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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

May 2013

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed the couple of spring like days that we have had so far this year. On March 21 we had the dinner to honor Past Masters, SBD Friends and OES Past Matrons and Patrons. Voices of the Crucifixion was nice. I think the evening went well. Thanks to all who helped out with that.

Henry S. Baird along with Eastern Star have sponsored a Sturgeon in front of the Temple. It will be painted by Bill Button's wife and will have a Masonic/OES theme. It will be on display all summer long, Stop by and check it out once it is put out.

Several members of H.S. Baird were involved in the AASR Spring Reunion on April 20th for the 13th degree.

May 30th at the Lodge, we will be having an officers planning meeting at 4:00 pm. Any lodge brother may attend.

Looking ahead, on August 13th, we will be having our annual steak fry and fish boil. Keep watching for more info.

Hop to see you at lodge,

Ross Chapman-WM

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Sisters and Brothers,

If the old saying "April Showers bring May Flowers" is true, then we should truly expect to see a bumper crop of flowers in May!

First, CONGRATULATIONS to Sister Verdelma "Dolly" Paine! She was one of four outstanding graduates of Kewaunee High School recently selected to the Kewaunee High School "Wall of Fame" and was honored at a banquet sponsored by the Build the Future Foundation on Sunday, April 14. Following is an excerpt of what appeared in the Kewaunee newspaper:

Verdelma "Dolly" Paine graduated from Kewaunee High School with the Class of 1949. While in high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Kewaunatian, Student Council, Lake Whispers, served as an officer for the Drama and Library Clubs, and was also a cheerleader for football and basketball. She was the recipient of the VFW Award for Citizenship.

Dolly majored in business administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison then returned to Kewaunee and began working as register in probate. She then served as court reporter for Kewaunee County and later for the state of Wisconsin, for 37 years.

Dolly was the first woman to serve as president of the Kewaunee School Board of Education, and was its longest-serving member at 27 years. She was a member of the Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) Board of Control for 10 years and was also a member of the State Boundary Appeals Board in Madison for 10 years.

Dolly has served on the Kewaunee County Library Board for 10 years and the Kewaunee City Library Board for 12 years. She was a member of the Kewaunee Woman's Club for more than 20 years and has served as its president. She was also the president of Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs of the Eighth District for two years. She was a charter member of the Kewaunee County Business and Professional Woman's Club. Dolly was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, holding numerous offices during that time. She also is an active member of the Kewaunee Rotary Club for the past 12 years and served as its president in 2012.

Now for a Recap of what has been happening at our chapter:

At our stated meeting on April 4th we held Election of Officers. Many thanks and congratulations to the following officers-elect: Susan Shefchik, Worthy Matron; Tom Pinney, Worthy Patron; Mariellen Haen, Associate Matron; Ross Chapman, Associate Patron; Bonnie Kohn, Secretary; Ed Klein, Treasurer; Connie Skarvan, Conductress; and Sharon Sullivan, Associate Conductress. This will be Sue's first time as Worthy Matron, and it is our hope she can count on our membership to help fill the appointed officer positions, as well as seeing many of you at our future meetings and fun events. Installation is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2013, at 2 p.m. so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Also at our April 4th meeting we honored our past matrons and patrons. They each received a colored plastic Easter Egg with special goodies inside.



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At our special meeting on April 18th, we reviewed the Worthy Grand Matron's Accomplishment Award and discussed the various areas which could use some improvement for next year. Sister Connie Skarvan shared a video of her scuba diving trip to the Bahamas in March which included a segment of her diving with black tip reef sharks (OMG!).

As a reminder we will be having two meetings in May—

The first will be a stated meeting on May 2. At that meeting we need to complete our elections by electing a Trustee, review Resolutions which will be presented at Grand Chapter, and we will be honoring past and present Organists. Refreshment Committee: June Meikle and Pat Barlament.

The second will be a special meeting on May 16. We will be having a Memorial Service honoring our sisters and brother who passed away during this fiscal year of 2012-2013.

Refreshment Committee: Alyce & Jim Bynres, Pam Honold, and Jackie Bagley.

Grand Chapter will be held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, May 21-23. If your schedule allows it, please try to attend this annual event to show your support of OES and “get in the know” about what it takes to keep our organization moving along. Sister Connie Skarvan plans to attend the 3-day event; however, you do not need to attend all three days. Registration is only \$15, and everyone who registers is entitled to vote at the business meeting. Registration information, as well as an itinerary of what is happening each day, is available online at wioes.org or by contacting our chapter secretary, Sister Bonnie Kohn.

