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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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Greetings,

We finally saw winter this January with the frigid temperatures and snow. I hope everyone is doing well, and just think Spring is just around the corner. By the time you get this School of Instruction will have past. This is a great opportunity to perfect your craft. I encourage everyone to participate.

January was the first official meeting that I presided over. In our meeting we talked about the renovations of our dining room. I am looking into purchasing ceiling tiles to replace the old yellowed ones in the dining room. We will also work together to paint. We should have a new dining room by Steamboat dinner.

With that being said keep telling people about Steamboat. The more word of mouth we get, the more people we will get. Hope everyone has a great month and see you around.

Fraternally,

Rick Rodgers-WM

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

February 2015

February greetings from Honor Chapter

I know the cold weather is keeping many of us inside, trying to stay warm and healthy. So I have included some brain teasers to keep our minds working! Good luck and have fun remembering some wonderful poetry. You may need to dust off the poetry book, or for the techies, google it.

(Eugene Field) Wynken, Blynken, and Nod one night Sailed off in a _____.

(Rudyard Kipling) If you can keep your _____ when all about you Are _____ theirs and blaming it on ____.

(Father Gander) I'll eat when I'm ____ And drink when I'm ____, If a _____ don't fall on me, I'll _____ till I ____.

(William Shakespeare) All the world's a stage And all _____ and women merely _____.

(Lewis Carroll) "You are old, Father William," the young man said, "And your _____ has become very _____ ; And yet you incessantly stand on your _____, Do you think, at your _____ it is right?"

(Richard LeGallienne) I meant to do my _____ today-- But a brown _____ sang in the _____ tree.

What a joy to have Christmas visits with our members that aren't able to get to our meetings, and deliver a poinsettia to them. I visited with ladies I've known for many years, and met ladies I've never talked with before. I enjoyed my visits, and will be visiting again with them. I found out that they all read the newsletter, and look forward to reading the Masonic related news each month. (Hello Loretta!) This month we have some exciting news from Honor Chapter.

Through a vote of the Chapter, the petition fee and first year's dues will be waived for all new members coming in this year. We are hoping this will encourage young men and women to try us out, with no cost to them. I think if they try us, they will like us!! I am asking all Honor Chapter members to get a petition from Sister Bonnie our Secretary, and offer our masonic friends the opportunity of membership with us.

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- DAUGHTERS
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- SISTERS
- HALF SISTERS
- GRANDDAUGHTERS
- STEPMOTHERS
- STEPDAUGHTERS
- STEPSISTERS
- DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS
- GRANDMOTHERS
- GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS
- NIECES
- GREAT NIECES
- MOTHERS-IN-LAWS
- SISTER-IN-LAWS
- AUNTS

Brother Tom Pinney is putting together a degree team for Honor Chapter. This team will have all the initiation degree work memorized, and will be able to put on a heartfelt, memorable initiation for our new people. If you are interested in being on this team, please contact either Tom or myself. We have past Grand officers that cannot for health reasons or driving distance attend each Honor Chapter meeting. This would be the perfect way to share your wonderful memorized speeches, without feeling like you would have to be at every meeting. Please give this some special consideration.

Speaking of pies....ohwell... anyway.....Steamboat Dinner is March 12th, and we again are going to supply pies for the dinner. Pumpkin, Cherry, Apple needed. If you are going to bake pies, please let Bonnie Kohn (920-746-9362) know how many and what kind. Also, if you want to contribute to purchase of pies, that would be great also. Just let Bonnie know. Thanks in advance.

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The improvements to our Masonic Temple are taking place now, as you are reading this. The “spiffed up” lower level is going to be completed before the Steamboat Dinner. Look forward to seeing the new and improved area. Thank you to all who had a hand in the remodeling. It was needed, and will be appreciated by many.

Upcoming dates to remember:

February 4th Stated meeting (The last meeting in February EVER, so this is your chance!)

March 3rd Stated meeting

March 5th DeKalb Illinois/Wisconsin exchange. Details from Sister Bonnie if interested

March 12 Steamboat Dinner

Mar-12 2016 Mason Woods – 11 am – Potluck Star Cruisers

Advance notice: August 18th Grand Rep party for Sue Shefchik at Ed’s Family Cottage (Egg Harbor)Picnic

February trivia question: What do all of these have in common? **Toowoomba, Gin Gin, Coolangatta, Mundubbera**

January trivia question: 27,167,320 We are an important part of this number, who are we?

Answer: The number of people assisted through Red Kettle Bell Ringing. Thanks to all the ringers!

Please visit/phone members you know could use a friendly OES visit. Reaching out to others is the best form of exercise. It not only strengthens your heart, but the heart of the other members.

OES Love, Sister Mariellen WM, Brother Ross Chapman WP

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DUES--- We have a total of 102 members. To date we have received 46 out of 58 (excludes perpetual and remitted) dues payments owed. Thank you. There are 12 members who have not remitted their dues as yet. We would appreciate your response.

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STEAMBOAT DINNER MARCH 12, 2016:

WORKER ASSIGNMENTS--- I will be calling in the next few weeks to confirm your willingness to help again this year. This is a great time of fellowship and should be fun, so we are happy to try to accommodate your job preference.

DONATED TICKETS TO SOCIAL SERVICES, LAKSHORE CAP, AND SUNSHINE HOUSE--- We have a goal of 375, or 15 more than last year. Year-to-date we have sold 313. Nineteen brothers purchased 89 tickets using the option to purchase when paying their dues or receiving their dues card as a Perpetual Member. Thank you. This saves a solicitation phone call. If you wish to help, make your check out to H.S.Baird #174 and mark in memo for "SBD Donated" and mail to P.O. Box 86 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. You need to purchase these tickets by January 31st, so that we can distribute them to S.S. LSCAP and S.H.

DEMOLAY---The Chapter Advisory Committee is continuing to recruit candidates. They are trying to set up an installation time and place. Please contact Br. Mitch Custer 920.818.0161 with any names of young men that might be willing to join.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION---Will be on Saturday January 30 from 9A to 2P. All officers should attend if possible. The 3 principle officers have received the official notification. We are responsible for Item 3, which is the MM degree and opening and closing of a lodge of EA. All Master Masons are welcome. HSB #174 has been recognized for its excellence of degree work. This helps us keep a polished edge and our instructor, Moses Adams makes it pleasant and fun.

KITCHEN, PANTRY, AND DINING AREA

MAINTENANCE---Is scheduled to be completed in early February. This will include new ceiling tiles, painting, and setting up a pictorial area devoted to our work in the community. Last fall we installed new LED lighting and the OES had the padded chairs cleaned. After the Steamboat Dinner we will have the floor commercially scrubbed and waxed. The OES is paying for the new ceiling tiles.

WORK SCHEDULE---PM Bob Ryan is coordinating the project. WM Rick Rogers is coordinating the purchase of the ceiling tiles. Work is scheduled to begin Tuesday February 2nd at 6:00P. We have 8 brothers signed up to help, but we can use more help.

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There is a lot of old tile to carry outside to the dumpster. It should be a fun time. Please call Bob Ryan 920.493.4009 to sign up, if you did not do it at lodge on the 14th.
LED LIGHTS---As of January 19th, we have received \$751 in donations towards the new LED lights in the basement area. Again we are so blessed to have brothers and sisters who help us with their time, talent, and treasure to achieve a wonderfully maintained, energy efficient building. Thank you.

For up to date Masonic information, go to our website www.hsbaird.com.

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives. Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill?"

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth.

The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

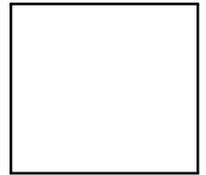
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