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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

September 2013

Dear Brethren,

It's that time of year, once again and the Lodge will be starting up in a couple of weeks. I hope everyone had a great summer.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the degree work for our newest Master Mason, Br. Orville Antonio, at our last meeting before going dark. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped out with the steak fry/ fish boil and to those of you who came.

I would like everyone to keep Br. Phil Henrickson and Bros. Tom and Geoff Pinney as their hearts are saddened by the passing of Majel (Pinney) Henrickson. Also keep Star sisters Myra Pinney and Cheryl (Pinney) Leu in you prayers as well.

Hope to see you at Lodge and don't forget the meal before hand at 5:30.

Until next time,

Ross Chapman-WM

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Dear Sister and Brothers,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer off, at least what little summer we've had this year. I'm sure everyone was busy with family and friends as usual. I've been working hard on completing the Program Books and Directories for 2013-2014. You will be receiving the Directories in the mail shortly.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Sister Bonnie Kohn attended the Star Cruisers meeting at Mason Woods. They met with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Star Cruiser will be making gift bags for Grand Chapter this spring and could use a few seamstresses to help with the project. Later they had a lovely lunch with the residents. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Even though we go dark in July and August, we did have several fun outings. On August 1<sup>st</sup> a group of 12 of us traveled up to Fish Creek for dinner and later attended the play, "Loose Lips Sink Ships" at the American Folklore Theatre in Peninsula Park. Luckily the rain stopped just as we were arriving. It was so nice just to be outside! The music and comedy was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Past Matron, Connie Skarvan, for all her work planning the event.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Masons Steak Fry/Trout Boil was held at the Door County Fairgrounds. The Masons out did themselves again this year. The food and weather were great! Sister Sharon Sullivan again assisted her husband, John, with the prep, serving, and KP duties. (You can relax for another year, Sharon.) We all appreciate the time and effort that is needed to prepare and serve a wonderful feast like this.

A summer picnic was also held at the home of Sue Shefchik on August 22. Members were asked to bring a dish to pass and Sue provided the hotdogs and beverages. It's always great to get together with sisters and brothers.



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Once again our golden chain has been broken. It is with great sadness that I report our sister, Majel Pinney-Henrickson, died on August 12, 2013 after a seven year plus battle with cancer. The Pinney family is in our prayers at this sad time.

Sisters Bonnie Kohn, Connie Skarvan, and Sue Shefchik attended the dinner and Official Visit at Trillium Chapter, Crivitz on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The dinner was delicious! As a first time matron, it is always helpful to see other chapters putting on their work. Hopefully other members will be able to come along and visit chapters with us this fall.

Other upcoming dates that may be of interest: Official Visits will be held for Appleton – September 23, Shawano – October 7, Green Bay – October 7, Port Washington- October 8. The more visits we make, the more wooden pennies we can buy from any Grand Officer attending. Hopefully this will help us obtain our goal of filling our PENNY WARS jar. Our District Deputy, Barb Foster, will be here for our School of Instruction on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Officers, please try not to miss it. Our Official Visit is October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder, our first meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We will be hearing the Annual Report and discussing the 2013-2014 Budget. Hope to see you all there.

Worthy Matron  
Sue Shefchik

Worthy Patron  
Tom Pinney



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

**Mr. Orville Antonio** was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at our stated meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The **annual Steak Fry/Fish Boil** was held on **Tuesday August 13, 2013** at John Miles Pavilion. It was well attended.

The Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library and Museum on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM will be sponsoring at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center (GB) a **multi-media presentation on “Freemasonry in the American Civil War”** by Michael Halleran. He lives in KS, is a freelance writer, a lecturer at Emporia State University. A practicing attorney and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of KS. His latest book, “The Better Angels of our Nature” – Freemasonry in the American Civil War will be available. The Green Bay Scottish Rite Players after his lecture will present the play **“The Last Full Measure.”** The powerful story of Lincoln’s encounter with a wounded Confederate Soldier and the dying soldier’s reaction to the Gettysburg Address. Masons, their families and friends are welcome to this wonderful opportunity to gain knowledge about our fraternity.

