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Calendar of Events:

Nov 2nd – Masonic Day of Light – Sheboygan – 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

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

Nov 9th – Annual Holiday Dinner – (Help Needed, see /Treas. column)

Nov 14th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

Nov 21st – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting – 6:00 pm dinner and meeting

Nov 28th – H.S. Baird – No Meeting – Thanksgiving

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

Dec 12th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting Installation of Officers – 6:30 pm

Dec 15th – Honor Chapter – Grand Officer Party, Shrine Center,

Green Bay – 11:30 am

Dec 19th – Honor Chapter – No Meeting

Dec 26th – H.S. Baird – No Meeting - Christmas

**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

Well, Brothers, it is time to thank you for the time and treasure that you each give to the Lodge. We are a small group that offers benefits in our community. Thank you for all you do.

Please watch your mail for a letter from the Wisconsin Grand Lodge. The Grand Master has imposed a special \$10.00 assessment on all Masons including those who are perpetual members. This is a one-time assessment. You will need to send your payment directly to the Grand Lodge. A cover letter should explain the reason for this assessment. Please do not ignore this demand.

Other items for your information:

- The Holiday Dinner is coming on November 9th and as always, your help is needed to make this a successful activity.
- At our last communication, we were told about becoming organ donors ,and how to sign up for this worthwhile program. If you have questions, please contact Brother Mitch Custer for more information.
- At the District Meeting in Crivitz, we received information on the new interviewing committee requirements. I plan to discuss them at a Lodge meeting so that all the Brothers will be up to date on these procedures.
- The Day of Light in Sheboygan is coming up in the early November. We have a candidate for the degrees, Brother Mitch and I will be attending.
- The trustees are working hard to get bids on the replacement of the roof, more information will be forthcoming.
- Thank you to those who helped clean up the building and the Lodge room last Saturday, Thanks to Brother Ed who organized the event.

A special thank you to Brother Tom Pinney for his unceasing labor as our Lodge Secretary/Treasurer. As Brother Rick said to me the other day, "He is the glue that holds the Lodge together." I enthusiastically agree!

I attended Fall Fest in Sister Bay this Saturday wearing my Masonic jacket and was pleased to have several Masons and a daughter of a Mason tell me they were brothers from Illinois. Please remember to show your Masonic pride whenever possible.

Sincerely,

William Schaefer WM

Honor Chapter # 1, OES

Meets the First and Third Thursdays of each Month

7:00 p.m.

November 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are pleased to announce that Sister Evelyn Mueller was able to be with us at our Oct. 17th meeting. She received her Life Membership card and pin for being a member of Eastern Star for 50 years. She has been a member of our chapter for all of those 50 years, many of those years spent at the organ. Her talent is surely a gift from God. Sister Evelyn also had the honor of being Grand Organist for the 1990-91 Grand Session. Sister Theda Andres, who was her Worthy Grand Matron at the time was able to be with us last Thursday to honor Sister Evelyn by officially pinning on her 50-year pin. Hugs were exchanged all around. After the meeting we all went down for cake and ice cream. Sister Evelyn and Sister Theda enjoyed telling stories from when they were in the Grand Family together. A good time was had by all.

At our first meeting this month, we will be renewing our Obligation around the altar. It is always a good reminder to reaffirm what being an Eastern Star member really means. Hopefully this will make us better Sisters and Brothers and better friends to each other.

At our Special Meeting on November 21st we will be honoring the Masons. Our evening will begin with an all you-can-eat chili supper at 6 pm, with proceeds going to the UW Cardiovascular Research Center, followed by a speaker coming to us from Grand Chapter who will tell us about the program. She will be able to explain what the program entails. There is a very great need for progress in this field.

In lieu of a Christmas party this year, we are planning to go to see a performance at the Meyer Theater called A Frank's Christmas. All your favorite characters - Rudolph, Elsa, The Burgermeister, Buddy the Elf, Mrs. Claus, Olive the other reindeer, and Suzy Snowflake. They work at Fleet Farm and are in the process of getting Toyland ready for Christmas. Should be quite a comedy and their music is always beautiful. The date will be decided at our next meeting as it will be necessary to order tickets soon. You are encouraged to invite husbands, wives, and friends. The more the merrier!

