



Trestle Board



Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies

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Calendar of Events:

Dec 5th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

Dec 12th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting Installation of Officers – 6:30 pm

Dec 15th – Honor Chapter – Grand Officer Party, Shrine Center,
Green Bay – 11:30 am

Dec 19th – Honor Chapter – No Meeting

Dec 26th – H.S. Baird – No Meeting

Jan 9th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

Jan 18th – H.S. Baird – School of Instruction – 9:00 am

Jan 23rd – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm



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

**Honor Chapter #1, Order of Easter Star meets the 1st and 3rd 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.

Worshipful Master's Column

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as Master of HSB 174 for the last year. It has been an honor to work with you throughout the year.

Again, this year we will ring bells for the Salvation Army at Econo Foods. Our dates are Saturday December 7, and Saturday December 14, from 9 am to 9 pm on each day. Please contact Ed Klein to be part of this worthwhile activity

Be sure to watch your mail as the Grand Lodge has sent each of you an assessment for \$10.00 (a charitable contribution.)

Please join me in congratulating Ross Chapman as the new Master of our Lodge. He assumes the position of Master on December 12th, with a soup supper at 5:30 pm followed by an open installation at 6:30 pm. Short business meeting to follow the installation.

William Schaefer, WM

Honor Chapter #1 Newsletter

Honor Chapter #1 honored our Masonic Brothers at a special meeting on November 21st. The evening began downstairs with a chili supper. The proceeds will be donated to the WGM & WGP's charity this year which is the UW Cardio Vascular Research Foundation.

After our meal, we gathered upstairs for a short program honoring our Brothers. Veterans John Sullivan and Roger Crass brought in the flag, after which we said the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you, Brothers Roger and John, for serving in our military. We appreciate your service.

Our Masonic Brothers were presented in the East and given a round of applause. Although our Masonic Brothers are "worth a million" they were each presented with a 100 Grand Bar.

Sister Elaine Engelke spoke about the WGM & WGP's charity, the UW Cardio Vascular Research Foundation. They gave us some interesting knowledge about the program and the good things they are achieving.

In lieu of our Christmas party, we are attending Let Me Be Frank's Christmas program called A Frank's Christmas on December 19th. Worthy Matron Sue is asking that people who are interested sign up now. The group rate for tickets is \$30. The tickets will be ordered on December 1st to ensure that we have seats together. Please pass this info on to other members and friends who may not be at the meeting. All are invited. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Honor Chapter will participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing again this year at Econo Foods. It's a fun time for a worthy cause. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time. Please contact Ed Klein.

Our Chapter is hosting a party, along with Fidelity Chapter of Appleton honoring Sister Joan Burr, Grand Chaplain and Sister Karen Kaas, Grand Martha on December 15th at the Shrine Center in Green Bay. The cost is \$25. There will be great food, with entertainment to follow. If you haven't already sent in your reservations, please do so ASAP. We're hoping many of our sisters and brothers will attend to show our support for Sister Joan.

Poinsettias are again being distributed to our 50-year members, widows and shut-ins. These beautiful Christmas flowers will bring joy to our members throughout the Christmas season.

Reminder: Honor Chapter is dark in January and February.

Since this will be the last printing before Christmas, Brother Tom and I want to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year!**

Respectfully,
Sister Susan Shefchik, WM
Brother Tom Pinney, WP



Secretary/Treasure's Column

[HENRY S. BAIRD #174 DAY OF LIGHT March 28, 2020!!!](#) See separate document in this Newsletter.

- We need the immediate help of all members of the LODGE & OES. Please read **HOW YOU CAN HELP AS A MEMBER OF HENRY S. BAIRD #174 OR HONOR CHAPTER #1 OES!!!**
- The question has been asked what if other Lodges in the state wanted to bring a qualified candidate? In the spirit of Masonic Friendship, Brotherly Love, and the approval of GL, we would work with them to accommodate their request.

