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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Brothers!

As I sit down to write this I am reminded of the last Masonic year. Quite a wonderful year it was, with attending a Grand Lodge, the picnic and some wonderful degree work. Thank you again for placing your trust in me to help guide the Lodge in the new year. I can only hope it will be as successful as last year's under the guidance of Brother John and Brother Tom. Many thanks also to Brother Gay for the all the meals he has made before the lodge meeting

The three wardens of your lodge hope to have an interesting and fruitful year. When I asked Brother Gay for the most vivid memory of his time in the Lodge he spoke of an outdoor Lodge meeting at the end of June. I would like to ask all the brothers what memories they of past Lodge celebrations that could be revisited in the coming year.

I remember traveling to other Lodges to win the traveling gavel I also recall a wonderful time at the Table Lodge held in Oshkosh Temple. After reading the Wisconsin Masonic Handbook I am thinking about a Ladies at the Table Dinner. This sounds like something I would like to propose for sometime this year.

We still have a few brothers that should finish their posting from last year Last year we had much successes, such as our involvement with the Boy and Girls Club and Thanksgiving dinner along with the Steam Boat Dinner.

A representative from DeMolay will be at our first Lodge meeting of 2015, to explain what is necessary to start a DeMolay Chapter here in Sturgeon Bay. Please make time to attend this important meeting to find out about DeMolay and what it could mean for our Lodge in the future.

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We are also talking about increasing our electronic foot print in the New Year and using more electronic media. This will help us continue and both our Philanthropic outreach and visual presence in the community. I would like to challenge you brothers to raise a new mason for every brother in the line of officers.

I would like to have each you bring your ideas about programs that will increase harmony and support in our lodge as well as all Masonic organization. I. Hope to see you very soon with your ideas for the Lodge and for the New Year.

William Schaefer W.M.

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On occasion I will write about a Famous Mason and what he contributed to society. This time around I will give some facts about a notable Eastern Star member. Let's see if you know who this is .

Born on Christmas Day in 1821, this woman was destined to shine the light of hope on the world. Although she obtained a career in teaching for 12 years starting in 1938, her presence was felt during the Civil War where she was part of The Ladies Aid Society, a women's organization who helped distribute medical supplies to field hospitals. She was known as the 'Angel of the Battlefield' for her efforts. She was appointed, under Union General Benjamin Butler, as the lady in charge of the army hospitals at The Army of the James.

After the war, she took a trip to Europe where she went for a vacation. At this time she was introduced to the Red Cross society and superintended the supplies distribution during the Franco-Prussian War. For her efforts, she received Golden Cross of Baden and the Prussian Iron Cross. Upon her return in 1878, she wanted to start a chapter of The International Red Cross in America, and from her efforts the American Red Cross was born. After talking with president Chester Arthur, it was achieved. She figured it did not just be used for war time, but also for relief of natural disasters, i.e. earthquakes, hurricanes and the like. In 1882, the first meeting was held in Dansville, New York

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**Honor Chapter No. 1, O.E.S.**  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235

Greetings from Honor Chapter!

January 2015

We hope you all received the perfect Christmas gifts and are looking forward to a fruitful New Year.

Honor Chapter has been busy, and having some fun along the way. Our first meeting in December, I was honored to present Brother Jim Byrnes with his 50 year pin. He reflected back on his time in OES, and also his association with Jobs Daughters. Congrats Jim!

Our second meeting in December was exciting, and lots of fun. We started out upstairs, with a singing group called FROG. 5 young ladies and their director blessed us with songs and a sing-a-long to put out hearts in the Christmas spirit. FROG stands for "Friends Relying on God".

We also had a special presentation from Grand Treasurer Leonard Pederson. He surprised Sister Sue Shefchik, with a certificate declaring that she has been chosen to be Grand Representative to Maryland from Wisconsin. Her duties start January 1, 2015. We are so happy for Sue. Come to our January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to greet her as a brand new Grand Rep.! Refreshments followed, and Roger and Ross put out a full table of goodies. Good thing too, because we all needed our strength for playing the tough Christmas Pictionary game! Fun time!

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Social Service family Christmas. A family will be having a special blessed Christmas because of Honor Chapter. Food, clothing, toys, and gift cards were given.

Did you notice the picture in the Advocate with the presentation of a check to Sturgeon Bay High School Fine Arts Club? We are supporting the community in many ways. Thank you for allowing this to happen. Also thank you to all the "ding a lings" that helped with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing. The Boys and Girls Club received winter outerwear, and money to buy more. Thanks Sisters and Brothers.



