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Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

October 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our September is in the history books and with it our meeting with District Deputy Deb Morgenstern. Her escort Grand Associate Matron Doris Schultz helped us as pro-tem, and also Rosie Fiscus PWM helped us out also. Thank you ladies!

We passed our 2015-2016 budget that we should very proud to say gives a good amount of money to both local and OES charities. We are making a positive impact on many lives.

An Eastern Star funeral service was given for Hyacinth Aude Friday September 18th in Kewaunee. Hyacinth lived out the principles of Eastern Star, and will be greatly missed.

October will be a busy month for us. October 1st is a stated meeting, getting ready for our official visit on October 15th, with Sister Mary Barnett. Please join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. before our meeting on October 15th. Get to know our official visitor. Please study your ritual, and we will have a great meeting. Also, we will be voting on a proposal to change our by-laws, changing starting time to 7:00 p.m., and also to have our recess changed from July and August to January and February. Please try to attend the 1st and 3rd Thursday OES meetings, and have your voice heard.

Speaking of dinner, the Sevastopol music students/parents/and teachers will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at our Masonic Temple on Saturday, October 24th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Profits will be going to the music department. They are hoping some OES members and our Masonic brothers would be willing to help them with their fundraiser. If you are able to help or want to purchase tickets, contact Mariellen Haen @ 920-743-7387. Ticket is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5 - 12, 4 and under free. Musical performances upstairs will be 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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The Wisconsin OES Scholarship committee is actively seeking applicants for the 2nd semester of the 2015-16 college school years. Applications must be returned with post mark no later than November 1, 2015. Call Mariellen for information if you have a student that is interested in the scholarship.

Important dates to remember: Oct. 1st, stated meeting, Oct. 15th Official visit with dinner at 6:00 p.m. November 19th Grand Rep part for Ross Chapman

Trivia questions for October. First one with the correct answer wins a prize! 1) What significance does the Belmont Mansion have to OES? 2) What 9 letter word, which means "making fun in a witty way", includes all five vowels in alphabetical order? (And as an adverb it contains the 6th vowel) Good luck!

Hope to see you all at the meetings.

Star love, Mariellen Haen WM, Ross Chapman WP

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The DeMolay Chapter Advisory Committee has received authorization from DeMolay International to proceed with organizing the Russell A. May Chapter in Sturgeon Bay with H.S. Baird #174 as its sponsor. Please contact Br. Mitch Custer 920.818.0161 with any names of young men that might be willing to join. The Advisory Committee is working closely with the Boys and Girls Club of Door County. The committee is planning an organization meeting at 5:30pm on Tuesday October 13th at the lodge. They have a bowling event planned for Oct. 17th.

Br. S. Dean Pies a 65 year member, Br. Edgar Allingham a 55 year member and SW Mitch Custer a 35 year member were escorted separately to the Altar where the WM William Schaefer presented them with the appropriate Certificates, Pins and Cards. Br. Pies explained that PM Earl Wiesner was the WM when he was raised. He shared names of other members who helped in his posting. Twenty-two brothers were in attendance and all officers were in their stations. It was a wonderful evening.

Grand Master Frank Struble attended our September 24, 2015 stated meeting. He came in a white apron to listen to what the brothers have to say about masonry.

We again had a Magic Show. The date was Saturday September 26th at the SB High School Auditorium. Free tickets were distributed to all grade school children attending a school in Door County except Washington Island. It is the lodges second largest fund raiser for the year. Thanks to PM Mark Fischer for heading up the committee.

Election of officers and trustee will be at our November 12, 2015 stated meeting.

Saturday Nov. 14, 2015 we will be preparing and packaging approximately 200 Holiday meals for delivery to selected recipients, selected by Social Services. We started this program last year.

Installation of the 2016 officers will be held on Saturday December 5, 2015 at 6:30p. Everyone is welcome. Brother Rick Rogers will be installed WM. This is the first time he has been WM. Come and join him in celebrating with his wife Jen and family.

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. 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 direct to their door step. Since 1992 over 5,600 meals have help feed the needy in Door County.

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

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greetings Brethren,

What a great meeting we had the other night. Most Worship Grand Master Frank Struble was present for one of his listening sessions and during the car ride home had gotten me thinking about some of the questions that were brought up. Like, " Why did you join the lodge, What do you like about Lodge and what can we do to grow? There was a great discussion about these questions.

There are a plethora of answers to these questions, with no particular right answer. In true Masonic fashion, it all depends on the individual. Which leads to the reason for this article. What do you like most about our fraternity? What do you feel is the most important to you? The question that I asked myself on the way home that night consisted of several parts: Why did I really join, what keeps me coming to lodge, what is most important to me and how can I contribute.

The first question, for me was a no brainer, I wanted to make a difference in the community and learn how I could be of service to others, and I believe that I have found just that. I believe that our outreach projects over the years have made a difference. If you don't believe, just come down to the lodge on Mondays and look at the happy faces of the kids from the Boys and Girls Club. Believe me, we are making a difference.

The second part of the question is what keeps us coming to the lodge, for some it is fellowship, for others it's the challenge of the work. For me, it's the coming together with a group of individuals where I can be me without being judged and am considered an equal with members in different "classes of society."

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I mean where else can a team be assembled that consist of an attorney, a cook, a city administrator etc. Meeting on the level in this setting is very meaningful to me.

The third part of what is important in the lodge varies from member to member. For some, learning the work is important. For others, it might be networking with other people and establishing connections. The list could go on and on. For me it is learning ritual and teaching others as well as the history of the lodge. I am one of those firm believers in which to go forward, one must acknowledge and understand the past.

The final topic is contributing to the lodge. There are many ways that a brother can contribute. Some give monetarily, some with their time and talents, others are with their leadership skills. However you can help, in whatever way you can, our lodge will always be strong. It can be as meaningful as giving a ride to a brother who needs one, or a phone call to member to see how they are doing as they have been missed at Lodge. One important way to contribute is to stay connected. Come to meetings, if and when you can, even if you think you have nothing to contribute. You would be surprised as to what you have to offer. Experience is an often wasted asset when it sits idle. If we truly believe in our teachings, we all will be ready to listen as well as to be listened to.

As we all go forward in our Masonic Journey, I hope we all find what we hold most important about the craft and support what we hold dear and get involved, but most of all, share our ideas and experiences, because that is what builds a solid foundation.

Mark

