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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings Brethren,

As I write this, I was thinking this will be my last letter, as the new Master will be installed shortly. It has been an enjoyable year.

Eleven brothers from our lodge were just in Green Bay, to help out daylight Lodge. We put on a great Master Mason Degree. It went very well considering that none of us had practiced together before hand.

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas will be here shortly and we will be starting a new year.

Installation of officers will be held on December 11 after the meal at 5:30. Everyone, please come to the Lodge with you friends and family and attend the open installation of officers. Show your support for the Lodge and the new officers. I know they would appreciate it very much.

I would like to extend a very big thank you to my officers and all of the Brethren and members of Eastern Star who helped me and the lodge this past year.

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John Sullivan    Master HSB #174



**Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.**  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235

December 2014

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

WOW!! What a great “special” meeting we had on Thursday. We had OES members, Masons, and Kiwanis members join for some information gathering. A tour of the Boys and Girls Club facility was an eye opener. Most of us had no idea what was involved with that organization. The myth of only “bad kids” or disadvantaged kids belonging to the club was soon replaced with knowledge of all the programs available to all our youth in Door County. Their need is great, and during this holiday and winter season, an immediate need has arisen. Donations of children’s winter clothing and cash to buy boots, coats, mittens etc. is a real concern. If you have any size 5 through 12 kids clothing in good shape, or new, please drop it off at their 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. location. (Financial gifts also are appreciated)

Loaves and Fishes was also highlighted, with a representative bringing us details about that organization. Honor Chapter has several members that volunteer each month, and it was interesting to find out that the 3 Friday night dinners may soon become a weekly dinner, with help from the community. Volunteers and money are needed to keep this group as active as they can be in our city.

A Sturgeon Bay School parent talked with us about the need to upgrade the sound system at the High School auditorium. Over 70 times a year the stage is used, and many times the children and adults that use it, cannot be heard. Another worthy cause brought to our attention.

Our Social Service family gifts need to be given to Jennifer by Sunday December 14. Please give Bonnie or myself a call to find out the sizes etc. 4 children, and a mom and dad need to have a gift of OES love this Christmas. Please help with this mission.



Meetings First and Third Thursdays of Each Month, 7:30 P.M.

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Dates to remember:

December 4: Stated Meeting

December 18: Special Christmas meeting. Wear Christmas gear, and enjoy a special youth group sing-along.

January 31, 2015: OES Theatrical group performing "Lucky Lodge #13" (Let's fill a couple cars for this)

March 8, 2015: Sister Linda Christ, Grand Esther party in Crivitz 1:00 p.m. \$25.00 per/person Need Res.

If you are still looking for Christmas gifts, Grand Chapter is selling Kwik Trip gift cards. 10% profits go to WGM and WGP projects.

Remember those that are sick, home bound, and in sympathy, with your prayers, visits, and cards.

Sue Shefchik's husband Bob passed away this week. Our thoughts go out to Sue and her family.

Stay warm, and safe.

With Star Love, Mariellen Haen WM, and Ross Chapman WP.



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The **Thanksgiving Dinner** that was prepared and delivered on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> to 180 recipients identified in Door County by Social Services was a success. We have already received 5 thank you cards in the mail. We plan to make this an annual event. Many thanks to all who helped to plan, prepare, and deliver the meal. Honor Chapter #1 OES paid for ½ of the food costs. Many of them also worked at the event. We had a fun time cutting pies and packaging the dinners. It was an amazing crew to watch work. Every delivery crew had made deliveries last year for the Steamboat Dinner. Most of these folks are from the community, and are anxious to participate in the deliveries. All personally thanked the Lodge and OES for preparing the dinners. See pictures on our website of the preparations.

