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- 3 Honor Chapter # 1 OES Stated meeting 7:30
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- 8 Practice for MM Degree at 7:00
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- 10 Henry S Baird #174 MM Degree 3:45 start, Supper 5:30 Rest of Degree and Stated
- 11 Meeting to follow.
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- 17 Maundy Thursday— no Eastern Star meeting
- 18 Good Friday
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- 24 Henry S Baird #174 Dinner 5:30 Stated Meeting 6:30
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Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 F. & A.M

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings Brethren,

The calendar states that it is Spring, but looking outside it is anything but Spring.

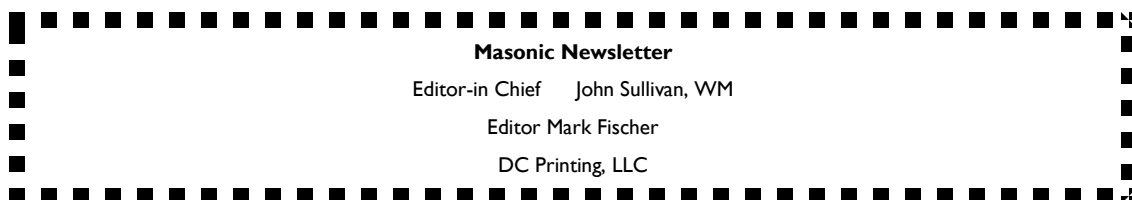
The Steamboat Dinner went very well, even if it was cold with a lot of snow on the ground. I would like to thank the brethren. Members of Eastern Star, and all of our non member friends who worked very hard to make dinner a success again this year.

Mark your calendar for the first meeting in April; we are having a Master Mason degree. It would be nice to see the sidelines full for our newest Master Mason, Brian Hackbarth, showing our support for him.

We had quite a few people come to the Lodge before and after the St Patrick's Day Parade. Everyone liked the hot chocolate and cookies when they came in to warm up.

Think Spring. Sooner or later it will get warm.

John Sullivan - Master HSB #174



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April 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hopefully spring has sprung in Wisconsin. I'm happy to say that I am vacationing in sunny Mexico so I'll try to soak up a few rays for all of you. Thank you, Mariellen, for pro-temming Worthy Matron while I am away.

The Masons outdid themselves again this year. The Steamboat Dinner was wonderful! Thank you to all those Star members who helped work and/or donated pies, especially Sister Sharon Sullivan, who did triple duty as "coleslaw maker", waitress, and cleaner upper.

A speaker from the Boys and Girls Club visited Honor Chapter at our March 20th meeting. She was very informative and gave us insight into the various programs provided by the Boys and Girls Club for the youth of Sturgeon Bay.

At our March 20th meeting Worthy Patron, Tom Pinney, led the Chapter in renewing the Obligation of the Order. No matter how long ago we were initiated into the Order, it is beneficial to be reminded of our privileges and responsibilities as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you Brother Tom.

A representative from the Boys and Girls Club gave a very interesting talk on their mission which has a heavy emphasis on education. When the members meet after school they are served a light healthy snack and then a study time follows for them to do their homework. They have over 300 members and often have as many as 140 at the meetings after school. Membership costs \$10 per year. Most of funding for their \$475,000 annual budget is raised by grants. They have several weeklong summer camps for which the member must pay an additional fee. The Door County Boys and Girls Club has just been notified that it have won a national honor for being the best club in 2013 in the nation. They will travel to CA to receive the award.



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

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We will be holding the election of officers at our April 3rd meeting. We would appreciate as many of our members as possible being there as this is an important night for our Chapter. Many chapters in the state are having difficulty filling their offices. I am proud and thankful that Honor Chapter #1 had all its offices filled this year and I am hopeful that members will step up again next year and agree to take an office.

Reminder: April 17th is Maundy Thursday so our special meeting is cancelled.

Our chapter has been invited to Trillium Chapter in Crivitz on Saturday, April 26th. The OES women from various Michigan chapters will be wearing authentic period costumes and performing the 1867 Degree. The initiation will begin at 1PM sharp. It should prove to be a very special event. Anyone interested in attending should let Sister Bonnie Kohn know so that she can RSVP.

Initiation will be held at our May 1st meeting. Even though we have no real candidate, according to our by-laws we need to go through initiation at least twice a year. This will help keep us sharp for next year. Officers, please brush up on your speeches.

Brother Tom and I wish you all a very blessed Easter season!

Susan Shefchik
Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney
Worthy Patron

Trivia:

Who, When and Where started the Order of De Molay. Answers will be printed in an upcoming article in this newsletter.



Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. *Contacts; ph.920.493.3727 or email tompinney@charter.net* 3/22/14

Br. Brian Hackbarth will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 10th 2014. Following is the schedule; 3:45p open lodge, 4p call down to FC for examination, resume labor in the MM degree and do the 1st Section, 5:30p supper, 6:30p finish the degree followed by the stated meeting. We will be honored by a surprise brother for the Historical Section. Please plan to attend to honor Br. Hackbarth and learn who will be doing the Historical Section.

Counselor Mark Fischer is in the process of scheduling the **FC degree for Br. Andrew Buechner.**

The Grand Lodge has revised the new petitions for membership that went into effect on 01/20/14. The correct petitions are printed with green ink. Please contact the S/T for these new petitions along with any questions. The S/T has been given a written process that he must follow.

Thank you to all who have paid their 2014 dues or are Perpetual Members. Eleven **members have not paid their 2014 dues**. Please take care of this matter promptly as they were due 12/31/13. Please contact WM John Sullivan or myself with questions or concerns.

The 2014 Steamboat Dinner again was a success. Three hundred and sixty Holiday Tickets were purchased by Brothers, OES, friends and businesses in the community which were given to Social Services, LSCAP, and the Sunshine House for their distribution. Two hundred of these meals were delivered directly to the door step of these persons by volunteers in the community, none of which are Masons or OES members. Deliveries ranged throughout all of Door County except Washington Island. Next year's challenge might be to find a pilot that would deliver to Washington Island! The staff of Social Services who live in Northern Door County made 40 deliveries in that area. In addition, 187 meals were served from the drive thru on 3rd Ave, 373 meals were served in the dining room from 4 to 7p, and 52 workers ate. The Total meals served were 812. A complete report including financial information will be available on our website www.hsbaird174.com. and in the next Newsletter. Thanks to all who participated. I have heard wonderful remarks from the public about the meal.



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Did you know that Br. George Washington:

Joined the British Navy at age 14.

His education was provided by his father and his brother Lawrence.

His father owned 10,000 acres of land in Virginia and was part owner of an iron mine.

Was the only president elected unanimously.

He never wore a powdered wig, which was the fashion of gentlemen at that time.

He never shook hands with anyone.

Was the first president to travel to a foreign country (Barbados).

He had all his teeth removed at age 57

He was employed by Lord Fairfax as a surveyor in Culpeper County VA.

His favorite foods were pineapple and Brazil nuts.

Other COMING EVENTS:

May 15, 2014 (Thursday) 7:30p **OES honoring their Masonic Brothers with a program “Pirates of the Great Lakes” by the Kewaunee Historical Society.**

May 29, 2014 (Thursday) 4p **Quarterly Officers Planning Meeting** HSB.

June 6-7, 2014 (Friday & Saturday) **Grand Lodge Annual Communication** at Madison.

July 31, 2014 (Thursday) 4p **Quarterly Officers Planning Meeting** HSB.

August 12 2014 (Tuesday) 5/6p Refreshments/Dinner **Annual Steak Fry/Fish Boil**, John Miles Park Pavilion.

October 30, 2014 (Thursday) 4p **Quarterly Officers Planning Meeting** HSB.

November 13, 2014 (Thursday) 6:30p **Election of officers for 2015.**

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

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greetings from the Editor,

Once again March has past, and with it the Steamboat Dinner. It was, as usual, a great success. Each year it gets streamlined and tweaked in hopes of obtaining, that state of perfection, in our annual fund raiser for the Lodge.

I like many of us are on different boards and committees for various groups, not only for our lodge, but also church, school and various others. As you realize, sometimes, committee and board meetings can be unproductive, boring or negative. But as I write this today, I want to say, that one of the more enjoyable committees that I am involved with is the Steamboat Dinner Committee; which I might add, is open to all members.

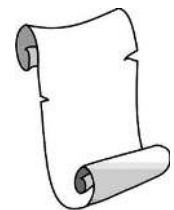
From the start of the meeting to the end, the focus is on the one and true goal; making our annual event an enjoyable experience for all who are involved: the workers, planners, and the dinner guests that walk through our doors. There is a mutual respect for all, by all, who come to this meeting; ever keeping in mind our teachings of an attentive ear, showing that all have an opinion and idea to share and are listened to with an open mind by all. I wanted to thank each of you for that. It is a great feeling to know that I can be a part of a group and share ideas without judgment.

In short, I would like to thank the brothers who give of their time and expertise on this committee as well as all of the workers who give of their time and talents. There is a an enormous amount of time that is given for publicity, ordering, and detail work that goes into The Steamboat Dinner and much thanks and credit should be given. Thank you my brothers.

I am looking forward to next week as another brother gets raised to the Degree of Master Mason. I hope to see you all there. If you need a ride please call 743-9034 or 746-9032 as we can arrange for you to get there and back..

See you at the next meeting,

Mark



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