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# NEWSLETTER

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**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 F. & A.M**  
**Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

October 2017

Dear Brothers of Henry S. Baird Lodge

I am planning to honor all our Past Master at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. A meal will be serviced at 5:30 pm with a special meeting which will include election of officers. I will be contacting the Past Masters on our roles. If everyone can let me know if you will be able to attend the meal. I will know how much food to have ready. My contact information is below.

Each of you should have received a letter from Grand Lodge including two petitions. These are to encourage the members to sign up new members for the Masonic Day of light. If you have someone looking to join our lodge, they will have the option to either do the degrees in our lodge or travel to either Brookfield or Eau Claire on November 4<sup>th</sup> to receive the three degrees in one day. The letter explains most of the details. You can also contact one of the officers or the Secretary/Treasurer. Please be aware that the one-day degree class will be at a cost of \$75.00 for the candidate. Exact details can also be found on the Grand Lodge website.

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Editor-in Chief Mitch Custer WM

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## Words from the East

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One note you should be aware of, the need to have a prospective member do the asking is no longer required or needed. You are free to ask gentlemen you may know to be good candidates for masonry, ask and help them become a mason. This based on an edict from the Grand Master. I know many of you may not like the old Man To Mason method, but this new process is a good way to help men who may not have the time to go through the degrees over a length of time.

As another masonic year comes to a close in December, I hope everyone has had a chance to attend a lodge meeting. I also again want to thank the members of H.S. Baird lodge for allowing me to serve as your Master this last year. During the summer, I served as a chair person for the Kewaunee Farm Technology Days 2017. I had the chance to meet a lot of people from the Kewaunee area and work with some really great people. The outcome to this event will result in a great number of charities in that county receiving help with their budgets.

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

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

September was a busy month for Honor Chapter. At our stated meeting on September 7: 1) We honored our Life Members, and recognized six (6) new Life Members: Susan Shefchik, Irene Radtke, Linda Dusendschon, Joanne Coleman, Myrle Welhaven, and Joyce Beth.

Congratulations to each of you! Your service to our beautiful order is very much appreciated! 2) We balloted on two petitions for membership--Steve Merath and Robert Dodson, both from Green Bay, will be initiated into our Order at our stated meeting on October 5. Let's keep our membership growing! On September 21 we held our School of Instruction with our District Deputy, Claudia Kosman, with all ritualistic work being exemplified. A salad potluck was held prior to the School and I think I can safely say no one went away hungry. Thanks to all of our Star Cooks who brought the yummy salads, and thank you to the Refreshment Committee for their wonderful desserts.

I am happy to report that Sister Myrle Welhaven is doing well. She unfortunately provided us with a bit of excitement at our School of Instruction--she took a nasty fall after the potluck prior to the School. She suffered a laceration to her cheek and large bump to her head; no broken bones. Myrle was quite the "trooper"--taking it all in stride and charming those attending her with her one and only "Myrle-isms."

At our October 5 meeting we will be initiating the two new members mentioned above. Sideliners would be most appreciated in welcoming our newest members.

I'm proud to report that 11 members have signed up for our FUN night on October 19 to attend the performance by the Northern Sky Theater, "Naked Radio," at the Door County Auditorium in Fish Creek. If you would be interested in going out to dinner before hand, and will not be at our October 5th meeting, please call me at 920-388-4472 or e-mail me at "aquacenter@itol.com" on or before October 12 so that I can let you know the dinner plans, if any.

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As a REMINDER: Saturday, October 21, we will be celebrating the appointment of our Sister Susan Shefchik as Grand Esther. The invitation for this celebration is enclosed. You will note that it is a joint reception with two other grand officers and reservations are requested by October 5. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE plan to attend and show your support of our Sister. It is an honor to serve as a grand officer, and arrangements can be made to car pool if you want to attend but are worried about traveling the distance.

Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehn...

