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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings from the East.

Are we all ready for spring flowers? With things as mild as they've been, I thought we might be surprised by an April snow storm. So far so good.

Things have been a little quiet in the Lodge this past month, at least quieter than our usually busy month of March. I know there are some brothers who are grateful for the quiet!

Brother Al Kohn has been busy planning for the Grand Master's visit in June. Please mark your calendars for the fish boil on Friday, June 15th and the dinner on Saturday the 16th. H. S. Baird will provide the fish boil and there will be tours of the lodge on that Saturday. I hope that there will be many brothers who can help out with this. As for history, I haven't been able to find much more on our namesake, Mr. Baird but I'll keep looking.

Yours in Masonry  
Bob Ryan





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As the old saying goes, “April Showers bring May Flowers.” Unfortunately, some of those “showers” may have included snow--but, Hey! This is Wisconsin!

We truly hope all of you had a blessed Easter! Our Worthy Matron Connie spent the week before Easter on the Big Island of Hawaii with her mom, and not only had some fun in the sun, but also did some scuba diving and a helicopter ride around the island. You'll have to ask her about the Manta Ray Night Dive...

Highlights from our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1) Elections were held. Our elected officers remain the same as in 2011/12: Connie Skarvan, WM; Tom Pinney, WP; Sue Shefchik, AM; Ross Chapman, AP; Mariellen Haen, Conductress; Bonnie Kohn, Sec'y; Ed Klein, Treasurer. Roger Crass accepted another term as trustee. A big thank you to each of them for taking on these responsibilities.

2) Due to lack of interest, the Bowling party (which was to raise funds for the WGM/WGP project) was not held, and in lieu thereof, it was decided that we would do a basket for the silent auction at Grand Chapter. Anyone who is WILLING can donate a “Door County” item to add to the basket, OR if you'd like to make a monetary donation to help purchase some items, we will cheerfully accept that as well. Physical items need to be brought to our Chapter's next meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monetary donations can be mailed to our chapter secretary, and it would be appreciated if those could be received on or before our next meeting also. We are purchasing a \$25 gas card with our Sunshine collection donations to be included in the basket. Please let either Connie (920-388-4472 or [aquacenter@itol.com](mailto:aquacenter@itol.com)) or Bonnie (920-746-9362 or [blkohn@att.net](mailto:blkohn@att.net)) know what you will bring so that we don't all bring “Dried Door County Cherries!”

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3) Resolutions of Respect were read for Marilyn Djuplin; our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Several members remain on our prayer list: Majel Hendrickson, June Peterson, Sharon Sullivan, June Meikle, and Roger Crass' wife, SunCha, and daughter, Linda.

At our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will be honoring Chaplains. We have cute skit to share; Mariellen Haen and Marilyn Grose have volunteered to participate in it! We will also review the Resolutions to be discussed at Grand Chapter this year. Hostesses for the evening will be Bonnie Kohn and Karen Lenius.

As usual, we will have only one meeting in May as Grand Chapter is always the third week of May. Remember, every registered attendee at Grand Chapter has a vote; there are no longer any "delegates." We hope some of you will find time to attend--even if only for a day or two. Connie will be attending the entire session and will also be participating as an escort in the Flag Ceremony on Tuesday. Contact Connie or Bonnie for more information if you are interested in attending Grand Chapter.

Henry S. Baird Lodge is now posting the newsletter on-line as well as sending it as an e-mail attachment. If you are willing to receive it electronically, please let either Connie or Bonnie know. This will obviously save money, BUT our primary concern is that everyone receives the newsletter. SO, if you do not have e-mail or you rarely use it, we will be glad to continue sending you a paper copy.

Happy trails.....

Connie Skarvan,  
Worthy Matron

Thomas S. Pinney, Jr.,  
Worthy Patron



Br. **Mitchell A. Custer** WM of Doric #356, Madison WI was voted a plural member of our Lodge. He plans to retire to Door County.

The **A/C of the lodge room** should be completed the first week of May. The OES graciously donated the system. We appreciate their continued support of HSB #174.