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE—WM William Schaefer has appointed a Recruitment Committee which consists of; all the 2020 Officers, plus PM Mitch Custer, PM John Sullivan, Grand Chaplin Rev. David Leistra PM, PM Scott Davis, PM William Runyan, Br. Andy Buechner, and Br. Andy Starr. S/T Tom Pinney, Jr. was appointed Chr.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE---WM William Schaefer has appointed a Communications Committee; Ed Klein Chr. PM Mitch Custer, PM William Schaefer, and Br. Andy Starr. They are to implement ways to effectively communicate with our brothers using social media within the guidelines of GL. The suggestion for this committee came from Br. Andy Starr.

Editor's Note: [\(Day of Light is Pending Approval of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin\)](#)

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DUES --- Thanks to all who have paid their 2019 dues, purchased Donated Tickets for the 2020 Steamboat Dinner, and /or Donated to the roof replacement.

CANDIDATE---Mr. Eric Dean of Algoma WI, a candidate, was not able to be a part of the Day of Light Class in Sheboygan WI on November 2, 2019.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES---Br. Jeremy Ruhlen, who is stationed in Milwaukee, with the Coast Guard reports he has a fellow Coast Guard person who is interested in joining Masonry. He is arranging a time and place that we can meet with them and hopefully he can be a candidate at [Henry S. Baird #174's Day of Light on Saturday March 28, 2020.](#)

MAGIC SHOW--- We have not yet received the financial information from the Magic Show.

HOLIDAY DINNER---On November 9th, 221 Dinners were prepared by the Lodge and delivered to DC Social Services (ADRC) designees. Sixty-eight went to Washington Island. SD Geoff Pinney was in charge and all went wonderfully well. Thanks to all who helped and made it a great community service and fun day.

LODGE ROOF----The Trustees are continuing gathering information on the roof replacement.

BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY---The Lodge and OES will again ring bells. Following are the dates and times we have been assigned. ---

- **Saturday December 7th 9am to 9pm**
- **Saturday December 14th 9am to 9pm**

Br. Ed Klein is in charge. This is a fun and worthwhile event. Make it a family event. You can do it with a friend. It is inside by the carts at Econo-Foods. The kettles receive far more money when ringers are in attendance. Br. Ed reports he still has a few slots open. Please call or text him at 920.737.3166.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS ----The election of officers was held at our November 14th stated meeting. The following officers were elected for 2020; Worshipful Master Ross Chapman, Senior Warden Rick Rogers, Junior Warden Geoffrey Pinney, and Secretary/Treasurer Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. PM John Sullivan was elected trustee for a 3-year term.

APPOINTED OFFICERS ---WM elect, Ross Chapman, has appointed the following officers for 2020; SD Ben Miller, JD PM William Runyan, Chaplain Br. Ed Klein, SS Br. Steve Schaefer, JS PM William Schaefer, Counselor PM Mark Fischer, and Tiler HPM Alvin Briggs.

THANKSGIVING---No meeting

Installation of Officers---Grand Chaplain David Leistra PM will install the new officers on Thursday, December 12th, assisted by DDGM Christian Hirthe as installing Marshal and PM Mitch Custer as Installing Chaplain. The event is OPEN to the Public. Supper is at 5:30 pm (free) and Open Installation will follow at 6:30 pm. The installation will be followed by a short-Stated Meeting during which we will approve a budget for 2020.

Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts; ph.920.493.3727 or email tompinney@charter.net



2020 Henry S. Baird Officers

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

Masonic Birthdays

December

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
12/22/1955	64	Thomas S. Pinney Jr

Editor's Notes

I am honored to share the following letter I received this last month from Mariellen Haen:

Dear Master Mitch,

First of all, I want to thank you (and the lodge) so much for spotlighting organ donation. For those families that have been blessed by an organ transplant, getting information out to the public about donation is very important.

Many people know my story about organ donation because of my husband Tony, and his fight for every breath he took. Tony was a Mason, Scottish Rite, and Beja clown for many years. Through all

those years, Tony was true to the Masonic life, in and out of the lodge. His affiliation with the Shrine Clowns gave him opportunities to engage with young and old, bringing joy to all.

