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Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 F. & A.M

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings from the East

What an unusual winter we had! It seems like spring sprung before it was even spring! Lest we get too used to it, remember we still have to survive April.

From all reports, the steamboat Dinner was a great success. I've received comments from the general public about how good the food was and how they appreciated the effort to provide for the less fortunate. Many thanks to all who made the dinner work especially Tom Pinney, who has the notebook filled with just about everything one would need to know about running an event like this, and Ed Klein, for assisting Tom and getting us some great publicity this year (first time I can remember seeing an article in the Advocate!). Please help Tom and Ed by submitting any thoughts you have for changes, improvements or what you think worked out well.

Now for some history. Our namesake, Henry S. Baird, and his wife Elizabeth were one of the six or eight resident American families and a similar number of families of the officers stationed at Fort Howard when they settled in Green Bay in 1824. He talks of it being a more relaxed social environment before the "Yankees" arrived. The mix of the "polite and lively characteristics of French and the thoughtlessness and improvidence of the Aborigines" created a society "possessing the virtues of hospitality and the warmth of the heart unknown to the residents of cities, untrammelled by the etiquette and conventional rules of modern 'high life', they were ever ready to receive and entertain their friends, and more intent upon the enjoyment of the present than to lay up store or make provision for the future." I sometimes wonder what I might be missing about the present with my own concerns about the future.

Yours in Masonry

Bob Ryan

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Meetings First and Third Thursdays of Each Month, 7:30 P.M.

Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A lot of activity has occurred, and is still occurring, since our last newsletter.

At our stated meeting on February 2nd we welcomed Sisters Gwen Wenzell--Grand Ruth, and Ruthann Christianson, Worthy Matron of Shawano and Gwen's traveling companion. It was so nice to have both sisters attend one of our meetings other than Official Visit. During the meeting Sister Gwen presented some special "monkeyshines"--she announced the appointment of Sister June Meikle as Grand Representative to Saskatchewan who, by the way, was very surprised by the appointment. Under the Good of the Order, Sister Ruthann provided us with an update on the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leaders) program. After the meeting a "50/50 raffle" was held with one-half of the proceeds going towards ESTARL, along with the proceeds from our Sunshine March. The lucky winner of the remaining half of the 50/50 raffle was Sister Jennifer Corbisier.

At our stated meeting on March 1 standard business was conducted and information was reviewed on Grand Chapter (to be held May 15-17 at Wisconsin Dells) and our bowling FUNdraiser for March 29. **Check out the information on the FUNdraiser which is on a separate sheet with this newsletter. This event is open to friends and family.**

Saturday, March 10, brought the Mason's Steamboat Dinner and a busy day for many of our sisters and brothers. Special thanks to all members who baked pies or made monetary donations towards the purchasing of pies, to Sister Bonnie Kohn for traveling to Casco to pick up the pies, to Sisters Patricia Barlament and Pam Honold for cutting the pies; to Sharon Sullivan, Bonnie Kohn, Mariellen Haen, and Connie Skarvan assisting as waiters; and to our Brothers Tom Pinney, Ross Chapman, Ed Klein, Rick Rodgers, Tony Haen, Al Kohn, John Gay, Roger Crass, Steven Rabach, and Gerry Barlament (I know he's not a member of Honor Chapter, but as Pat's husband I consider him a member-in-waiting of Honor Chapter since he is so gracious as a pro-tem when needed) who were where they needed to be. Is Brother Tom Pinney the "EverReady Bunny" in disguise? Vases containing a green carnation and shamrock vines decorated the tables which were completed by Sister Sue Shefchik before she left on her sojourn to Mexico. If I've missed thanking anyone, please accept my apologies--there was such a crush of people I may not have seen you. The dinner was extremely delicious, and if you've never been to one, you are really missing something special.

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At our special meeting on March 15, we honored the station of Esther, as well as our Masonic brothers. Following short ceremonies honoring each, gifts of white carnations were presented to the women and cheese sticks to the men. After the meeting, Brother Tom Pinney presented a video program on the station of Esther, and the audience split into two teams competing on their knowledge of Esther. A fun night was had by all who attended. Also our sisters wore their new formal ensembles for the first time which added an extra sparkle to the chapter room.

Please keep in your prayers and thoughts Sister Majel Hendrickson who underwent another cancer surgery, and Sister Sharon Sullivan who is suffering with a bout of shingles. Get Well/Thinking of You cards and/or phone calls would be nice. Their addresses and phone numbers are in the Membership Directory.

