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Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 F. & A.M
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

January 2016

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

I first want to thank everyone for attending the public installation of officers. It was a great night filled with food and fellowship. A big thank you to the members of Eastern Star who helped bake, serve, set up, and clean up for this event. It was a memorable evening for me as both of my grandfathers were Masons. I'm sure they were looking down on me with a smile as I received the honor of becoming Worshipful Master of Henry S Baird #174.

I look forward to the upcoming Masonic year as we can do more for the community and tackle some large projects like refreshing our dining area. The Steam Boat dinner will be here before we know it and I challenge you to sell tickets to someone that you previously have never asked. A lot of younger people don't know who we are or even that the building next to the gas station is a Masonic Lodge and not just an old building. With the Boys and Girls club utilizing our building every week we are getting our name out there more. I hope some of those kids have a chance to come to our dinner this year with their families.

With your help we can achieve more in 2016. Let's make this a great year!

Rick Rogers WM

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Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

January 2015

The old year has passed, the new has year begun. So let's forget about old troubles, and have some fun!

There are some special times we need to remember. We should remember our December events with all the smiles and joys that our Eastern Star and Masons helped to make! Both groups joined the Salvation Army for bell ringing on December 12th. What a blessing to see the giving attitude of our Door County shoppers, and the willingness of our members to ring, sing, and play for a worthy cause. Thank you to all who helped with the bell ringing.

Our next adventure was a first time event that I hope will turn into a yearly affair. Again Henry S. Baird masons and Honor Chapter members teamed up to put on a great Christmas party for our Coast Guard families. Food, fellowship, a jolly fat man in a red suit, and Sevastopol's choir singing patriotic and seasonal favorites, all worked together to make a fantastic night. "Thank you! This was wonderful" was heard all evening long. It was great to be part of something so fulfilling. Thank you to all who had anything to do with the party. From buying and wrapping gifts, to ordering the best chicken in town, decorating the temple in festive adornment, Evelyn's world famous punch, washing dishes, greeting our guests at the door, to cleaning the bathrooms, all were important, and made their party a huge success. (Check out pictures on website.)

Congratulations to Rick Rogers as the newly installed Master of Henry S. Baird Lodge for this year. Honor Chapter helped with the dinner and before dinner snacks (and yes, that world famous punch again!), preparing and serving dinner, and clean up.

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Your Worthy Matron congratulated Rick, and extended an invitation to all affiliated with Masons to become part of Honor Chapter. We have such a fun and respected relationship here in Sturgeon Bay between our Stars and Masons, wouldn't it be even better to have a big old pile of Honor Chapter members from Henry S. Baird and their wives? Let's work on that, ok?

While we have parties and fun, there are those in our community that have a hard time every day, and even harder time during holiday celebrations. For many years we have helped with that problem in many ways, and one of them being the Social Service family we support. Elves John and Sharon take trips to many stores here in Door County, and also in Green Bay to purchase just the right gifts for our family in need. Besides their holiday dinner, they receive gifts for the children and the parents. Thank you to our wonderful shoppers, and also everyone that contributes financially to this family. As you opened your Christmas gifts, please know that you helped a family with little ones open gifts also. Thank you!!

Important dates to remember:

January 7, stated meeting followed by yummy treats from Sue and Connie

January 21 NO MEETING. Put the tea kettle on, and enjoy your warm home.

Trivia question: 27,167,320 We are an important part of this number, who are we?

Blessings in this new year, to you and your family.

Star love, Mariellen Haen WM, Ross Chapman WP

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On December 12th H.S.Baird 174 and the OES rang bells for the Salvation Army at Econo-Foods. It was a fun time and donations are much greater when someone is ringing the bell. A special thanks to those who rang. It is for a very worth-while cause and lets the community know that Masonry reaches out into the community to help those who are in need. Thanks to Br. Ed Klein for organizing the event. SEE THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE www.hsbaird.com/ OR IN THE WISCONSIN MASONIC JOURNAL.

On December 17th the Lodge and OES sponsored a Christmas Party for the Coast Guard families in the area. It was a wonderful evening. Over 80 attended. Lots of kids, great food, and much excitement and energy were on display. We took pictures of each family so they could share with their families. After supper, up to Lodge/Chapter room we sprang to find a choir ready to sing holiday songs, two stories in verse and Santa arrived just in time with presents for all the kids. Thanks to Ed Klein and the OES for organizing this event. Thanks to Sharon Sullivan for shopping for all the presents for the kids and seeing that they were wrapped. Another example of how masonry provides outreach to our community. The USCG is a very integral part of Door County. Hopefully, we made the Holiday Season just a little better for them as many are away from family as they serve our country. SEE THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE www.hsbaird.com/ OR IN THE WISCONSIN MASONIC JOURNAL.

