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I've been watching Tiger Woods flailing away at his golf ball for two days. This is a man who has been the number one golfer in the world and who has won every conceivable golf tournament. He had been the heir apparent to surpass Jack Nicklaus's record and become the greatest golfer in the world for all time! Not gonna happen this week! He did not make the cut and packed his bags and went home. He was on top of the professional golf world when several years ago an accident happened near his home and as a result a divorce happened, several injuries took place, a romance ended, several coach changes occurred with included changes in his swing pattern. Everyone else played for second because it was a given that when Tiger played, Tiger won. The young lions nipping at his heels have moved forward as he struggles to regain his former status. Times have changed.

Daughters of the Nile was soaring along in the 80's. We were organizing new Temples and increasing our membership regularly. Then the unexpected happened. A down turn began from which we have never recovered. Just like Tiger believes he can win again, I know Daughters of the Nile can be strong again with membership gains. But just like Tiger, we have to begin anew and work harder than we ever have before in order to turn things around.

One Ceremonial a year won't allow that to happen! We must have many ceremonials and create many new members in our Temples. We must restore pride in our organization, pride in our ritualistic work, pride in our Foundation, pride in our love for the Shriners and their children, pride in our Temples, pride in Supreme Temple and perhaps, more than anything else, pride in ourselves.

If Tiger looks behind him, Jordan Spieth (and dozens of others) is on his heels. Who is on our heels? Are we looking backward instead of forward? Come on Ladies, let's get those proposals filled out and presented. Let's act as if these days are our last because.....they very well could be. I'm counting on every Temple to have at least one initiate this year; one reinstatement; one affiliate. Don't let your Temple be the one missing! Without growth there is no way we can continue. Without new members, there is no growth. I don't want us to continue flailing around like Tiger. Can I count on you to make a difference?

Don't misunderstand. I LOVE watching golf and watching Tiger, too. Sometimes we all just do better than at other times. Right now we are not doing too well! Let's change that....TODAY! Contact the Supreme Temple Membership and Public Relations Committee or the Supreme Temple Action Team if you need help in ANY area. We are here to serve you.

