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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings from the East,

I hope everyone's holidays went well and you are all looking forward to a prosperous New Year. I'm grateful that I was able to enjoy this season with friends and family. The only thing that would have made it better would have been to have had at least half of the 14 inches of snow that was here last year. I'm probably in the minority with this wish.

My installation couldn't have gone better. Many thanks to our Grand Lodge officers and the Ladies from the Eastern Star for their help in making things go so smoothly.

As I mentioned last meeting, I hope we can welcome our local veterans to the fellowship of our lodge this year. If there are any veterans in our membership that would like to help with this, please let me know.

One thing I want to do in this space this year, is to share some historical information about Henry S. Baird, our lodge namesake. So far, I've been reading the memoirs of his wife, Elizabeth, which is available at our local libraries. She was born in Prairie du Chien in 1810, Because of the War of 1812, she and her mother moved to Mackinac Island. In 1824, she and Henry moved to Green Bay, which was then less than 150 pioneer families. She lived the rest of her life here and died in 1890. More to follow.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2011 is rapidly coming to a close, and 2012 is just around the corner. We hope each of you enjoyed your Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the new year.

Our chapter kept busy during the month of December:

At our stated meeting on December 1, the membership voted to pay for an air conditioning system to be installed in the chapter room at a cost not to exceed \$10,615. Installation of the system will begin in April of 2012.

On December 8 several members attended the installation of officers for H.S. Baird Masonic Lodge. Following the installation a dinner was held and members Bonnie Kohn, Sue Shefchik, and Connie Skarvan assisted with serving the meal.

Poinsettias were purchased and delivered to our life members and those members needing a little extra "TLC" during the holidays.

On December 10 bells were rung for the Salvation Army at Econo Foods in two hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thanks to the following members and "friends" who participated: Bonnie and Al Kohn, Pat & Gerry Barlament, Sue and Bob Shefchik, Mariellen Haen (along with her two granddaughters) and Pam Honold, Connie Skarvan and Tom Pinney, and Bob Ryan.

A big thank you to Jennifer Corbisier and all her "elves" for the Christmas gifts that were delivered to our Social Services family, and for the items donated to the local food pantry.

Christmas was celebrated at our special meeting on December 15. The meeting was preceded by entertainment provided by Pamela Parks and her father, Dan Phillips, who sang country-styled Christmas songs. After the meeting we had a cookie exchange and extra trays of cookies were delivered to several of our home-bound sisters and brothers.





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Christmas cards, along with Membership Rosters, were mailed to our out-of-town members. Special thanks to Evelyn Gay for preparing the cards, and to those members who stayed after the meeting to stuff the large envelopes for mailing.

Our next stated meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m. To ring in the new year, we will renew our commitment to Eastern Star with a *Re-obligation Ceremony*. Refreshment Committee for the evening will be Joan Burr and Jennifer Corbisier.

Blessings for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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.

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Last, but not least, is justice, which we are taught to render decisions that make common sense and show compassion. What is interesting is that all of these principles go hand in hand with others. None can exist without the help of another.

If we resolve to live our lives with these principles, we won't have to make other resolutions for the New Year, except in case of shedding some pounds which I can't help you with, although temperance and moderation might help.

See you all at Lodge,
Mark Fischer



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This being the time for resolutions, one of the ones I'm making is to be less judgmental of others. In the past, I've found it pretty easy to judge people, instead of trying to understand their situations and motivations. I hope to take a little more time to stand in their shoes this year before I make any decisions concerning them.

There is a town meeting that I need to attend on the second Thursday of this month so I won't see you at lodge until our second meeting. I hope many of you will be there then.

Thanks for your time and participation in our Fraternity,

Bob Ryan-WM

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We are excited to again serve a **Mini-Steamboat Dinner** for the Beja Shrine Installation of Officers on Saturday January 7th at 5pm. Last year we served 134 persons and this year they are planning on 140. If I have not contacted you, and you can help, please call or email me. We had a great time last year. Br. Mike DalSanto, PM John Gay, and PM John and Sharon Sullivan prepare the food here and we transport it to Green Bay. PM Adam Haen is in charge of the kitchen in Green Bay. It is a "turn key" operation. We do everything except arranging the tables and decorations.



Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

I am sad to report that **Randal (Chris) Christensen** passed away on December 3rd, after a courageous battle with cancer. Chris's father was Walter Christensen who for many years took tickets at the basement door for the Steamboat Dinner. Chris was a very intelligent person with many skills. Up to the end, he was working on his laptop computer from his room in the Dorchester. I will miss my visits with him.

Open **Installation of officers** and one trustee was held on December 8th at 5pm. Installing Officers were Master PGM James Byrnes, Marshal DGM Dennis Siewert, and Chaplain DD Christian Hirthe. The following officers were installed; PM Robert Ryan as WM, PM Ross Chapman as SW, PM John Sullivan as JW, and PM Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. as S/T., Gerald Wick as Chaplain, Edward Klein as SD, Richard Rogers as JD, Gregory Dobbins as SS, PM William Button as JS, PM Jay Herbst as Counselor, and Gerald Koudelka as Tiler. PM Mark Fischer pro-tem for PM Steve Rabach was installed for a 3 year term as a Trustee.

Thank you to the **47 Brothers who have paid their 2012 dues**. We appreciate your promptness. In addition we have 44 Perpetual Members. The lodge has remitted the dues for 8 brothers. We have a total lodge membership of 114.

REMEMBER THAT STARTING JANUARY 12, 2012 OUR STATED MEETINGS WILL START AT 6:30PM. DINNER WILL BE AT 5:30PM

Br. Moses Adams will conduct our **School of Instruction** on Saturday January 28, 2011 here in Sturgeon Bay. We will be doing the Opening, 1st & 2nd sections, and closing of the MM. We also will go through the reception of a Grand Lodge Officer.

The 2012 Steamboat Dinner on March 10th will have several new features to help attract young families. Children under 14 will eat free. Tickets can be purchased online with a credit card at a \$1 discount. Go to steamboatdinner.com A very talented professional magician will be in the lodge room from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Part of his show will be to teach the kids a few tricks.

We have had excellent response to our calls regarding the purchase of **Holiday Tickets** for the Steamboat Dinner. *If you have not donated and wish to do so, please call me at 920.493.3727 or email me at tompinney@charter.net.*



EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Happy New Year everyone,

With the new year upon us, one can't help but contemplate what it will bring and what, if any, new resolutions. I feel that we, being Masons, should not necessarily make new ones, rather hold true to the moral principles which are held in high esteem in our order of which we were taught so long ago. From our earliest teaching as an Entered Apprentice to a Master Mason, society as a whole would benefit so much if all would adhere to these "concepts."

To lead by example, one doesn't need to search any further than the principles that we learned as an Entered Apprentice. The Moral principles taught, you recollect are brotherly love, relief, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice.

As Masons the first three, brotherly love, relief, and truth, are ones that are easier to live by. We all understand that we need to show brotherly love by caring for all people as equals, as well as to relieve the burdens of the distressed in the world and to be good and upright members of society by being sincere and honest with all mankind. These three principles alone give us a good foundation in which to build our own "internal structure." But the rest are more difficult to follow.

Temperance is tough for many, especially for those who are parents or supervisors of others. It can be difficult at times not to lose patience and raise voices with either kids or employees and co-workers. But, it is important to do so. Being temperate is important in solidifying, relationships with friends and obtaining respect.

Fortitude is another that is struggled with. Being strong of heart and mind. How many times have we not seen things through to the end and quality lacks. This ties in with truth. If you are truthful in what needs to be done fortitude is more attainable. One can not have fortitude without being truthful.

Prudence is also struggled with at times. It isn't always easy to constantly regulate our lives. At times, we are easily swayed into "what everyone else is doing " and not staying the course. This also ties in with truth and fortitude. If we are to be true and be of strong heart and mind, prudence is obtained as well.

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