 79th Installation of Officers on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at the Wakefield-Lynnfield Masonic Temple. The Ceremony began with Princess **Jane Inglis** singing "Open the Gates." Queen-Elect, **Patricia C. Rust**, was led into the Temple by the Installing Marshal, **Barbara Green**. Patricia was honored to be installed as Queen by Past Queen **Bonnie J. Shaw**. Her choices of music, all beautifully sung by Pr. Jane Inglis, were "Climb Every Mountain," "You'll Never Walk Alone," and "Make Me A Channel of Thy Love." Also installed were Princess Royal **Anna Craig**, Princess Tirzah **Janice Guilford**, and Princess Baroura **Nancy Marsden**. Other elected and appointed officers were also installed.

Queen Patricia served as Queen of Oppela Temple last year (2007-2008). Due to the sudden onset of a serious illness, the Princess Royal, **Dr. Ruth Miller**, was unable to advance to the office of Queen for this year. Queen Patricia was elected and she graciously accepted to serve again as Queen for the ensuing year. Because of these unusual circumstances, Queen Patricia decided to have a "closed" installation. P.Q. Barbara Green was honored to present her with her Past Queen's Jewel, wishing her a year of peace, harmony and love.

Following the ceremony, members were entertained by the Oppela Tambourettes and the Ambassador Dance Group. A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all.

Any woman age 18 or older, who is related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile is eligible to join this charitable organization which strives tirelessly for achievement in our philanthropic goals for the children in the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our most vital tenets are Charity, Friendship and Truth.



Installing Queen **Bonnie J. Shaw** and Queen **Patricia C. Rust**, radiant in a beautiful burgundy gown, during the Installation Ceremony.

"The Fun And The Purpose"

Hi Nobles,

This Potentate stuff is awesome. FUN with a PURPOSE is still our goal. First of all – our purpose. The Transportation Fund is doing very well supporting our Springfield hospital as well as our Boston hospital. Already this year we have authorized well over \$100,000.00 from the Aleppo Transportation Fund.

When a call comes in to ask if we can authorize \$20,000, \$30,000, or more, it fills you with such mixed feelings. Sadness, knowing that a child has been badly burned and in desperate need to be transported to a Shrine Hospital. Joy that YOU (Nobles, wives, family, and friends); have fulfilled your PURPOSE in raising enough money for us to say YES! Get that child to our Hospital; the Aleppo Transportation Fund will take care of the expense. What a great feeling. I can't thank you enough for the work you do. Not just raising money for our Transportation Fund but, supporting the events at Aleppo which allow us to keep our great facility open and attract more and more events and (hopefully), more and more members.

Now for the FUN. Since my last message we have attended a variety of events including: Roller Derby, Ultimate Fighting, Shrine Club Annual Meetings, Melha Shrine and Rhode Island Shrine Potentate receptions, Shrine Club Installations, The Aleppo Smoker, The Northeast Mid-Winter meetings, Aleppo's St. Patty's party, Shriners Football Orientation, a reception for the Jr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Shrine Club Wine Tasting, Tartan Ball, a whole bunch of circus performances, Heads of Units meetings, Divan meetings, Membership meetings, Finance meetings, Unit meetings, Activities Corporation meetings, and a few more meetings and events that I can't remember.

What a Blast! Being active at Aleppo doesn't mean you have to go out every night but, you can if you want to. We have so much to do at Aleppo. Traveling to other Northeast Shrine Centers (NSA), allows me to appreciate all that we have here at Aleppo. Don't get me wrong. The NSA Shrine Centers are great places to have fun and their full of great people, but, Aleppo does have the BIGGEST Temple and the MOST members. We have 15 Shrine Clubs and 22 Units. In fact, Noble **Dick Norcross** is organizing a new Mini Tractor Trailer unit and is looking for YOU to get involved.

The Clown Unit has purchased a beautiful new trailer to transport all their parade vehicles. The Motor Patrol is in the process of decorating their new trailer. The Cycle Unit will be double-clutching their Harley's up the parade route. The Minutemen will be picking up the pace in their new uniforms. In fact, many Units are picking up the pace and giving members new reasons to get involved.

We have so many reasons to get involved and so many reasons to get new men involved with the Shrine. So, get a potential new member and bring him to the next Aleppo event. When he sees what's going on, he will want to join and, if need be, we'll get him sponsored into Masonry first. No ifs, ands, or buts. Let's Just Do It!

Don't be left out of the fun – JOIN a unit, JOIN a Shrine club, GET INVOLVED.

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