



Trestle Board



Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies

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Calendar of Events:

February 3rd – Honor Chapter – Dark, no meeting

February 10th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

February 17th – Honor Chapter – Dark, no meeting

February 24th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

March 3rd – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

March 10th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting - Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

March 12th – Steam Boat Dinner – 8:00 am – 9:00 pm

March 17th – Honor Chapter – To be determined

March 24th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

April 7th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 14th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting - Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

April 21st – Honor Chapter – To be determined

April 28th – 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.

Honor Chapter #1

Greetings to Honor Chapter members and friends,

February...the month for valentines and snow pants!! Let's remember to send some valentine greetings either on the phone, or through the mail, to members and family. Snail mail may be slower than an e-mail, but isn't it nice to have a letter to open and read and re-read?

While we are on recess from our Chapter meetings, brush up on your dog trivia. We will be needing it! Our **Pets for Vets** project is rolling along very well, but some fun dog action is on the horizon! Stay tuned!

Sad news to hear the Carole Biddick's husband passed away suddenly. Please send your love and sympathy her way. Also, she just had a hip replacement. Strength needed for Carole and her family.

Plans are underway for the Steamboat Dinner in March 12th. Please buy your tickets early, and promote the dinner in our community. Not only is it a fund raiser, it is an awareness raiser of our Masonic organizations to our community. If anyone has a business or knows of a business that would wish to support this event by purchasing tickets, please call W.P. Tom Pinney.

A huge thank you to the group of Honor Chapter members that helped clean up the pantry at the Temple. It was well overdue, and looks better, smells better, and a bit more insulation in the holes in the wall! Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!

Enjoy the winter break, study your ritual (yes we do need to have an initiation) and opt for love when you get the chance!

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Message from Worshipful Master Geoff

First of all, I want to Thank all the brothers and Sisters for their thoughts and prayers while I'm recovering from my Injury. Sonja and I appreciate all the support. A Thank You to all the brothers for stepping up in my absence for the January meetings and School of Instruction.

I'm sure Secretary/Treasurer Tom will talk more about the Steamboat Dinner in his message. This is our biggest event of the year and we will be reaching out to people for help in preparation of the food and especially last couple of days leading up to the meal on Saturday March 12th. Anyone with time available the week leading up to the meal please contact myself or Brother Tom.

Everyone please stay safe and warm.

God bless you and your families.

WM Geoff Pinney
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Secretary/Treasure's Column

Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts; phone or text (920) 493-3727 or email tompinney@charter.net

HSB #174 MEMBERSHIP For the first time in many years our lodge had a net increase in membership. We began the year with 83 members, raised 11, 5 died, with an ending membership of 89.

ASSIMILATE NEW MASTER MASONS into HSB #174

- Questionnaires have been sent out to learn their skill sets and willingness to participate in lodge activities, degree work, and officer interest. We have received 4 back and we have already used them to involve a new MM who is on the committee which will research and recommend what charities we should support in 2022.
- Ciphers have been made available and used by those who attended the School of Instruction.
- We will be following up with those who indicated an interest in other Masonic organizations.
- Arrange a group meeting and or individual contact to develop a personal Plan of Action for their Masonic Journey

2022 DUES NOTICES were mailed in early October --- as of 01/29/22 we still have 11 members who have not paid their 2022 dues. We would appreciate their response. If there is any issue, please contact the S/T Tom at 920.493.3727 or the WM Geoff at 920.495.1349.

- Primary Members \$135 includes \$49 GL per capita tax
- Plural Members \$ 86
- PMP's \$0

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION--- The school was held on January 22nd. It was a wonderful opportunity for our new Officers and MMs to learn the correct way to do the Ritualistic work. District 4 Lecturer, Moses Adams is an excellent instructor. Eleven were in attendance. Next year the school will be on Saturday January 28th and we will be doing item 3.

STEAMBOAT DINNER (SBD)—Saturday March 12, 2022

- **DONATED MEALS \$17.00 each.**
 - Our **Goal is 900 DONATED MEALS** with a Challenge Goal of 950.
 - We have **changed** the designation from DONATED TICKETS to **DONATE MEALS** to more accurately reflect how we handle DONATIONS. We NOW deliver ALL DONATED MEALS purchased so there is no need to print donated tickets.
 - **NEW** ---we have set up the **Henry S. Baird #174 Charitable Fund** at the Door County Community Foundation
 - To enable any entity to purchase tax deductible DONATED MEALS.
 - Employees whose employers match their charitable gifts can now leverage their contributions! \$170 could become \$340. One brother has already done this twice. Contact Tom Pinney for Details.
 - This is a major step forward in securing Community support. Questions contact Tom Pinney at 920.493.3727.
 - **Revised Talking Points** is available from the S/T
 - Which now includes **option 2 for businesses** or anyone wanting to **ensure IRS Tax Deductibility** to make their check payable to the Door County Community Foundation (DCCF) and mark in the memo “HSB Charity Fund.” Please still send these checks to HSBaird #174 P.O. Box 86 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. We will record the information and bring them to DCCF to deposit into HSB Charity Fund and send you a confirmation of your donation.
 - As an individual you can still simply make your check payable to HSBaird, mark in the memo *“Donated SBD Meals”*, and mail to
 - HSBaird #174 P.O. Box 86 Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235.

