



Trestle Board



Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies

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Calendar of Events:

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

June 14th - H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Flag Day

June 21st – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 7:00 pm – Travel Log

June 28th - H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Special

July 2018 to August 2018 – H.S. Baird - Dark

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

July 19th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 7:00 pm

August 2nd – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

August 15th – Annual Steak Fry and Fish Boil – 5:00 pm

August 16th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 7:00 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

Brothers,

We just have the month of June before we go dark for the months of July and August. Please make an extra effort to join us at lodge in June. It's easy to lose some of our momentum when we are not meeting regularly. I hope those of us who have chairs will practice so we continue to do the fine work we have been doing. It also is a great time to start learning something new from the ritual. There are some lodges that don't go dark during the summer months and I intend to visit a couple this summer perhaps you would like to ride along? Send me your e-mail address if interested and I will e-mail back with the dates I plan to go. Contact me at:

PastorLeistra@gmail.com

I hope you enjoy your summer!

Fraternally Yours,

David Leistra, W.M.

Worthy Matron's Column

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

June is just around the corner, and as the old saying goes "April showers bring May flowers" is true to form (although some of our rain showers were a bit of the white stuff).

At our May meeting we celebrated Mother's Day by honoring all ladies in the chapter with hugs and kisses (the wonderful Hersey kind). We did not honor any Chaplains or Organists as none were at the meeting; we hope to try to honor them at our June 7th meeting. Also, at our May meeting we briefly reviewed the resolutions to be presented at Grand Chapter (nothing earth shattering—mostly housekeeping items).

From May 14-18, several sisters attended Grand Chapter in Stevens Point: Susan Shefchik, Grand Esther, along with her escort, Joan Burr; Jeanne Witts (Sue's sister); Fran Bagley; Bonnie Kohn; Terry Schneider; and Connie Skarvan. It was wonderful having Honor Chapter so well represented and to support Sister Sue in her official "Grand" capacity at the Session.

Grand Chapter highlights:

Monday night was the Kick-off Banquet followed by a "talent" contest by the current appointed officers of the Grand Family. Sister Sue's talent competition was modeling vintage clothing—and it was an enormous hit. I'm not prejudice, but I think it was the best talent of the night! Also, at the Kick-off Banquet the officers for the Soaring Amongst the Stars Grand Family was finally announced and—drum roll please—I can now tell you that I will be Grand Marshal.

On Tuesday morning various practices were held to get ready for the formal session, and I attended a meeting by the Membership Committee. Hopefully I came back with some ideas to help promote membership at Honor Chapter. FYI: We lost nine members to death since last Grand Chapter.

Tuesday afternoon was the official opening of Grand Chapter with all its pomp and circumstance with many visiting dignitaries being introduced. The evening session was very informal and included entertainment by a wonderful country/folk singer and recognition of the youth scholarship winners.

Wednesday was business and reports of the various Grand Committees, and election of officers. Membership Committee did a great job this year as Bob the Peacock ended up with 53 tail feathers. Honor Chapter was recognized with four new members being initiated and won a HUGE bag of M&M candy (be sure to come to our meeting on June 7 to share the wealth). The new Grand Associate Conductress is Tammy Hundhausen—she is the twin sister of the Terri Hundhausen (who was elected Grand Conductress)—And why I am mentioning this? Because it will be the first time ever (that I know of) that twin sisters will be going up the line together. Really Awesome!

Wednesday night was the banquet honoring Esthers and Marthas over which Sisters Sue Shefchik, Grand Esther, and Sister Carolyn Eaglesham, Grand Martha, presided, and who did a wonderful job. Thanks goes out to all the sisters and brothers of Star Cruisers who assisted with the banquet, and especially to our own Sister Terry Schneider who made the beautiful centerpieces!

Thursday morning concluded with the last of the reports and the formal closing of the Golden Chain of Friendship session. The closing is always moving as the current officers turn in their badges during the Badge Ceremony.

Thursday afternoon was the installation of the Soaring Amongst the Stars Grand Family in which I was formally installed Grand Marshal. Thank you to Honor Chapter for the lovely vase of roses! (I tried to post a picture but it kept rotating upside-down.) I was appointed Grand Marshal ten years ago for the Seasons for Blessing Grand Family, and although I am “repeating” the position, I am really looking forward to representing my new Grand Family throughout Wisconsin this next fiscal year (and it also makes it easier for me to brush-up of my ritualistic work). And not to be forgotten—Sister Joan Burr was installed as a District Deputy! Honor Chapter is so happy for Sister Joan—she will make a fabulous District Deputy!

Another highlight from Grand Chapter was that several Past Grand Matrons/Patrons received General Grand Committee appointments AND Past Grand Patron Ron Pete has been appointed General Grand Organist. What an honor for the State of Wisconsin! FYI: General Grand Chapter is being held in Orlando, Florida, October 25-November 2, 2018, for its “once every three years” session. What could be better—a chance to go to Disney World and go to General Grand Chapter! Note: I put Disney World first for a reason....

