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# NEWSLETTER

Volume 40 No. 07 **TRESTLEBOARD** June 2017

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Stated Communications Second and Fourth Thursday Evenings of Each Month 6:30 pm

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

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

September 2017

Dear Brothers of Henry S. Baird Lodge

As we come back to meeting, please make an attempt to attend the meetings. We will be discussing and voting on raising the due for Henry S. Baird. The finance committee at our meeting in the spring we discussed having to raise the dues. As you may know, the per capita tax from Grand Lodge was raised again this year. We will discuss this item and possibly make a motion to raise the dues. We hope each member will either attend the first meeting in September as we will discuss this or let me know your feelings. If so moved, a motion could be made raising the dues. It would then have to be published according to our by-laws. The motion would be tabled and voted on at an upcoming meeting. If you are unable to attend, please let me or one of the officers know your feelings.

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 4th. 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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## Words from the East

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I would like to bring to your notice that from June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 until September 3, 2017 the Neville Museum in Green Bay will have a display entitled: The Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington D.C. More information can be found on their website. The museum is located at 210 Museum Place, Green Bay WI.

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Meetings First and Third Thursdays of Each Month, 7:00 P.M.

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

September 2017

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

I trust you have been enjoying your summer. I can't believe it's already the end of August, and Fall is just around the corner.

As you may recall, we changed our Bylaws, and we are now meeting during the months of July and August rather than the cold, wintery months of January and February.

At our chapter's installation on June 29, I advised that we would only be having one (1) stated meeting a month; and rather than having a Special Meeting on the third Thursday of the month (unless needed for our School of Instruction and Officer Visit or some other special purpose), I was planning to schedule a FUN event in which both member and non-members could participate.

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I am pleased to report that we have a full core of officers with the exception of an organist. Many chapters do not. However, I'd love to have members who are not officers "shadow" an officer so that in the event the "installed" officer can't be at a meeting (illness, vacation, etc.), a substitute/pro-tem would be available to step in. If you are interested in "shadowing," please let me know and which office you'd like to do (you can do more than one) so I can make a list. Also if any of you are musically inclined and would like to help out as organist at a meeting (you don't have to make a commitment for the entire year), please don't hesitate to volunteer! We have a binder with music from which you can play if you wish.

At our stated meeting on July 6, we simply had an organizational meeting. For our FUN night in July we had 20 members and nonmembers attend the masonic exhibit, The Initiated Eye, at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay, followed by dinner (Dutch treat) across the street at Titletown Brewery. We had a great time viewing the exhibit, and socializing over dinner.

At our August stated meeting we had our annual reports and implemented our budget for the year. As our FUN night in August we attended the Mason's annual steak fry and trout boil. If you went away hungry, you had no one to blame but yourself. It was a very tasty meal.

At our stated meeting on September 7, we will be celebrating/honoring our 50 year members. Invitations were mailed to those members who are entitled to receive their 50-year membership pins this year. We hope you will attend and help us congratulate these members. We will also be balloting on two petitions for membership—Yeah!

September 21 will be our School of Instruction with our District Deputy, Claudia Kosman. We will be exemplifying ALL of the ritualistic work and the Initiation part will count for one of the two Initiations we are required to have each fiscal year. A salad potluck is planned before the meeting at 6 p.m. I'm looking forward to all the yummy salads created by our wonderful Star cooks. Officers—please continue to study your parts and do our Chapter proud! Dress is "casual" for the evening.

October 5 we will hopefully be initiating our new members. Again, if you are able, please attend this meeting to welcome our newest members.

October 19 is FUN night. We will be attending the "Naked Radio"—a play at the Door County Auditorium in Fish Creek. The flyer on this special event is enclosed. Please note that you need to have your reservation to the Chapter Secretary no later than September 21.

On 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. 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 will be made to car pool if you want to attend but are worried about traveling the distance.

Until next time...Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehn...

Connie Skarvan  
Worthy Matron

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**EA DEGREE**---William C. Behme was initiated an EA on June 22. He is the H.R. & Labor Relations Manager for Bay Shipyard.

**POLICE DOG**--- The Brat and Burger stand the lodge manned at Econo-Foods on July 15 was a fun day. \$388.94 which included the net from the event and other donations was sent to the DC Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Foundation for the Police Dog(s). Between the lodge and OES we have donated \$1,388.94 to this cause.

**THE INITIATED EYE**---On July 25<sup>th</sup> OES under the leadership of the Worthy Matron Connie Skarvan, organized a visit to the Neville Museum in Green Bay to view the paintings on loan from the Grand Lodge of Washington DC. OES invited the lodge to join them and go to dinner afterwards. Twenty persons participated in the fun event.

**SOUND SYSTEM**---The upgrade to the sound system in the lodge room is now complete. This included all new lapel mics and an alter mic. We now have enough lapel mics to accommodate the MM degree or the OES initiation speaking cast.

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**STEAK FRY/FISH BOIL**---was held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Junior Fair Building at John Miles Park (DC Fairgrounds) with 59 in attendance. A couple of new twists were added this year. Prime Rib was served instead of Steak. Also Br. Charlie Wolfe prepared a sampler of Pastrami for everyone to taste. A special Thanks to Br. Charlie. Thanks go to PM John Sullivan and Sharon who did their usual turn-key operation of the Fish Boil including their famous Cole Slaw. Sharon did all the grocery shopping. PM Mark Fischer prepared the Prime Rib and Cheryl Leu cared for it and served it as Mark was at work. Br. Michael Dal Santo baked the potatoes. PM Ross Chapman took care of all the liquid refreshments. B. Ed Klein delivered 3 dinners to home bound folks. A special Thanks to the many people that stayed and help clean up. It was a wonderful event.

**BIRTHDAY PHONE CALLS**--- Br. Marshall Paulsen continues to call every brother of the lodge on their birthday. He has been doing this for 8 months. If you have a change in your phone # please contact the Secretary so that our records will be current and Marshall can wish you a happy Birthday.

**GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**---WM Mitch Custer and SW David Leistra, PM Ross Chapman attended as delegates. The new Grand Master is L. Arby Humphrey. The per capita tax was raised \$2.00. New applications for Perpetual Membership has been suspended until the plan is revised so that it is financially sustainable.

**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. For more details please contact Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. or contact AA David Leistra at 920.256.0689.

**MAGIC SHOW**---The 2017 Magic Show will be at Stone Harbor on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p. PM Mark Fischer is in charge. Please contact him if you can help 495-9032.

**NEWSLETTER**---As of the December 2017 Newsletter our Editor PM Mark Fischer has resigned. We owe him and his family many thanks for the hours of service they have given to producing and mailing the Newsletter. Besides producing it, each issue must be sealed, and address labels attached and stamped. So when you see Mark or one of his family, please take the time to thank them.

For up to date Masonic information, go to our website [www.hsbaird.com](http://www.hsbaird.com)

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