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NEWSLETTER

Volume 39 No. 10 **TRESTLE BOARD** December 2015

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Stated Communications Second and Fourth Thursday Evenings of Each Month 6:30 pm

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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

October 2015

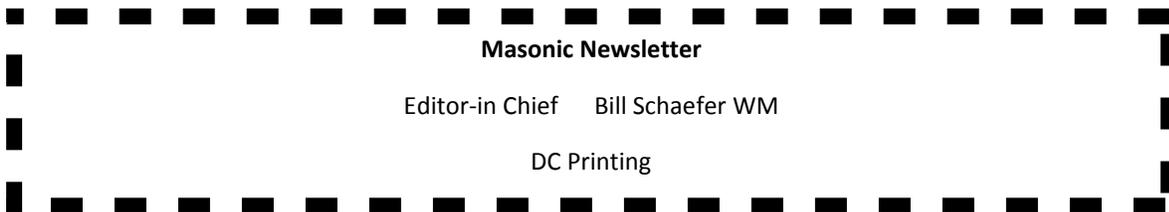
Greetings Brethren,

It has been a pleasure to serve as Master of such a caring and active Lodge over the last year. Looking back I see this has been a productive year for the Lodge, with a couple of activities yet to come in December.

Recently, we delivered Thanksgiving dinners to a number of Door County families. Coming up this month we have bell ringing for the Salvation Army and a Christmas party for the Coast Guard. We also look forward to painting the dining room and the hallway adjacent to the Lodge room.

In December Rick Rogers will be installed as our new Master. I encourage all of the Brethren to be as active and supportive in the next year as they have been in the past. It has been a real pleasure to work with all of the officers and members this year; I'd like to offer a special word of thanks to Brother Pinney for all help and good advice this year.

William Schaefer-Master, HSB # 174



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

Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

December 2015

Greetings from Honor Chapter,

Happy week after Thanksgiving! Eat the last of the turkey casserole and start thinking about Christmas. We have so much to give thanks for.

Thank you to all who celebrated with Ross Chapman at his Grand Rep party. Great music by the New Day Singers. Tributes were given to Ross from Brother Tom Pinney, Worshipful Master Bill Schafer, Rev. Matt Knapp, and your Worthy Matron. We followed the ceremony with a yummy lunch put on by some wonderfully talented cooks. Truly Ross is a jewel in our crown.

Honor Chapter and Henry S. Baird lodge are throwing a Christmas party for our Coast Guard families on December 17th starting at 5:00. This will take place on 3rd Thursday instead of a special meeting. We will need volunteers to help with the setup, cleanup, food prep and serving, and Santa's helper, (who looks good in green tights and bell toe shoes?). Please think about the service these families are giving to our county, and come help give them a memorable party. Call me and let me know what you want to help with. Please call me. 920-743-7387 or 920-333-0136. We need to have volunteers in place by December 7th. We will be serving dinner for installation of Henry S. Baird officers on December 19th. Give me a call to let me know if you are attending, and if you can help with meal serving/preparing.

Thank you to our members for helping with the early Thanksgiving meal prep and assembly from our busy Masonic kitchen. With all the detailed lists and organized system, we were able to help get 165 meals packed up in ½ hour! Pretty impressive. Many area families enjoyed a tasty turkey dinner and all the fixings! Big thank you to our Masons for doing that.

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Budget items that are being sent out from our Community Fund will be \$500 for Thanksgiving meal sponsored by Henry S. Baird, \$500 for Wisconsin Bookworms sponsored by WAHCE, \$500 for Help of Door County, \$400 for Loaves and Fishes, and \$300 for Boys and Girls Club of Door County. We are able to make a positive impact on so many people, both young and old, and everyone in between because of contributions from members that are deceased, and their wishes to keep on giving to our community in the name of Honor Chapter. We thank them and their families for caring about, and sharing with others.

Please remember those that are house bound, or in a health care facility, especially during the holiday seasons. A phone call, card or visit is a wonderful way to tell them they are important to us.

Malia is healing well after her knee replacement. Not running yet, but soon! Bonnie is out of her arm sling, and getting more range of motion. Praying for both of you on speedy recovery. Bev Peterson is at home. Cards are appreciated.

Our meeting has a time change, because our resolution passed.

Meeting time is now 7:00 p.m. We will have our regular meeting in December (3rd) at 7:00. We will be honoring the stations of Warder and Sentinel.

January and February we are dark, no meetings.

Once again, give me a call to volunteer. Many hands makes light work!

Trivia Contest Questions: What is the Worthy Grand Patron's Special Charity Project for 2015 – 2016, and what is their Athletic Mascot?

