

Medina OES #266

November 2004

Observations From The East

Well, here we go on another year of changes and hopeful growth. Greetings from your new Worthy Matron, Nyssa. Wow does that sound scary to me! I haven't yet gotten used to a lot of things, and I know by the time I get used to that title, my year will be almost done. Denny Lawson agreed to be my Worthy Patron, and is adding his wisdom to guide my first experience.

Let me try to give you a visual picture that is greeting me every meeting. After trying two different blouse patterns that didn't agree with all of the ladies figures, I settled on a nice scarf/wrap. All the ladies are wearing either a black or white blouse, and a knee length or longer black skirt. The star points have their respective colors, the West has Purple, Marshal and Organist have purple, the Conductresses have silver to match Esther and mine. Secretary and Treasurer have a nice soft gold to match Ruth. This ended up giving me a silver cross on the floor which was unintentional, but beautiful. I also ended up with two triangles, an obtuse purple and isosceles gold. Sister Organist this year is actually playing the piano next to the secretary's desk. I am greeted by smiles and encouragement often, and some chuckles for my floor decorations. In the Design Toscano catalog Gramma/Sister Lois Seaburn occasionally gets, there were some gargoyles that were so ugly, they're cute. Mom Lenore decided to surprise me with them for Christmas a couple years ago. I have them out on podiums at the Conductress' stations and the West. Their names are Picadilly Ear, Picadilly Nose, and Picadilly Bum, which implies what these gargoyles are picking. My cousin Holly looked at me and said, "It's missing picadilly lint (belly)." Hopefully, no one becomes offended by them, but they make me laugh, which is helping keep my nerves settled.

My theme is "Of All the Wonders of the World", which leads into one of my interests in history. At each meeting, I have selected one world wonder, whether it be natural, ancient, modern, or forgotten, to tell a few facts about. I never realized there were more than 70 wonders between those four categories.

At Installation on October 23rd, Sister Bonnie Youngblood of Day Chapter, Associate Grand Matron, was my Installing Officer. Mom Lenore was the Installing Marshal, assisted by Celia. Gramma Lois was Installing Chaplain, and Lora Lehman, Past Matron of Orrville Chapter and former Deputy Grand Matron, was the Installing Organist at the piano. For a bit of history, Bonnie was my Grand Deputy in Rainbow and Celia my Mother Advisor. This has given me a few added nerves of looking out and running a meeting seeing my advisory board from Rainbow. I am a second generation Rainbow girl and a fourth generation Eastern Star. In honor of my 10 years of service to Rainbow, I honored all the ladies and gentlemen who have served, and are serving, on the youth group advisory boards. Unfortunately, I didn't get many invitations out in time to family in other chapters, or the youth groups to attend. (I've already yelled at myself for that, and moved on.)

Wow, I'm being long-winded today. I guess it's from knowing some of ya'll want to know, and making up for a few missing newsletters. I think I'll wrap up with a meeting schedule, so if anyone wishes to attend, they know what to expect. My first two meetings aren't listed, as I've already scratched them off as finished with minimal mishaps.

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

Meeting Schedule

- Nov 23- Stated- Thanksgiving
Temple of Artemis
- Dec **4- Association of Line Officers**
Medina Chapter
14- Stated- Christmas- Visit from District Charities Director
Hanging Gardens
28- No Meeting
- Jan **8- Association of Line Officers**
Lodi Chapter
11- Stated- Happy New Year- *Obligation*
Pharos Lighthouse
25- Stated- Long Form- October thru January Birthdays
Great Barrier Reef
- Feb 8- Stated- Valentine's Day- *Mock Initiation?*
Methuselah Trees, Eiffel Tower
12- Regional School of Instruction
Shelby, Ohio
22- Stated- Long Form- *Instruction*
Statue of Zeus
- March **5- Association of Line Officers**
Holmes Chapter
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**
Litchfield Chapter
12- Stated- Easter- Long Form
Moai Statues
26- Stated- *Mock Initiation* *INSPECTION?* -Porcelain Tower of Nanjing
- May **7- Association of Line Officers**
May Chapter
10- Stated- *Mock Initiation* Paricutin Volcano

24- Stated- Long Form- February thru May Birthdays
Victoria Falls
- 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**
Ashland Chapter
- August **6- Association of Line Officers**
Orrville Chapter
- Sept **10- Association of Line Officers**
Stone City
13- Stated- Long Form
Stonehenge

- Sept 19- Lyndon Hosts Us for Friendship Night, Choice 1
23-25 Grand Chapter- Dayton Ohio
 27- Stated- *Mock Initiation*- June thru September Birthdays
 Tinochtitlan
- Oct **1- Association of Line officers**
Lyndon Chapter
2- Little School
Location TBD
 11- Stated
 Great Wall
 25- Stated- All Hallow's Eve
 Great Pyramid

A Note From The Secretary

Dues notices were mailed September 1st and about thirty-five members have not responded to date. If you are an unpaid member, we need you and hope you will respond quickly. There was one envelope returned very early and the sender needs to be located. The envelope arrived with no stamp, stamped by the post office “postage due”, not even a postmark on the envelope. (How is that for an efficient US Post Office?) It was taped shut with nothing inside and no return address, so I don’t know who you are. If you sent your money and have not received your dues card, this could be you. Please write or call so I can get your dues card to you. If you have misplaced your notification, please send a \$20.00 check made payable to Medina Chapter #266 and mail it to Celia Lawson, Sec., 1720 Substation Road, Brunswick, OH 44212, If you have any questions, I can be reached at 330-225-2868.

Quotes To Think On

The virtues which keep this world sweet and the faithfulness which keeps it steadfast are chiefly those of the average man. ---W. Russell Bowie

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.
 --- Nicholas Murray Butler

Dreams will get you nowhere, a good kick in the pants will take you a long way.
 --- Baltasar Gracian

Sunshine

Recent Deaths

Irene Harms 6/10

Gladys Wittrup 8/7

Gerald Wagar 10/19

PGP 1981-1982 Clifford Fenner 10/11

Mike Rizzuto is battling cancer, any prayers sent his way are appreciated.

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