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Calendar of Events:

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

March 3rd – Steam Boat Dinner Set-Up – Table/chairs & wash dishes – 8:00 am – 10:00 am

March 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 5:30 pm – The EA Degree (Dinner beforehand)

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

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

May 10th - H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Lodge History Night

May 17th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

May 24th - H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – The Master Mason Degree

**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

Brothers,

Freemasonry is at its best a fraternity devoted to, as we like to say, helping good men become better men. We have lectures and rituals that are designed to teach ethics, and coupled with the support and example of other men calls on each one of us to take seriously our behavior and to aspire to a higher level of morality. For this reason, we have requirements for membership, and can and do remove men from our fellowship who fail to be “masonic” in their behavior. This makes our fraternity well outside the mainstream and truly countercultural in a society that rejects judgment of personal behavior based on standards such as those espoused by Free Masonry. As such, holding such standards often leads to Free Masonry being misunderstood and misrepresented in the wider world. It falls to each of us to be sure that the truth of who we really are as the oldest and largest fraternity still in existence is known. If you value this fraternity, then support it by being there: being there when we meet in lodge; being there by speaking up when others denigrate or misrepresent the fraternity; and by being there as a right and proper mason when acting as a husband, father, and member of the community. If we don't value what we have to offer and continue to neglect it, then what we have will not much longer survive in a culture that has little interest in, and often rejects, anything directed toward men alone. Time to get on the level once again in lodge and in life, your family, and your community needs you to do so now more so than ever before.

Fraternity Yours,
David O. Leistra, W.M.



Worthy Matron's Column

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

Our two-month winter recess is coming to the end, and our first meeting of "Spring" is right around the corner--Thursday, March 1. I hope many of you can attend as we catch up on all of the business matters requiring our attention. I know you are all probably thinking "oh yuck," or "boring," but we need you to be present in order to conduct the meeting and to see your smiling faces and find out what you've been doing with yourselves over the Winter.

It is with sadness that I have to report that we lost five members during the Winter: Sister Evelyn Gay on January 11; Sister Barbara Harrell on January 18; Sister Jean Smith on January 22; Sister Kathleen Freedman on January 25; and Brother James Byrnes on February 12. We will be reading Resolutions of Respect at our meeting on March 1 to honor their memories. An Eastern Star Memorial Service was held for Sister Evelyn on January 15, and a Masonic Service for Brother Jim is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, at the Northeast Masonic Center at 2 p.m. Please keep all of their families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of transition.



On February 15 we completed the pinecone animal table favors for the Long-Term Unit at the hospital. Aren't they cute? Thank you to all the Sisters and Brothers, and family members, who helped!

Information is now available for Grand Chapter which will be held in Stevens Point May 15-17. You can download and print out the registration form, along with the meals and housing information, directly from the state website-- wioes.org or contact our secretary, Bonnie Kohn. I will be serving on the Hospitality Committee this year, and have already sent in my registration and meal reservations, as well as made my hotel reservation. I hope some of you will consider attending to see what happens at the "state" level of our organization, and also support Sister Sue as she represents Honor Chapter in her capacity of Grand Esther at this year's session.

Last, but not least, Thursday, March 15 is a FUN NIGHT--no meeting--strictly social. Get out your favorite board and card games for some friendly competition. This evening is open to family and friends--so the more the merrier! Please RSVP to me at connie@aquacntr.com so I know how many people will be coming and can plan snacks and prizes accordingly.

Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehn...

Connie Skarvan, Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney, Worthy Patron

Secretary/Treasure's Column

Petition for Degrees---We have received a petition for degrees which is now in process. If elected the candidate plans to participate in the Masonic Day of Light in Green Bay on March 24th.

H.S.Baird #174 DUES --- If you have not paid your 2018 dues please respond. The amount is \$117 and send to H. S. Baird #174, PO Box 86 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Please contact the S/T with any questions.

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 7A to 6P 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 have the cast set, except for someone to do the Charge. If you know the Charge please contact the S/T. Practices are Monday March 12th and 19th at 7p at HSB lodge.
- 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. **This year we have 614 tickets purchased.** Another record! We now have 15 businesses in Door County purchasing Donated Tickets. Thanks to all who made this happen. This year we have added the Door County Medical Center to our list of 501(c) 3 entities who we give these tickets to for their distribution. The Social Workers staff is in charge. They know many care givers and patients who could use a meal. We continue to give these tickets to Social Services, LSCAP, and The Sunshine House. Each of these groups works very hard to see that tickets are given to those in need.
- **REGULAR TICKETS**---The regular tickets were distributed in late January to the Officers and those brothers who in the past sold tickets. If you do not receive them, and would like some, please contact Tom Pinney. The price is \$16 each.
- **WORKER ASSIGNMENTS** ---The list is part of Newsletter. Each person listed was contacted personally. Please contact Tom Pinney if you have any questions.
- **MINTS**---We are adding after-dinner mints as a new little twist.

