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Greetings from the East.

Mother Nature seems to be answering the prayers of all of you who wanted a mild winter. If you read last months Trestleboard, you'll know that it wasn't one of my prayers. Oh well.

We had an excellent Mini-Steamboat dinner in January. Many thanks to all that made it possible. The new Potentate was very grateful for our work. He and other members of the Shrine are brewing their own beer at the Shrine and had 2 varieties available for the dinner. Having brewed my own beer in the past, I felt obligated to try both and found them to be excellent.

Now for our history lesson. Those of you who read the Advocate might have seen the article they did on Saturday as part of their celebration their 150th anniversary. It included a mention of how Egg Harbor was named. Well, the wife of Henry S. Baird has the real story in her memoirs. It seems that she and Henry were traveling from Green Bay to Mackinac Island in late June of 1825 in a fleet of 6 boats, each 30 feet long, loaded with furs, for the island. Each boat was well provided with boiled ham, roast chicken, bread, butter, cheese, pickles, tea, coffee, chocolate and an abundance of eggs. The boats were rowed by 6 men in each boat and they would pull up to shore at the end of each day and set up camp. Their 1st stop was at the Red Banks. When they departed the next day, things got a little crazy between the boats with the men first throwing hard tack at each other from boat to boat which quickly graduated to eggs. The "fleet commander" finally convinced them to stop. Later that day, they stopped to camp at a nice little harbor. After the camp was set up, one from the group was observed with the pockets of his pantaloons filled with eggs, armed for a fight. Henry and another gentleman rushed him and broke the eggs in his pockets.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2012 has arrived, and it is our hope that you will be blessed with good health and happy memories.

At our stated meeting on January 5, we rang in the new year by renewing our commitment to Eastern Star with a *Reobligation Ceremony*. We also discussed various ideas to make sure we can complete the Worthy Grand Matron's Accomplishment Award, as well as the pie donations and volunteers needed for the Mason's Steamboat Dinner on Saturday, March 10.

On Saturday, January 14, Sisters Bonnie Kohn and Fran Bagley attended the Star Cruisers meeting at Mason Woods. Work continued on the items being made for Grand Chapter. Star Cruisers will be in charge of the Flag Ceremony to be held prior to the formal opening of Grand Chapter on Tuesday. If you would like to participate in the ceremony, please contact Sister Bonnie. The next meeting will be held at the Masonic Center in Wautoma on March 10.

Sister Connie Skarvan vacationed with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their *Tropical Stars Getaway* trip to the Riviera Maya, Mexico, January 18 to 23. A total of 43 sisters and brothers, family and friends, participated and enjoyed good company, good food, and good weather (sunny and 80+ degrees). Connie, of course, went scuba diving on three separate days, and also visited the Mayan ruins in Tulum, followed by snorkeling in the Cenotes (caverns), zip lining over the tree tops, and repelling down a tower. Other travelers spent their days visiting other the famous Mayan ruins (i.e. Chichen Itza), reading a good book poolside at one of the four pools, soaking up the sun on the lovely beaches, horseback riding, snorkeling, and of course, shopping.

On January 17 prior to leaving on the *Tropical Getaway*, Sister Connie assisted Electa Chapter by pro-temming the station of Warder at an Initiation of a new sister.





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Our next stated meeting will be Thursday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us as a special program on ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leaders) will be presented by Sister Ruthann Christianson. Sister Gwen Wenzsell, Grand Ruth, will be attending as well, and providing some special “monkeyshines.” We will be holding a “50/50 raffle” before and after the meeting—\$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets—one half of the proceeds will go towards ESTARL and the remaining one-half to the winner of the lucky ticket. Refreshment Committee for the evening will be Mariellen and Tony Haen, and Bonnie Kohn.

The new beaded blouses ordered for the lady officers have FINALLY arrived and will be delivered on February 2. Cost--\$60. For those ladies who haven't yet paid Sister Connie, please kindly bring along either cash in an envelope with your name on it, or your check payable to her.

Finally, as a FUNdraising event, plans are being made to hold a bowling party. Details and date to be decided at the February 2nd meeting.

And during the month of February, let us search our star-filled treasure chests and share the LOVE of Eastern Star.

Star love and hugs,

Connie Skarvan,
Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney,
Worthy Patron

Need a ride to our chapter meeting or any other Eastern Star event? Feel free to contact Sister Connie at 920-388-4472 or Brother Tom at 920-493-3727.

The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone.

