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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings from the east,

Fall may officially be here but mother nature seems to be having trouble making up her mind with the spells we had in the 50's and 60's this last month. I know I've appreciated these reprieves. It sure seems like the days get shorter awful quick.

The Lodge was honored with a visit from WGM Dennis Sievert for our first meeting in Oct. Brother Jay Herbst prepared a delicious meal of sauerbraten and red cabbage, per Dennis's request, and we had a good attendance for the meal as well as the meeting. Many thanks to Jay and his helpers.

Although we only have one meeting this month, it will be a special one. Brother John Sullivan's granddaughter is raising funds for her 8th grade trip to Washington DC and she's ambitious enough to take on preparing a meal for us at our Nov 8th meeting. Lasagna and all the fixings will be served for the thrifty price of \$10. Please let Brother John know if you will be able to help her with her trip. She would like a head count, so please call John at 743-6845. There will also be the election of officers that night.

Brother Ed Klein has suggested that we have the Lodge open again this year for hot cocoa and coffee during the holiday parade. I believe that will be the Sat. after Thanksgiving. Let him know if you can help.

I hope to see you on the 8th.

Bob Ryan-WM



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November 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The month of October has swiftly come and gone, and November is just around the corner. It's good to be back in the "good ole USA"; however, I could do without the less than ideal temperatures, which the reality of living in Wisconsin brings. After spending two weeks on a scuba diving trip in the Maldives (a group of islands in the Indian Ocean located Southwest of India), I miss the warm turquoise waters and tropical breezes. If all goes well, I hope to be able to share some of my underwater adventures with you in the form of a travel log at one of our future meetings.

Many thanks to Sister Bonnie Kohn for writing the October newsletter and to Sister Sue Shefchik for filling in as Worthy Matron during my absence.

On October 12, the Memorial Service was held for Sister June Peterson. Thanks to all the sisters and brothers who participated and attended the service.

Sister Nancy Saggio was welcomed as our Official Visitor at our meeting on October 18th. The meeting was preceded by a catered-in, gourmet meal prepared by Chef, Brother Mike DelSanto, of HS Baird Lodge. Brothers Gregory and Bill were his assistants. Thanks guys--you are the best! I'm sure the meal earned us "brownie points" with our special guest. Pictures of the evening will be posted on the HS Baird website.

November has been designated "Re-Obligation" month by the Worthy Grand Matron. So... at our meeting on November 1st there will be a short "re-obligation" ceremony. We will also honor our veterans that evening. Refreshment Committee: Mariellen and Tony Haen, and Myrle Welhaven.

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If you receive the Starburst (the Wisconsin Grand Chapter OES Journal), you may have noticed a plea from the Worthy Grand Matron to help support the World of Youth Scholarship Fund. At our November meeting, the funds from our Sunshine March will be designated to go to this fund. If you are not able to attend the meeting and would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to "Honor Chapter #1 OES"; note in the "memo portion" of your check that it is for the "World of Youth Fund"; and mail it to our chapter secretary.

The funds for this donation will be forwarded to the Grand Chapter at the end of November. Thanking you in advance for your support.

As a reminder, there will be NO special (second) meeting in November.

On behalf of Brother Tom Pinney and myself, we wish you Blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving

Trees adorned in splendid
Hues of orange and gold,
Autumn Days grown shorter
North winds turning cold.
Knowingly creation
Seems to be aware,
God's promise of the seasons
Is proof that He is there.
Verily creation
Invites us to recall,
Now with a grateful heart
God has supplied it all.

Star love and hugs,
Connie Skarvan, WM



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Our lodge **was visited by GM Dennis Siewert on October 11th**. It was a great evening. AA Jay Herbst prepared the meal before lodge. The menu was just as the GM had requested. Thanks to Br. Jay.

On Saturday October 10th, PM Roger Crass and S/T Thomas Pinney attended the **fall District #4 meeting at Shawano #170 lodge**. The Shawano lodge has just finished the lodge area in their newly purchased building. Much of the work was done by the members. They purchased a one story warehouse and turned part into a rental unit and the remainder became the lodge's new home. It solved the lack of accessibility, parking, and public exposure problems that surrounded the former location.

The 2013 dues notices were mailed Monday September 24th. The Perpetual Members (PMP 42 living) and the 8 members for whom we remit their dues were mailed their dues cards. We are very grateful to the members who give us donations towards covering these remitted dues. We have already received payment from 28 out of 65 regular members. We appreciate your prompt response as our cash flow needs help this time of the year.

The WM received a **petition for degrees** and it has been referred to a committee.

Area Administrator (AA) Jay Herbst is leading a Masonic Education Program for the next year. He will present 10 questions each meeting from the Masonic Code Correspondence Course, discuss them and give or tell you how to find the right answers. There are 130 True and False questions. You can go to the WI Grand Lodge Website and learn more about the course. The lodge receives credit for any member successfully passing the course. It is an open book test using the WI Code. I have taken the course. It helps you to understand the regulations under which the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges operate.

