



# Trestle Board



*Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies*

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## **Calendar of Events:**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Honor Chapter – Meeting Canceled

December 10<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – Canceled

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army – Econo Foods

8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Contact Ed Klein for sign up.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Meeting Canceled

December 24<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – (No Meeting Christmas Eve)

January 14<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

January 28<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

February 25<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

**Henry S. Baird Lodge #174 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm,  
except July and August**

**Honor Chapter #1, Order of Easter Star meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month  
at 7:00 pm, except January and February (See Calendar above)**

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

I hope all our Sisters and Brothers had a safe and happy Thanksgiving even though many of us had to celebrate differently this year. As we start to prepare for the Christmas rush, I have some interesting thoughts to share with you.

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up represents the resurrection of Christ?

Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles that represent eternity?

Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors, red for Jesus' blood, white for purity.

The gifts, represent the three gifts the wise men brought for baby Jesus.

So, when you are running around trying to find the "perfect gift", stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember, we have been given the perfect gift. Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all our sins. Amen!

Honor Chapter is once again giving our shut-ins and 50-year members poinsettias for Christmas. Even though we will be unable to visit in person with our members this year, we are hoping these beautiful poinsettias will bring some Christmas cheer during this sad and lonely time. Anyone who would be able to help out delivering a few poinsettias, please email or call me. (920) 304-2981.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, things needed to be done a little differently this year. Thanks to Sister Sharon Sullivan, our social services family has received gift cards to help with Christmas gifts and a holiday meal. Hopefully Honor Chapter has helped to make their holiday a little brighter.

Sadly, our Golden Chain has once again been broken. Sister Judith Harrell Campbell passed away on October 8, 2020. She was residing in North Carolina at the time of her death. Judith was initiated as a member of Kewaunee-Algoma Chapter but moved away before the consolidation with Honor Chapter. Many of you may remember her mother, Barbara Harrell who was a very active Star member. Please keep Judith's family in your prayers.

In closing I would like to include a poem sent to us from the WGM of Georgia.

A gentle, humble couple had traveled long and far,  
to a little town called Bethlehem and a stable beneath a star. There among the cattle, God sent His Son to earth, with only an angel chorus to celebrate His birth. Yet shepherds heard their message and knelt there in the straw, amazed and filled with wonder at the Baby whom they saw. Then wise men came to worship with precious gifts to bring, knowing that before them was their Savior and their King.

Let's pray that once again we will be able to gather with loved ones during this time of year and share wonderful memories with them. Let us remember to keep a **Smile** on our face, **Love** in our hearts, **Hope** for better days, **Peace** for our nation and **Faith** for a much brighter year to come.

From Brother Tom and myself, we wish you all a

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



Sue Shefchik, WM  
Tom Pinney, WP

### **Worshipful Master's Column**

Dear Brethren

We had a meeting the second Thursday in November. We passed the 2021 budget, elected Rick Rogers to another three-year term as Trustee. We voted on PM Bob Dodson of Des Peres Lodge #85 for plural membership, the vote was clear. He is also a member of Honor Chapter #1, welcome Brother Bob. A vote was taken to suspend Brother Mathew Z. Jackson for nonpayment of dues. The Grand Master will have to approve this.

We will be doing fruit baskets for the widows. We will also be bell ringing at Econo Foods on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 8:00 pm. Brother Ed Klein is in charge (737-3166) if you like to help out, give him a call.

We will not be meeting in December. Watch for e-mails from the Secretary/Treasurer as to when our first meeting of 2021 will be held.

It is with sadness that I report that Brother Bill Button Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>. His service will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. See the Secretary/Treasurer column for more details. This happens to be the same day we are ringing bell for Salvation Army at Econo Foods.

Hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

WM Ross Chapman

## Secretary/Treasurer's Column

Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts; phone or text 920.493.3727 or email [tompinney@charter.net](mailto:tompinney@charter.net)

### NEW PLURAL MEMBER---

- Br. Robert Dodson a primary member from DesPeres #85 was elected a Plural member of H. S. Baird #174 at our stated meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. He is a PM and a very active member of the AASR Valley of Green Bay. Bob is on the BoD's of the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Library and Museum and did a major part of our sorting, packing up, and storage of the Library when our home, the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center was sold. He is also a member of Honor Chapter #1 OES. Welcome Brother Bob.

