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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone finds themselves in good health as spring is beginning. The flowers are finally starting to bloom.

The lodge has been busy with degree work lately. Andrew Beuchner is our newly passed Fellowcraft and Brother Brian Hackbarth is our newly raised Master Mason. I hope this trend continues as it keeps us sharp in our work. I would like to thank all the brethren who helped put on the degrees. It was nice to see so many there.

Mothers Day is coming soon. Remember the day and do something special for your mother, Wife, or special lady in your life. I know it will be greatly appreciated.

John Sullivan - Master HSB #174

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Spring showers bring May flowers. At least that is how the saying goes. I hope those flowers get here soon because I don't think any of us can take much more rainy weather. Our Associate Matron, Mariellen Haen, did a wonderful job of conducting business while I was in sunny Mexico. Thank you again for taking over, Mariellen.

At the March 20th meeting, officers and members reaffirmed our Eastern Star Obligation. Thank you, Brother Tom, for leading the Obligation. Elfriede Leporte, a volunteer from the Boys and Girls Club of Door County, also spoke about their organization and the many programs they provide for our area youth. Honor Chapter presented her with a check for \$250 to be given to the Boys and Girls Club. We later received a thank you note from their organization thanking Honor Chapter for supporting their efforts to help Door County youth reach their full potential.

Election of Officers was held on April 3rd. Our newly elected officers for 2014-2015 are as follows:

Mariellen Haen, Worthy Matron
Ross Chapman, Worthy Patron
Tom Pinney, Associate Patron
Connie Skarvan, Conductress
Malia Knaup, Associate Conductress
Ed Klein, Treasurer
Bonnie Kohn, Secretary

The Associate Matron's station is yet unfilled. I urge as many members as possible to step up and take an office when asked. Honor Chapter needs you.



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

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As per the By-laws, we held a second Initiation on May 1st. Unfortunately, we were unable to have a real candidate for our ceremony. However, the practice will help keep us on our toes for next year.

We will be honoring our Brother Masons at our May 15th meeting. Please try to attend and help us show our support. A speaker from the Kewaunee Historical Society will be speaking on the topic of "Pirates on the Great Lakes".

I wanted to remind everyone that Grand Chapter will be held in Stevens Point from May 20-22. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Please contact Sisters Sue Shefchik or Connie Skarvan if you would like to attend for any or all of the sessions.

We will be winding up our year with Friends Night on June 5th. The theme is "Let Them Eat Cake" and will include a cakewalk. Members and officers are encouraged to bring a cake or a half dozen cupcakes for prizes. It will be a fun night with friends and we will all go home with a delicious baked treat. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,

Sister Sue Shefchik, WM

Brother Tom Pinney, WP



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email tompinney@charter.net 4/22/14*

Br. Hackbarth was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 10th 2014. Nineteen brothers were present.

Br. Andrew Buechner was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on April 15th with 10 brothers present.

The Grand Lodge has **revised the new petitions** for membership that went into effect on 01/20/14. The correct petitions are printed with green ink. Please contact the S/T for these new petitions along with any questions. The S/T has been given a written process that he must follow.

Thank you to all who have paid their 2014 dues or are Perpetual Members. **Ten members have not paid their 2014 dues.** Please take care of this matter promptly as they were due 12/31/13. Please contact WM John Sullivan or myself with questions or concerns.

The **Trustees**, PM Steve Rabach, PM Robert Ryan and Br. Ed Klein give written quarterly reports to the lodge. Presently they are getting estimates to repair the front steps, the flag pole, and a new roof on the back entry way.

Do you know why lodges are called blue lodges? The two theories that have the most believers are (1) the adoption of the color by early operative Freemasons because of an age-old association of blue (Old Testament) with those virtues (Truth, Wisdom, and Hope) which are peculiarly Masonic, (2) the adoption of the color by the early Grand Lodge in imitation of the nobility and the fame of the color of the most famous Order of Knighthood (Order of the Garter) in the world.



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Do you know why in Masonic symbolism the North Side of the Lodge represents a place of darkness? This is because King Solomon's temple was so far north of the ecliptic that neither the sun nor moon ever illuminated its North side. Masons therefore put no candles on the North side of the triangle of candles at our altars since we consider the North side of the Lodge a place of darkness.

Other COMING EVENTS:

May 15, 2014 (Thursday) 7:30p **OES honoring their Masonic Brothers with a program "Pirates of the Great Lakes" by the Kewaunee Historical Society.**

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 **Annual SteakFry/Fish Boil,**
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**

The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone."

- *Dr. Joseph Fort Newton*

EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Hello to all,

Spring has finally sprung and with it comes the rigors of the season; raking, gardening, landscaping and ALL that jazz. Some see it as cumbersome, but I like to look at it in a positive way and let's be honest, we like doing the work anyway. It is always a great feeling, for me to dig in my garden, plant the seed, cultivate and reap the benefits of what comes up during the summer and the fall. Sometimes, as we all have all encountered, the reaping does not come out the way we plan. We can keep at it: free from weeds or properly watered and find that plants still don't grow as we like. Sure, they might come up, but not bear the fruits and veggies that we had hoped for. Even with our best efforts. Some years we can have much success, having an abundance of produce and at other times, have trouble even keeping our plants alive. We normally try to figure out and learn to perfect it and have the perseverance to keep on attempting to make it better. Eventually the garden produces what we want on a consistent basis.

For me this is emblematic of many aspects in my everyday life. I have been in my profession for nearly twenty six years, albeit the early years I was youthfully employed with "much knowledge." At least, that is what I thought. As I am slightly aging, with a receding hairline, I go ever mistakes, and try to learn from them to cultivate my knowledge. The more knowledge I seek, the easier the tasks become.

Degree work is kind of like gardening in that respect. We all come in new to the organization and start learning different parts of the degrees. We practice at home, at the lodge, recite while mowing the lawn or in our cars or wherever we can to the point where some people think we are losing your mind. Which reminds me, be mindful of where your cell phone is, you might pocket dial your significant other and have to explain to her who you were talking to. We try to perfect the degree as much as possible, but at times doesn't always come out the way you want. The main point, of this article, is to keep at it. Many of us have had difficulties in retaining the degree work, but what I have witnessed is that we should keep trying. There are some brothers who have been an inspiration who have kept at it and have put the time and energy to learn parts, and have made the initiating, passing and raising a more memorable and meaningful experience for new members. Hence, the cultivating process continues on with the next, the next and so on.

Thank you for your efforts and keep up the good work.

Mark Fischer

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