Please remember Sister Joan Burr's Grand Officer Party at the Shrine Center in Green Bay on **December 15th**. A social hour will be held from 11:30 am -12:30 pm with dinner at 12:30 pm. The party is being held in honor of Sister Joan and Sister Karen from Fidelity Chapter, Appleton. We want Honor Chapter to be well-represented. I know Sister Joan would be thrilled to see our friendly faces there to cheer her on.

With all this talk about Christmas, I don't want us to forget Thanksgiving. I found this poem by Joanna Fuchs. She writes about the many blessings which we have that sometimes we don't appreciate.

After the Turkey is Gone

After the turkey is gone, what then?
Will we keep in mind the blessings
for which we claimed to be thankful?
Or will we allow the chaos of everyday life,
real and imagined problems,
to intrude into the contentment
we felt on Thanksgiving Day.

The cranberries, the stuffing and pie a dim memory,
will we focus on trivial irritations,
or will we hold on to what's really important,
the deep, satisfying, good things we have
instead of what we imagine we want
but haven't got.

After the turkey is gone,
cling to the blessings;
remember what makes life worth living;
continue thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Brother Tom and I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Honor Chapter is collection food for the Food Pantry. Members are asked to bring items they wish to donate to the November meetings.

Respectfully,

Sue Shefchik, WM
Tom Pinney, WP

Secretary/Treasurer's Column

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

DUES --- Thanks to all who have paid their 2019 dues, purchased donated tickets for the 2020 Steamboat Dinner, and /or donated to the roof replacement.

MM DEGREE---Br. Andrew Starr was raised to the sublime degree of MM on September 26th at our Stated Meeting. 19 Brothers were present.

Andy has helped in several ways in the past few years with the Holiday and Steamboat Dinners.

CANDIDATE---Mr. Eric Dean 209 Church St. Algoma WI, a candidate, will be part of the Day of Light Class in Sheboygan WI on November 2, 2019. PM. Mitch Custer will be his mentor.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES---Br. Jeremy Ruhlin, who is stationed in Milwaukee, with the Coast Guard reports he has 2 of his fellow Coast Guard persons who are interested in joining Masonry. He is arranging a time and place that we can meet with them.

MAGIC SHOW--- This year the Magic Show was held on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm at Stone Harbor. PM Mark Fischer was in charge. He reports it was a good show with 45 in attendance.

HOLIDAY DINNER---On November 9th ,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. Call him, 920.495.1549 if you are available to help.

LODGE ROOF----The roof is 25 years old and 10 years past warranty. The Trustees reported on the roof and other items at our Stated Meeting on October 10, 2019. The following motion was passed ---*“that, the Lodge receive the trustee’s report concerning the replacement of the lodge building roof. That we authorize the trustees to obtain a second bid if possible, as well as, more information on how best to proceed. They then are to provide an estimate on replacement costs to be shared with the Lodge membership via electronic communication prior to the meeting where we would consider the bid(s) and take a vote to authorize the replacement of the roof.”*

BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY---The Lodge and OES will again ring bells. Following are the dates and times we have been assigned. ---

- **Saturday December 7th 9am to 9pm**
- **Saturday December 14th 9am to 9pm**

Br. Ed Klein (920-737-3166) is in charge and has posted **sign-up sheets on the wall just inside the outer door of the Lodge/Chapter room.** This is a fun and worthwhile event.

Make it a family event. Do it with a friend. It is inside by the carts at Econo-Foods. The kettles receive far more money when ringers are in attendance.

SALE OF NWMC---The Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center at 525 N. Taylor Street has been sold to the *Cup of Joy*. The 4 blue lodges, AASR, and York Rite are meeting at Beja Shrine Temple. This will give them time to discuss their future.

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM---The NWML&M has packed up and is in 2 secure POD's at a storage building in Appleton. We are renting space at Beja Shrine Temple for 2 display cases located outside the main door of the all-purpose room. This will give us a presence while we await the decision of where our new home will be.

