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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

Dear Brothers of Henry S. Baird Lodge

My year will end on December 9th. Brother Dave Leistra was elected to serve as Master for the coming year. I wish him and his line officer the best of luck in the coming year.

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.

With the New Year around the corner, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I hope more of the members will make it to our meetings. Remember, this is our lodge and each of you are members who help make our lodge better.

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## **Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.**

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

December 2017

Ding dong merrily on high, in Heav'n the bells are ringing...

Yes, the Christmas Season is upon us. Let us not forget the "Reason for the Season."

We will be having several events during the month of December:

December 7 - Friends Night. Refreshment Committee: Sharon Sullivan, Ross Chapman,  
And Jackie and David Leistra.

As a "heads up"--during the business portion of the meeting we will be reviewing various charities and discussing dollar amounts to be donated in 2018 from our trust fund. Our trust fund is doing well and we need to "share the wealth."

We will be taking donations of new or gently used children's books for the Annual Children's Book Drive during our Sunshine March. If you don't have time to find a book, you may certainly donate cash toward the project.

Also, Connie will be showing a video from her dive trip to the Socorro Islands in May.  
Ready for some Mantas and Sharks?

December 9 - Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Econo Foods, Sturgeon Bay (inside).

Please contact Ed Klein (920-737-3166 or ed.klein@ghs.com) as to what times might still be available.

Also, that morning at 11 a.m. is the Installation of officers for Henry S. Baird Lodge.

Please try to attend to support our Masonic Brothers--unless you are otherwise occupied ringing bells for the Salvation Army or working.

December 21 - FUN NIGHT! Come celebrate Christmas with us! Family members and friends are also welcome to attend. Enjoy great conversation and food as we make table favors for the Hospital, and maybe even play a board game once the table favors are completed. Members are asked to bring their favorite hor d'oeuvre and board game to share, along with whatever crafty materials you may have at home [items needed are pine cones (assorted sizes), felt, glue gun, scissors, and any other crafty materials you may have which you feel might be helpful in making an "animal" or other unique-looking table favors].

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Refreshment Committee for the evening: Mariellen and Tony Haen, Evelyn Gay, Ed Klein, and Andrew Buechner (as a suggestion to the Committee—bring something sweet to go along with the hor d'oeuvres—you do NOT need to also bring an hor d'oeuvre).

We've received information for our Christmas Family. Please contact Sharon Sullivan directly at 920-743-6845 or come to our meeting on December 7 to get the "scoop" on items that are needed. You may either purchase items yourself (deadline date to get items to Sharon is December 14) or forward a check to Honor Chapter (c/o Bonnie Kohn, Secretary, 6866 Cabots Point Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235) and "Elf Sharon" will do the shopping for you.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers: Pat and Gerry Barlament, and Jim and Alyce Byrnes.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Connie Skarvan Tom Pinney

Worthy Matron Worthy Patron

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Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. *Contacts; ph.920.493.3727 or email [tompinney@charter.net](mailto:tompinney@charter.net)*

**PAST MASTERS NIGHT**---Past Masters were honored at our stated meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The WM asked each PM to share a thought about what he especially remembered about his year as WM.

**ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2018**---The following officers and a trustee were elected at our stated meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>; WM David Leistra PM, SW William Schaefer PM, JW Ross Chapman PM, S/T Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. PM, and Trustee for 3 years Rick Rogers PM.

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

**HOLIDAY MEAL**---On November 11<sup>th</sup> the Holiday Meal was packaged and delivered to recipients selected by Social Services. Two hundred and ten meals were delivered from Washington Island to Algoma. Thanks to all who made it work.

**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 \$1,154 for these projects. Also we have received \$1,585 for Donated Tickets for the 2018 Steamboat Dinner. The lodge members continue to be very generous.

**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. One hundred and forty-nine men were raised to the sublime degree of MM in two locations on November 4<sup>th</sup>. They will receive their apron and then still must be posted in their home lodge on the MM degree. We did not have anyone from our lodge participate as a candidate in this program.

**POTATO PEELER**---The new Potato Peeler was first used to peel the potatoes for the Holiday Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>. It worked wonderfully. Thanks again to all who donated to this project.

**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 are 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. We have had several persons who have reached out into the community to get this done. Please help.

#### **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.
  - **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 920.818.0161. We all owe Br. Mark Fischer and his family a big thank you for doing the Newsletter for the past many years. For up to date Masonic information, go to our website [www.hsbaird.com](http://www.hsbaird.com)

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**EDITOR’S  
EPISTLE**

By Mark Fischer



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As 2017 comes to a close, as does my tenure as newsletter editor, I would like mention much of an honor it has been to hold such a position. This experience has allowed meet and work with people over the years that I probably would not have normally done so. It allowed me to respect all for their past experiences and views which, over time, has directly or indirectly aided in the decision making process in my life. So in that respect, I humbly thank you.

A special thank you to Brother Mitch Custer for taking the Editor roll for our publication. There is no doubt in my heart that he will perform exemplary work. He has shown this in his work in committees, degrees and his fine leadership as Master of our Lodge. I am looking forward to reading your works.

As we are heading into the holidays, please remember those who are not as ambulatory as ourselves or with those who might personally be suffering. Stretch forth your hands and hearts and be that s light that many need. After all, I believe that is why we are here on this earth. Take the time to visit, drop off a treat, make a meal, or just a simple note or card can make all the difference in the world to someone. Be the light that you were meant to be.

In closing, although I am finished scribing for you on a monthly basis, I hope that I finish an article I have been working on for a long time. Unfortunately, sometimes life limits us with free time. I am hoping to meet with many of you for this article. I will be contacting you in some way shape or form. Thanks again, have a very Merry Christmas and healthy and Happy New Year.

God Bless, Mark Fischer