

# The Shooting Star

February 2005

## Observations From The East

I'm hoping everyone had a joyous holiday season with friends, family, and laughter.

We've all made it through another year, we've all made our new year resolutions (well, I did anyway). And now begins Inspection season. I've gotten feedback from a few people about things I can do, or need to do, to improve my memorization work. I've also gotten positive feedback on my first newsletter. That latter fact made me smile, knowing I did something right the first try.

Medina's hosting of the Association luncheon and meeting went off smoothly. A couple ladies wanted to snatch the angels I used for decorations. The total turnout was about 70 people, double what I personally was expecting. Lois Thomas was our cook, making chili, and many of our ladies brought cornbread and desserts. There was plenty to go around, and there were still a few leftovers, amazingly.

Next came the Masonic Christmas party. After receiving one reservation from DeMolay, a decent turnout was had. To spoil a bit of the fun, I was the camera toting, picture taking elf again. Unfortunately, the gentleman I had contacted to be the entertainment forgot to write down the party, and therefore didn't make it. Santa was there, but I won't say who he really is in the off season.

At my Christmas meeting, we were visited by Vivian Chrisopolos, PGM and Grand Trustee, to answer any questions we had concerning the merger. On a mixed emotional note, of 31 members present to vote, it was unanimous to accept our mother chapter, Wadsworth, as our own. It is saddening to lose another chapter to the annals of history, but it is also wonderful to keep the people active in another chapter. A merger date has been set for April 12, and I am hoping that our respective chapters will come out for a hearty welcome.

We were also visited by our District Charities Director, Linda Prochazka, who is a Past Matron of Shreve Chapter. She was very happy to talk to us, and give some figures on how much Eastern Star has donated this past year to the various charities we sponsor and help.

I am looking forward to attending the Ohio Vision Conference, and I thank the chapter for paying for me to attend. I hope to bring back as much information as possible.

Friendship Night is March 8th, when we will be hosting Holmes Chapter. I invited Wadsworth to join us also. Lyndon Chapter will be hosting us at a later date.

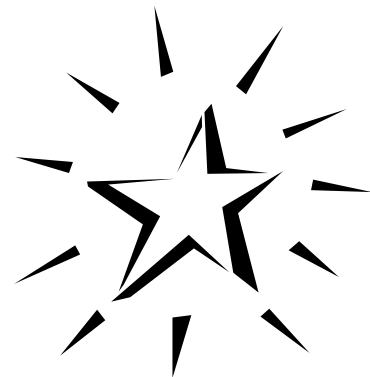
With Spring In Mind,  
Nyssa Crabill  
Worthy Matron  
2004-2005

Dear Wadsworth Members,

Yes, our beloved Wadsworth Chapter is merging with Medina Chapter. It has been an agonizing decision for us to make. But members we do not need to be sad! We are not leaving the Order, we are not losing our friendships, we are not losing our history. We are simply joining our Daughter Chapter in Medina, and making our circle of friends larger. It would be a wonderful world of Eastern Star, if we would all just remember that we are all members of one Beautiful Order, one very large circle of friends and family, all here for the same purposes, Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. I miss seeing so many of you, both from Wadsworth and Rittman. Please do not forsake the order, please try to join us for meetings. Please remember all those friendships you have made over the years in Eastern Star, come renew old friendships, and discover new ones. You will not be sorry you did. Think back, wasn't some of the best years of your life, your years of participation in our Great Order? I would love to see you, we all would!

Star Love,

Kathy Bradley  
Worthy Matron



# World Wonders

## The Seven Ancient Wonders of the World

1. Pyramid of Giza, Khufu tomb, Giza Egypt
2. Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built at the banks of the Euphrates River by King Nebuchadnezzar
3. Statue of Zeus, Olympia Greece, carved by Pheidias
4. Artemis' Temple, Ephesus Asia Minor
5. Mausoleum, Halicarnassus Asia Minor, tomb for King Mausollos the Persian Satrap of Caria
6. Colossus of Rhodes, statue of Helios built by Greeks near a harbor of a Mediterranean island
7. Lighthouse of Alexandria, built by the Ptolemies on Pharos Island off the coast of their capital city

### *Why are they all Greek?*

The original list was compiled by ancient Greeks before Taj Mahal or Pisa tower were even built, and the china wall wasn't completed until the middle ages (they didn't know about it when it was started in their time)

### *Why only seven?*

The number seven has been part of mythology and religion- i.e. 7 gates of heaven, 7 days of the week, 7 seas. It has become embedded in our tradition and history.