ACTS OF KINDNESS. ---This is a Grand Lodge program where the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation will match a lodge charitable giving out into the community. We have applied for 3 such matches, which if approved means that community project the lodge has selected could receive---

- \$2,000 The Sunshine House for Sunflower Cottage
- \$1,000 Sturgeon Bay School District for a Greenhouse
- \$1,000 the Door County YMCA for their Meal Fund

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS---The trustees have arranged for the following improvements after approval by the lodge.

- 4 new electrical circuits in the storage room just off the kitchen. Funded by the Steamboat Dinner (SBD)
- 2 new metal tables and 2 new metal carts to replace the 4 old wooden carts. Funded by the SBD
- Several new tables and 90 new chairs. We have applied to the GL Spruce-Up award for help in funding. This will be an ongoing project that will eventually replace all the old well-worn heavy tables and rusted folding chairs.
- Painting of the Kitchen and Pantry. Thanks to PM Bill Button for doing this.

WALKING THE TALK ---. I know a brother who on a regular basis takes brothers, sisters, and friends who cannot or should not drive, out to lunch or to a doctor's appointments. He walks the talk which serves as a gentle reminder to us to get back to our walk.

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

March 3, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	8:00am-10am	SBD initial setup - phase 1	Table/chairs & Wash dishes
March 3, 2018	Saturday	SB Moravian Ch.	11am	Funeral Services for Br. Dale Sailer	Visitation from 9a to 11a
March 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	5:30pm	Stated Meeting With Dinner	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 12, 2018	Monday	Lodge	7p	Practice FC degree and opening & closing FC	
March 17, 2018	Saturday	NWMC GB Auditorium	2p	Masonic, OES, other Memorial Services, Church Services, and Military Salute for PGM James Byrnes	Visitation from noon to 2p
March 19, 2018	Monday	Lodge	7p	Practice FC degree and opening & closing FC	
March 22, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
March 24, 2018	Saturday	NWMC GB	7A to 6P	Masonic Day of Light	HSB will be doing the FC opening, Degree, and Closing
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	6:30pm	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 HSBaird #174 are on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30p					

2018 Henry S. Baird Officers

Worshipful Master	David Leistra PM	920-743-3241
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Trustees	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
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	Robert Ryan PM	920-493-4009
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
Chaplain	Gerald Wick PM	920-746-9035

Masonic Birthdays

March

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
03/25/1970	48	W. William E. Schaefer
03/23/1972	46	W. Robert C. Haines
03/09/1972	46	Oscar B. Tanck
03/08/1973	45	Richard H. Butler
03/19/1977	41	Mark A. Elste
03/13/1980	38	Richard A. Nebel II
03/23/1985	33	Philip R. Henrickson
03/23/1985	33	Geoffrey A. Pinney
03/22/1988	30	W. William G. Button
03/30/1989	29	John C. Gay
03/30/1995	23	Michael A. Dal Santo

Editor's Page

I hope you enjoy the following poem, as it relates to the Steam Boat Dinner. Hope to see you as many of you as possible.

THE SEA CAPTAIN

by Donald Weisse Sr.

I've sailed my ship for many a day
Across the stormy sea;
Many a ruffian I have carried
and never refused but three.
They met me on a summer day
And saw my gallant ship,
And sought a passage to the other side
Upon a hurried trip,
They offered all the dough they had,
Mixed with a little sass;
Which made me kind of hesitate
And I asked them for a pass.
They deemed a pass unnecessary
For men of their degree,
And insisted that I take my ship
And sail it out to sea.
An old man who was standing by
Noted what they said,
Saw them kick me in the ribs
And strike me on the head.
He heard them say they'd steal the boat
And put it out to sea,
And sail away to the other side
To some strange country.
But now the coward of the bunch
The one you'd think was brave,
Suggested that they turn again
And hide in a mountain cave.
And as the day went slowly by,
I heard the truth in time,
I found that they were murderers
And guilty of a crime.
So, as I sail my sturdy ship
Until my life has ceased,
I know not who my friends may be
Unless they've traveled East.

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