

Dynasty Amenna No.164 UD

THE BABY IS BORN!

Where is the Heart of the Nile? There is no doubt about it! It was in Nashville, Tennessee, last week-end where our new Temple, Dynasty Amenna No. 164 UD was born. Over 350 Ladies of the Household gathered together for this auspicious occasion in celebration of the instituting of a new Temple. This hasn't happened in 14 years since Aromaz Dynasty No.163 was born. Now THEY have birthed a new Temple and are no longer the baby of our group.

There were 13 Past Supreme Queens, Supreme Princesses Banker and Recorder, three Supreme Elective Line Officers and 30 reigning Queens. The 72 Supreme Appointees made a huge complete circle around the center of the room for introductions. What an awesome sight! Many more in attendance were Past Queens and Ladies of the Household. It just doesn't get any better than that.

This was, indeed, the Heart of the Nile. These ladies are the movers and shakers of our Temples. They are the worker bees, the officers and committee members, the ones that make things happen. They came from all over the United States and Canada. There was so much excitement and sheer happiness on the part of every one in attendance.

Kathleen Turner and Betty Nohle, both Past Supreme Queens, are to be congratulated for their hard work in organizing this Temple and planning the events necessary for the instituting.

Congratulations to all of the members of Dynasty Amenna. Congratulations also to the officers and members of Aromaz Dynasty for their lovely Ceremonial of Initiation and for planning and executing a wonderful week-end of Nile food, fun and fellowship. They created another 15 new members for the new Temple. Chills went down my spine when planes were heard soaring overhead just as the American Flag was being brought in. It was just like the fly-overs at the Super Bowl Football Games. (Our Hotel was very near the airport.) The sound effects just added more excitement.

The actual Instituting Ceremony performed by Past Supreme Queens and the Elective Supreme Officers was exciting and emotional. Following that ceremony, many gifts were presented to Donna Isbell, Queen-Elect, who graciously and somewhat tearfully accepted them on behalf of the new Temple.

Following the Ceremonial, the Patrol from Isis Temple No. 40, Evansville, Indiana, performed a drill to complete the afternoon events. There also was local entertainment on Friday night while everyone was mingling and visiting with friends both old and new.

Noble Jim Cain, Imperial Assistant Rabban, and his lady Patsy, were very much present for the week-end. She is serving as the Honorary Junior Past Queen for the new Temple. What an honor for her and for us. The Nobles of Al Menah Shrine were most cordial in welcoming the Nile to their area and were very present for the occasion, as well as were Nobles from other Temples who were accompanying their ladies.

As Chairman of the Supreme Temple Membership and Public Relations Committee, I just can't say enough about the significance of this week-end of events. If you missed it, maybe you can

plan to attend the Constituting. The date has just been set and it is March 18, 2017. I hope to see many of you there.

The Heart of the Nile! There is no doubt about it. This was the BEST event the Nile has had in years! With our renewed enthusiasm, we all need to get to work and grow our membership and make our Temples stronger and better than ever. We CAN do it! It CAN be done! Go for it!

Alyce Thomas, PSQ, Supreme Temple Membership and Public Relations Committee Chairman