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Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies

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Calendar of Events:

February 11th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm (Canceled)

February 25th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm (Canceled)

March 4th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

March 11th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

March 13th – Steam Boat Dinner – See Secretary's article

March 18th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

March 25th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

April 1st – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

April 15th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 22nd – 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.

Even though it has been a struggle, hopefully everyone is continuing to deal safely with the Covid Pandemic. I pray that we can all get the vaccine soon.

There is still no news as to when Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers can resume their OES meetings. The hope had been to reopen meetings in March but nothing definite has been decided. We are still waiting for a final decision from our WGM as to when we can safely resume our meetings and social activities. Plans are being made for a shortened version of this year's Grand Chapter Session which will include masks and social distancing.

Let these words from Romans guide our words and actions and help to lift us up.

**So, let us strive for the things that bring peace
and the things that build each other up.**

Romans 14:19

Respectfully,

Sue Shefchik WM
Tom Pinney WP

Worshipful Master's Column

Dear Brethren,

The Steamboat Dinner is only six weeks away, Saturday March 13th. It will be drive-thru and deliveries only. The donated tickets have been very good this year. Thanks goes out to the Brothers and the Eastern Star who bought some of them. Brethren, I hope your sale of regular tickets is going well, if you need more, contact the Secretary/Treasurer at (920) 493-3727. Starting the Saturday before the dinner and every day until the dinner, Geoff Pinney and I will be at the lodge working. If you can or want to help, let Geoff know – (920) 495-1549.

We hope to have a Masonic Day of Light in 2021. We are currently looking at October 23rd. The Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin will still have to approve this. One of our candidates for MDOL, who is with the Coast Guard will be leaving Sturgeon Bay soon. He still wants to become a mason, so we may be doing an EA degree to get him started. The Secretary/Treasurer will keep you up to date on this.

Ross Chapman WM

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

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

- **Rescheduled for Saturday October 23, 2021** because;
 - GM Ken Gorgen requested for safety reasons and
 - Lodge Officers concurred
 - Hopefully by then most of the population will have the COVID-19 VACCINATION and sufficient time has elapsed for it to provide a high degree of immunity.
- **Subject to the following---**
 - The GM's suspension is lifted for Day of Light events
 - We receive a dispensation from the then GM
 - We have been in conversation with now Deputy Grand Master Gary Stang who will then likely be the Grand Master.
- **Plan of Action** at this point basically remains the same as the original HSB #174 Day of Light
- We will contact **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.**
- We are working on ideas to see if we can do some degree work ahead of the Day of Light to **accommodate some of our candidates.**
- **Questions, please call 920.493.3727**

STATED MEETINGS---

- The WM has **cancelled both meetings in February** due to COVID-19 concerns. We will keep you informed as to when **we again will meet in person.** The soonest will be March 2021.

JEFFREY BRANSON---

- Jeff is one of our candidates for the Day of Light. He resides in Wells Michigan. The GM of MI gave us a dispensation for him to be initiated in WI and become a member of our Lodge.
- He is a friend of our Br. Richard Nebel.
- Marinette Lodge #182 is scheduled to do a courtesy EA degree for him on February 11th. He is very anxious to get started in Masonry. He will do at least his MM in our lodge.

STEAMBOAT DINNER---Saturday March 13, 2021.

- As of 01/25/21 we have received **\$12,315 from 63 donors. Eight hundred forty-four (844) Donated Tickets have been committed to be purchased. This represents 99% of our Goal of 850 and 94% of our Challenge Goal of 900!**
- If you know someone or a business who might be interested in supporting this Donated Ticket program, please contact Tom Pinney 920.493.3727 The **Drive-Thru** will be **open**.
- The **Dining Room** will **not** be open to the public.
- We will probably need to **increase the 24 Delivery Teams** used last year as DCADRC is this year moving to all Deliveries of their allotted Donated Tickets
- **Baked Potato** is under consideration to replace Mashed Potatoes. We keep trying to improve.
- **Assignments**
 - This year is different as we have to assimilate into our Assignment schedule
 - The dining room will be closed
 - Health considerations of individuals and their families. We are blessed that at least 2 brothers and 1 candidate have new babies or young children.
 - We will be calling you during early February to see if you feel comfortable in working this year and if so, discuss your assignment(s)
- We expect our **GM Ken Gorgen and his wife Jan to attend the Steamboat Dinner**. He may invite Past Grand Masters or some current GL officers to attend with him. Once again, we are grateful to Br. Ed Klein for providing accommodations.
- The Friday **night “Dutch Treat” Dinner** on the night before the SBD will be slightly different than in years past---
 - We will be sending each of you who indicate they want to attend a **menu** form Trattoria DalSanto’s for you to pick your meal
 - Your orders will be given to Br. Mike DalSanto for a **combined pick-up** at a specific time **TBD**
 - The orders will be **picked-up as a unit by a brother and brought to the lodge** where we will practice Social Distancing and still enjoy a safe meal together.
 - There will be **no Alcoholic Beverages served**. Coffee, Tea, and soft Drinks will be available at No Charge.
 - Cost
 - Grand Lodge officers and their lady will be our guests.
 - HSB members will reimburse the lodge. Details **TBD**