Soaring Amongst the Stars will be supporting the following two charities this year: Ronald McDonald House and the Shaken Baby Association. Be sure to come to our chapter’s stated meeting on June 7 to see the “bird house” and “baby block” and learn a little about these two charities. Hopefully, during the year we will have guest speakers to provide us with more in depth information and do a fundraiser to support these two important causes.

Friday, May 18, Sister Mariellen Haen, and her friend, Jill, and I attended an Eastern Star FUN Night by attending the *Don Mormon Family Band* at the Cup ‘O Joy in Green Bay. The band performed harmony-filled vocals on guitar, autoharp, mandolin, recorder and upright bass, with selections that ranged from Folk, Gospel, Bluegrass, Country, and 50’s Rock & Roll. We had a FUN time. Sorry that more of our Sisters and Brothers couldn’t join us.



During the evening of May 23 members from Honor Chapter (Sisters Susan Shefchik, Joan Burr, Sharon Sullivan, and Connie Skarvan) participated in the *Welcome Home* of veterans on an *Old Glory Honor Flight* which originated out of Appleton, Wisconsin. As a reminder an Honor Flight is a special one-day flight where veterans are taken to Washington, DC, to see the various veteran memorials. Brothers Roger Crass and John Sullivan were Honor Chapter's and H.S. Baird Lodge's members who participated in that flight. Thank you to

all members of Honor Chapter and H.S. Baird who wrote cards and letters which were delivered to Brothers Roger and John during the flight's "mail call" on the way back. I'm sure the mail was greatly appreciated. I'm sure that I can safely say on behalf of all members who went to Appleton that the evening was a very heartfelt one and one we are sure to remember for a long time.



I'm still looking for "bodies" to fill the stations of Sentinel, Chaplain, and Organist. Should any of you who are reading this newsletter feel moved to volunteer, please give me a call at 920-388-4472 or e-mail me at connie@aquacntr.com. I'd really LOVE to have a full corps of officers—as "many hands make light work." Please don't be afraid to volunteer. If there are two of you who would like the same station, I'm sure we can work out a plan to share the office. If you can't make every meeting, that is okay—just let me know ahead of time so that I can find a pro-tem. Also, if you are afraid of memorizing, please don't be. Take baby steps by learning a little at a time and soon you will have it all. In the meantime, you can prompt yourself (read) from the ritual until you feel comfortable. Memorizing is GREAT food for the brain!

Because our second meeting of the month is a FUN night, Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, June 21, at 7 p.m. There will be NO business conducted other than Installation. Directly following Installation there will be a short Travel Log by Terry Schneider and her daughter, Carly Vondrak, on their Fall 2017 trip to Greece and Italy. Be sure to come and have a FUN-FILLED evening.

Peace and Love....

Connie Skarvan Tom Pinney Jr

Worthy Matron Worthy Patron

PS—If you need transportation to our meetings, just let me (920-388-4472) or any other officer know, and we'll make arrangements to get you there.



Secretary/Treasurer's Column

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

EA DEGREES--- We have 3 candidates that received their EA degrees on May 24th, Brandon Vogel, Richard Norton, and Ryan Kaye. Two of these petitions were the result of our JD Andy Buechner's efforts.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS--- WM David Leistra, SW William. Schaefer, and JW Ross Chapman will be attending this event on May 31st and June 1st. One of the issues they will be voting on is if the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin should accept the offer of owning bodies of the Madison Masonic Center to give the building and property along with the debt to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

MAGIC SHOW--- This year the Magic Show will be on Friday September 14th at a place to TBD. This show usually nets us about \$1,000. Please support any telephone solicitations for this event.

WALKING THE TALK ---. Recently I had a chance to hear the following poem, which reinforced the importance of the need for a Masonic presence in today's world. **With all the school shootings, sexual harassment, and drug abuse, what if more of our children had MASONIC FATHERS & MOTHERS who could help to provide them with the right environment to prevent and avoid these destructive social issues. Perhaps the Supreme Architect would smile on Freemasonry for this support of his Church to work at the very root of the problems.**

Children Learn What They Live

Dorothy Law Nolte 1972

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

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Masonic Birthdays

June

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
06/08/1950	68	S. Dean Pies
06/27/1956	62	Alvin L. Briggs
06/07/1960	58	Quentin Norby
06/22/1960	58	Edgar R. Allingham
06/09/1975	43	W. Kurt F. Wilkens
06/24/1975	43	Lynn A. Aude
06/28/1979	39	W. Robert E. Carney
06/26/1981	37	W. Todd Roalkvan
06/22/1982	36	Erich Ziller
06/17/1994	24	David L. Plum
06/18/2002	16	John E. Sparks
06/25/2009	9	Richard K. Georges
06/27/2013	5	Orville A. Antonio

Editor's Page

Let's Go to Lodge Tonight!

Author Unknown

Let's Go To Lodge Tonight
My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight
You haven't been for years.
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,
to climb those creaky stairs
I know it'll be a thrill for me
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door
and though he'll hesitate,
we'll hear him say just as before,
Come in or you'll be late.

I'd like to get out on the floor
Come on, let's get in line
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap
the Craftsmen to attention
and see the Master don his cap
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,
or your wrestling bout or fight
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

Please Note: There will not be an edition of this newsletter in July or August.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Your Editor Mitch Custer PM

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