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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

## Words From the East

*Enjoy Masonic Fellowship at Lodge*

'Greetings Brothers

A group known as “Adoptive Lodges” was established within the French Rite in the mid – 18th century. The first of these Lodges as far as we know, was established in 1760 in Paris by the Count de Beckville. Another was established at Nimeguen, in Holland, in 1774, over which the Prince of Waldeck and the Princess of Orange presided. There were basically four degrees of Adoptive Masonry: Apprentice (or Female Apprentice); Compagnone (or Crafts Woman); Maitresse (or Mistress); and Parfaite Maconne (or Perfect Mason)."

After the fourth degree the Lodge had a dinner for the Ladies; thus began “Ladies at the Table.”

Henry S. Baird held a “Ladies at the Table” evening on April 16th. There were 36 Ladies and Masons present. Each of the ladies received a red rose and was toasted. Brother Mike, assisted by of Brother Ed prepared a wonderful dinner (including an amazing chocolate dessert!) Adam Grunke from the Maritime Museum in Gills Rock gave a brief presentation on the history of Death’s Door. A number of Brothers helped with clean up many thanks to them.

On Thursday April 21 we will be having an Entered Apprentice degree for Mr. Steven Schaefer. We will be closing the meeting that night as Entered Apprentices, something we don’t often do. I hope to see the sidelines full for this degree.

William Schaefer-Master, HSB # 174

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**Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.**  
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May 2015

Greetings from Honor Chapter,

What a wonderful dinner we were served, and glasses up with 7 toasts! We want to thank the Henry S. Baird Lodge for hosting us and making lasting memories. Our lodge brothers and their spouses, and our members of Honor Chapter have a great relationship, and work and play well together! Thank you to all for such an enjoyable evening.

We had elections of officers at our last meeting. The line officers will be keeping their chairs for one more year. We will be having committee assignments for the coming year, so if you are interested in a certain committee, please let me know. (920-743-7387)

Grand Chapter is coming up May 18 – 21. If you are going, please pre-register with Bonnie before May 17th. She needs to have all registrations in by the 17th. We will have 2 Grand Reps introduced, and it would be great if Honor Chapter could send a car load or 2 for the Tuesday session. More information can be found at: [www.wioes.org](http://www.wioes.org).

Upcoming dates to remember:

May 2 Testimonial Dinner for Grand Master. If interested, contact Bonnie for information

May 7th Stated Meeting Please bring your rolls of pennies for our penny jar. Make the banks wonder why everyone wants pennies when they go through the drive-through.

May 21st NO MEETING because of Grand Chapter Session.

June 4th Stated Meeting (Welcome back “snowbirds”!)

See you on the Star Trail.

Mariellen Haen WM, Ross Chapman WP



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Mr. Steven William Schaefer was elected to receive the degrees on April 9, 2015. He is scheduled to be initiated an EA on April 23, 2015 at our stated meeting. He is the son of WM William Schaefer. He resides in De Pere along with his wife Jill and 2 children.

The DeMolay Chapter Advisory Committee is meeting at least monthly laying out a Plan of Action for the formation of our DeMolay Chapter. Please contact Br. Rick Kohn (with any names of young men that might be willing to join.

Nineteen brothers, friends, and the Peninsula Shrine Club have contributed \$1,145 to the Kitchen Fund which we will use to help pay for the new Refrigerator and Freezer. The cost of the units including sale tax was \$4,157.76. A brother has agreed to match up to \$500 in new contribution of individuals after February 5th. As of April 22nd we have received \$195 against this match. We need to receive an additional \$305 to receive the full \$500 match. If you wish to contribute, please make your checks out to HSBaird #174 and mark them for Kitchen Fund and mail them to H. S. Baird #174, P. O. Box 86, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

The Ladies of the Table was a huge success. Thirty four were in attendance. The food, fellowship, and program were wonderful. The multiple toasts brought out the meaning of this special ceremony. Thanks again to all the ladies that support our lodge. It was very special to see the many Widows present. We have not forgotten the support they gave their husbands and our promise to care for them.