**We will be sponsoring again, this fall, a magic show. It will be held at the Third Ave. Play House on Thursday October 18 at 6:30PM. Robert Sands Promotions, Inc will be the fundraiser. They telemarket the show by phone and mail soliciting donations which are partially used to provide admission to elementary school age children and special needs groups. H. S. Baird as a sponsor receives 20% of the gross receipts. Last year this amounted to just over \$1500.00 Please consider a donation when you receive a request by phone or mail. We need to spread the word and provide ushers for the show. We realize it is an OES meeting night, but we are assigned the date, which is also dependent on the availability of the theater. The magician is not the same person who was at the Steamboat Dinner, but those that attended last year, said the show was very good.**

**OPT OUT and GO PAPERLESS** – In an effort to save the lodge and Honor Chapter 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.hsbaird.com](http://www.hsbaird.com) or [www.sturgeonbayoes.com](http://www.sturgeonbayoes.com). This is 100% voluntary; simply email Tom ([tompinney@charter.net](mailto:tompinney@charter.net)) or Bonnie ([blkohn@att.net](mailto:blkohn@att.net)) and let us know you want to “opt out”. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REPONDED, THANK YOU AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPOND TO THIS REQUEST.**

During the circumambulation of each degree in the Blue Lodge a scripture is read from the Holy Writings. In the Entered Apprentice Degree Psalm 133 King James version is read. Recently, The Rev. Reeder Herrick preached on this Psalm and gave me a better understanding of its meaning. I share by permission some of his thoughts.

*“— faced with the task of preaching about psalm 133 I went to some of the experts. I found that most of them agree this is a song about family. The phrase “the unity of brothers—we could just as easily read “brothers and sisters”. It does not say “men” or “people” it says brothers and sisters so we can infer it means a close relationship like that of family. One thing psalm 133 means is that it is a good thing, particularly in the eyes of the Lord, for families to live in unity.*

## Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird

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*Since this is identified as a psalm of David there are those who suggest that it was inspired by a happy occasion later in David's life when his wives and children came together in peace and unity to acknowledge his kingship. Still others say it may have been written much later in the style of David by someone who returned from the exile to Babylon and was reunited with family.*

*The use of the anointing of Aaron and the image of Mt. Zion cause some to suggest that the family being referred to went beyond a blood kin relationship and brings up images of the entire people of Israel whom God desires to be united. The chosen people of God, in this interpretation, are a family. This should be easy for us to understand since we see ourselves as—believers, a family, and certainly as part of the family of God. Oil was used to anoint priests like Aaron and kings like David who were thus consecrated for God's service. The use of the image of the anointing oil running off of Aarons beard and over his clothing suggests God has plenty of oil, enough power to consecrate all of his people. The sacredness of family is a key part of God's creation.*

*The dew is a miraculous watering that restores life even in the desert regions of Mt Hebron, suggesting that God's providence and mercy waters or blesses the unity of God's people.*

*Whatever it's occasion and whoever wrote it and whatever they meant to say Psalm 133 is certainly a song of praise for the gift of family. It points us to a consideration of the blessing of family, how families work, and what constitutes a family.*

*I picture this as being sung first by an elder – perhaps David – at a family reunion. At this reunion the happiest seem to be the youngest children. They are rolling in the grass and dirt, playing with their many cousins, without a care in the world beyond who is "it" or whose turn it is to bat or play carpet ball. The next happiest are the very oldest. They see the end of their journey on the horizon, the only worry they have is for the generations that follow them. They see at the reunion that the family has hope. The younger generations are carrying on, holding things together.*



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*It is the in-between generation that worries. How to survive? How to thrive? How to take care of the young and the elderly? It is for them that the elder sings. He reminds them of the joy they felt in family as small children and tells them from the perspective of a very long life about the importance of family unity. The blessing of God, he sings, is what is important and that blessing is promised to those who have faith that love and peace will triumph.*

*Who is in the family of God?*

*If we seek him we will find him. Psalm 133 suggests we will find him in family – both our own family of kinship and in the family of believers—creation will have the unity and peace that is so beautifully imagined in Psalm 133. The Kingdom of God, we are promised, is good and pleasant.”*

Psalm 133 is one of my favorites. In poetry, with its similes and metaphors, it reveals with freshness the simple age old story of The Supreme Architects mercy and love for his children and how he expects us to live with each other.

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Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words: If ye know these things, happy are ye who do them.

Norman Vincent Peale



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