The following 2016 officers of H.S.Baird #174 where installed on December 19, 2015; WM Richard Rogers, SW PM Mitch Custer, JW PM David Leistra, S/T PM Thomas S. Pinney, Jr., SD PM John Sullivan, JD Andrew Buechner, SS Brian Hackbarth, JS Steven Schaefer, CO PM Mark Fischer, Tiler PM William Button, and Trustee for 3 years, PM Robert Ryan. The installing officers were; Master PGM Dennis Siewert, Marshal PM Jay Herbst, and Chaplain Rick Kohn. Br. William Schaefer was presented his Past Masters Apron. He in turn presented the new master Rick Rogers with a Masters Pin that has been worn by every Master of H.S.Baird #211/174 since 1966. A wonderful supper followed with Lasagna provided by Rick Rogers's wife, Jen's family. The OES provided the rest of the meal and decorations. It was a great evening of fellowship. SEE THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE www.hsbaird.com/ OR IN THE WISCONSIN MASONIC JOURNAL.

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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 38 out of 58 (excludes perpetual and remitted) dues payments owed. In addition our brothers have donated \$1,596 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. Five hundred seventy-six dollars has been 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 Green Bay Chapter do an initiation in January and formally start the Chapter. At the second get together the boys were shown how the chapter room was to be set up and why. 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.

It is not too early to be thinking about the Steamboat Dinner on March 12, 2016. Holiday Tickets are available. Thanks to those who responded to the letter sent out with the dues notices for support and to individual phone calls. 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 doorstep. Since 1992 over 5,600 meals have helped to feed the needy in Door County. To date we have 253 tickets donated. Please consider helping us to reach our goal of 375 this year!

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The **School of Instruction** for your lodge will be on Saturday January 30 from 9A to 2P. All officers should attend if possible. The 3 principle officers have received the official notification. We are responsible for Item 3. All Master Masons are welcome. HSB #174 has been recognized for its excellence of degree work. This helps us keep a polished edge and our instructor, Moses Adams makes it pleasant and fun.

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.

A **personal reflection**. Several weeks ago, I was invited to share in the Boys and Girls Club supper at our lodge on a Monday night. Channel 2 was doing a special on the Club. I came 20 minutes early and had the opportunity to see in person how they are teaching these kids, responsibility, manners, and caring for each other. Susan the chef carefully explained the plan of action to the 15 kids who were responsible for setting up the tables and getting the food on the table by 5:30p, when the rest of the 80 kids arrived. They worked as a team and helped each other. They had learned their lesson well. When more kids arrived than expected, they quickly set up 2 more tables

Sitting at the end of a table, I had a chance to talk with a child on each side of me and learn more about them. Just as I was cleaning off my plate at the garbage can with many others, I felt a tug on my shirt and as I turned my head, I saw the little girl who sat at my left, whose eyes met mine, saying ***"Can I hug you?"*** You can fill in the rest of the story. Then she said ***"Is your picture on this wall?"*** So with 3 or 4 of her friends we searched the wall of Past Masters, and with a little help they found the "old man's picture and spent 2 or 3 minutes asking questions. What an opportunity to live out our precepts of friendship, morality and brotherly love. We have been blessed as Masons by working with the Boys and Girls Club.

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greetings,

Happy New Year. We didn't have a white Christmas but snow definitely came in shortly after. I know I can only speak for myself on this one, but I enjoy the snow and all of the beauty that the snow brings to the season.

Coming up at the end of the month is our school of instruction. This is a great opportunity to learn the ritual with the other brothers of the lodge. Investing time in learning the work is one of the key components of keeping a successful lodge. Come on down, learn the ritual and enjoy the fellowship that goes with it..... Oh yeah and donuts are usually served before hand. Now how could you pass that up. Hope to see you there. Which reminds me, once again I will be heading down to the lodge on specific days to lodge to run through the various degrees. I like to do this to try to keep my memory up. I believe that the brain is like the rest of the body, either you use it or lose it. If anyone would like to join me in touching up or even learning new parts, I will be down at the lodge on Tuesday January 12th at 10:00 a.m. I will be going over item three for the school of instruction. Unfortunately, night times are going to be hard to squeeze this bit of learning in as it heads into the last leg of Destination Imagination for me and the team. I will consider more dates in the upcoming months.

Once again, congratulations to newly installed Master, Rick Rodgers, may the Supreme Architect of the Universe shine his light to lead you in your Masonic and personal endeavors. May this be a Masonic memory that you will fondly reflect upon in your life.

As we look to the near future, let us not forget our annual Steamboat Dinner. It will come sooner than you think.

Mark