## When attending Stated Session

Sometimes when I attend Stated Session I notice, that normally in attendance it's always the same ladies. Our Temple is fortunate that we always have around 35 to 40 in attendance, including officers. Sad to say other Temples are not so fortunate. What can you do about low attendance?

- 1. We need to establish an effective personal communications system.
- 2. Gather input.
- 3. Offer help

Have your membership committee call **ALL MEMBERS** of your Temple. We do this every year and, the members that cannot attend love hearing from us. We assign a membership sheet to each person in the membership committee, with the members name, address, phone number and email address as well as how long they have been a member. We ask if our information for the member is correct. How they are doing? Do they have any questions? Do they have someone they would like to propose as a new member?

Is there anything we can do for them? Do they have contact information if they need to get in touch with someone from the Nile?

**Evaluate** your membership committee on a scale of 1 to 10, **what can you do to improve it?** When you attend Stated Session or Nile events, do you always set with the same group? Ask your Queen, once Temple is open to have everyone to change seats. Sit with someone new, find out what their prospective is on Nile? Pass information to each other; keep membership with your Temple on a personal level. All working together is effective.

**Offer help**, you are in a position to offer assistance to those in need. You can provide members and prospective members with a wide range of ideas. Have promotions, teas, and brunches. Get together so that you all get to know each other better, discuss ideas. Everybody has an opinion!

We help raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. We have fun while doing so. But by helping someone else, we also help fulfill our need for existence. We must decide if we're going to set on the side line and just keep watching as time goes by, until we don't exist anymore. Are we you be the one that makes a change. You can't keep doing things the same way and expect different results. It's up to you!

## Aspire to inspire before you expire!

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