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5 Honor Chapter # 1 OES Stated Meeting 7:30

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12 Henry S Baird #174 dinner 5:00, Installation 6:30– Meeting to follow

13 Bell ringing for the Salvation Army 11:00- 9:00

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19 Honor Chapter # 1 OES special Meeting at 7:30

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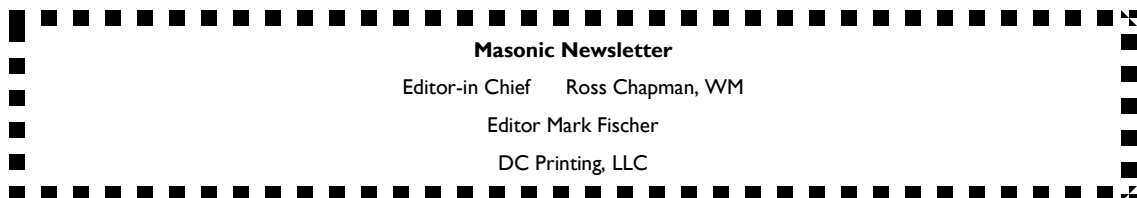
December 2013

Dear Lodge Brothers and Eastern Star Members,

As my year as Master comes to a close, I feel I need to say a lot of thank you's. First I want to thank all of my officers, without you, I could not have accomplished all that we did at the lodge this year. Thanks also to all of sideliners that filled a chair at the last minute at the start of the meeting. Thanks to all of the brethren who helped out with degree work. Thanks to all of the lodge and star members and friends who helped make this years steamboat dinner one of the best we have had in many years.

I also want to thank Br Ed Klein and Br. John Gay for the meals we had before the meetings and Evelyn Gay who made lots of good desserts, and a very big thank you to Eastern Star for all the ways you help the Lodge.

This year, we lost several brothers who are now in the lodge not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. They will all be missed. But one that I need to say a few words about is Brother George Gay who did a lot for this lodge over the years. He was a past master, secretary for many years and also put out the Newsletter for many years.



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And up until the last couple of years, when his health wasn't the best, he was in attendance on the sidelines at lodge or other event that were going on.

I want to say welcome to the new brothers we have and wish the new Master elect and officers a very good year ahead.

In closing, I want to wish everyone at lodge and at Star a safe, healthy and happy new year.

Ross Chapman WM

Greeting from the editor,

I would like to take this part of the newsletter to thank WM Ross Chapman for the wonderful decorating job that was done in the dining room this year. When the lodge was opened during the Christmas parade, the downstairs was warm and inviting to all who came in to warm up and had cookies, cider, hot chocolate and coffee. Kudos to you WM it really looked great.

Bell ringing will be on the 13th and 14th of this month. If there is anyone out there who is musically inclined and can play an instrument give me a call 495-9032. Last year, we were able to piece together a small ensemble of 8 people with the help of some of the members of the Peninsula Symphonic Band. We hope to do the same this year as well.

May you have a Merry Christmas and have the Happiest of New Years. May the blessings of heaven rest upon all of you.

Mark



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

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sister June Meikle, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Wisconsin, was honored at our stated meeting on November 7th. I would like to thank Mariellen Haen, Bev Peterson, Connie Skarvan, and Sharon Sullivan for the great job they did planning June's Grand Representative Party. A delicious dinner was held in Sister June's honor. Our Chapter would like to extend a big thank you to Mariellen and Tony Haen's son, Adam, for providing us with such a wonderful meal. Following the dinner, entertainment was provided by country singers, Edye Urban and Pam Pride. Our stated meeting followed at 7:30p.m. Grand Representative June was presented and seated in the East. Honor Chapter #1 made a donation in Sister June's name to Wisconsin Bookworms (sponsored by Home and Community Education Inc. of Door County). June reads to pre-school children once a month at the Child Care Center. Each child will receive a set of eight books. This is a cause that has been near and dear to June's heart for many years. It was great meeting and visiting with Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Rosie Fiscus and Theda Andres, Past Grand Patron, Jerry Bristol and Brother Don Jensen, Associate Grand Patron of Wisconsin. I know Sister June was happy that so many of her friends from Star Cruisers, Chapter members, and family could be there to celebrate with her. A good time was had by all.

In honor of Veterans' Day, Mr. Bob Desh from the Door County Maritime Museum was invited to speak at our special meeting on November 21st. He spoke on the history of the United States Coast Guard on the Great Lakes. Brother Tom and I would like to extend a big thank you to all the men and women who are serving or have served our country in the military throughout the years. We owe them a great debt!

It was decided that a committee should be formed to consider possible charities/endeavors that would be worthy of a donation from Honor Chapter. They will research these and bring them before the Chapter for discussion and a vote. Anyone with a suggestion that they would like considered, should contact Ed Klein, Mariellen Haen, or June Meikle.