AASR REUNION----The Fall reunion is on November 9th at Beja Shrine Temple. Candidates are welcome. The cost is \$200. If you are interested in being a candidate please contact Tom Pinney at 920.493.3727

Election of Officers ----The election of officers will be held at our November 14th stated meeting. The following officers will be elected for 2020; Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary/Treasurer. A trustee will be elected for a 3-year term. The present SD, JW, and SW have all agreed to move up if elected. The S/T has agreed to again serve in 2020. Nominations are open before we ballot, but the nominees must agree to serve if elected. Once the new WM is elected, he will appoint the remaining line officers.

THANKSGIVING---No meeting

Installation of Officers---Grand Chaplain David Leistra has agreed to install the new officers on Thursday, December 12th, it will be an open installation, so all are welcome. The exact time and other details will be forthcoming.

2020 Budget--- The Finance Committee (WM, SW, & JW) will prepare a proposed budget and present it for approval at our stated meeting on December 12th.

2019 Henry S. Baird Officers

Worshipful Master	William Schaefer PM	920-868-2517
Senior Warden	Ross Chapman PM	920-495-3281
Junior Warden	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
Senior Deacon	Geoffrey Pinney	920-495-1549
Junior Deacon	Ben Miller	920-743-2664
Senior Steward	Brandon Vogel	920-256-1012
Junior Steward	Steven Schaefer	414-617-1031
Trustees	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643

	Edward Klein	920-737-3166
	Mitch Custer PM	608-770-2928
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
Chaplain	Ed Klein	920-737-3166
Tiler	Alvin Briggs HPM	920-327-1204
Counselor	Mark Fisher PM	920-495-9034

Masonic Birthdays

September

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
11/10/1966	53	Wesley W. Fischer
11/18/1971	48	W. Juergen (Jay) F. Herbst
11/17/1983	36	W. David O. Leistra

Editor's Notes

As mentioned in the Master's article, I have had experience in the organ donation process. It is the greatest gift you can give to others. The first thing is to decide if it is something you want to do at the time of your passing. So many are in need of organs and not enough people consider donating their organs and tissue. If you decide to become a donor and you have not already done so just sign your drivers license. You will also want to let your family and friends know of your wishes. You may also want to make sure to have an advance directive as part of your estate papers. Even if you are young and have a family, have this set of papers completed will help your family know your wishes at a very difficult time.

Another thing each of you should consider is if you want to have a Masonic/OES memorial service at the time of you passing. It is something you should make sure you have communicated to you family. For masons there is a form that the secretary of the lodge can give you to be put with your final papers to direct your family as to your wishes. You should also remember to let them know where to find your apron as you should or can be buried or cremated with it on. This is one of the greatest honors a lodge wants to do for you on your passing from the mortal to the immortal world.

Please Consider Organ Donation



Emily's Smile



On October 9th, 2018, our Masonic Fraternity lost a dear friend. Emily Flood was a strong supporter of our craft and an advocate for many who physically or cognitively face challenges every day that many of us will never understand. She freely gave her time, talents, and most importantly, physical and emotional support to those that most needed it. Regardless of her challenge, Emily always met it head on with her trademark smile that was the foundation of her personality. She was called away from us much too early by an undetected brain tumor. Emily's final gift to those she left behind was characteristically unselfish. Every one of the organs that could be salvaged from Emily's body were donated so at least seven others could live longer, more productive lives.



In honor of Emily's work and her special gift, Forest Lodge #130 is encouraging all Wisconsin Masons to consider registering for organ donation at donatelifewisconsin.org. You may also register at any Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles office. It is important to formally register to confirm your organ donation intentions!

To encourage your lodge participation, Forest Lodge #130 will be sending a \$500 check to the lodge with the most brothers registered for organ donation by the end of 2019. Your lodge may use this check to support the charity of your choice. Simply send the names of those in your lodge who demonstrate organ donation registration by December 31st, 2019 to: jesse.furrer@spectruminsgroup.com

Thank you for considering a gift of organ donation. Brethren of Forest Lodge #130.

At our last lodge meeting it was decided that the lodge would participate in this challenge. If you could sign up to become an organ donor in the manor listed above or have already done so, please send Tom Pinney an email at tompinney@charter.net or call him and he will compile a list and submit it to Forest Lodge #130 to enter us in their challenge.