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Honor Chapter #1 OES Stated Meeting 7:30

Henry S Baird # 174 Dinner 5:30– Stated Meeting 6:30, EA Degree 7:00

Fish boil at Henry S Baird

Dinner honoring MWGM Dennis Siewert at the Lodge (Leathem Smith) seating –5:45

Honor Chapter #1 OES Special Meeting 7:30 w/ Installation of Officers

Henry S Baird # 174 Dinner 5:30– Stated Meeting 6:30

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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

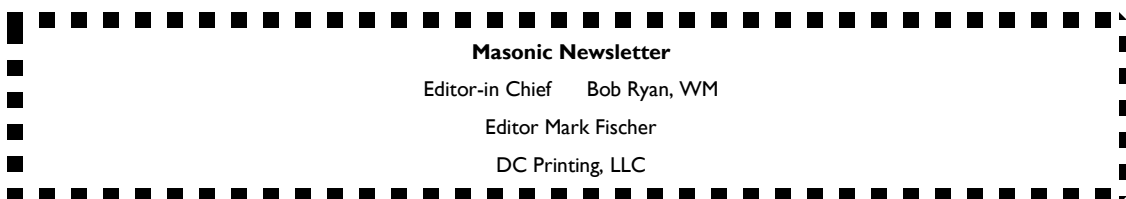
Greetings from the East

I hope this Trestleboard finds everyone happy, healthy and enjoying our extended spring. Some of the overnight freezes in early May probably were driving you gardeners crazy.

As of this writing, I've had the chance to present the Masonic scholarship to Kathrine Bretl, a senior at Southern Door High School. This was one of several awards that she recieved at the Student Recognition Program. Kathrine will be attending The Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall and is a very impressive young woman. The Worthy Matron and I will journey to Kewaunee High School on May 23rd to present the other scholarship to Bailey Post. She is a very active student with an interest in the sciences who grew up on a farm and has volunteered for too many organizations to list here. I'm grateful to the school staffs that have chosen such admirable students for us to help.

Don't forget the Grand Master's visit. Dennis Siewert has done a lot for the craft over the years and it's great to see him receive this high honor.

Yours in Masonry,
Bob Ryan WM





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

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hopefully, all of you have enjoyed the month of May with its warmer than normal temperatures. We know many of you have green thumbs and probably have a jump start on your gardens.

At our business meeting on May 3rd, we honored the station of Chaplain. Each past and present Chaplain received a bookmark with the bible verse Proverbs 3:5-6. Sisters Marilyn Grose and Mariellen Haen performed a skit "The Lord's Prayer" in their honor. Thank you ladies for your sharing your thespian talents. Members also got to see the new air conditioning system which had been installed; we are sure it will be deeply appreciated in the upcoming summer months.

Grand Chapter was held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells from May 15-17. Sister Connie Skarvan attended the entire session, and was later joined by Susan Shefchik the last two days. The Registration Committee reported that 59 of 62 chapters were represented (five chapters having consolidated since the previous Grand Chapter), with a total of 307 voting members present.

Summary of the week's events:

- Practice sessions were held Monday afternoon, May 14, for the various ceremonial programs to be presented during the week.
- The kick-off banquet "Monkeyshines in the Moonlight" was held Monday evening with entertainment provided by the *Stars of Love* Grand Family. The appointed officers of the *Stars of Love* Grand Family also presented their traveling pins to their counterparts in the new *Sharing God's Love* Grand Family.
- The Grand Representative's club started out Tuesday with its business meeting followed by a luncheon "Shoot for the Moon" to honor all present and past Grand Representatives.
- Formal opening of Grand Chapter commenced Tuesday afternoon which included a Flag Ceremony presented by the Star Cruisers Club (Sister Connie assisted as an escort for the OES Flag), introductions of Eastern Star dignitaries, and a 50th Anniversary ceremony for "Light the World" Grand session.
- Tuesday evening was open to the public which was preceded by the "Wish Upon a Star" banquet. Entertainment was provided by the West Virginians, followed by presentations of checks to the various charities supported throughout the year—checks of \$9,250 were presented to EACH the Masonic Cardiac Research Center and Mayo Clinic for its cardiovascular research; \$3,400 to the UW Carbone Center in memory of PGP Jerry Gant, PGP John Knee, and Sister Sharon Swartout; \$2,200 to Three Pillars, as well as scholarships awarded for the ESTARL and 25 World of Youth recipients.