Organ donation was brought to my family's attention long before Tony became ill. Over 30 years ago, my brother Doug was in need of a bone marrow transplant. Our family and friends stepped up to be tested and added our names to the organ donation list. This was a wakeup call for our family, experiencing firsthand the life-giving ability we all have through organ donation.

Most families will never go through a loved one needing a donation of a major organ to survive. When we think of organ donation, we should also think of giving the gift of blood. Everyone knows someone that has had a surgery, and having blood available is critical. Many people don't want to talk about organ donation, because they don't want to talk about their death. Blood donation is something the general public can do year after year, saving up to 3 people's lives with each donation. That is your first challenge. Roll up your sleeve, and save 3 lives.

Now, back to the present, and my journey of organ donation for Tony.

When a loved one is so very sick that you don't know if they will have another tomorrow, you cling onto the one thing that never goes away. That is Faith. With Faith comes Hope, and the assurance that we are not alone. My Masonic roots go deep, my father was a Mason, brothers and my son are masons, and I started out as a Jobs Daughter and have continued with Masonic affiliated organizations throughout my life. I thank all of the Masons that have stayed the course and put into practice the lessons taught to them.

This challenge that is in front of you is a very real need. It is being presented to you because if any group can change the world for the better, it is the Masonic family. Thank you for living the code!

Mariellen Haen

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On January 27th of 2019 my brother Jay and I were on the other end of the donation process when we were able to donate the organs for our sister Heidi. Three or more people were able to benefit from here gifts. Two people received kidneys and another person received a liver. In addition, other tissues were able to be harvested. Due to the nature of her death and the cornor needing to do an examination, other organ could not be used. We had the opportunity to correspond with a couple of the recipients.

Mitch Custer - Editor

P.S. Brother Masons, please note that if you received a letter about the assessment, please make sure to send you payment along with the yellow card in the enclosed envelope by the end of December. Thank You

The following is pending approval the “Grand Lodge of Wisconsin”

Tsp 11/23/19 Rev. 11/24/19

H.S. BAIRD #174 DAY OF LIGHT
SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2020 7:30A TO 5:30P
MASONIC LODGE 31 S. THIRD AVE. STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

TALKING POINTS FOR APPROACHING A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE

- **A ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2020 FOR 25 --- *BUSY GOOD MEN*--- TO BECOME MASTER MASONS AND BETTER SERVE THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY, AND ARE WILLING TO GIVE AT LEAST 4 HOURS PER YEAR TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPONSORED BY THE LODGE.**
 - This will include all the degrees in full form.
 - This will include all the posting and examinations required.
- **THE BENEFITS FOR THE CANDIDATES**
 - **To allow Good Men the “opportunity to become better men” so as to better serve their Family, Community and The World.**
 - To experience the **synergistic energy and the satisfaction** of serving hands-on with Brothers, Family, Community, and Government as a team to help relieve those in need.
 - To be a vital part of the **sustainability** of the infrastructure of H.S. Baird. #174 so as to continue to serve the Door and Kewaunee Communities.
 - Over 8,000 **Steamboat Dinner** meals have been donated to those in need.
 - Over 1,200 **Holiday meals** have been donated and delivered to the door of those in need.
 - A **second home** for the Service Organizations such as the DC Boys and Girls Club at no cost to them
 - In the past 10 years over **\$30,000** has been given to various **Community Organizations in need.**
- **WHAT IS REQUIRED BY H. S. BAIRD #174 TO BECOME A MEMBER?**
 - Profess a belief in a **monotheistic Supreme Being**
 - **Not** to have been convicted of a Felony
 - **Time**
 - **1 hr.** informational meeting- **Choice of 3 times; 5p: Mon, Tues, or Wed. January 6, 7 or 8, 2020**
 - 1/2 hr. to fill out a petition
 - 10 hrs. (1 Saturday **March 28th from 7:30a to 5:30p**)
 - **Financial**
 - Initiation fee of \$320
 - Prorated 2020 Dues of \$98
- **WHAT EXPECTATIONS DOES H.S. BAIRD #174 HAVE FOR NEW AS WELL AS ALL MEMBERS? (exceptions are happily made for physical or financial reasons)**
 - **Time**
 - **A minimum of 4 hrs. per year** participation in Lodge Community Service Programs such as
 - Annual **STEAMBOAT DINNER** 2nd Saturday in March
 - Annual **HOLIDAY DINNER** 2nd Saturday in November
 - Annual **BELL RINGING** for the Salvation Army in December
 - Other opportunities that the new member may wish to become involved with such as
 - Officer of the lodge
 - Ritual/degree memorization