### *Why only the great pyramid, and not all three?*

The great pyramid was built first, and the list compilers contributed the later two pyramids to others builders who modeled them after the original.

### *What makes them wonders?*

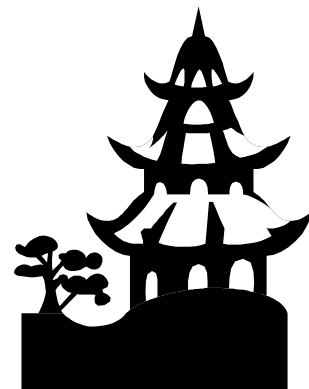
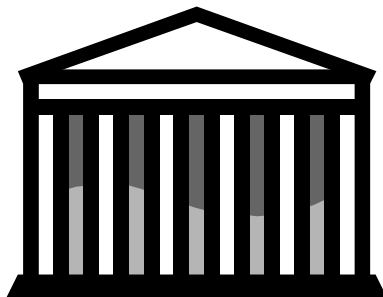
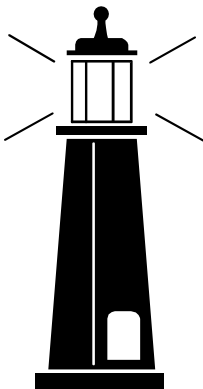
They were viewed at the time when the list was compiled as the greatest structures on earth, combining architecture, engineering, religion, and in most cases the unity of those who built them.

Three wonders are along an upper western tributary of the Nile River.  
 Three are in Turkey/Asia Minor along the western coast.  
 One is on a Greek island.

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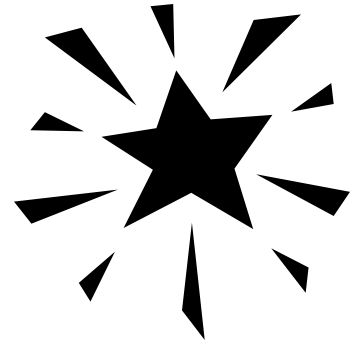
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There are also Modern Wonders, Natural Wonders, Underwater Wonders, and Forgotten Wonders. A complete list can be found at the Wonderclub website. Although the Methuselah Trees are not on any list, they are interesting. Information on them can be found at [www.Nova.com](http://www.Nova.com).



## Updated Meeting Schedule

- March 5- Association of Line Officers, Holmes Chapter  
 Vision Conference at Canton Masonic Temple
- 8- Stated- Saint Patrick's Day- Long Form  
 Friendship Night- Galapagos Islands  
 We Host Holmes Chapter
- 22- No Meeting- Holy Week
- April 2- Association of Line Officers  
 Ashland Chapter
- 12- Stated- Easter- Merger w/ Wadsworth  
 Moai Statues
- 26- Stated- Mock Initiation  
 Victoria Falls
- May 7- Association of Line Officers  
 May Chapter
- 10- Stated- Mock Initiation- February thru May Birthdays  
 Paricutin Volcano
- 24- Stated- INSPECTION  
 Porcelain Tower of Nanjing
- June 14- Stated- Annual Meeting  
 Throne Hall of Persipolis
- 18- District Day  
 Stone City
- 20- Lyndon hosts us for Friendship Night, Choice 2
- 28- Stated- Long Form- PMPP  
 Lake Baikal
- July 9- Association of Line officers  
 Litchfield Chapter
- August 6- Association of Line Officers  
 Orrville Chapter
- Sept 10- Association of Line Officers  
 Stone City
- 13- Stated- Long Form  
 Stonehenge
- 19- Lyndon hosts us for Friendship Night, Choice 1
- 23-25 Grand Chapter- Dayton Ohio
- 27- Stated- Long Form- June thru September Birthdays  
 Tower of Pisa
- Oct 1- Association of Line officers  
 Lyndon Chapter
- 2- Little School  
 Location TBD
- 11- Stated- Long Form  
 Great Wall
- 25- Stated- All Hallow's Eve, Farewell  
 Great Pyramid
- Nov 19- Big School, OARDC (Wooster)



