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Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies

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Calendar of Events:

- November 1st – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
November 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Elections and Veterans Night
November 10th - Holiday Dinner – in Secretary/Treasurer Column
November 15th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 7:00 pm
November 22nd – H.S. Baird – No Meeting - Thanksgiving
December 6st – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
December 8th – Ring Bells for the Salvation Army at Econo Foods 9 am to 9pm
December 13th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Legacy Night
December 15th – Ring Bells for the Salvation Army at Econo Foods 9 am to 3pm
December 20th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 7:00 pm
December 27th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm
January 3rd – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
January 10th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm
January 17th – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 7:00 pm
January 24th – 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)**

Worshipful Master's Column

Hello Brethren,

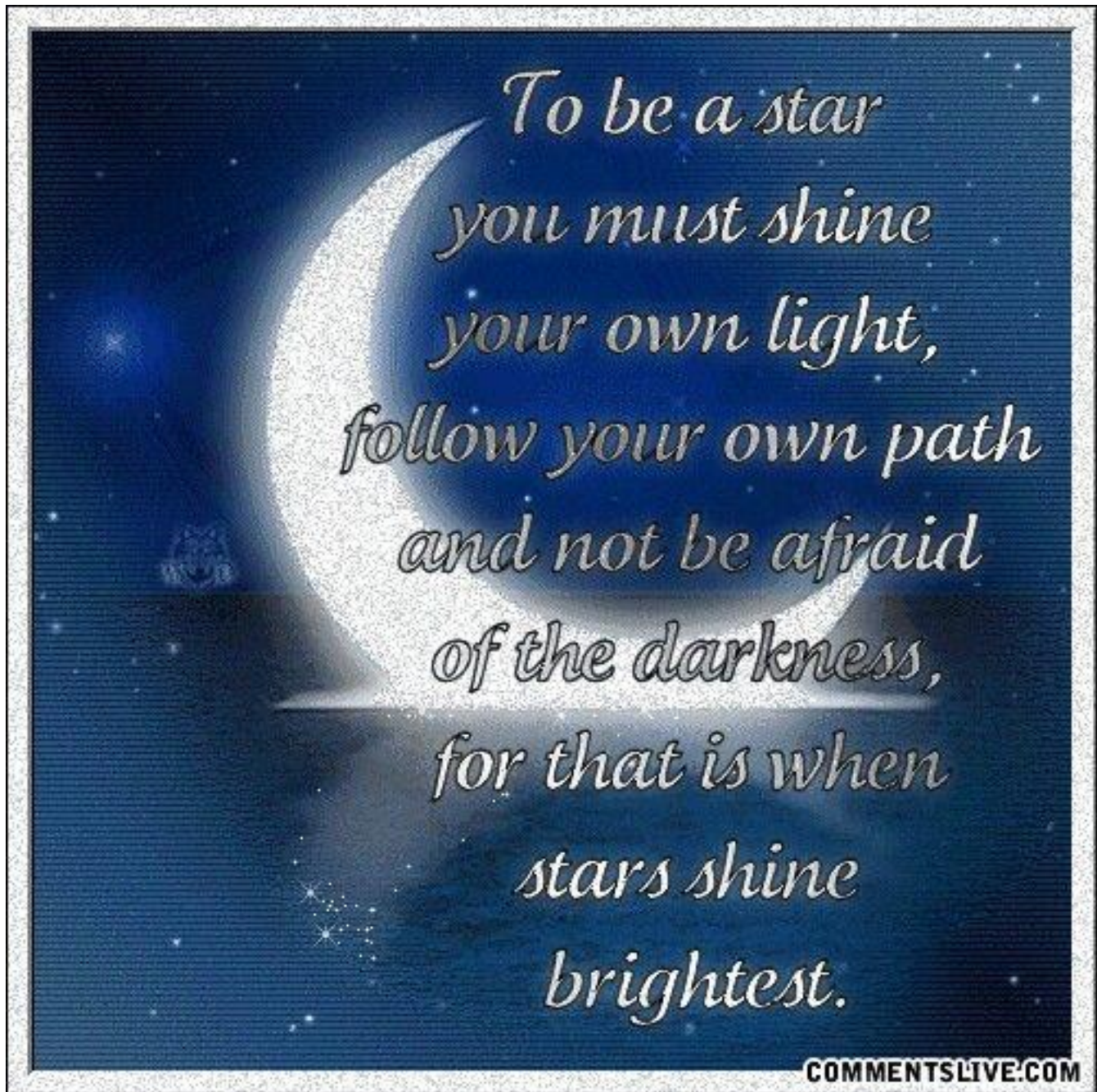
Very soon we will hold the elections of our officers for the coming masonic year. It has been an honor and privilege to have been the Worshipful Master this past year. It is the way of our fraternity that no one hold that authority for more than one year at a time. It is to allow for that role over time to be shared by all the master masons of the lodge who wish to sit in the East. This tradition is usually followed unless there is no one willing and able to take that role if not then then a Worshipful Master may be reelected but this should not be the case except under situations of necessity. The regular shifting of leadership in the lodge in its various offices is a good thing as we can become complacent and stagnant in our thinking and manner in carrying out the work if it stays in the hands of too few for too long. It also doesn't place the burden of leadership on only a few but wisely extends it to all. Elections are held in every rightly governed lodge before Saint John's Day. We will do so in this month and our new officers will then take on their roles as we end this year and begin the next.

