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Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies

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Calendar of Events:

- May 4th – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
- May 11th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm
- May 15th – 18th Grand Chapter – Stevens Point
- May 18th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting
- May 25th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm
- June 1st – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
- June 2nd & June 3rd - Annual Communication – Madison WI
- June 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm
- June 15th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting
- June 22nd – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm
- July – Honor Chapter – Dark for July and August
- July – H.S. Baird – Dark for July and August

**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.

OES Newsletter

At our last meeting, Sister Connie Skarvin was elected and installed as our new Treasurer. Thank you, Sister Connie, for agreeing to fill the position. I know you'll do a great job.

The Resolution amending our By-laws has passed so we will now be dark in July and August. Everyone is so busy with family and friends in summer. Hopefully this will help make our summer less busy so we can enjoy our "3 days" of warm weather.

Grand Chapter is fast approaching on May 15-18th. Several of us are attending. Anyone who would like to go should contact Sue Shefchik at (920) 304-2981. We are driving back to Stevens Point on Thursday for the Installation of new Grand Officers. There is no registration fee necessary and it's really nice to see. Please let me know if you're interested.

Hopefully, spring is finally here. At least my daffodils and hyacinths are blooming. Let's keep praying for warmer weather.

Star hugs,

Sue Shefchik, WM

Tom Pinney, WP

Message from the Worshipful Master

We are finally seeing the first signs of spring with grass turning green and early spring flowers trying to bloom. This makes me reflect on how we can help our fraternity grow in members and be sustainable into the future. As I think about putting my Lodge jacket away for the season, I contemplate about how I can still let people know about us as a Lodge. Thanks to Brother Bill Schaefer I can wear my Lodge ball cap. Remember that being a part of the Lodge can happen in many ways it's not all about having to attend every meeting.

We had a great rebound this year with the Steamboat Dinner financially which is a very large part of the financial stability of the Lodge. A huge Thank You goes out to everyone involved. If you have any questions, please contact myself or our Secretary/Treasurer.

I will be having surgery Monday, May 8th, to take some pressure off my plate from when I broke my leg. I'm not sure if I will be at the May 11th meeting but I know everyone will help out as needed.

God bless and be Safe,

Brother Geoff

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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

CALLS TO BROTHERS ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS---for many years Br. Marshall Paulsen has been contacting our brothers on their Birthdays by phone or email. This is a very special service to our members and the lodge.

- Reaching out to our members on this special day in their lives lets them know **we do care** and love them.
- The lodge can learn first-hand about a **brother's welfare** and how we can help and support him. Brother Paulsen always lets me know if he cannot contact the brother or if the brother is in need of our assistance.
- Please take the time to **call or email Marshall** showing your appreciation for his work. 920.333.0233 --- marshall_paulsen@yahoo.com.
- **PM Robert Barnard** has agreed to take on this task starting in May. He and Marshall will work out the details.

2022 COST TO OPERATE OUR BUILDING ---FYI

- Expenses, Operational
 - Equipment Purchases \$ 444
 - Insurance \$6,002
 - Mat. Deep Cleaning \$3,296 Once every 5 to 10 years
 - Mat. Custodial \$1,800
 - Mat. Fire Extinguishers \$ 176
 - Mat. Mech, Systems \$1,429
 - Mat. Nat/WI Inspection \$ 82
 - Mat. Others \$4,636 **Restore** to prior cond. Water leak net of Insurance.
\$1,350 is required minimum mat. contract.
 - Mat. Otis Elevator \$2,011
 - Utilities, Gas \$2,391
 - Utilities, Electric, Water, Sewer, and refuse 3,044
 - Sub Total \$25,311
- Expenses, Capital
 - Water Leak \$3,876 Improvements to prevent future water leaks.
 - Carpeting back Steps \$ 365 Net of Sullivan gift
 - Sub Total \$4,241
- Total Cost **\$29,552**

- **Note the following allows us to be sustainable We are blessed.**
 - Legacies
 - Donations of labor and materials for special projects
 - Financial Contributions
 - Steam Boat Dinner profits

DISTRICT 4 SPRING MEETING---was April 15, 2023, at Shawano. Please see SW Ben Miller's report which is part of this Newsletter.

WEBSITE----Br. Andy Crow is the **webmaster** for hsbaird.com. Please contact him with questions or items you would like posted. 920.493.6119 andy@hsbaird174.com.

Senior Wardens Update

On April 15 Shawano Lodge hosted the district meeting for District 4 of Wisconsin. Brother Mitch Custer and myself attended from HSB #174.

The meeting was opened on the Master Mason Degree. Welcoming comments were given by District Deputy Chris 'Skipper' Young. The Lodge then held a short School of Instruction session purging the Lodge and taking up the pass with the guidance of District Lecturer Brother Moses Adams present to assist the officers if needed. The lodge went informal to introduce members of the Shawano Fire Department and Police Department. They gave an explanation of their duties and services they provide for the community. The department then opened the floor for any questions from those present. We were all grateful these two departments members were willing to take time to share part of their day with us.