The first stated meeting in the fall will be Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 5:30p followed by the stated meeting at 6:30pm.

The Grand Lodge has stated that the new procedures for petitions for membership are being postponed until January 1, 2014 in order to have time for the individual lodges to understand the procedure.

For up to date Masonic information go to our **website [www.hsbaird174.com](http://www.hsbaird174.com)**



# EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer

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Greetings to all,

What a different summer it has been. Cooler temperatures prevailed this year and that was very evident at our annual steak fry, where the thermometer reached a whopping 62 degrees during dinner time. Thanks to the Supreme Architect for the warm weather at the end of the month so that our tomatoes could change color. As this is being written temps are around 87 with equal humidity.

It was, as always, a pleasure to meet and converse with those that were in attendance at the steak fry/ fish boil. Thanks to John and Sharron Sullivan for everything they do from snacks, gathering and boiling the fish with fixin's, to the deserts and clean up. Thanks to the WM for gathering all of the beverages and eating utensils. I would also like to give Kudos for partner in crime running the Grill, John Gay. Although the weather was chilly, great food and fellowship were experienced by all.

But alas, summer is quickly passing and it is time to "get back to work." I am looking forward to turning the lights back on and seeing you all at Lodge. I can't wait to see the work laid out and accomplishing it with the brethren. The break is nice, but it seems like I am missing something when we go dark.

I truly hope to see you at our stated meetings. Lodge isn't Lodge without any of you. If you are in need of a ride please contact me and we can make arrangements. The more the merrier.



## **Enjoy Masonic Fellowship at Lodge**

In June's Newsletter a well known poem was printed by Br Robert Morris titled, "The Level and the Square." It was an interesting find and thought I might expound on this unique individual. I have a huge amount of respect for writers, as I have struggled with this subject over time. It is always a pleasure for me to research Masonic history of this sort

Robert Morris received a great education in his youth which enabled him to become the educator and sculptor of Masonry. He Became a Master Mason in Mississippi in 1846. It was here when he became the President of Mount Sylvan Academy and met his wife Charlotte Mendenhall. He envisioned that female relatives of Master Masons could come together and share in teachings of Freemasonry. With the help of his wife Charlotte, during meetings and dinners with other Master Masons and there wives to discuss the idea of such an order.

Between 1849-1850 he worked on writing The Ritual of the Order of Eastern Star. The ritual went to print in with the title of "The Rosary of the Eastern Star." Then in 1855, Robert Morris arranged A Supreme Constellation and headed the organization as Most Enlightened Grand Luminary in New York. Charters were issued throughtout the stated, but the constellation was disbanded in 1860.

In 1866, Robert Morris became friends with a Brother Robert Macoy, with whom he had entrusted all that he had worked on in assembling The Order of Eastern Star. Under Macoy's supervision, The Supreme Grand Chapter was born. Deputies were place all over the States as well as in the territories. Brother Macoy, used "the Rosary of The Eastern Star" as a guide when building the new Ritual. This was the birth of the Present day chapters.

Brother Morris was a devout Mason as he went through all of the chairs of the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Commandery, Council, Consistory, and Grand Lodge. He also, when travelling in the Holy Land, organized the First Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem, Royal Solomon # 1 as well as becoming it's first Worshipful Master.

In 1880, Grand General Chapter issued the Brother Robert Morris the title of "Master Builder of the Order of Eastern Star and in 1884 was named the second Poet Laureate of Masonry.

In 1888 Brother Robert Morris Passed away and was buried in La Grange, KY, where a marble column was built in honor of him. On one side of the column is the Five Pointed Star and on the other the Square and Compasses symbolizing what he labored during his life long vision of bridging brothers and sisters together in the fraternity.



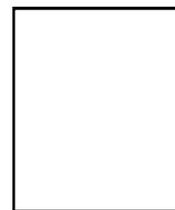
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