## Inspection Schedule and Important Dates

March	11	Lodi #137	Worthy Grand Patron inspecting
		105 1/2 Harris St	Lodi
	17	Shreve #496	Grand Conductress inspecting
		130 N Market St	Shreve
April	1	Stone City #325	Worthy Grand Matron inspecting
		399 Franklin Ave	Amherst
	5	Day #479	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		3695 Pearl St	Lorain
	7	Litchfield #420	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		105 1/2 Harris St	Lodi
	15	Charities Dinner	
		Ashland	
	16	WGP home chapter inspection	
		Athens Chapter	
	20	Queen City #66	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		3695 Pearl St	Lorain
	22	Holmes #371	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		St Rt 83 South	Millersburg
	25	Garfield #324	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		78 N Main	West Salem
	26	Ashland #92	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		31 West 11th St	Ashland
	30	AGM Bonnie Youngblood Reception	
		Medina Eagles	
May	2	Sullivan #499	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		US Rt 224 and Rt 58	Sullivan
	4	May #217	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		East Main and Milton	Seville
	6	Wooster #270	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		140 N Market	Wooster
	11	Orrville #208	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		134 N Main	Orrville
	16	Lyndon #361	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		Rt 301 and 303	LaGrange
	18	Grand Visitation	
		May Chapter Seville	100th Celebration
	21	WGM home chapter inspection	
		29 Ryan Rd	Shelby
	24	Medina #266	Deputy Grand Matron inspecting
		120 N Elmwood	Medina
Sept	11	DGM District #4 Reception	
		Stone City #325	
		399 Franklin Ave	Amherst

# What Rainbow and DeMolay are up to...

DeMolay Installation of Officers was February 26th. Sean Shuler is serving as Master Councillor again.

Our DeMolay have a couple young men that qualified to go to the national Heartland ritual competition. This will be the second consecutive year for them. They are also having a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 12th at 630 p.m. at the Medina temple. The cost is \$8 per person. Contact Pat Shuler at 330-220-9299 for further information.

Rainbow has been serving many dinners for Wadsworth Lodge. Brittney Jenewein is Worthy Advisor again with a wonderful crew of 9 officers working with her. Their Grand Reception is approaching fast on April 23rd, after Obligatory Sunday on April 10th.

March 19th at the Cleveland Masonic Temple downtown will be the first Tri-Youth Day. Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Rainbow will be holding mass initiations in two rooms, alternately. Afterwards, the Al Sirat Grotto will be hosting it's annual Grotto Dance for the youth. Everyone is cordially and warmly invited to come watch our youth shine in their ritualistic work. Medina has a few officers participating, and I'm sure our support would be appreciated.

## Quotes To Think On

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.  
--- tatler #147 (1709-1711) Joseph Addison

Any idiot can face a crisis- it's day to day living that wears you out.  
---Anton Chekhov

Ocean: A body of water occupying about two-thirds of a world made for man- who has no gills. --- Ambrose Bierce

Myths are public dreams, dreams are private myths.  
--- Joseph Campbell

A mistake is simply another way of doing things.  
--- Katharine Graham

Warning: Humor may be hazardous to your illness.  
--- Ellie Katz

## Something To Be Aware Of

For those of us who have an internet connection, go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and enter your personal phone number. The webpage has added a feature that if someone has your number, they can put it in the search line and get an address and directions to your house. Please double check, as not every one is listed. Amy from Sullivan #499 emailed me this fact, with her concern for children's safety.

## Sunshine

Not So Recent Death  
Nancy Freese Feb '04  
(informed in January '05)

Recent Deaths  
Mike Rizzuto Feb '05

*Any other Sunshine, please call June Calderhead at 330-220-3249, or Celia Lawson at 330-225-2868*