The excitement continues to grow in our cooperative arrangement with the **Boys and Girls Club (BGC)**. The Monday night dinners for 60 to 80 kids are going very well. We have received many donations from the brothers for some needed additional kitchen equipment. This request was part of our dues notices for 2015. Thanks to the brothers who have responded. One widow, who somehow found out our need, gave us \$150. On November 19<sup>th</sup> the OES arranged a tour of the Boys and Girls club. Masons and other folks from the community were invited to join them. The tour was conducted by Julie Davis the wife of PM Scott Davis. Her enthusiasm for her job as Director was evident. This Boys and Girls Club just received the honor of the best small town club in America. They have over 150 members. Julie has researched what training businesses in the area expect when they hire new employees. Under her leadership the BGC is working with the school systems to continue the members training after school hours. Computer labs and project areas allow the members to do their homework, use their imagination and develop their creativity. The OES provided headsets and mouse(s) for the 20 some computers in their lab which allow many to work in a small space without interfering with each other. The Club has identified 34 members that need winter clothing. This will cost over \$200 per person. They are looking to the community for financial help to make this happen before Christmas. Another opportunity for us to reach out into the community. See pictures on our website of our visit.



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**Brother Russell A. May** has transferred his membership from Gnemeth #577 West Des Moines IA to HSBaird #174. Welcome Br. May.

We have already begun to plan for the **2015 Steamboat Dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup>**. We are investigating ways to market the dinner to younger families by using their forms of communication. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the outside drive thru on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. **Tell your friends how easy it is to pick up a meal(s). It usually takes less than 5 minutes and you do not even need to call ahead.** The Holiday Tickets will again be available in early December.

Many non-perpetual members have paid their **2015 dues**. Thank you. Dues should be paid by December 31, 2014.

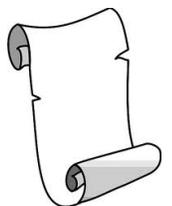
On November 13, 2014 we helped **Daylite #360 in Green Bay raise Br. Brian Baumann to the sublime degree of Master Mason**. Ten members of our lodge participated.

The following **2015 officers were elected** at our stated meeting on November 13. WM PM William Schaefer, SW Richard Rogers, JW PM Mitch Custer, S/T PM Thomas S. Pinney, Jr., and Trustee for 3 years, PM Steve Rabach.

**Installation of officers will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The supper at 5:30pm and installation at 6:30pm will be open to the public. Our stated meeting will follow.**

December 13, 2014 (Thursday) all day **Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army**. Please contact Br. Ed Klein 920.737.3166 to sign up.

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



# EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Hello Brethren,

The holiday season is in full swing, a new year is upon us, and with it comes change in leadership in the Lodge. I would like to say thank you to Brother John Sullivan for his service as Master this year. Many good things have come about during this past year at Henry S Baird.

We have opened our doors to the community to the Boys and Girls Club, and given them a place to serve their meals. What a great outreach. This stretches farther than many may know. I was told that a girl was asked why she liked the Boys and Girls Club so much and her response was that she gets to have a hot meal every week. Believe it or not, there are many children who don't always receive regular meals because their families cannot afford to. Just to hear this makes me proud to be a member of Henry S. Baird.

In addition to the Boys and Girls Club, we were honored to continue the objective of outreaching to the community by helping out Social Services by delivering over 180 meals to distress people who have difficulty getting out of there homes, especially at this time of year. Not only did it involve members of the Lodge and Eastern Star, but also family members, and non-members who helped with deliveries, who were more than willing to do so. Many thanks to all who helped out with this need in the community. I truly hope, and you as well, that this will become an annual event. Both of these outreaches show that we do care about the community and helps give a more favorable reputation on our organization throughout the community. Again people, be proud.

With these new programs, I am anticipating good things to come for 2015. I can't wait to see what happens under the tutelage under Master elect William Schaeffer. Congratulations, Bill, on being elected Master of the Lodge. I can't wait to see what your leadership brings us.

Have a Very Merry Christmas to all of you. May the blessing of heaven rest upon you and your family.

Mark Fischer

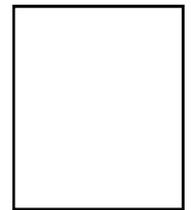
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