As a reminder, we will only have one meeting during the months of April and May. Those dates are April 19 (Election Night) and May 3 (we will be honoring the station of Chaplain). Refreshment Committee for April 19th will be Alice and Jim Byrnes, and Sharon Livermore.

Since we will not meeting on the first Thursday of April, Special CONGRATULATIONS go out to Sister June and Brother Roger Meikle who will be celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary on April 5!

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Star love and hugs,
Connie Skarvan,
Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney
Worthy Patron

Need a ride to our chapter meeting or any other Eastern Star event? Feel free to contact Sister Connie at 920-388-4472 or Brother Tom at 920-493-3727.



HONOR CHAPTER #1
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

cordially invites you to

BOWLING WITH
THE STARS

WHY: FUNdraiser for "Matters of the Heart" **

WHEN: Thursday, March 29, 2012
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Apply Valley Lanes
1217 North 14th Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

COST: \$3.50 per game; \$1.75 shoe rental

*NOTE—if we get 16 or more participants the cost
is \$6 for two games and includes shoe rental and tax –
a real deal!*

SUGGESTED

DONATION: A nickel for every pin left standing at the end of the game.
(Example: Maximum donation would be \$5 if you get
a gutter ball in every frame.) Of course, any monetary
donation will be happily accepted.

Pre-registration is required. Four lanes have been reserved. To reserve your spot, please contact Connie Skarvan at kskarvan@itol.com or call 920-388-4472 on or before MARCH 27. Thank you.

Even if you are unable to bowl, you are welcome to attend. We need, and would appreciate, anyone who would like to cheer on the bowlers and donate to the cause.

** "Matters of the Heart" is the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's joint project to support the Masonic Research Laboratory and Mayo Heart Center.

Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174

Br. **William Schaefer has been restored** to membership. He is a retired teacher and lives in Fish Creek. His wife Linda is an attorney and has an office in Sturgeon Bay. Welcome back brother Bill.

Br. Gerald Wick has joined our lodge as a plural member. Br. Jerry is our Chaplain. He and his wife Brenda live in Sturgeon Bay. He is a retired UCC pastor and works at Pick n Save.

Br. Richard Kohn has joined our lodge as a plural member. Br. Rick and his wife Linda moved here from IL where he continues to serve as the Director of Public Relations and Marketing for the Grand Lodge of IL. Br. Al Kohn is his blood brother.

We will be acting on request for plural membership from a brother from Madison WI.

We have received a petition for degrees from a young man age 25.

Below is the Steamboat Dinner Report for 2012

The only changes to the Final 2012 report will be minor changes to the financial data.

STEAMBOAT DINNER	Final 2007	Final 2008	Final 2009	Final 2010	Final 2011	As of 03/18/12 2012
Total Tickets Paid (incl. Holiday & Regular)	756	697	694	726	649	**747
Meals served in dining room (incl. workers)	478	441	448	482	384	486
Take Outs	145	124	148	160	163	137
Deliveries	102	111	115	86	102	182
Total Meals Served (incl. take outs, deliveries and workers)	725	676	711	728	649	805
Donated Tickets to SS, LSCAP & SH	312	280	287	292	291	325
Percent Donated Tickets used	78%	88%	92%	85%	83%	94%
Total Workers	*102	*100	*100	*114	*102	*105
Total Dinner Income	\$9,178	\$8,379	\$8,339	\$9,535	\$10,081	\$10,746
Total Dinner Expenses	\$3,765	\$3,808	\$4,782	\$3,967	\$5,054	\$5,570
<u>NET DINNER INCOME</u>	\$5,413	\$4,588	\$3,557	\$5,568	\$5,027	\$5,176

*Includes, Honorary Stewards, Friends and OES members.

** No children tickets sold Children under age 14 free

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greetings from the editor,

What a fabulous month March was. We had great weather for the Steamboat dinner, which, I might add was a great success. Together there is nothing that cannot be accomplished by teamwork. We all should be proud. Good job to all.

Just a little blurb about the Newsletter, if there is something you would like printed or have something to share as an article, poem, just to say thanks to recognize a brother or the like, e-mail it to mjfisch@charter.net and I will fit it in the Newsletter if I get it by the 20th of the month.

Menu for the first meeting on the 12th of April will be:

Fried Perch Potato Salad

Cole Slaw Rye Bread

Chocolate cake

Dinner, as always will be \$5.00 fellowship along with my exceptional humor is free.

Hope to see you all there,

Mark Fischer

I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.

George Washington



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