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- Wednesday morning started with the “Beneath the Stars” ESTARL breakfast, followed by an ESTARL service and the “real” business of Grand Chapter. Reports were given by the various Grand Chapter committees, five of the six Resolutions were passed (the resolution dealing with how Official Visits will be conducted in the future was held over to be rewritten and presented next year), and a Resolution was passed to provide Grand Secretary Emeritus status post humus to Sister Sharon Swartout who passed away earlier this year (she had served 9-1/2 years as Grand Secretary). Of course, election of officers was held with Sister Ruthann Watts from West Allis being elected Grand Secretary; Sister Joanne Friedman from Superior was elected Associate Grand Conductress; Sister Maureen Wise from West Allis was elected Grand Trustee; and the current “line” officers were elected to continue up the line. An all-member luncheon “Catch a Falling Star” was served at noon, and in the afternoon the Budget was discussed and voted upon, and a Life Member tribute was given.
- Wednesday evening was preceded by a dinner entitled “Star Gazers.” Ceremonies honoring the stations of Chaplain and Adah were presented, and the Worthy Grand Matron’s Accomplishment Awards were handed out. We are proud to announce that Honor Chapter again qualified for this award, and we thank you, our chapter members, for making this possible. Thursday morning concluded business, and the formal closing of Grand Chapter. The installation of the new *Sharing God’s Love* Grand Family was held on Thursday afternoon. Be on the look-out for twelve lion cubs in their circus wagons which will be traversing the state promoting our Order. Interspersed throughout the session appointments were made for several new Grand Representatives, and the following Past Grand Matrons and Patrons received General Grand Appointments: Brother Ron Rasmussen - Help our Troops Committee; Sister Rosie Fiscus - Membership Committee; and Sister Mary Rasmussen - Appeals and Grievances Committee.



A BIG thank you to all of our members who donated items or money for our Chapter’s “Savor the Flavor of Door County” basket sold at silent auction. The basket made \$125 for the WGM/WGP’s project!

Items included in the basket were: \$25 gas card, maple syrup, pickled asparagus, raspberry pretzel dip, mustard dip, apple butter, dried cherries, dark chocolate covered cherries, cherry/apple pie filling, cherry wine, cherry juice, cherry syrup, cherry butter, cherry jam, cherry mustard, cherry pretzel dip, a cute cherry serving spoon, and a cherry tea towel.



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On Wednesday evening, May 23, Sister Connie Skarvan joined Worshipful Master Bob Ryan of Henry S. Baird Lodge in presenting a \$1,000 scholarship to Bailey Post at the Kewaunee High School Senior Awards Night. Bailey will be pursuing a career in Animal Science at UW River Falls.

Our meetings in June will be as follows:

June 7 - Stated Meeting. We will be celebrating Memorial Day with a Memorial Service under Good of the Order to honor those members who have passed away this fiscal (2011-2012) year. Refreshment Committee: Sisters Irene Radtke, Vivian Gartzke, and Joan Burr.

June 21 - Special Meeting with Installation of Officers. Refreshment Committee—Sister Alice and Brother Jim Byrnes, and Sister Sharon Livermore.

If you would like to attend--following is a list of Installation of Officers of area chapters: Shawano - June 4, 7:30 p.m.; Crivitz - June 5, 7:30 p.m. (Sister Connie will be filling the station of Installing Marshal); Green Bay - June 11, 7:00 p.m

Until we meet, let Love be the lamp that lights your way...

