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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Greetings from the East,

I think we're all back in the swing of things after our 2 dark months. We've had good attendance at our meetings in Sept., but would always like to see more. Dinner is still being served at 5:30. Because of the rising expenses, we've decided to increase the cost to \$7.

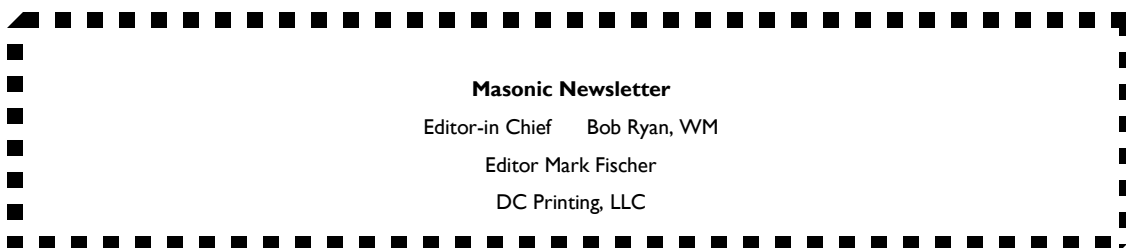
As you might have read in last month's Trestleboard, the Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843 met in our lodge room on Sept. 10th and presented a paper on Henry S. Baird. I'm looking forward to seeing this, as I was out of town that day. You might see some of the highlights in a future Trestleboard.

George Pinney, a Past Master of our lodge, passed away on Friday, Sept. 28th., after a year-long battle with cancer. He was Director of the Door County Parks department for many years and was a real asset to the county in developing several new parks and obtaining millions of dollars in state and federal grants to help with acquisitions and improvements. The Olde Stone Quarry Park was renamed the George S. Pinney park this last spring to honor him for all his work. He will be missed.

That's all I have for now. I've noticed that if I keep things short and sweet here, the editor gives me larger print. I'll bet some of our brothers appreciate this. Don't forget the Magic Show on Oct. 28th at TAP!

Hope to see you on the 11th!

Bob Ryan



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Worthy Matron Connie is in the Maldives, off India. Diving, of course! What a wonderful opportunity.

Our Golden Chain was broken five times this summer. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of these dear Sisters: Fran Eckland, July 31st (service was September 8th); June Peterson, August 27th (service to be on October 12th); Dorothy Hessel, September 21st (Sue Shefchik's Mom); Frances Schneider, September 12th; Adeline Crum, September 18th. An Eastern Star service was held for each of these Sisters except Addie; she was very active in Daughters of the Nile and several of us were involved in that service.

Our second meeting in September was an Open meeting and the special program was Kate Wulle-Dugan's presentation of Peru: Past and Present. What an enjoyable evening!

Sister Associate Matron Sue Shefchik will be our Worthy Matron in Connie's place on October 4th for our stated meeting. Come and support her!

October 18th is the **Official Visit** of Sister Nancy Saggio, Grand Martha. Dinner will be served at 6:00; menu and cost yet to be decided. An e-mail will be sent with the details; reservations will be required. --We need all members in attendance at that meeting, not just officers. Please plan to join us!

October 4th refreshment committee is Joan Burr and Jennifer Corbisier.

October 18th is Sue Shefchik, Barb Gaggiano, Dolly Paine

Connie has her new directories and program books printed. I will have them for distribution at our next meeting.

Hope to see you soon!

With Fraternal Love,

Bonnie Kohn, Sec'y

Tom Pinney, Worthy Patron



Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174

GM Dennis Siewert will be visiting our lodge on Thursday October 11th for our stated meeting. Following is a direct quote from Area Administer, Jay Herbst. "Brethren, we are being honored with a visit by Most Worshipful Grand Master Dennis V. Siewert on October 11. The MWGM has asked to have his favorite German meal prepared for dinner, which is Sauerbraten with spaetzle and braised red cabbage and Black Forest cherry cake for dessert. Dinner will be served at our usual time at 5:30 PM, please make an effort to attend so we will have a great showing for the MWGM's visit. Please remember that all are welcome, so ask your spouses, neighbors or friends if they would like to attend."

Saturday October 20th is the **fall meeting of District 4** at Shawano Lodge. They have just moved into their new facility. The WM and Wardens are expected to attend. All Master Masons are welcome. As a thank you to the OES for all their support, **the lodge furnished a soup and sandwich supper Saturday September 15th** for their school of Instruction night. SD Ed Klein coordinated the event and made the soup. The sandwiches were prepared by Br. Mike DaSanto.

The 2013 dues notices will be mailed Monday September 24th. Perpetual Members (PMP) will receive their dues cards. We have 10 members for whom we remit their dues and they also will receive their dues cards. We are very grateful to those members who give us donations towards covering these remitted dues. We appreciate your prompt response as our cash flow needs help this time of the year.

