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Calendar of Events:

- February 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Brotherhood Night
- February 22th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Table Lodge with meal
- March 1st – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
- March 3rd – Steam Boat Dinner Set-Up – Table/chairs & wash dishes – 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- March 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – The EA Degree
- March 9th – Steam Boat Dinner – Finish Set-Up – 8:00 am
- March 9th – Steam Boat Dinner – Dutch Treat Dinner – Trattoria Dal Santo – 6:00 pm
- March 10th – **Steam Boat Dinner** – 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- March 15th - Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
- March 22th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Education
- March 24th – Masonic Day of Light – Green Bay/NEW Masonic Center
- April 5th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
- April 12th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – The FC Degree
- April 19th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
- April 26th - H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Past Master's Night with meal

**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**

Worshipful Master's Column

Dear Brothers,

Any institution as old as our goes through seasons of change. There have been those times that like springtime were filled with renewed life and vigor, and too those times like winter when life can seem to pause and grow quiet. Over the last several decades our fraternity has been in a pattern common to many of the oldest institutions in the world that has seen a loss in membership and the aging of those who remain. Every year that passes we say "farewell until we meet again" to more and more of our brothers and don't see their places being taken up by the next generation as had been the case in the past. However, this is not the first time in our long and illustrious history that the fraternity has seen such times, and then (as I believe we will once again) it came through that time into a time of renewal. I think that something to remember is that as history has proven again-and-again it won't be new programs or making accommodations to the shifting sands of culture that will lead to renewal and growth instead it will be because those who value the institution and care about its survival will share what they value about it with others with passion and conviction.

In our culture our fraternity is quickly becoming the last place where men can meet together and learn about what it means to be a better man, and to find the encouragement of other men in becoming such. We have our own way of talking about such values, such as how a stone is made ready by craftsmen to be of use in the building of any great edifice. Sadly, in our time we hear of men in every aspect of society acting in ways that are considered unfitting for a Mason, and many whose behavior if they were masons would call for their expulsion from the fraternity. I can't but wonder if those men had other men in their lives who stood as an example of living a life that has the moral and ethical foundation that our fraternity holds dear. I think likely not.

I hope that you will look for men in your circle of acquaintance who might be interested in fellowship with men who value such things as faith, tradition, fraternity, ethics, charity, and family and share with them why you are a mason. They need to know that there still is a place where men gather together to uphold such values. This is not a membership drive I am advocating but a sharing of what matters to you with those who you call friend or who are family. We have something as masons that men desperately need today, a place to belong that affirms being a man while at the same time encouraging working toward becoming a better man. One of the things I value most about the lodge is that we don't care about the shade of your skin or the size of your bank account, we don't care who you voted for in the last election or what church you attend, and we don't care about the titles you can lay claim to in the world when we all meet on the level. What we do care about is helping each other in honing our skill in crafting a living stone into such as is fitted for use in the celestial lodge. Isn't that something worth sharing? Isn't that something worth preserving?

Fraternity Yours,

David O. Leistra, W.M

Worthy Matron's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Since we are not meeting in February I will not have a column this month.

Connie Skarvan
Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney
Worthy Patron

Secretary/Treasure's Column

Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts; ph.920.493.3727 or email tompinney@charter.net

EA DEGREE---We hope to have an EA degree in February. We will keep you posted by email.

H.S.Baird #174 DUES ---The response to the dues notices has been good. Members were given the opportunity to contribute to the Capital Fund which included purchasing a new Potato Peeler and other items. To date we have received \$1,287 for these projects. Also, we have received \$6,551 for Donated Tickets for the 2018 Steamboat Dinner. Lodge members, Friends, and the Community continue to be very generous.

WISCONSIN MASONIC DAY OF LIGHT--- The Grand lodge has developed this program to allow a man to become a Master Mason in one day. Shortly, thereafter he will receive his Apron, Bible and do his MM Posting in the lodge where he petitioned. On March 24, 2018 from 7am to 6pm this program will be offered in Green Bay at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center. We have been asked by our District Lecturer to do the Fellowcraft Degree that day. We are putting together the cast and if you wish to participate please contact Tom Pinney. If you have a candidate, please contact Tom Pinney as soon as possible as we need to follow the regular format for petitions, assign a mentor, and register him for the event.

STEAMBOAT DINNER---

- **DONATED TICKETS---**Last year we had 563 purchased which was a record. This included a \$2,000 one-time gift from a widow. Presently we have had 430 donated tickets purchased. If we are to equal last year we need 133 more. If you can help us it would be wonderful, or if you know of businesses in the community that might be willing to donate 10 tickets please talk to them. Contact Tom Pinney at 920.493.3727 or tompinney@charter.net for questions or written "Talking Points".