District Representative for our area and member of HSB #174 Mitch Custer gave a presentation on Executive Training and Lodge Succession. He discussed the importance of having a succession plan in place for the future to keep your lodge viable for the for many years to come. The Executive Training program includes all officers of the lodge with the Worshipful Master being the team leader. Every officer, including Lodge Counselor and Trustees, play an important role as part of the leadership team.

Next we heard from Dr. Doug Morrison, District Representative 4-3, who gave a presentation on ways to promote your lodge in the community by creating a publicity team for getting lodge events onto media outlets so the community, district and State (Masonic Journal) know what is happening in your lodge. Why do this? Improve perception, increase Masonic pride, support our mission which should lead to recruit of new members.

Matt Alberts gave a candidate update. Matt processes the interest that is generated on the internet when an individual is considering joining Masonry. If the individual meets Matt's criteria, Matt will contact the Lodge closest to the person inquiring about Masonry and the

petition process will begin. According to Matt, online interest about Masonry has been successful in attaining new members.

Brother Shane Evenson, editor for the District 4 Newsletter, encouraged all the lodges to send him any news from their lodge so he can put it in the district newsletter. Brother Shane was also awarded the Rookie of the Year Award. Congratulation Shane.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Jeffery Shoenfeldt delivered greetings from the Grand Lodge. Brother Jeff presented the resolutions to be taken up at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication to be held in June. Jeff received questions and some suggestion that the Grand Lodge may want to consider in the future. Thank you to everyone who attended the District 4 meeting.

Ben Miller

Senior Warden HSB #174

2023 Henry S. Baird Officers

Worshipful Master	Geoffrey Pinney	920-495-1549
Senior Warden	Ben Miller	920-743-2664
Junior Warden	Louis Kern	920-255-1336
Senior Deacon	Andrew Buechner	920-495-5633
Junior Deacon	T J Lautenbach	920-495-3333
Senior Steward	Orville Antonio	920-737-8422
Junior Steward	Steven Schaefer	414-617-1031
Trustees	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
	John Sullivan PM	920-493-5310
	William Runyan	920-535-3026
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
Chaplain	Todd Roalkvan	920-743-6738
Tiler	William Schaefer PM	920-868-2517
Counselor	Mark Fischer PM	920-495-9034

Masonic Birthdays
May 2023

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
05/13/1955	68	W. Robert E. Vits
05/25/1964	59	W. Keith C. Bagley
05/29/1997	26	Stephen F. Rabach
05/03/1997	26	W. John L. Sullivan
05/03/1997	26	John M. Storms
05/28/2002	21	Roger M. Scholbe
05/22/2003	20	Richard A. Hannemann, II
05/26/2011	12	W. Richard C. Rogers
05/28/2015	8	Steven W. Schaefer



District Reperesentive Notes

Brothers,

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their Lodge. In visiting the many lodges in northeast Wisconsin, the one thing I am seeing is a lack of people on the side lines. Your officers would love to see you come to meetings. Even better, become involved in the administration of it. Become an officer even if you have been to the East before. Every lodge that I have visited seems to need new blood and ideas to remain vibrant.

Your District 4 Team is seeing a lot of activity throughout the district. Look for the new District 4 Newsletter in your email soon. We are looking for new ideas of things that lodge could be doing to make them stand out.

From the Grand Lodge level, we like to see that everyone has paid their dues. Remember your lodge has to pay your Per Capita tax the first part of this year. Being in the arrears can cause a burden on your lodge.

The question has come up as to how many of you are reading this Newsletter; let the officers know if you enjoy reading this Newsletter. Write or call us and let us know if there is something you would like to see in the Newsletter. As the editor, I would love to have more input and ideas of what people want to see.

With the Annual Communication coming at the beginning of June, look for the following changes to voted on by your lodge reps. It is proposed that the Per Capita will go to \$50.00 for 2024. The rules for having alcohol in the lodge building may change to allow a more open option. Change the term 'Worshipful' in our titles to 'Worthy' could be made. A change could be made to allow lodges to open in anyone of the three degrees and conduct business. This would be at the Masters discretion. The Perpetual Member plan may well be changes for good. It is their plan to offer the lodges a way to receive monies for all deceased PMP members over a nine-year period. This would replace the lodges from getting the PMP payment on those members that have died into perpetuity. This motion would not change the living PMP members' dues from being paid each year. Another motion would give the Grand Master the power to suspend a member that has been accused of a felony or sexual assault. This is only a suspension until after the crime has been adjudicated. If found guilty of the crime then the member would be expelled from the fraternity permanently. There are a few other motions that may come before the members.

Fraternally,

Mitch Custer, District Representative and your Editor

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