At our December 5th meeting, we will be making fleece hats for the school children in our area who are in need. These cute cuddly hats will help those children brave the cold this winter. Men and "non-sewers" don't panic. There is no sewing involved. If you can tie a knot, you can make a hat. Please bring along a scissors and/or colorful buttons if you can.



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Sister Jennifer has been told that the family we will be helping to provide for this Christmas consists of a mother and three children. She has not yet received information on the ages and sizes needed. As soon as that information becomes available, an email will be sent out with the list of ages, sizes, and suggestions. Jennifer has asked that you let her know which person you are buying for and what item or items you chose so as to avoid duplicates and make sure the gifts are evenly distributed. If you are unable to go out and buy a present, but would like to make a donation; that would be great! Money is always welcome! Our "Little Elves," Sister Jennifer and Sister Sharon have graciously agreed to take care of buying and wrapping those extra gifts. This is our chance to make a less fortunate family's Christmas a little brighter this year.

The Masons will again be bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Econo Foods on Friday, Dec. 13th and Saturday, Dec. 14th. Any Star members interested in helping ring should contact

Ed Klein at 920-737-3166 (ed.klein@ghs.com).

We will be having our Christmas party on our special meeting night, December 19th. There will be entertainment and lots of Christmas cheer. We will also be having a gift exchange. This year the gifts must be "consumable", meaning anything that can be used up such as: cookies, candy, bread, coffee, hand lotion, candles, holiday napkins, etc. Be creative! The cost should be between 5 and 7 dollars.

In the month of December, Honor Chapter will be sending out poinsettias to some of our members in need of Christmas cheer. The delivery date has not yet been set. We will be asking for volunteers to help deliver the plants at our December 5th meeting.

We would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season with family and friends.

Susan Shefchik
Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney
Worthy Patron



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At our stated meeting on November 14, 2013 the following **officers were elected for 2014**; PM John Sullivan WM, PM William Schaefer SW, Br. Richard Rogers, JW, and PM Thomas S. Pinney Jr. S/T. Br. Edward Klein was elected Trustee for a 3 year term.

PM John Sullivan (WM Elect) has a **full slate of appointed officers** to serve with him in 2014. The OPEN Installation of Officers is scheduled for 6:30pm December 12th preceded by a Dinner at 5PM.

The **Magic Show** was a huge success. Over 150 persons attended. The kids and adults had a great time. The Coast Guard and VFW families were given family ticket in appreciation of their service to our country.

The Grand Lodge has stated that the new procedures for **petitions for membership** are being postponed until January 1, 2014 in order to have time for the individual lodges to understand the procedure.

Thank you to **37 (Non-Perpetual) Brothers who have paid their 2014 dues**. And to the **41 living Perpetual Members** for purchasing a Perpetual Membership (PMP). We will receive dues from the GL for **42 deceased brothers**.

WM Ross Chapman had the **lodge open to the public for Holiday Parade**. Hot coffee, cider and cookies were served. People could come in to use the restroom, warm up, and get a light snack. This is a great outreach into the community.

The Holiday Tickets will be available in early December for the Steamboat Dinner on March 8th, 2014. These tickets can be used by individuals to give as a Christmas present or gift. These same tickets can be purchased and donated to Social Services, LSCAP, and the Sunshine House. Last year 354 were purchase and 200 were delivered directly to the door step of shut-ins. This is a special day in the lives of these folks when they receive these dinners that can be heated in the Microwave and left overs can stay in the container and go into the freezer. **Please think about this opportunity to serve our community. The cost of a meal is \$15. Contact the S/T if you are interested. Those that purchased these tickets last year will receive a phone call in early December for their continued support.**



Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr.

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_We again will be **ringing bells for the Salvation Army**. The date is Friday December 13 and Saturday December 14th. A burst email will go out with sign up times. This is a joint venture with the OES.

Other COMING EVENTS:

January 25, 2014 (Saturday) 9a **School of Instruction** HSB.

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

March 1, 2014 (Saturday) 9a **Steamboat Dinner initial set up** which includes washing all dishes and silverware.

March 7, 2014 (Friday) 8a Steamboat Dinner **(SBD) continued set up.**

March 7, 2014 (Friday) **Dutch treat dinner at Trattoria Dal Santo** 6p for all SBD workers, family, and friends.

March 8, 2014 (Saturday) **Steamboat Dinner** 4-7p with drive thru pick up on 3rd Ave. Entertainment will feature a Magician & SBHS Band sponsored by the OES in the lodge room.

March 15, 2014 (Saturday) **St. Pat's Day Parade.** Lodge will be open for public to use the restrooms, warm up, and join in a light snack and beverage.

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.**

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