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Many members knew PGP Marlow Nelson. He has passed away, but will be remembered fondly.

Congratulations to Henry S. Baird Lodge on installation of officers. Look forward to working with you.

*Upcoming Dates to remember:*

**January 15, 2015** 7:30 p.m. Only one meeting in January

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** is reservation deadline for OES Theatrical Group @ Lake Masonic Center in Milwaukee. Presentation will be Saturday, January 31, 2015. The men will be presenting "Lucky Lodge #13". Lunch (\$13.00) at noon, with play to follow. We would like to have a car load of Honor Chapter members go. Make reservations with Mariellen (920-743-7387).

Refreshment Committee: January is Connie Skarvan and Sue Shefchik. February is Ed and Tom.

Star Love, Mariellen Haen WM, Ross Chapman WP

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She held the position of President of the American Red Cross until the age of 83. She did not stop there as she soon established the National First Aid Society to promote local first aid programs. This later became a part of the American Red Cross. Although she died on April 12, 1912, her light of hope, charity and compassion still shines as bright as ever. And who was this light of the world. None other than Clara Barton.



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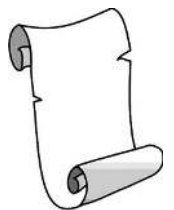
Our cooperative arrangement with the **Boys and Girls Club (BGC)** continues. The lodge voted to donate to the BGC \$500 to be used to purchase winter clothing for members who are in need. Forty plus kids have been so identified. Adequate winter clothing costs an average of \$200 per child. One-half of our donation will be reimbursed by the Hiram's Helpers. This is a GL program that matches up to \$250 when a lodge helps children in the community. It requires NO forms to be filled out, just copies of receipts. A brother donated \$120 to our Charity account, which enabled us to fund the balance. The lodge next year will be purchasing an AED unit for the BGC. The unit costs \$1500. Application has been made to the GL Medical Fund Matching Grants Program for 1/2 the cost. This fund will match up to \$800. The OES continues to support the BGC in various ways.

Br. Rick Kohn has asked the lodge to discuss the feasibility of starting a **De Mo-lay Chapter**. He has arranged for State representatives to be present at our stated meeting on January 8, 2015 to explain what is involved. Please plan to be present.

**Brother Russell A. May** is at home under hospice care. He just transferred his membership to H. S. Baird #174 from West De Moines IA. The lodge has made several visits to Br. Russell and brought him a fruit basket. He has been serving as interim pastor at the Hainesville Lutheran Church. He also served as one of the chaplains at DCMH. I am sure he would appreciate cards. His address is 4998 Bay Shore Dr. Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

**PM William Luthardt** fractured a hip. We do not have any other details at this time.

We have already begun to plan for the **2015 Steamboat Dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup>**. We are investigating ways to market the dinner to younger families by using their forms of communication. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the outside drive thru on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Tell your friends how easy it is to pick up a meal(s). It usually takes less than 5 minutes and you do not even need to call ahead.



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The **Holiday Tickets** are available for the Steamboat Dinner on March 14, 2015. These tickets can be used by individuals to give as a Holiday gifts. These same tickets can be purchased and donated to Social Services, LSCAP, and the Sunshine House. Last year 360 were purchased 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 have received a phone call in mid-December for their continued support. Thanks to those who already have responded. If you wish to join in this cause and have not been contacted, please call the S/T at 920.493.3727 or Br. Ed Klein at 920.737.3166

Many non-perpetual members have paid their **2015 dues**. Thank you. Dues should be paid by December 31, 2014.

**2015 Installation of officers** was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. DD Christian Hirthe served as Installing Master and PM Jay Herbst as Installing Marshall. The following officers were installed; Worshipful Master William Schaefer PM, Senior Warden Rick Rogers, Junior Warden Mitch Custer PM, Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Pinney, Jr. PM, Chaplain Gerald Wick PM, Senior Deacon David Leistra PM, Junior Deacon Scott Davis PM, Counselor Mark Fischer PM, and Tiler Ross Chapman PM.

On December 13, 2014 the lodge and OES rang bells at Econo Food **for the Salvation Army**. It was a fun time. PM Mark Fischer and PM Bob Ryan combined their bands and provided music in the late afternoon as an added attraction. Thanks again to Econo Foods for letting us set up inside.

**School of Instruction** will be held at the lodge on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am. Any member is welcome to attend.

**Other COMING EVENTS:**

February 21, 2015 (Saturday) Wisconsin Masonic College 8a to 5p at the Northeast Masonic Center in Green Bay. Registration is required. Contact the S/T.

March 14, 2015 Steamboat Dinner.

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