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

Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird

- Mr. **Andrew R. Buechner** has been elected to receive the Blue lodge degrees. His initiation will be scheduled in June. Watch for a group email giving the details.
- The **A/C of the lodge room** has been completed. The OES graciously donated the system. Please thank them when you see a member. We appreciate their continued support of HSB #174.
- **The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of WI** will be held on Friday June 1st and Saturday June 2nd. DGM Dennis Siewert is in line to be elected GM. Dennis is from Green Bay. SW Ross Chapman and S/T Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. will be attending.
- **The Peninsula Shrine Club has arranged a weekend of activities (June 16, 17, and 18th) here in Door County to honor our new GM Dennis Siewert. There are many activities planned which include a Friday night fish boil at the lodge, fun activities, tour of HSB #174 lodge, and a formal dinner Saturday at “The Lodge”, formerly Leathem Smith Lodge. For more information and reservations, please call Br. Al Kohn 920.746.9362 or email at arkohn@att.net. WE URGE ALL MASONS TO ATTEND TO HONOR OUR NEW GRAND MASTER.**
- The annual **Steak Fry/Fish Boil** will be Tuesday August 14th at John Miles County Park Pavilion (Fairgrounds). Refreshments at 5p with dinner at 6p. Friends are welcome.
- **We will be again sponsoring, this fall, a magic show. It will be held at the Third Ave. Play House on Thursday October 18 at 6:30PM. Robert Sands Promotions, Inc will be the fundraiser. They telemarket the show by phone and mail, soliciting donations which are partially used to provide admission to elementary school age children, and special needs groups. H. S. Baird as a sponsor receives 20% of the gross receipts. Last year this amounted to just over \$1500.00. Please consider a donation when you receive a request by phone or mail. We need to spread the word and provide ushers for the show. We realize it is an OES meeting night, but we are assigned the date, which is also dependent on the availability of the theater. The magician is not the same person who was at the Steamboat Dinner, but those that attended last year, said the show was very good.**
- **OPT OUT and GO PAPERLESS** – In an effort to save the lodge and Honor Chapter some money, we are now offering the monthly Newsletter in a paperless form. We estimate this will save about \$1500/year; you simply elect to opt out of receiving the newsletter via US Mail and instead get a copy via email or download it from our WEB site: www.hsbaird.com or www.sturgeonbayoes.com. This is 100% voluntary; simply email Tom (tompinney@charter.net) or Bonnie (blkohn@att.net) and let us know you want to “opt out”. Over 75 have made the choice to Opt Out. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED, THANK YOU AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.**



Masonic Unity Reception

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The Peninsula Shrine Club

The Peninsula Shrine Club has arranged a weekend of activities here in Door County Wisconsin beginning on Friday evening, June 15th, 2012. As Masons we will be honoring our new Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Dennis V. Siewert. There are many activities planned which include a kick-off Friday night, dinner with the G.M., of an authentic Door County fish boil hosted by Henry S. Baird Lodge # 174 at the lodge building on 3rd Avenue. Fun activities for all Masons and their spouses begin on Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 to include an opportunity to tour the historic Sturgeon Bay Lodge Building. Perhaps you will witness the reincarnation of Henry S Baird, attorney and first Wisconsin Grand Master. In the afternoon there is an opportunity for a Trolley tour of the historic Sturgeon Bay area or a scenic boat ride on the refurbished Chicago Fireboat. The main event is the reception and dinner Saturday at "The Lodge", at Leathem Smith. The MC for the evening is PGM Michael De Wolf, 33rd and Active for the Scottish Rite. Entertainment for the evening will be by Parks Phillips & Company.

All of the activities require reservations and prepayment as explained in the personal invitation you received a couple of weeks ago. Not only is this the newly installed Grand Master's first reception, it is the first time ever hosted by Masons in Door County.

For more information and reservations please call Br. Al Kohn 920-746-9362 or email at arkohn@att.net.

Brethren, the Grand Master is attending a major event at your Lodge and in your home area. WE URGE ALL MASONS TO ATTEND TO HONOR OUR NEW GRAND MASTER. Send in your reservation.



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