- **Update of Donated Meals as of 1/29/22**
 - Goal of 900 Meals has been exceeded = 102%.
 - Challenge Goal of 950Meals at 97%.
 - Total purchased Meals = 922. Last year 942 were purchased
 - 49% have been purchased by persons or entities with Masonic ties.
 - Bob Ryan, Ben Miller, Lynn Aude and Andrew Buechner have been very helpful in securing businesses to purchase these Donated Meals.

- **REGULAR TICKETS ---can only be used at the DRIVE-THRU**
 - We expect the Drive Thru on 3rd Ave. to serve over **300 meals to the Public**. It is open from 4P to 7p on the day of the dinner. Tell your friends and neighbors to use the tickets they purchased or received by making use of the **DRIVE THRU**
 - They also can **purchase Regular Tickets curbside**
 - **Walk-up customers** can purchase Regular Tickets inside the front door of the lodge
 - We **mailed 10 Regular Tickets** on December 23rd to the brothers who normally sell them, Officers, and all Master Masons raised in 2021.
 - Special arrangements can be made for **delivery of Regular Ticket meal(s)** for those in need of such service. Contact Tom Pinney at 920.493.3727 by MARCH 1, 2022

CHARITY COMMITTEE WM Geoff Pinney has appointed the following Charity Committee, Gregory Dobbin chm., Judy Dobbins, Andy Buechner, T.J. Lautenbach, and Mark Elste. They will be researching and bringing back to lodge suggestion of who might be recipients of our budgeted charity outreach of \$3,000 that would be matched by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. The lodge has approved using a tithe (10%) of Br. Ed Klein's Life Insurance legacy for a one time increase in our Charity Budget. This will be an increase of \$3,253. The committee will bring back suggestions for recipient(s) of this tithe.

WEBSITE----Br. Andy Crow has the website up and running. hsbaird.com. Please check it out and give him your feedback. 920.493.6119 andrewscottcrow@gmail.com.

2022 Henry S. Baird Officers

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Tiler	William Schaefer PM	920-868-2517
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Masonic Birthdays

February 2022

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
02/22/1966	56	Dennis C. Ludlow
02/03/1970	52	Amiel L. Hepp
02/13/1975	47	Harald T. Halvorsen
02/25/1976	46	W. Milton B. Lenius
02/20/1986	36	W. James S. Wade
02/14/1991	31	Charles G. Brann
02/13/2003	19	Charles D. Wingrove
02/28/2011	11	Jeremiah E. Ruhlen
02/26/2015	7	Andrew R. Buechner

Editor's Notes

Brothers,

This not only applies to the Lodges, but to the appendant bodies, as well...

A man walks down the street of his hometown and sees the old Masonic lodge closed and falling apart. He had left for the service and said when he returned home, he wanted to join the lodge because as a child he was so impressed by the quality of men he met there. He recalled the fish fry's and barbecues he attended there, the Christmas parties and other events.

He saw an old lady walking down the street and asks her what happened? He recalled how he would see the members gather for meetings, holding events for the community, and marching in the parade. Such great men, beacons of the town, men of influence but more importantly, just great men.

The old woman stated, "My husband used to attend lodge there. For decades he would spend countless hours working to prepare for events and meetings, oh how he loved being around his Brothers. He loved being a Freemason and so looked forward to the fellowship, he loved being surrounded by good men, like-minded men who knew they were something bigger than themselves."

"But what happened? ", asked the man, "Where'd they all go?"

"Well son", said the old lady, "They died or moved away but it started down this path long before that. The Brothers stopped coming, they stopped working on the lodge, they stopped holding events. When the Brothers stopped attending, the events stopped, the people stopped coming, when the people stopped coming, the fundraisers stopped, when the fundraisers stopped, the Brothers were asked to pitch in to keep their lodge alive. Unfortunately, the Brothers have more important things to do. They would have all kinds of reasons why they couldn't come and give a few hours of their time.

There used to be dozens but eventually, there were just a few, my husband called them 'The faithful few'. Sometimes they barely had enough to hold meetings, they couldn't do Degree work because they didn't have enough members present, they couldn't grow because they couldn't bring in new men. Sadly, as those faithful few aged, they just couldn't do it all anymore. They tried but after the events stopped, so did their relations with the town folk. The people who had enjoyed the events over the years lost interest in helping out. They drained what little money they had left to try and keep it open but it all dried up. After they closed my husband was miserable, it was the one thing he looked forward to each month and now it was gone."

The man looked on with tears in his eyes, such a great institution that did so much for its community was gone.

Our Lodges are not just buildings of brick and mortar, they are buildings of Brotherly Love. Love held between Brothers of the order and shown to our communities but they can't survive on love alone. Like any great organization, it is the members who keep it going. Much like the crops of the field will die off without the rains, our Lodges will die off without its members. We all have other things that go on, that is life, but we must make every effort to set aside the time, as little as four hours a month, to attend meetings, do the work and maintain our temple.

I hope this story will spark some thought on the subject. I am like the man in this story. I grew up with the Lodge and Star as people I looked up to. My mother, father, Grand Parents, Aunts and Uncles all belonged to these organizations. I have always looked for a lodge in the towns I have lived in or visited. We can keep them going if more can give a little more time to attend meetings and become involved in events that we can do with the help of the membership. Look for new and interesting events that a new committee is looking into.

Mitch Custer, PM Editor & Area Administer

PS Thank you to Brother Gary Fehl of NEW Daylite #360 for this article.



**If you are waiting for someone to
make the Organization Better,
don't hold your breath waiting.
Betterment begins with you!**

-- Coach John S. Nagy

