

# NEWSLETTER

## TRESTLE BOARD

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Thur 7 Honor Chapter #1 OES stated meeting 7:00  
14 H.S. Baird #174 Dinner 5:30 Stated meeting 6:30  
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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**

April 2016

Greetings Brethren,

Hello all, spring is finally here and so far it has been a good one. We had great weather for the steam boat dinner which I was very thankful for, being that my wife and I worked the drive through. We also had great turn out for the dinner even with competing events the same day, which I think was due to the weather. I also want to thank everyone again for helping out with the dinner. It is a great outreach to the community and it helps fund the lodge, which in turn helps us with other outreach programs.

Rick Rodgers-WM



Meetings First and Third Thursdays of Each Month, 7:00 P.M.

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

April 2016

Hello from Honor Chapter,

April showers bring May flowers, and also the arrival of some of our snowbirds! Welcome back to all our "stars" and here is your invitation to the Chapter meetings. We would love to see you and hear what you have been doing this winter.

We will be having programs at both April meetings, and Ross and I wish you would mark it on your calendar, and come and join us. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, now through December, with a winter break in January and February. We are starting at 7:00 p.m. so it's not so late when you are heading home. Hope to see you there.

I would like to say thank you to everyone involved in making the Steamboat Dinner a huge success. I have heard only good reviews. I had to work, but many of you Stars were shining that night. Thanks! The lower level is bright, clean and refreshed. That was a great project, done very well.

Just a reminder that the dues and initiation fee for the first year will be waived for all new members initiated this year. Please bring in your petitions.

March trivia question: How many Grand Masters signed the Constitution of the United States?

Answer: 3 Bedford Gunning, Jr 1st Grand Master of Delaware John Blair, 1st Grand Master of Virginia, David Brearley, 1st Grand Master of New Jersey. 39 men signed the U.S. Constitution, 13 (33%) were Freemasons.

April trivia question: What special days are OES meetings not held? (per By-laws) Can you name them? I am looking for several sisters or brothers to work on our program committee. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you.

Dates to remember: April 7, 7:00 p.m. stated meeting, election of officers, donation presentation  
April 21 special meeting, May 5th stated meeting

Mariellen Haen-WM      Ross Chapman-WP

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Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts;  
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DUES--- All but 7 members have paid their dues. This is excellent and we appreciate it.

STEAMBOAT DINNER MARCH 12, 2016---

Huge Success -

892 DINNERS were served.

255 DELIVERED by 10 teams in Door County incl. Washington Island.

374 in the DINING ROOM including 55 workers.

263 by the DRIVE-THRU.

This is 71 more than last year and the best in recent years.

Donated Tickets set an all-time record of 414. We have now donated over 6,000 dinners to Social Services, Lakeshore Cap, and Sunshine House.

Thanks to all who gave of their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE!!!

DEMOLAY---Two young men were initiated by the Green Bay Chapter.

Recruitment continues with a special program at the BGC. Please contact Br.

Mitch Custer 920.818.0161 with any names of young men that might be willing to join.

DEGREE WORK--- We have a Fellowcraft degree scheduled on Thursday April 28 for Ben Llinas This is our regular stated meeting. Dinner at 5:00p. Stated meeting with FC degree at 6:30p.

CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY---The Grand Lodge will be doing a 20 minute Cornerstone laying Ceremony on Wednesday April 13th at the Boys and Girls Club. The Grand Master and 7 other Grand Officers will be present. The ceremony will be at the new entrance in the rear of the building. The addition provides a safer main entrance, (away from traffic on 3rd Avenue) a cloak room, and kitchen. The cornerstone will be placed next to this new entrance, just off the alley that runs in back of the Lodge building.

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Schedule of event.

- 3:00p Grand Lodge Officers arrive, SW Mitch Custer will greet them.
- 3:30p Tour of BGC for Grand Officers by Julie Davis Executive Director.
- 4:30p Cornerstone Laying Ceremony by GL.
- 4:50p Open Reception at the Lodge.

Br. Phil Henrickson will provide the sound enhancement.

We will need help. So if you are available please call Tom Pinney at 493.3727. This is another example of Masonic outreach into the community and the collaborative effort of the BGC & H.S.Baird #174. Note this event in your calendar and plan to attend.

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

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One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting.

He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts.

A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over.

"Well sir, where are we going at this time of night, eh?" he asked.

The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!"

Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?"

The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"

# EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Hello to all,

Spring as Sprung once again, the Robins have returned about a week ago, but not so fast, as this goes to print we are expected to get 6 plus inches. I wonder how the Robins Feel about this.

We will have a Fellowcraft Degree to put on for Ben Llinas. I am sure there will be a practice for all involved. It has been some time since we had some degree work and am looking forward to the evening. I sincerely hope that there will be many brothers in attendance for the night. Dinner has been moved to 5:00 at Accommodate for extra time for the degree. I know that it will be excellent. If there is one thing we can be proud of at H.S.Baird is the quality of the degree work. Thank you to all.

Once again the Annual Steamboat Dinner is in the books. I would like to give great thanks to all who participated in this event. From the kitchen crew, to the people working upstairs and all who worked outside, everyone did a great job. We have a lot to be proud of. The generosity of the members of H.S.Baird met the challenge and donated more tickets than ever for the people in the community. It is amazing to me how charitable our members are. Thank you to all who gave what they could. And how about our drive thru service; the number of meals sold curbside keeps going up. Thanks for all of who keep that service running outside. It has become a well-oiled and organized machine.

A while back, I was given some newsletters from the past and found this Gem inside from January 1996. I hope it makes you think as much as it made me.

A stooped old man and a young man, chanced to meet one day;  
The young man said to the elder in his usual braggart way;  
“Why don’t you walk up straight like me? That’s no way to grow old.  
It’s all a form of habit; at least that is what I am told.”  
The old man gave him a knowing look, and said “My dear young friend,  
Have you ever examined your wheat field, and noticed the heads that bend?  
If not, just look them over as the harvest time draws nigh.  
You’ll find the heads that are empty are standing tall and high.  
But the heads that count in the harvest are filled and bending low,  
Awaiting the reapers sickle, their time is short, they know.”  
And as the young man passed on by, he slowly bowed his head;  
No doubt he pondered many a day, on the things that old man said.

Until next time,

Mark Fischer