On Monday May 18th we will travel to De Pere to present PM Robert Vits with his 60 year membership certificate, Pin, and Card. His wife has invited us to have Pizza with them at 6p. Afterwards we will open a lodge of MM, call the lodge at ease, and allow his family to join us in the presentation ceremony. This should be a great evening. Please contact the S/T if you wish to go. We will be leaving at the rear of the Temple at 4:45p.

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The annual communication of the Grand Lodge will be on Friday and Saturday June 5 and 6 in Madison. The WM, SW, JW, and S/T will be attending. There are 25 resolutions this year. It will be an interesting meeting.

Our last stated meeting is on June 25th and will be held outside at a site to be announced.

We again will have a magic show this fall. The tentative date is Saturday September 26th. You may receive a tele-marketing call asking you to donate to support the show. Please consider giving, as this directly to support the Magic Show with 20% of the gross receipts being returned to the lodge. This is the second largest fund raiser of the year for the lodge. Free tickets are distributed to all grade school children attending a school in Door County. Children must be accompanied by an adult who pays a small fee. One adult may supervise more than one child.

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

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"The genius of Freemasonry is not our Masonic buildings and temples or the trappings of our organizations. It is not our great charities or community activities. It is not our beautiful rituals or their teachings! It is the 'practice of Freemasonry' by the Freemasons. Yet we cannot practice that which we do not know or understand. Thus Masonic education is the foundation for our Fraternity. Brother Carl H. Claudy in The Master's Book says, '.. one thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry."



# EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greeting Brethren,

As this goes to print the weather has change for the good. Trees are budding and birds are abundant. My indicator of a warmer Spring is no longer the return of the Robin, he seems to come when it is still cold, but rather the spotting of the pelican. At any rate, I am sure that most of you have been prepping your yards and gardens for this season. Here is a little prayer for to help make your gardens fruitful. May the Eye of Providence look upon the labors of your land and bless you with a bountiful harvest.

It seems that every day of the year is spent paying homage to something or another. Last month we had tell a lie day on the 4th, Bat appreciation day on the 17th, National garlic day on the 19th and, of course, what we all do without Pigs in a Blanket Day on the 24th. With all of the specialized days out there , it sometimes can be difficult to keep the important ones in sight, but I thought I would remind you of some of the important days that stick out for the month of May.

May 7th - National day of prayer. Remember to pray for the needs of others as well as your own to the Great Creator. Then on May 10th to pay homage to all of the Moms out there. Without them nothing would be possible. May 16th, Armed Forces Day, the day President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. And lastly, May 25th, Memorial day, the day in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. I hope and pray that we will never lose sight of things that are important, or rather, that should be important to us. Some hold a greater favor than others. In our lives we are taught to live for Deity, our families, and for others. We all know that these items are important, but other concepts in life are more subjective. Masonry means a lot of different things to many different people.

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There are many good organizations out there that accomplish great tasks and I commend them for their work. Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimists, just to name a few. But one of the great attributes about Masonry, which I feel is important and what sets our organization apart from others, is putting on a great degree. There is no other organization which teaches and reinforces principles to its members or imprints a deep and lasting impression as ours and this comes a lot from how the degree is done. From the first visit at the inner door to the charge taken at the altar. Much is learned. Much is to be proud of.

I believe this to be one of the foundations of building the lodge. Learning the ritual and its meanings, as well as understanding the meanings are the very basis on which helps us grow as Masons. It helps strengthen our faith and become better members of society. What other group does this for its members. That is one of the reasons that ritual is important and that we should take pride in learning it, whatever the capacity may be.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to express how proud I was of all who were present at the Initiation of Br. Steven Schaefer. The degree was spectacular. A lot of time, energy and feeling went into the degree and it showed. From the time the candidate stepped into the Lodge room to the closing of the meeting, a great brotherly welcome was bestowed upon our newly made brother. Thanks to all who took part. I can not speak for Brother Schaefer, but I was highly impressed with the work that was done.

Great Job and Thank You, keep up the good work.

Mark Fischer



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