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NEWSLETTER

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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**

November 2017

Dear Brothers of Henry S. Baird Lodge

We will be honoring all our Past Master at the November 9th meeting. A meal will be serviced at 5:30 pm with the regular stated meeting starting at 6:30 pm. We will have a short program where we have the Past Master there which will have a chance to talk about their year in the East. We also have election of officers that night. I have contacted the Past Masters on our roles. If everyone can let me know if you will be able to attend the meal so I will know how much food to have ready. My contact information is below.

As my year in the East comes to a close, I want to thank the officers that have served under me this year. I want to thank the members that have been able to attend our meetings. With people on the sidelines, we have a lot more talk and discussion of the lodges place in the community. Thank You everyone.

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

Greetings Sisters and Brothers! October was again a busy month for Honor Chapter. At our stated meeting on October 5 we initiated two brothers into our order: Steve Merath and Robert Dodson. A very hardy Welcome to our new brothers!

At our FUN night event on October 19 we had 11 members attend the play "Naked Radio" by the Northern Sky Theater. All 11 members also went out to dinner before hand at The Cookery. A lovely evening was had by all!

Saturday, October 21, we celebrated the appointment of our Sister Susan Shefchik as Grand Esther, along with Brother Moses Adams of Trillium Chapter who is serving as Grand Chaplain, and Sister Carolyn Eaglesham of Eagle Chapter who is Grand Martha. What a fun-filled afternoon! Dinner was buffet-style with broasted chicken and baked fish, baked potato, buttered carrots, green beans with toasted almonds, coleslaw, fruit salad, roll, and then topped off with a scrumptious raspberry cream filled cake. Music was provided by our entertainment during and after dinner. Several attendees even danced. Tables were decorated with tea lights inside carved pumpkins; the main table had a metal pumpkin carriage lit with a tea light, along with strings of flower lights. Thank you Bonnie and Kate for your help with the pumpkins. Our guests of honor introduced their Grand Family as members of a football team.

Our next regular stated meeting will be on November 2. We will be honoring our veterans. November 16 will be our Officer Visit with Sister Carolyn Eaglesham, Grand Martha. Sister Carolyn will be providing a short program. Officer Visits are NOT like they used to be; so if you haven't been to one in a while, we invite you to join us. A dinner at 5:45 p.m. will be held before the meeting and it's sure to be super yummy.

Hope to see you soon!

Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehn...

Connie Skarvan Worthy Matron

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PAST MASTERS NIGHT---Past Masters will be honored at our stated meeting on November 9th. Dinner will be served at 5:30p.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS---H.S. Baird officers and a trustee will be elected at our stated meeting on November 9th.

HOLIDAY MEAL---On November 11th the Holiday Meal will be packaged and delivered to recipients selected by Social Services. We expect to prepare 210 meals.

H.S.Baird #174 DUES --- The response to the dues notices has been very good. Members were given the opportunity to contribute to the Capital Fund which included purchasing a new Potato Peeler, and Repair to the Stage Curtain. To date we have received \$556 for these projects. Also we have received \$712 for Donated Tickets for the 2018 Steamboat Dinner. The lodge members continue to be very generous.

PLURAL MEMBERSHIP--- A petition for Plural Membership from Br. Charles L. Klima was balloted on at our stated meeting on September 28th. Br. Charles was elected a plural member of our lodge. His home lodge is Berwyn #839 of IL. He has worked at many of our Steamboat Dinners and resides in Ellison Bay. Welcome to Brother Klima.

WISCONSIN MASONIC DAY OF LIGHT--- This is the new plan The Grand lodge has developed to have a man become a Master Mason in one day. They have done a trial run at Dousman with 23 men becoming MM. They have designated November 4, 2017 as Masonic Day of Light and will be doing all three degrees in two locations; McKinley Lodge in Brookfield and Eau Claire Masonic Center in Eau Claire. The cost is \$75 per candidate and each must have a sponsor. The candidate will receive the Apron address and do his MM posting at his home lodge. For more details please contact Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. or contact AA David Leistra at 920.256.0689.

POTATO PEELER---The new Potato Peeler has arrived and will be used to peel the potatoes for the Holiday Dinner on November 11th.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS--- Installation of officers will be on Saturday December 9th at 11a with a luncheon to follow.

THANKSGIVING---There will be no stated meeting on November 26th as it is Thanksgiving. Enjoy the day.

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DONATED STEAMBOAT DINNER TICKETS---Last year we had 563 purchased which was a record. We had a \$2,000 one-time gift from a widow. We have a plan to enable us to reach this number again this year and into the future by reaching out into the community for their support. Following is some talking points that will help you to reach out into businesses or friends that you know in the community, asking for their support. Please talk to your friends and give them the opportunity to support this community program. Personally, my experience in offering this idea to my friends has been very well accepted and appreciated.

**Talking Points for Purchase of Donated Tickets for the Saturday March 10, 2018
Steamboat Dinners (SBD)**

- **HISTORY:---**
 - The idea of donating dinners to the needy in Door County **began back in 1992**. We sought the help of Bev. Knutsen and Erin Szalaka from Social Services who partnered with us by identifying those in need of a hot meal.
 - We in turn solicited our members to purchase these special Donated Tickets which were then given to Social Services for their distribution, and the recipients joined us in the basement of the lodge for a hot meal. Their identity remained known only to Social Services. **Fifty persons received and used these tickets the first year.**
 - Since 1992, the program has expanded greatly and **to date 6,600** Donated Tickets have been provided to those in need in the Community. Although, over 75% of these tickets are purchased by Masons and their friends, the program has evolved beyond the Masonic Family with ever increasing support from the Community. **A record 563 Donated Tickets** were purchased for the 2017 Steamboat Dinner.
- **PRESENT:---**
 - **DONATED TICKET DISTRIBUTION**
 - Social Services
 - Lakeshore CAP
 - The Sunshine House, Inc.

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- **RECIPIENTS CHOICE OF HOW TO RECEIVE THE MEALS**
 - Basement of Lodge---sit-down meal with others in community
 - Pick-up in front of lodge on 3rd Ave as Take-Outs.
 - Delivered to their home
 - Teams (10 to 15) of community volunteers make the deliveries.
 - Deliveries are made to all of Door County including Washington Island .Algoma has been added.
 - These delivered dinners are individually packaged and they can be microwaved and/ or frozen.

- **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM**
 - Purchase 10 or more Tickets at \$16 each
 - ***We would appreciate your support by December 31, 2017 so that we can share in early January 2018 with Social Services, Lakeshore CAP, and The Sunshine House the amount of recipients each can select.***
 - Make checks payable to Henry S. Baird #174, mark in the memo “Donated 2018 Tks SBD”, and mail to Henry S. Baird #174 P.O Box 86, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.
 - **These contributions are Tax Deductible.** We keep a separate accounting of the Donated Tickets with proof they are all given to Social Services, Lakeshore CAP, and The Sunshine House for their distribution.

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List of Those individuals or firms already purchasing Donated Tickets.

Ace Hardware (Door County Hdw)*** Artist Guild***Bacon, Inge***Graul, Barb***Jim Olson
Motors***Keller Construction***Midwest Dental***Nicolet National Bank*** Samara’s
Jewelry Designs***Shoreside Investment (ERA/Starr Realtors)***Wulf Brothers

NEWSLETTER---As of the January 2018 issue of the Newsletter, Br. Mitch Custer our present
WM will become the editor. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact him at
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