Connie Skarvan Worthy Matron

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Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts;  
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**DISTRICT #4 FALL MEETING**—The meeting will be in Crandon starting at 9:30a with breakfast being served from 7:30 to 9:30a. DD Jason Richardson will preside.

**PAST MASTERS NIGHT**---Past Masters will be honored at our stated meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 5:30p.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**---H.S. Baird officers and a trustee will be elected at our stated meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLIDAY MEAL**---On November 11<sup>th</sup> the Holiday Meal will be packaged and delivered to recipients selected by Social Services.

**H.S.Baird #174 DUES** --- The lodge dues will remain at \$76. Since the Grand Lodge raised the per capita tax from \$39 to \$41 this means that a primary member of our lodge will now pay \$117 per year. An in-state Plural member will pay \$76.

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THIS HAS NO EFFECT ON A PMP MEMBER. (PERPETUAL). The dues notices will be sent out in the next 2 weeks.

**PLURAL MEMBERSHIP---** The WM received and read at our stated meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> a petition for Plural Membership from Br. Charles L. Klima a member in good standing of Berwyn #839 of IL. A ballot will be taken at our stated meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Br. Charles has served as a waiter at the Steamboat Dinners.

**WISCONSIN MASONIC DAY OF LIGHT---** This is the new plan The Grand lodge has developed to have a man become a Master Mason in one day. They have done a trial run at Dousman with 23 men becoming MM. They have designated November 4, 2017 as Masonic Day of Light and will be doing all three degrees in two locations; McKinley Lodge in Brookfield and Eau Claire Masonic Center in Eau Claire. The cost is \$75 per candidate and each must have a sponsor. The candidate will receive the Apron address and do his MM posting at his home lodge. For more details please contact Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. or contact AA David Leistra at 920.256.0689

**MAGIC SHOW---**The 2017 Magic Show was held at Stone Harbor on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p. PM Mark Fischer was in charge. See his report under the Editors comments.

**Potato Peeler---**The lodge voted to purchase a new Potato Peeler. The old one served us for many years. The new one will be here for use at the Holiday Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the 2018 Steamboat Dinner. Donations are welcome. **Send a check payable to H.S.Baird #174 mark in the memo line Potato Peeler and mail to H.S.Baird #174 P. O. Box 86 Sturgeon Bay WI 54235.** Just a note, we have to peel over 500#'s of potatoes between the 2 meals.

**Installation of Officers---** Installation of officers will be on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11a with a luncheon to follow.

**NEWSLETTER---**As of the January 2018 issue of the Newsletter, Br. Mitch Custer our present WM will become the editor. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact him at 920.818.0161.

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# EDITOR'S EPISTLE

Well my brothers and sisters,

It is the home stretch of 2017 with less than three months to go and I have but two more newsletters left to publish. I am hoping to put together something special in the last two publications. It has been an honor. Special thanks to Mitch Custer for stepping into the role. He will do great things with this.

A couple of upcoming events over the next few months are:

November: Veterans Day Please honor our vets that day if you can. There are numerous events in the area during this time. One Is the Veterans Day concert at Prince of Peace Church on November 5. As most know I am in the community band here in Sturgeon Bay. And this is one of our two seasonal concerts we perform. If you are not doing anything that evening at 7:00, stop on in to hear some great music and support our veterans. There is a free will offering where proceed go to the local VFW. And thanks to all of the Lodges veterans for their service.

November also brings us to our holiday delivered meal. Please help if you can with this project. It is a great community outreach project that warms the hearts of many.

The Magic show was held at Stone Harbor again this year. Tim likes the accommodations there and finds the staff to be very helpful. The show was in low attendance this year as about 30 people were there. The show was changed up a bit and was liked by those who came. The magician told me that sometimes the early shows are lightly attended as many are just getting back into the routine of the school year. We will find out more on how much was fundraised at one of our upcoming meetings.

Hope to see you there,

Mark

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