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Obligation & Commitment

As a young woman in 1996, I was asked to join the Nile by my father's affiliation with Masonry. My Father was a good man, wishing to make himself a better person and taking an obligation to make his life richer by living a life as a Mason, and then Shriner.

My mother was Queen the year I was initiated. She was beautiful, and great at memorizing her ritual. She instilled a lot of great things in me. When I became a Princess, I can remember the Temples all being strong. They believed in competition, trying to be the best Temple and striving for great ritualistic work. There was barely a seat empty on the sidelines. Ladies would drive up and down the coast to see each other's Temple Supreme Queen Visits and to visit with other Temple Nile friends. There was gossip and discord in our Temple then, but with so many other happy Ladies, it was hard to see the "small stuff," as I use to call it.

I made my commitments during those years. The first year I watched and participated and did small pro tem commitments. Then one year I decided I would run for the office of Princess Badoura, my biggest commitment, which I still believe is for a life time. As a Past Queen now, I was committed to helping all other Officers and Ladies of the Household. Along with many other Ladies, I have committed 18 years of service to this organization. Not just at the Subordinate Temple level, but at the Supreme Temple level. I, like many other women, have heart, soul, compassion, commitment and unconditional love. Not just for friendship, or just to raise money, but for our whole lives - to live as Daughters of the Nile, with the lessons taught therein.

Yes, I did take an Obligation to do my duty and do my best. It was never easy. Yes, we all took an Obligation to do a small part. Have you done your small part?

There is no charge to come to Session. Hitch a ride and see old friends. The Temple needs your help no matter how small - just three times a year or so. How about the hospitals? They need our help as well. We would not be around without the philanthropic work we do, so please act upon some of that obligation. It is badly needed.

I believe deep in my heart and my soul that the Daughters of the Nile can instill its own values in all good women. By starting her own amazing feat to assist a woman to the top of the ladder that leads toward a higher life and by giving friendship, that is all that is needed to exist cohesively in this world and to be partners with mankind.

Commitment. It is time to make some small commitment to yourself and others. You will enjoy the benefits you reap.

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