- Visit the sick
- Marketing events such as the Annual Steamboat Dinner
- **That you will in your relationship with your Family, Community and the World STRIVE to exhibit RESPECT and CIVILITY in all your actions--- thus becoming a better human being. Allow the lessons of Masonry to support and deepen your Belief in your chosen Monotheistic Faith.**
- **Financial**
 - Pay your annual dues which presently are \$131
 - Consider supporting other financial opportunities within the Lodge and community

HOW YOU CAN HELP AS A MEMBER OF HENRY S. BAIRD #174 OR HONOR CHAPTER #1 OES.

This is a WIN for the candidate---a WIN for the Community, and a WIN for H.S. Baird #174

• **BY IDENTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES**

- To make this a success we need members of both organizations to help us. You know your Sons, Grandsons, Nephews, and Friends who might consider becoming a Mason at **H. S. BAIRD'S DAY OF LIGHT ON MARCH 28TH**. Remember the program is designed for **BUSY GOOD MEN. Deadline to submit names, is December 31, 2019.**
- Once you have 1 or more men in mind, please immediately do the following--
 - Call, Text or email S/T Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. 920.493.3727 with the following information
 - Full name including the middle name or initial
 - Address
 - Email
 - Cell phone
 - Best way to contact him
 - Your Phone #
 - Are you willing to contact the prospect? If no, who would you recommend from the Lodge?

• **TALKING ABOUT THE PROGRAM WITH YOUR BUSY GOOD MEN FRIENDS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO CONSIDER THE OPORTUNITY.**

• **INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS---**

- Offered Three times at the Lodge from 5p to 6P, 31 S. Third Ave.
 - Monday January 6, 2020
 - Tuesday January 7, 2020
 - Wednesday January 8, 2020

If none of these times are convenient for the prospect, we will make special arrangements.
- Wives, Significant Others, and children are welcome. We will have a supervised area for children to play.
- Light refreshments will be available.
- Petitions will be available

• **COMPLETING PETITIONS---** We will provide phone support in completing petitions from the S/T 920.493.3727 or Brother Ed Klein 920.737.3166

• **COMPLETED PETITIONS ---The deadline to return the completed petitions to the S/T is January 31, 2020.**

- They must be completely filled out
- Have 2 members in good standing sign for them. One must be a member of H.S.Baird #174

- The S/T will email copies of the petition to GL for their review, which usually is done in 48hrs. **Deadline to submit to GL is Friday February 28, 2020**
- At a Stated Meeting the WM at his discretion may receive the petitions, read them, and appoint an Interview Committee from the Recruitment Committee. **Deadline for WM to receive petition is the Stated Meeting of March 12, 2020**
 - **WM Schaefer appointed the following Recruitment Committee; all the 2019 Officers plus PM Mitch Custer, PM John Sullivan, PM David Leistra, PM Scott Davis, PM William Runyan, Br. Andy Buechner, and Br. Andy Starr. S/T Tom Pinney, Jr. was appointed Chr.**
- At a subsequent Stated Meeting the report of the Interviewing Committee will be made known by the WM and each Petition will then be balloted on. **Deadline to ballot is the Stated Meeting of March 26, 2020**