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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings from the East,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. Sue and I were lucky enough to have 2 turkey dinners this year- one with friends and neighbors here in Door and one with family down in Illinois. The jury is still out on which one was more fattening.

Since this is my last monthly message as master, I'd like to take this opportunity to give thanks:

To our editor, brother Mark for his Job-like patience (this message is right before the deadline as many have been this year).

To brother Tom Pinney Jr. for all he does for the lodge and how he can make a master's year go so smoothly.

To brother Ed Klein for being tom's right hand man and always looking for ways to promote the lodge and getting it involved with our community.

To my officers for their help and support in running our meetings this year and most of all to my wife Sue for her patience and understanding.

Please come to our meeting on Dec. 13th to celebrate brother Ross's installation. Brother Al Kohn is coordinating the Salvation Army bell ringing on Dec. 15th so give him a call if you can help. For those of you that might be interested in hearing some Christmas carols that day, brother Mark and I will be playing our instruments with a couple of others from the Peninsula Symphonic Band at Econo Foods from 7-9pm on the 15th.

Bob Ryan- WM

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December 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Ding dong merrily on high, in Heav'n the bells are ringing...

Yes, the Christmas Season is upon us. Let us not forget the “Reason for the Season,” and continue to “Share God’s Love.”

We will be having two meetings in December:

1. December 6 - Stated meeting. Refreshment Committee: Connie Skarvan, Hyacinth Aude, and Malia Knaup
2. December 20- Special meeting. Come celebrate Christmas with us! Refreshment Committee: Myra and Tom Pinney, Ed Klein, and Elaine Roalkvan

Many of you have already received information for our Christmas Family via an e-mail from Sisters Jennifer Corbisier and Bonnie Kohn. The family consists of a mother; a boy, age 6; and a girl, age 4. They are in great need and anything would be appreciated. You may either purchase items, or forward a check to Honor Chapter and one or two of our chapter “elves” will do the shopping for you. Items need to be to Jennifer no later than December 18.

Some wish list items:

Boy—boots size 11; hat, mittens; trucks; kids DVD movies; socks; underwear size 5

Girl—hair accessories; Barbie toys; learning games (colors/numbers); kid’s DVD movies; socks size 7/8; underwear 3T

Mom—jeans size 11/12; bra size 36B

During the month of December we will also be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Econo Foods and delivering Christmas poinsettias to our Life Members and those members who need a little extra TLC this time of year. Cheerful volunteers are needed. Dates to be finalized at our stated meeting on December 6th.



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Please keep the following members and friends in your thoughts and prayers: Sister Kate Wulledge-Dugan as she continues to recover from hip replacement at her home in Chicago, Brothers George Gay and Gerry Barlament as they recover at home from heart surgeries; Sister June and Brother Roger Meikle; Sister Myra Pinney; and Sister Majel Hendrickson.

Ding dong verily the sky, is riv'n with angels singing...

Merry Christmas!

Connie Skarvan

Tom Pinney

Worthy Matron

Worthy Patron

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We also, once again, opened up our building to the public during the Sturgeon Bay Christmas Parade. Free Hot Chocolate, cider and cookies were available for the parade goers held in the dining room of the lodge. With opening the building, we had a few people inquire about Masonry and possible membership.

All in all, it was a great year and hope we can keep our organizations going forward in the future. We are truly blessed to have both organizations work together so well. I am looking forward to the new year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May you all Live, Love and Laugh too much.

God Bless,

Mark Fischer— PM



Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. *Contacts; ph.920.493.3727 or email tompinney@charter.net*

Area Administrator (AA) Jay Herbst is leading a Masonic Education Program. At our November 8th meeting, each member received a copy of test sheet for the **Masonic Code Correspondence Course**. He then presented the first 35 questions from the course, asked our response, discuss them, and gave us the correct answers. There are a total of 130 True and False questions. He collected the individual test sheets and will give them out at a future meeting as he continues the program. Once the individual sheets are completed he will collect the \$4.50 fee and send them in for correction. If you pass the course you will receive a certificate. Those not attending lodge might want to go to the WI Grand Lodge Website wisc-freemasonry.org. and take the course. The lodge receives credit for any member successfully passing the course. It is an open book test using the WI Code which is available to read or download from the GL website.