We sponsored a magic show which was held at the Third Ave. Playhouse on Sunday October 28th. This year we have distributed over 1,500 free children's tickets to the elementary schools in Door and Kewaunee Counties. Each child must have an adult supervisor accompany them. A supervisor may elect to have more than one child under their supervision. The price for an adult supervisor is \$12.00. The VFW received 4 free Family Tickets. H. S. Baird as a sponsor will receive 20% of the gross receipts. Last year this amounted to just over \$1500.00. Thank you to those who donated and worked on this project.

SS Gregory Dobbins, and PM Mark Fischer joined the **Scottish Rite in Green Bay** at the Dennis Siewert Fall 2012 class. H. S. Baird #174 will put on the **13th degree** on Saturday April 20th 2013 for the spring reunion. Both new members will be taking part in the degree.



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We are planning a **new twist for the 2013 Steamboat Dinner take outs**. Take outs will be moved outside next to the curb in front of the temple, and served out of a temporary structure. Patrons will use a curbside drive thru along Third Avenue very similar to a fast food drive thru. It is an exciting adventure in which we are adapting to society and hoping to grow the Steamboat Dinner. This idea has been researched and discussed with; chefs Brs. Mike DalSanto and Mark Fischer, take out leader Br. Geoff Pinney, electrical consultant Br. Bob Kurth, the Sturgeon Bay Utilities, and the City of Sturgeon Bay

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 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”. Over 75 have made the choice to Opt Out. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED, THANK YOU AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.** We are now in the process of checking the mailing list to be sure only members of H.S. Baird #174, Honor Chapter #1 and their widows or widowers, and appropriate masonic persons remain on the mailing list.

I received a call from **Br. Jeremy Ruhlen** to say they are expecting boy sometime in March. He is with the Coast Guard and stationed in MA. They are really excited and looking forward to this addition joining Silver their first child making a family of four.

On November 14th, H.S. Baird #174 will have **election** of officers for 2013.

There will be **no stated lodge meeting** on Thursday November 22 (Thanksgiving) or December 27.

This in continuation from the last Newsletter. It can be found on the Grand Lodge Website.

Such was the Fraternity in its operative period; and as such it flourished for generations. Then came a great change in its fortunes. Euclid's geometry was rediscovered and published, thereby giving to the public many of the Mason's trade secrets. The Reformation came and laws were changed which helped bring about a decline in the operative craft and Freemasons. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries Freemasons become so few in number that only a small Lodge here and there clung to a precarious existence.

To recruit their numbers, Freemasons adopted a new practice. They began to accept non-operative members. In the old days only an operative Mason in the literal sense could become a member; but during the two centuries of the transition period, gentlemen with no intention of becoming builders were received as "Accepted Masons." At first there were few of these, but as time passed their number increased. By the early part of the eighteenth century they were more numerous than the Operatives and more influential.

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The Craft then took a step destined to revolutionize it and to set it on a new path. On St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1717, four old Lodges of London and Westminster met in London and organized a Grand Lodge, and on the same day selected their first Grand Master, M. W. Anthony Sayer. Within a few years of that date the Craft had completed the transformation of an Operative Body into a Speculative Fraternity (by "Speculative" is meant Masonry in a moral or symbolic sense) and reorganized the two old degrees into the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. Under the authority of the new Grand Lodge, the old Masonic manuscripts were collected and collated, and the first book of Constitutions was produced. Lodges in many countries, including our own, were chartered to take care of the Fraternity's membership, which began to increase rapidly shortly after the organization of the Grand Lodge. This was the beginning of organized Speculative Freemasonry as we know it. In 1751 a second Grand Lodge was organized in England; prior to that Grand Lodges had been set up in Scotland, Ireland, and on the continent of Europe.

As a result of the War of Independence, one after another American Grand Lodges became sovereign and independent. The question arose at that time whether there should be one Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States, but the wisdom of the Craft prevailed and the scheme was abandoned. Speculative Freemasonry did not spring full-formed out of nothing in 1717, but came as a gradual development of Operative Masonry. Through an unbroken line we can trace our lineage back to those builders of the early middle Ages. We are builders, too, except that we have transformed the builder's art into emblems - of moral and spiritual laws. We have incorporated the builder's practices and secrets into the Royal Arch of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We employ their rituals - mellowed, enriched and made more beautiful with the passing of time - in the entering, passing and raising of our candidates. All that was living and permanent in their Craft, we have preserved to use in behalf of good will, kindness, charity and brotherhood among men.

Such is our heritage; and, as you enter into it, you will discover it inexhaustible in its interest, life-long in its appeal, a power in your life to enrich and to inspire.



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