

Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 F.& A.M

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

February 2014

Greetings Brethren,

As I write this letter, the weather outside is still very cold, insuring us that winter is still here.

We Aare busy preparing for a Fellowcraft Degree. It is the first time for some of the officers in their new positions. They are doing very well.

Preparations are well on the way for the Steamboat Dinner. Duty Assignments are coming shortly in the next newsletter. If anyone has cooking utensil borrowed from the lodge, please return them as we will need everything for the dinner.

Valentines Day is approaching, remember you sweethearts.

Fraternally,

John Sullivan– Master HSB #174



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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2014 has been a "dandy" so far. Honor Chapter's stated meeting on January 2nd had to be canceled due to the extreme cold. Then the blizzard came. We were able to hold our stated meeting on January 16th. I sure hope Mother Nature is kinder to us for the remainder of 2014.

At our January meeting, we voted to donate money to the following charities:

Sturgeon Bay Skate Park	\$500
Habitat For Humanity	\$500
Door County Boys and Girls Club of America	\$250
Big Brothers and Big Sisters	\$250

It was decided that we would hold the remaining \$500 we had budgeted in order to further study other worthwhile causes submitted by members. Then at a later date we will decide where the remainder of the money should be spent. Anyone who has ideas should make their wishes known to the committee consisting of Ed Klein, June Meikle, and Mariellen Hain.

A big thank you to Ross Chapman and Sharon & John Sullivan for putting up and taking down all the Christmas decorations in the Temple. They sure gave our meetings a festive atmosphere.

As you know, Sister Majel Pinney-Henrickson, daughter of Tom and Myra Pinney, passed away on August 12, 2013 at the age of 57, after a courageous 7 year battle with cancer. Music was always very important to Majel and she shared that love with many young people over the years, teaching music at both Manitowoc and Sturgeon Bay area schools. A scholarship has been set up in her name to be awarded to a deserving student who plans to pursue a degree in music. Our Chapter will be giving our \$50 memorial gift to this scholarship.



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To anyone interested in making a personal donation, I know your thoughtfulness would be much appreciated.

Further Information:

For more information regarding Majel's scholarship or to obtain scholarship forms please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's website at <u>www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships</u> or contact <u>scholarships@cffoxvalley.org</u> or call 920-830-1290.

Donations:

Mailed payments may be sent as follows: Attn: Curt S. Detjen Community foundation for the Fox Valley Region 4455 W. Lawrence St. Appleton, WI 54914

Online payments can be done on the following website linkhttp://www.cffoxvalley.org/majel

Donors should make a note that their donation is going to the Majel Pinney-Henrickson Memorial Music Scholarship Fund.

Steamboat Dinner time will be upon us shortly so you will be contacted, asking for your help in supplying pies for the dinner. Honor Chapter has always done a great job of supporting our Masonic brothers in the past. Let's keep those pies coming!

We received updates on the health of Evelyn Gay, Gerry Barlament, Myra Pinney and Al Kohn. They are all improving slowly but surely. Let us remember them in our prayers as they continue to convalesce.

Reminder: we only have **one** meeting in February (the 1st Thursday). Hope to see you all there on February 6th for our Valentine's party.

Susan Shefchik Worthy Matron Tom Pinney Worthy Patron



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

Brother Brian Hackbarth was passed to the **Fellowcraft degree** at our stated meeting on January 23, 2014. It was a great evening.

The Grand Lodge has instituted a new form for **petitions for membership** that went into effect on 01/20/14. Old petition forms are not valid and by edict of the Grand Master are to be destroyed immediately. The new form is a four page document. Page one is a summary explanation of Freemasonry. Page 2 and 3 are filled out by the candidate giving personal information, including a request for non-masonic references and military service information and your preference of the Holy Book upon which you will take your obligation if elected. Page 4 explains the process of becoming a Freemason, notification of the candidate that a background investigation will be done along with his signature of consent to do the same, and finally a signature of approval of the petition by the Worshipful Master. Please contact the S/T for these new petitions along with any questions. The procedure will generally be the same as before, but the petition must be transmitted to the Grand Master for his approval.

Thank you to all who have paid their 2014 dues or are Perpetual Members. **Seventeen Members have not paid their 2014 dues**. Please take care of this matter promptly as they were due 12/31/13.

The sale of Donated tickets for the Steamboat Dinner on March 9th is going very well. We have sold a total of 323 to be donated to Social Services, Lakeshore CAP, and Sunshine House. The OES has increased their donation to \$600 towards these tickets. We need every-one's support for this great way to show that Masonry cares and supports our community in a very visible way. We need only 37 more donated tickets to reach our goal of 360, which would be a new record.

Please note that if you send a <u>separate check</u> for tickets to be donated to Social Services, Lakeshore Cap, or the Sunshine House, your contribution <u>is tax deducti-</u> <u>ble</u>. You will not receive these tickets as they will be given directly to these 501(c)3 entities.

If you did not donate last year and wish to do so this year, please call me at 920.493.3727 or email me at tompinney@charter.net. or call J W ED Klein at 920.737.3166



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Remember to spread the word that we offer **DRIVE THRU TAKE OUTS** on 3rd Avenue in front of the lodge for the Steamboat Dinner on March 8, 2014.

The Steamboat Dinner Committee is hoping to add some exciting upgrades to our menu. Keep tuned.

We will again have Kurt Kane the **magician** working with the kids at 3:30p. The **SBHS jazz bands** will be Performing at 5:30p compliments of the OES.

The **tickets for the 2013 Steamboat Dinner** are \$15.00 each, veterans and spouses \$14.00. Regular Tickets for the Steamboat Dinner are available now for you to sell. Please contact Tom Pinney at 493.3727 or tompinney@charter.net.

Workers for the Steamboat Dinner on March 8th, please mark your calendars. JW Ed Klein and I will be calling in late January to confirm your availability to help.

Other COMING EVENTS:

February 6, 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, fam ily, 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) <u>St. Pat's Day Parade</u>. 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 <u>Annual SteakFry/Fish Boil</u>, 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



Congratulations once again, to our newest Fellow Craft Brian Hackbarth. I am looking forward to seeing you in the Lodge in the future. Thanks to Br Bill Schaefer for working with him on his posting.

I am also hoping to add another FC to our lodge. Entered Apprentice Andrew Beuchner is very close to completing his posting exam and hopefully will be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft this month. It is really great to see the officers in the chairs learning the ritual. It is my wish that more brethren learn more parts. Many hands make light work and this also pertains with learning the ritual and taking a part in the degree work. Great job to all who were there.

Speaking of many hands making light work, I was wondering if there are any of the brethren out there who could help out with meals before the meeting. We are particularly looking for someone to handle the meal for the first meeting of the month. Two or three brothers would be ideal as we could rotate people or put out a schedule. If you could help but need some ideas or want to now how things are run, please contact me at mjfisch@charter,net or call my cell at 495-9032 and I could help you get started.

Mark

CALLING ALL PIE BAKERS AND DONATORS!

Eastern Star members and wives of Lodge members have the opportunity to support the Lodge by again supplying the PIES for the Steamboat Dinner! We need apple, cherry and pumpkin. If you are willing to bake a pie or two, please call or e-mail Bonnie Kohn. If you would rather have Chris at the Village Kitchen make the pie(s) for you, please send your donation (\$5-\$6 per pie) (Checks made out to Honor Chapter) to

Bonnie Kohn 6866 Cabots Point Rd Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

920-746-9362 blkohn33@gmail.com



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