The magic show we sponsored at the Third Ave. Playhouse on Sunday October 28th was a great success. Over 200 children and their adult supervisors enjoyed a wonderful time. WM Robert Ryan, SD Ed Klein, SS Gregory Dobbins and his wife Judy ushered. We netted \$2,137.40, which surpassed last year by \$600. Thanks to PM Mark Fischer for heading up the project, WM Robert Ryan, and PM Steve Rabach for distributing the tickets and posters to the schools.

Election of officers and one trustee was held at the November 8th meeting. Elected where PM Ross Chapman, as WM, PM John Sullivan as SW, Ed Klein as JW and PM Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. as S/T. PM Robert Ryan was elected to a 3 year term as trustee.

The **open house at the lodge during the Holiday Parade** was a great success. Over 60 people came inside to enjoy a warm beverage and cookie. Thanks to SD Ed Klein, SW Ross Chapman, SS Gregory Dobbins and PM Roger Crass. The kids enjoyed guessing what was different about the Christmas Tree that Ross had decorated. One little girl wanted to know why all the pictures of old men where on the wall? A special thanks to Sharon Sullivan for picking up and delivering the cookies and to PM Mark Fischer for arranging for the hot chocolate.

Thank you to the **36 Brothers who have paid their 2012 dues**. We appreciate your promptness. In addition we have 42 living Perpetual Members. The lodge has remitted the dues for 8 brothers. We have a total lodge membership of 114.



Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr.

An open Installation of the 2013 officers will be held at the lodge on Thursday December 13th at 4:30pm. A dinner, open to all, will follow at 5:30pm. The cost will be \$12 and prepared by Br. Mike DaSanto. Please email tompinney@charter.net or call 920.495.3727 for reservations. The regular stated meeting will follow at 6:30pm.

Please Note the following regarding the **2013 Holiday tickets** for the 2013 Steamboat Dinner. JD Ed Klein and I will be calling the Brothers and friends who donated last year to find out whether they are again willing to participate in donating tickets to charity.

Please note that if you send a separate check for Holiday Tickets to be donated to Social Services, Lakeshore Cap, or the Sunshine House, your contribution is tax deductible.

You will not receive these tickets as they will be given directly to these 501(c)3 entities.

Please make a separate check for any Holiday tickets you purchase and plan to give to friends. These tickets will be sent to you but are not tax deductible.

If you did not donate last year and wish to do so this year, please call me at 920.493.3727 or email me at tompinney@charter.net.

Remember to spread the word that we will offer **DRIVE THRU TAKE OUTS** on 3rd Avenue in front of the lodge for the Steamboat Dinner on March 9, 2013.

OPT OUT and GO PAPERLESS – In an effort to save the lodge and OES some money, we are now offering the monthly Newsletter in a paperless form. We estimate this will save about \$1500/year; you simply elect to opt out of receiving the newsletter via US Mail and instead get a copy via email or download it from our WEB site: www.hsbaire.com or www.sturgeonbayoes.com. This is 100% voluntary; simply email Tom (tompinney@charter.net) or Bonnie (blkohn@att.net) and let us know you want to “opt out”. The 133 receiving a hard copy of Newsletter will now be receiving it by First Class mail as the Bulk Mailing minimum is 200. Thanks for your help.



EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer

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Greetings from the editor,

I would like to take this moment to thank all of the you for all that the lodge has accomplished this past year. It's always a privilege, as well as pleasure, to belong to an organization such as ours, that strives in strengthening the community with charitable endeavors. There has been much great work done by the brethren in the Lodge and by the sisters of Eastern Star. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Here are some of the highlights of this past year.

Through the efforts of the Lodge and their pizza making ability, the local Destination Imagination Chapter was able to net \$600 in there concession stand during the regional competition. As I recall, It was one of the largest snowstorms of the year. Through some extra fundraising events we were able to purchase an AED for the library. During the Steamboat dinner we sponsored a magic show for the community which was a big hit. Once again, we sponsored a magic show in the fall, with over 200 in attendance which allowed us to give tickets to Coast Guard and AM Vets' families.

The honor Chapter was equally as busy and generous with their time talents and resources. With their organization's charity our lodge building was improved with the addition of Air conditioning. Their charitable donation of a freezer purchase for Loaves & Fishes, will enable that program to serve the community for years to come. Great example of spotting a need and answering the call. I commend you for that.

Through the joint efforts of OES and H.S. Baird, the Annual Steamboat Dinner again was a huge success. For all of the work two \$1000.00 scholarships were handed out to Kathrine Bretl from Southern Door and Bailey Post from Kewaunee. It's great to invest in our future and to help these young adults on the right path is something we can all be proud of.

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