-Dr Joseph Fort Newton



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Another egg fight ensued, with much laughter, until the ammunition was exhausted. The next day before departing, many speeches were given on the field of battle, which was covered with egg shells, and the spot was christened "Egg Harbor". Now you know the rest of the story and our lodges namesake's part in it.

Don't forget the Steamboat Dinner next month. Thanks in advance to all those who help with our main fundraiser of the year!

Bob Ryan-Master

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Thirteen members of the lodge have not paid their dues for 2012. Thank you to all who have paid. As Secretary/ Treasurer I want to remind you that **a Mason who has plural membership in any recognized Masonic Lodge in the World, and is suspended for nonpayment of dues or for any other reason in any lodge he belongs to, his membership ceases immediately in ALL Masonic Organizations to which he belongs.** This is true even though he has Perpetual Memberships unless they are in all of the lodges to which he belongs. The Perpetual Membership (PM) money still flows annually to the lodges in which he has a PM even though he is no longer a member. If a member does not intend to pay his dues in one of his plural lodges then he should pay all dues in the arrears plus the current year's dues and resign. All Regular Masonic Jurisdictions in the world participate in the above. The idea is that in your Master Mason obligation you promised not **cwodalomm**. Paying dues to the lodges you have joined is your obligation and duty. Any questions please call me. 920.493.3727.



Notes from the Secretary/Treasure

The Mini-Steamboat Dinner we served after the Beja Shrine Installations on January 7th was a huge success. We served 140 meals. We netted just over \$1,100 which will reduce the need for using money from our investments to balance the budget.

REMEMBER THAT OUR STATED MEETINGS START AT 6:30PM. DINNER WILL BE AT 5:30PM

The 2012 Steamboat Dinner on March 10th will have several new features to help attract young families.

Children under 14 will eat free.

Tickets can be purchased online with a credit card at a \$1 discount. Go to steamboatdinner.com. or you can use your smart phone to take a picture of the Quick Reference (QR) on our poster and it will take you right to the website. There is a poster on the front door of the lodge.

A very talented professional magician will be in the lodge room from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Part of his show will be to teach the kids a few tricks.

We have hired the Sunshine House to run a shuttle bus between the Market Square and the front of the Lodge from 4-8pm.

We will be calling workers for the Steamboat Dinner in February to confirm their participation. A list will be published in the March Newsletter. Please start talking to your friends and neighbors about coming to the dinner.

We have had an excellent response to our calls regarding the purchase of **Holiday Tickets** for the Steamboat Dinner. *If you have not donated and wish to do so, please call me at 920.493.3727 or email me at tompinney@charter.net. The deadline is Feb 4th as we must turn these tickets over to Social Services, Lake Shore CAP and the Sunshine House for their distribution.*



EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Brethren,

Once again, February has come and with it, Presidents Day. It's always been a time, for me anyway, to research some history about some of the great leaders of this great country of our. So without further adieu, let us see if you know who this past president is.

This president was born and raised in the State of Virginia. His father was a very successful planter. At the young age of seventeen, was initiated on November 9, 1775, in St John's Regimental Lodge, while serving in the Continental Army. He later became affiliated with Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 in Virginia. He quickly rose to the rank of a Lieutenant Colonel. He fought in the Battle of Trenton, was aide-de-camp during the winter at Valley Forge, and also served as a scout at the Battle of Monmouth. He resigned and moved back to Virginia where he was made Military Commissioner of Virginia by Governor Thomas Jefferson.

He studied at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, after which, he practice law in said state. Some of the offices held before he became president were: from 1782-3 he was a member of the Virginia Assembly and joined the Continental Congress for 3 years. He was also the Virginia Governor and later held the position of Secretary of State from 1811-1817.

He was elected to the office of presidency for two terms. During his reign, his time there was known as the Era of Good Feelings, when there was a lack of partisan politics. There were two significant items that came about. In 1820 was the Missouri compromise, which allowed the state of Missouri to join the union as a slave state and at the same time allowed Maine to join as a free state.

Three years later, he wrote a very important Doctrine which bore his name. This doctrine was significant because it was to become the main focus of American/Foreign policy in years to come by other presidents such as Theodore Roosevelt and John F Kennedy.

He then retired to Oak Hill in Virginia where he was later made the president of the Virginia Constitutional Convention. After which he moved to New York and later died on July 4, 1831. Who was this Masonic president you ask? You'll have to wait until the next issue of the newsletter.

Mark Fischer -PM



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