**DEATH OF A BROTHER---PM William G. Button died on November 19, 2020.** Br. Bill was a mason for 32 year. He was very active in the Lodge. He painted many areas including the large fire escape at the back of the Lodge. His stories will be remembered. Schinderle Funeral Home 1600 Schinderle Ln, Algoma WI 54201 is in charge of arrangements of which all will be at the funeral home on **Saturday December 12, 2020**

- 1:00p to 2:00p Visitation
- 2:00p to 2:20p Masonic Memorial Service (please check for conflict if you are a Bell Ringer and plan to attend the service.)
- Followed by Church Service
- Followed by Military Honors.

### DAY OF LIGHT--- Henry S. Baird #174 Day of Light

- **Rescheduled for Saturday March 27, 2021.**
- **Subject to the following---**
  - The GM's suspension is lifted by that time. Determination to be made at least 60 days ahead.
  - Subject to the GM's Dispensation
- **Plan of Action** at this point basically remains the same as the original HSB #174 Day of Light
- We have contacted **Roosevelt #322, Washington #21 and Home Lodge Lake County Freemasons Lodge #42** regarding the rescheduled dates.
- **WE WILL CONTACT ALL PARTICIPANTS TO CONFIRM WHETHER THEY ARE AVAILABLE OR NOT FOR THIER ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT.**
- **Questions please call 920.493.3727**
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### STATED MEETINGS---

- The WM has **cancelled the December 10, 2020** meeting due to COVID-19 concerns. We normally do not meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of December because of Christmas. We will keep you informed as to when **we again will meet in person.** The soonest will be January 2021.

## ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2021

- All of the Elected and Appointed 2020 **Officers** have agreed to continue in their stations for 2021. We therefore will not need to have an installation of Officers for 2021.
- **Rick Rogers** has agreed and was elected at our November 12 stated meeting to serve a second 3-year term. He will be installed later by the WM or AA Mitch Custer.

## HOLIDAY MEAL---Delivered on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> was a success. JW Geoff Pinney reports:

- 241 dinners were prepared, packaged and delivered. Strict COVID-19 Protocols were followed in all three phases.
- 11 delivery teams from the community and OES made the deliveries.
- Special thanks to Andy Buechner, Andy Crow, AA Mitch Custer, SD Ben Miller, and WM Ross Chapman for their wonderful help.
- We have received many thank you notes.
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## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING---

- HSB & OES will again ring bells for the Salvation Army from 8:00am to 8pm on **Saturday December 12, 2020 at Econo-Foods**.
- **Ed Klein (920.737.3166)** is in charge and is soliciting volunteers. Contact him at 920.737.3166.

## STEAMBOAT DINNER---Saturday March 13, 2021.

- The **Dining Room** will **not** be open to the public.
- The **Drive-Thru** will be **open**
- We will, as in the past, make needed **Deliveries** of donated dinners.
- The 501c3 entities that distribute our Donated Tickets indicate there is a **greater need this year** primarily due to COVID-19.
- We have increased our Goal from 725 to 850 with a **Challenge Goal of 900. Last year 863 Donated Tickets were purchased exceeding even our Challenge Goal of 775.**
- We have been contacting businesses who last year purchased Donated Tickets and the response has been very good. Lodge member response has also been strong. OES again contributed \$800.
- As of 11/26/20 we have received **\$6,515 from 36 donors for 407 Donated Tickets. We also have commitments for 46 more tickets for a total of 453. This represents 53% of our Goal and 50% of our Challenge Goal!**
- If you know someone or a business who might be interested in supporting this Donated Ticket program, please contact Tom Pinney 920.493.3727

## CHARITY---

- We have received Thank You notes from all of the School Districts, Food Pantries, and Organizations that we supported in our Special 2020 Charity Program.
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TUCK-POINTING---The essential part of this project has been completed so that the water leaking in the foyer should be stopped. The Trustees will now secure a contractor to plaster the area affected in the foyer. The trustees have found that more tuck-pointing is needed on the north wall, but as no water leaks in this area have been detected this will be a project for 2021.