- **REGULAR TICKETS---**The regular tickets will be distributed in late January to the Officers and those brothers who in the past sold ticket. If you do not receive them, and would like some, please contact Tom Pinney. The price is \$16 each.
- **WORKER ASSIGNMENTS ---**We are in the process of making calls to brothers and friends of the lodge to confirm their availability to work and where they would like to help. The March Newsletter that you will receive in late February will have an assignment list. Please contact Tom Pinney if you have any questions.
- **MINTS---**We are adding after-dinner mints as a new little twist.

WALKING THE TALK --- A few days ago I was involved in leading a meeting and anxious to get it started called it to order and proceeded with the first agenda item. At that moment a gentle voice at the other end of the table said “Tom haven’t you forgotten something, shouldn’t we start with a prayer?” It took a 15-year member to remind a 62-year member of a very important lesson we learned in the EA degree---“*NO MAN SHOULD EVER ENGAGE IN ANY GREAT OR IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING WITHOUT FIRST INVOKING THE BLESSINGS OF DIETY*”. He had walked the talk that moment; I had not and needed a gentle reminder to get back to the walk.

For up to date Masonic information, go to our website www.hsbaird.com.

President’s Day is February 18th



Henry S. Baird #174 Calendar of Events

January 11, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Re-obligation Night
January 25, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
January 27, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	9am to 2pm	School of Instruction with Moses Adams District 4 Lecturer. We will do item 3.	
February 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Brotherhood Night
February 22, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Table Lodge (meal)
March 3, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	9:00am-11am	SBD initial setup - phase 1	Table/chairs & Wash dishes
March 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	The E.A. Degree
March 9, 2018	Friday	Lodge	8:00am	Finish Set-Up for Steamboat Dinner (SBD)	
March 9, 2018	Friday	Trattoria Dal Santo	6pm	Dutch Treat for SBD workers and Friends	117 N. 3rd Ave
March 10, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	4pm to 7pm	Steamboat Dinner	Open to public
March 22, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
3/24/2018 NEW	Saturday	NWMC GB	TBD	Masonic Day of Light	
March 29, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
April 12, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	The F. C. Degree
April 26, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Past Master's Night (meal)
May 10, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Lodge History Night
May 19, 2018	Saturday	Wausau	TBD	Spring Joint District 3 & 4 meeting	
May 24, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	The Master Mason Degree
May 31, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
June 14, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Flag Day
June 28, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Special
August 15, 2018	Wednesday	TBD	5p social hr. 6p meal	Annual Steak Fry/Fish Boil	
August 30, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
September 13, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Heritage Night
September 27, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Roll Call (all member call) Night (meal)
October 11, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
October 25, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Landmarks of Freemasonry Night
November 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Vet's Night (Election of Officers)
November 22, 2018	Thursday	Lodge		No Meeting	No Meeting, Thanksgiving
November 29, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
December 13, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Masonic Legacy Night
Stated meetings of HS Baird #174 are on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30p					
Visit Website for more information hsbaird174.com					

2018 Henry S. Baird Officers

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	Robert Ryan PM	920-493-4009
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
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Masonic Birthdays

February

<u>Years</u>	<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Name</u>
67	02/05/1951	MW. James J. Byrnes
52	02/22/1966	Dennis C. Ludlow
48	02/03/1970	Amiel L. Hepp
43	02/13/1975	Harald T. Halvorsen
42	02/25/1976	W. Milton B. Lenius
32	02/20/1986	W. James S. Wade
29	02/09/1989	Philip H. Voight
27	02/14/1991	Charles G. Brann
15	02/13/2003	Charles D. Wingrove
11	02/12/2007	Matthew Z. Jackson
7	02/28/2011	Jeremiah E. Ruhlen
2	02/26/2015	Andrew R. Buechner

Editor's Page

I hope you enjoy the following poem: This is one that I shared last year during my term in the East.

I SEE YOU'VE TRAVELED SOME

Wherever you may chance to be
Wherever you may roam,
Far away in foreign lands;
Or just at Home Sweet Home;
It always gives you pleasure,
it makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer,
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,
And he takes you by the hand,
It thrills you with a feeling
that you cannot understand,
You feel that bond of brotherhood
that tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,
In strange lands all alone
If fate has left you stranded
Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you--makes you numb,
When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,
To take a last long trip,
Adorned with Lambskins Apron White
and gems of fellowship
The tiler at the Golden Gate,
With square and rule and plumb
Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",
"I see you've traveled some."

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above.