Star Love, Mariellen Haen WM, Ross Chapman WP

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The **dues notices** were sent out in Mid-October with options to purchase Holiday Steamboat Dinner Tickets and/or contribute to defray the cost of the new LED lights that have been installed throughout our building. Perpetual Members and Members whose dues were remitted received their dues cards. Others will be mailed their dues card on receipt of their dues payment. We have a total of 104 members. To date we have **received 29 dues payment**. In addition, **our brothers have donated \$1,236 for Holiday Tickets to be given to Social Services, LSCAP & The Sunshine House** to be distributed by them for the 2016 Steamboat Dinner on March 12, 2016. Three hundred twenty two dollars were contributed to **defray the cost of the new LED** lights installed through-out the building. What a wonderful response. Thanks to all who have responded. We are a very active, generous, and responsive Lodge!

The **DeMolay Chapter Advisory Committee** is continuing to recruit candidates and hope to have enough to have the State officers present them with their degrees in February and formally start the Chapter. Please contact Br. Mitch Custer 920.818.0161 with any names of young men that might be willing to join. The Advisory Committee continues to work closely with the Boys and Girls Club of Door County.

The **Magic Show** was held on September 26th at the SB High School Auditorium. Over 90 were in attendance. Thanks to PM Mark Fischer for heading up the committee. We have received our share of the net proceeds and it remains the second largest fund raiser we have. Thanks to those who responded to the over the phone fund raising campaign. This is done by an outsourced fund raiser under the promotion of a Madison Brother. Tickets are given to all grade school children in Door County, except Washington Island.

The lodge travelled to **Manawa Lodge #82** on Monday October 26th to assist in **raising Br. Alex Spreeman to the sublime degree of MM**. Ten of our brothers made the trip. Nine lodges were present. It was a wonderful evening. This continues a tradition that HSBaird has the capacity to do excellent degree work and stands ready to help another lodge. Last year we helped NEW Daylite #360 raise a brother to the sublime degree of MM.

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It is not too early to be thinking about the **Steamboat Dinner on March 12, 2016. Holiday Tickets** will again be available in early December. Thanks to those who responded to the letter sent out with the dues notices for support. Last year 360 such tickets were purchased by Brothers and Friends of the lodge for distribution to Social Services, LSCAP, and the Sunshine House. For shut-ins, and those that do not drive, meals are delivered directly to their door step. Since 1992 over 5,600 meals have helped to feed the needy in Door County.

The lodge has installed 2 **Carbon Monoxide detectors**. One in the SW corner of the dining room and one upstairs in the lodge/chapter room in the masonic west. We already have the required fire alarm system in place which is checked quarterly and inspected by the fire department.

Redecorating of the dining area has begun and hopefully will be completed by the Steamboat Dinner. This will include new ceiling tiles, cleaning the padded chair seats, painting, and setting up a pictorial area devoted to our work in the community.

Just a thought about how fortunate and blessed we are to have a Masonic Lodge and OES Chapter that work so well together for the good of the community--- Steamboat Dinner Holiday Tickets, Door County Boys & Girls Club, The Door County Library, Holiday Dinner, Coast Guard Family Christmas Party, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and many others. What fun it is, to walk the talk.

For up to date Masonic information, go to our website **www.hsbaird174.com**.

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greetings,

The hustle and bustle of the Holiday season is upon us. I hope you found yourselves in good company and spirits during Thanksgiving. Although that holiday is past, the waist line for me has not yet subsided. Maybe in a few months the added pounds will come off. Time will tell, or maybe I should state that the scale does. Just like daylight savings when we set our clocks back, don't forget to set your scales back ten pounds for the holidays. We will beat this thing one way or the other. (Wink wink)

With winter creeping in to take hold for a few months, let us not forget those who have a hard time getting out or even at all. As we go to our parties with friends and family, I hope that we as Masons take that extra step to acknowledge those less fortunate and stop and visit those who may have difficulty stepping out of their home. After working in an assisted living facility for the last 15 years, it is something I find to be very important. Many times our lives have become "too busy" during this time of year for such things and friends, neighbors and even family members sit in loneliness during the holidays. If you can, send them a card, call them, or better yet visit with them face to face. The joy you will bring them is probably one of the best gifts that they will probably receive. So spread some cheer. It costs nothing, but comes back to you in huge dividends.

I would like to thank Worshipful Master Bill Schaefer and all of the members of Henry S Baird as well as the Members of Honor Chapter #1 for a wonderful past and very productive year. It is nice to see both organizations working well together and being a great model of how the two organizations should work together in brotherly and sisterly Love. I hope you all are very proud of the work that is being done here in our community. Also, Congratulations to WM elect Rick Rodgers. I am highly looking forward to his leadership in the upcoming year.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and all of your families in 2016.

Mark Fischer