CHARITY---

- We received a \$250 matching gift from **Hiram’s Helpers (GL)** in support of our \$500 gift sent to the Boys and Girls Club for Winter Clothing and Electronic Equipment for those kids in need. This year a Brother donated \$250 so that in the end there was no net cost to the lodge and we did not go over the approved budget for Charity. Thanks to this Brother for his generosity.

- For 2020 Henry S. Baird #174 budgeted \$3,000. However, because the brothers voted to give a tithe of legacy money received, **we actual gave to Charity \$9,807.21.**

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION---

- After discussion with DL Moses Adams the School of Instruction originally scheduled for January will be **postponed** to a later date when it is safer to meet.

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.**

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2021 Henry S. Baird Officers

Worshipful Master	Ross Chapman PM	920-495-3281
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Junior Deacon	William Runyan PM	920-535-3026
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Trustees	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
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	Mitch Custer PM	608-770-2928
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
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Counselor	Mark Fisher PM	920-495-9034

Masonic Birthdays

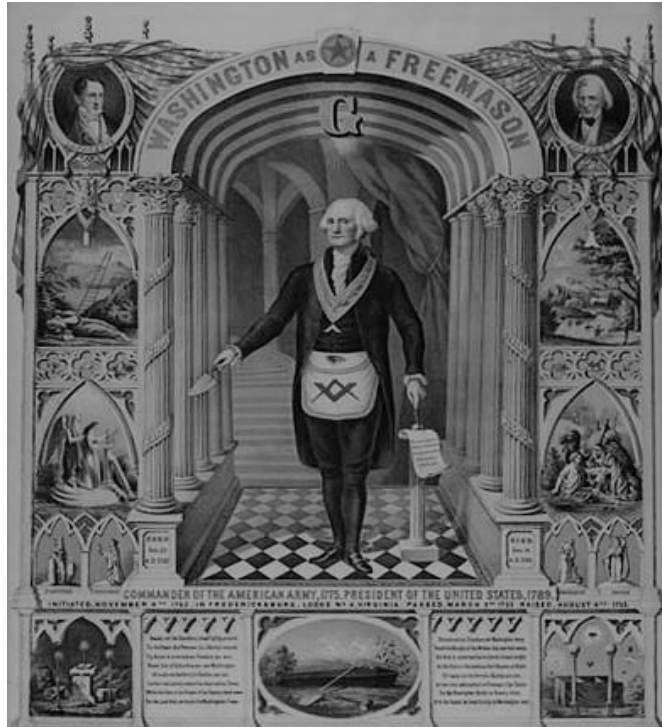
<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>February Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
02/22/1966	55	Dennis C. Ludlow
02/03/1970	51	Amiel L. Hepp
02/13/1975	46	Harald T. Halvorsen
02/25/1976	45	W. Milton B. Lenius
02/20/1986	35	W. James S. Wade
02/14/1991	30	Charles G. Brann
02/13/2003	18	Charles D. Wingrove
02/28/2011	10	Jeremiah E. Ruhlen
02/26/2015	6	Andrew R. Buechner

Editor's Notes

Did any of you know that Jimmy the Ground Hog in Sun Prairie was a Mason? Well, as the story goes, he was. Back in 1965, a couple in Sun Prairie who were taking over the responsibility for the Sun Prairie celebration for the 4H needed an idea for a ground hog. A gentleman in town named Jim Weigen helped them acquire the first Jimmy. Thus, was born Jimmy the Ground Hog. Jim Weigen was a member of both the Sun Prairie lodge as well as my lodge, Doric. Jim was blind but had memorized all the masonic work. I had the privilege of learning much of my work from him. He also would put on dinners to help the Jobies in Sun Prairie raise money for their robes and chapter. I know this as my mother was the Bethel Guardian at the time. So, in all, Jimmy the Ground Hog (9th generation) of Sun Prairie was and is a Mason.

Mitch Custer PM Editor





February 15th is Presidents Day

Remember the Presidents that were members of the Craft.