I look forward to ending my second time sitting in the East and taking my place on the sidelines as others step forward to serve the lodge. I will attend every lodge meeting I am able to be supportive of their efforts and I hope you will too. Our fraternity has survived hundreds of years, in its present form, because men have come forward to be part of something unlike anything else in our world today. We maintain the traditions that are ancient beyond memory that call on a man to become something more than the average expected at any given time and culture. Indeed, one must look to the church as the only other place I know of where people are even being challenged to take a more excellent road in life. Men today often think themselves accomplished because they have gain popularity, wealth, and power. Other men look up to such men despite the nature of their moral character and hale them as being greater then themselves. We Masons know better and realize that we all are like a rough stone taken from the quarry and its only after the master's hand has touched and worked off the rough edges and made them smooth properly measuring us out for service in this world and the Celestial Lodge to follow that we have made a success out of life. It is in the lodge we learn such principles as have been handed down by generation after generation of Masons. We may well say that it is rightly in our faith and through the practice of religion that a man ought to learn these things as they are a direct reflection of what the Scriptures teach. However, it's a sad fact that many men will not go to a church of any kind and therefore never here the sublime words of the Christ, but it may be they will go to a lodge meeting and there interact with the principles and teachings of Freemasonry and there, if no other place, learn about why a good moral character is to be desired above all other things, and that to live on the level is a principle more honorable than any honor conferred by humanity. Yes, I will be sitting on the sidelines and I will be there as a new generation of master masons take their place in the chairs of office in our lodge and I will do all I can to help them do good work, right work, true work.

Fraternally Yours,

David O. Leistra, W.M.

Worthy Matron's Column



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

MM DEGREE--- Br. Brandon Vogel received his MM degree on October 11th. Over 20 brothers were present to help with the degree and welcome him. His wife is Deva Thyme and they have 2 children, Emilie, age 4 and Lyra, age one.

PETITIONS FOR DEGREES---The Petitions for Degrees from Eric Glenn Dean and Andrew Franklin Starr will be balloted at the next Stated Meeting following the completion of the Interviewing Committees work.

FC DEGREE---As soon as Brs. Richard Norton and Ryan Kaye complete their EA posting we will be scheduling their FC Degree.

PLURAL MEMBERSHIP---Br. Andrew Crow of Wauconda #298 Wauconda IL filled out the petition for plural membership in H. S. Baird #174. We will be voting on him at our October 25th Stated Meeting. He has been to lodge a number of times and participated in the MM degree for Br. Vogel. He now resides near Dyckesville. His work requires him to travel extensively.