## DUES & GRAND LODGE ASSESSMENT---

- Thank you to all the Brothers who have responded to the dues and assessment notice
- **Grand Lodges 2 year Assessment of \$10 per year, for Wisconsin Masonic Center (formerly Madison Masonic Center)**
  - If you are not sure whether you have paid these GL Assessments, please contact Tom Pinney 920.493.3727 or [Tompinney@charter.net](mailto:Tompinney@charter.net).
  - These assessments are required to be paid to remain a member in good standing. The Lodge will **NOT** suspend a member if you do not pay the assessments. **HOWEVER, the Lodge is required to remit unpaid assessments to the Grand Lodge.**
  - **Please note the following;**
    - This assessment is for 2020 and 2021 at \$10 per year for a **total of \$20**
    - Members **only pay in their Primary Lodge.**
    - HSB #174 has **paid this assessment** for those members whose dues are **remitted** by the Lodge.
    - This Grand Lodge assessment **must be paid by Perpetual Members.**
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## UPDATE GRAND LODGE COVID-19 EDICT---

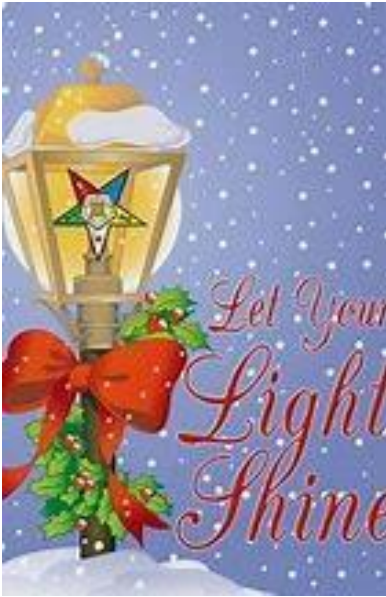
- **The Officers of HSB #174 have decided not to put on any EA Degrees until the COVID - 19 numbers have significantly come down. We will keep you posted.**

### 2020/2021 Henry S. Baird Officers

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|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Worshipful Master</b>   | Ross Chapman PM     | 920-495-3281 |
| <b>Senior Warden</b>       | Richard Rodgers PM  | 920-493-0643 |
| <b>Junior Warden</b>       | Geoffrey Pinney     | 920-495-1549 |
| <b>Senior Deacon</b>       | Ben Miller          | 920-743-2664 |
| <b>Junior Deacon</b>       | William Runyan PM   | 920-535-3026 |
| <b>Senior Steward</b>      | Steven Schaefer     | 414-617-1031 |
| <b>Junior Steward</b>      | William Schaefer PM | 920-868-2517 |
| <b>Trustees</b>            | Richard Rodgers PM  | 920-493-0643 |
|                            | John Sullivan PM    | 920-493-5310 |
|                            | Mitch Custer PM     | 608-770-2928 |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> | Thomas Pinney Jr PM | 920-493-3727 |
| <b>Chaplain</b>            | Ed Klein            | 920-737-3166 |
| <b>Tiler</b>               | Alvin Briggs HPM    | 920-327-1204 |
| <b>Counselor</b>           | Mark Fisher PM      | 920-495-9034 |

### Masonic Birthdays

| <u>Date Raised</u> | <u>November<br/>Years</u> | <u>Name</u>            |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 12/22/1955         | 65                        | W. Thomas S. Pinney Jr |



### **Editor's Notes**

As we start in to the Christmas season, may you find ways to enjoy and celebrate the times. Remember the joys that this time of year can bring. Remember the good memories that you have had in years gone by. Christmas was a time when we were young to find joy in the days leading up to Christmas - the cookies, the marvel of presents and time to be with family. May you find time to reflect on those days of joy.

May you and your family find the joy of the season.

Mitch Custer PM Editor