Please remember to keep the following members in your prayers as they deal with illness or the loss of a loved one: June Meikle, Al Kohn, Tom Pinney, Myra Pinney, Majel Henrickson, Cheryl Leu, and Gerry Barlament.

Thought for day: *Courtesy is one habit that never goes out of style.*

Star love and hugs,

Sister Connie Skarvan, Worthy Matron

Brother Tom Pinney, Worthy Patron



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

Mr. Orville Antonio was elected to receive the Blue Lodge Degrees and is scheduled to be initiated an entered Apprentice at our stated meeting on April 25th.

We have **several EA's** who are working on their posting and should be ready for their FC degree within the next month.

The Lodge has a new set of **Officer's Aprons**. They are in memory of PM George L. Leu who passed away on February 11, 2013. On a recent visit, his widow, Cheryl (Pinney) Leu, inquired about a memorial. After seeing the tattered condition of our present Officer's Aprons she decided to honor George by donating his memorial money to the purchase of a new set of 11 Officer Aprons. What a great way to honor George, who devoted a great deal of time, talent and resources to then H.S. Baird 211 and the AASR Valley of Green Bay. Thank you Cheryl and we wore them for the first time two months after his passing on April 11th.

Thanks again to everyone who shared their TIME, TALENT, and RESOURCES to make the **2013 Steamboat Dinner a huge success**. We do make a positive difference in our community. Thanks to Honor Chapter #1 OES for their wonderful support. It was fun. Did you see the coverage by the Wisconsin Masonic Journal in the April edition? If you want to see it on line go to our website www.hsbaird174.com. scroll down and click on the box labeled **FREEMASONS OF WISCONSIN**. This will bring you to the Grand Lodge website. Scroll down and click on Wisconsin Masonic Journal On-Line. Have fun.

H.S. Baird #174 presented the **13th degree on April 20th at the AASR Spring Reunion in Green Bay.**

Many new faces were in the cast: PM Mark Fischer as King Solomon, JD Gregory Dobbins as King Hiram, SD Rick Rogers as Zerbal, JS Gerald Koudelka as Ahishar, and PM Gerald Brebner, PM James Byrnes, PM Bill Button as Guards. JW ED Klein and PM Wm. Schaefer joined the cast in supporting roles as Stage Manager and Prompter respectively.

From the Secretary/ Treasurer of Henry S Baird # 174

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Repeating cast and supporting lodge members include, Geoff Pinney, Bob Carney, PM Todd Roalkvan, PM Ross Chapman, PM James Wade, PM A. Wayne Paschke, and PM Roger Crass. As Director I am very proud of their excellent performance.

The 13th degree has been done by H.S.Baird #174 for over 50 years. During these years we have had just three King Solomon's. It is a major part and a special thanks to Mark for learning and performing it with excellence. It is always a pleasure to work with PM Todd Roalkvan who plays Amos, and has faced the challenge of erasing the words of the old and learning the new. Amos is also a major part.

Thanks to everyone involved for making the important lesson of the 13th degree come alive, which prepares the candidates for the 14th degree, the culmination of the Lodge of Perfection!

The **AASR is having an area breakfast at The Corner Café** (3rd & Louisiana) in Sturgeon Bay on Saturday May 25th at 9:30am. Order off the menu. It is Dutch Treat. All members, family, and friends are welcome.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held June 7th and 8th in Madison. All Master Masons in good standing are welcome to attend. The W/M and Wardens or their pro-tems are voting delegates. Contact the S/T for more details.

The annual Steak Fry/Fish Boil will be on Tuesday August 13, 2013 at same location (John Miles Pavilion). Five pm for refreshments and 6pm dinner.

For up to date Masonic information go to our website www.hsbaird174.com.

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The Old Masters Wages"

I met a dear old man today,
who wore a Masonic pin,
It was old and faded like the man,
It's edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat,
To give the old brother his due,
I said, "I see you've traveled east,"
He said, "I have, have you."

I said, "I have, and in my day before the all-seeing sun,
I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum."

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,
It's good and sweet and true,
And if you've traveled as you said,
You should give these things their due."

The word, the sign, the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,
The vow that all have taken,
Who've climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason,
are never paid in gold,
but the gain comes from contentment,
when you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations,
For almost fifty years,
It has helped me through the hardships
and the failures full of tears.

Now I'm losing my mind and body,
Death is near but I don't despair,
I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,
And the old man in the park today
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care,
May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square.



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