Brother returning to the Area---Br. Jeremiah Ruhlen and family will be returning to WI next summer. He will be stationed in Milwaukee, but plans to live in the Sheboygan area. He is in the Coast Guard and was stationed here and received his MM degree in H. S. Baird #174 on February 28, 2011. He plans to attend meetings and help in our community events. He will be retiring in a few years and plans to move to the Door/Kewaunee area. He communicates with us on a regular basis.

HOLIDAY DINNER---On November 10th 200 Dinners will be prepared by the lodge and delivered to DC Social Services (ADRC) designees. SD Geoff Pinney is in charge of preparation and packaging the meals. Br. Andrew Buechner and others will be assisting. Call or text Geoff if you are available. We have contacted the Delivery Persons but need a few more. If you would like to help with delivery please contact Tom Pinney, Jr. at 920.493.3727

2019 DUES---Dues notices were mailed on October 16th. Since GL raised the Per Capita by \$2.00 this year dues schedule is as follows;

- Regular member's \$119
- Plural in-state \$76.
- Out of State Plural member's \$119.

Please consider including donations for the 2 extra opportunities to serve the community and help the lodge.

1. **THE FIRST FUND IS THE STEAMBOAT DINNER TICKETS WE DONATE EACH YEAR.** Last year we were able to supply 614 meals, to Door County Social Services (ADRC), Lakeshore Cap, Sunshine House, and Door County Medical Center. **This year we have a goal of 625 as we are expanding into Kewaunee County by adding the Kewaunee Food Pantry (Algoma)** Each \$16 contribution will provide a smile and a full stomach. Please, **again** consider donating to this fund! ([Note: this contribution is tax deductible if sent via separate check marked "SBD Donated Tickets"](#))
2. **THE SECOND IS A CAPITAL FUND FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE METAL SOFFITS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING.** Over the years various sections have blown away leaving openings. **If sufficient funds are raised to cover the cost of the soffit project, any excess will be used to begin replacing the tables in the dining room with new light weight units.** The old tables

are more than 50 years old, are damaged, and are very heavy and cumbersome to move. **Our goal is to raise \$2,000.**

For the moment, the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation has suspended their \$500

Spruce-Up award matching grants which we have used annually to help fund projects like these. Therefore, we are now more dependent on your support for funding.

COMING EVENTS AT OUR STATED MEETINGS---WM David Leistra has scheduled the following events at our Stated Meetings:

- November 8th. Veteran's Night and Election of Officers.
- **November 22nd. NO MEETING AS THANKSGIVING.**
- December 8th and 15th (Saturdays) Ring Bells for Salvation Army at Econo Foods. Please contact Br. Ed Klein for details and sign up. 920.737.3166
- December 13th. Masonic Legacy Night.

WALKING THE TALK---I know a brother who has spent many hours this fall helping a High School classmate who has medical issues. He put new windows in his home and has done many other repairs to his friend's home. We are obligated as masons to help brothers, widows and orphans, but this brother has taken a broader view. Thanks to this brother for lifting his eyes to anyone in need!

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

2018 Henry S. Baird Officers

Worshipful Master	David Leistra PM	920-743-3241
Senior Warden	William Schaefer PM	920-868-2517
Junior Warden	Ross Chapman PM	920-495-3281
Senior Deacon	Geoffrey Pinney	920-495-1549
Junior Deacon	Andrew Buechner	920-495-5633
Senior Steward	Steven Schaefer	414-617-1031
Trustees	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
	Edward Klein	920-737-3166
	Robert Ryan PM	920-493-4009
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
Chaplain	Gerald Wick PM	920-746-9035



Masonic Birthdays

October

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
11/10/1966	52	Wesley W. Fischer
11/18/1971	47	W. Juergen (Jay) F. Herbst
11/17/1983	35	W. David O. Leistra
11/13/2008	10	Theodore W. Vandera

Editor's Page

November 11th is Veterans Day. Please remember all the Masons who have served in our armed forces.



Mitch Custer PM

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