We have received **another petition for membership** which will be presented to the WM at our next stated meeting.

Area Administrator (AA) Jay Herbst is leading a Masonic Education Program for the next year. He will present 10 questions each meeting from the Masonic Code Correspondence Course, discuss them and give or tell you how to find the right answers. There are 130 True and False questions. You can go to the WI Grand Lodge Website and learn more about the course. The lodge receives credit for any member successfully passing the course. It is an open book test using the WI Code. I have taken the course. It helps you to understand the regulations under which the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges operate.



We will again be sponsoring a **magic show**. It will be held at the Third Ave. Playhouse on Sunday October 28 at 3:00PM. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME AND DAY CHANGE. 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.

The Scottish Rite in Green Bay has requested that H. S. Baird #174 put on the **13th degree on Saturday April 20th 2013** for the Spring reunion. We will need to do some recasting. I will be in contact with members who participated in the past and be asking help from new members. You must be a member of Scottish Rite to participate. We would be happy for you to be a part of our **Fall Class**. The dates are October 6 and 13th. Please contact Roger Crass at 920.784.4985, Ed Klein 920.737.3166 or myself. The initiation fee is \$150.00 and the yearly dues are approximately \$75.

SD Ed Klein has some **new ideas for our 2013 Steamboat Dinner**. We are presently developing these. If you are interested in helping to formulate these, contact SD Ed Klein ed.klein@ghs.com 737.3166 or S/T Tom Pinney at tompinney@charter.net 495.3727

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 REPONDED, THANK YOU AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPEND TO THIS REQUEST.**



The following can be found at <http://www.wisc-freemasonry.org/> and will be reprinted as a two part series

Brief History of Freemasonry

In the book of human history, Freemasonry has a chapter of its own. A little of that story will enable you to better understand the three steps of initiation which lie before you.

In all ages and in all lands, men have formed societies, made use of ceremonies of initiation, employed symbols, emblems and means of recognition. When Freemasonry came into existence - nobody knows how many centuries ago - it inherited much from such societies. Along your path of initiation you will encounter ancient rites and symbols; and their antiquity makes them more important in our eyes.

The oldest existing written record of our Craft is a manuscript written by an unknown Brother in England, about 1390, over six centuries ago. The document, known as the Regius Poem, shows that even then Freemasonry was very old. At the time this document was written all Freemasons were operatives; that is, they were workers engaged in constructing buildings. There were many kinds of Masons, but the evidence indicates that "Freemasons" were those builders of a superior type who designed, supervised and erected the great cathedrals and other marvelous structures in the Gothic style of architecture. Operative Freemasons designed the buildings; dressed the stone from the quarries and laid it in the walls; set up arches, pillars, columns and buttresses; laid the floor and built the roof; carved out the decorations; made and fitted the stained-glass windows; and produced the sculptures. Their work was difficult, called for a high degree of skill and genius, and required much knowledge of mechanics and geometry as well as of stone-masonry. They were the great artists of the Middle Ages.

Training men for such work called for a long period of severe discipline. Boys, sound in body, keen in mind and of good reputation, at the ages of ten or twelve, were apprenticed to some Master Mason for a number of years, usually seven. This Master Mason was such a boy's tutor, his mentor and his guide, who taught him both the theories and the practices of the Craft.



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At the end of his

apprenticeship, the youth was required to submit to exacting tests of his proficiency before being accepted into full membership in the Craft.

When a number of Freemasons worked together on a building over a period of years, they organized a Lodge which might meet in a temporary building or in one of the rooms of the uncompleted structure. Such a Lodge was governed by a Master, assisted by Wardens. It had a Secretary to keep its books, a Treasurer to keep and to disperse its funds and a charity chest from which to dispense relief to the members, their widows and orphans in case of accident, sickness or distress. The Lodge held regular meetings, divided its membership into grades and admitted members by initiation. In short, it was in essence what a Masonic Lodge is today.

The beginner in the builders' art was called an Apprentice. After he had served as such a sufficient time to give evidence of his fitness, his name was entered in the Lodge's books, after which he was called an Entered Apprentice. At the end of his seven years of apprenticeship he was called into open Lodge, his conduct was reported and he was required to prove his skill by producing what was called a "Master's Piece." Prior to that time he had been on probation; but if he passed his test satisfactorily he was made a full member of the Craft. Then he had equal rights and privileges with others, a Fellow of the Craft the word "Fellow" meaning full membership. In the sense that he had mastered the theories, practices, rules, secrets and tools of his trade, he was called a Master Mason.

Completing their work in one community, the Freemasons would move to another, setting up their Lodges wherever they met. Other types of masons were compelled by law to live and work in the same community year in and year out, and under local restrictions. A number of historians believe that because the skilled traveling Masons were free from such restrictions, they were called "Freemasons."

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