



# Trestle Board



*Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies*

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## **Calendar of Events:**

- November 5<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting (Canceled) – 7:00 pm  
November 7<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Dinner to be assembled and sent out  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Election of Officers  
November 19<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting (Canceled) – 7:00 pm  
November 26<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – (No Meeting – Thanksgiving)  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Honor Chapter – Meeting Canceled  
December 10<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – Canceled  
December 12<sup>th</sup> – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army – Econo Foods  
8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Contact Ed Klein for sign up.  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Meeting Canceled  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – (No Meeting Christmas Eve)  
January 14<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm  
January 28<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

**Henry S. Baird Lodge #174 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm,  
except July and August**

**Honor Chapter #1, Order of Easter Star meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.hsbaird.com).

# Honor Chapter Newsletter

November, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Hope you are all getting a chance to take in the beautiful fall colors. They have been spectacular! Soon the trees will be bare and we'll have the cold gray November days we all know and love. Yuck!

Our Chapter has received another letter from the WGM stating that OES Chapters will continue to remain closed through December. Our Chapter goes dark in January and February so it looks like our first meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup>. I've been thinking about the possibility of Honor Chapter getting together for a special Valentine's social in February. I guess that depends on how things are going. Let's stay positive.

Even though Honor Chapter remains closed, our trusty treasurer and secretary are busy seeing that necessary business is being taken care of. A big THANK YOU to Brother Ed and Sister Bonnie!

Sadly, our Sister Pat Barlament passed away on September 24th. She was a longtime member of Honor Chapter and an all-around fun lady. She will be missed.

The Masons and OES members will again be taking part in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 8 pm. Brother Ed will be recruiting volunteers any day now so if you think you would be able to be a bell ringer, please email Brother Ed and save him a call.

Sister Sharon Sullivan has once again agreed to be our Chief Elf for our holiday giving to the social services family. It's a big job purchasing, wrapping, and distributing all those gifts. There has been money budgeted, however, in past years sisters and brothers have also generously contributed gifts and/or money to this worthy project. Since we won't be meeting this year, I would like to appeal to our sisters and brothers for help. It's heartwarming to know that at least one family is having a wonderful Christmas (that they maybe would not have had) because of you. If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of Christmas presents, please send a check directly to Sister Sharon as she will begin her Christmas shopping very soon. Her address:

Sharon Sullivan  
1024 Superior St.  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Many, many thanks to you, Sharon!

A few reminders:

- \* Covid-19 is on all of our minds but let's not forget to get our flu shots.  
Very important!
- \* Remember to vote!

Sadly, some of us won't be able to celebrate with family this year but we still have reason to celebrate our blessings. Brother Tom and I want to wish you all a **Happy Healthy Thanksgiving!**

Sue Shefchik, WM  
Tom Pinney, WP

# Worshipful Master's Column

Brethren,

We will have one meeting in November, on the second Thursday (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>). This will be the only meeting for the rest of 2020. We will have election of officers and one Trustee. We do not need to have an installation except for the Trustee since all officers will stay in their same chairs. That is what the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin has directed. We are doing the Holiday Dinner on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Junior Warden Goeff Pinney is in charge of the meal and Sec/Treas Tom Pinney is in charge of the deliveries. The money that we voted to give to four Door County on one Kewaunee county schools plus two food pantries' have been given out. We also received the funds we requested from Grand Lodge.

Hope everyone stays healthy.

WM Ross Chapman

# Secretary/Treasure's Column

10/21/2020

Secretary/Treasurer Henry S. Baird #174 Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts; phone or text 920.493.3727 or email [tompinney@charter.net](mailto:tompinney@charter.net)

DAY OF LIGHT--- Henry S. Baird #174 Day of Light

- Scheduled for Saturday October 31, 2020 has been **CANCELLED** by the Most Worshipful Grand Master due to COVID-19 concerns.
- Scheduled for Saturday January 16, 2021 has been **CANCELLED** after consulting with AA Mitch Custer. Br. Custer was in a meeting of District 4 officers on Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and they felt it we be prudent to cancel the January 16<sup>th</sup> date. WM Ross Chapman agreed.
- **Rescheduled** for Saturday March 27, 2021.
- Subject to the following---
  - The GM's suspension is lifted by that time. Determination to be made at least 60 days ahead.
  - Subject to the GM's Dispensation
- Plan of Action at this point basically remains the same as the original HSB #174 Day of Light
- We have contacted Roosevelt #322, Washington #21 and Home Lodge Lake County Freemasons Lodge #42 regarding the rescheduled dates.
- WE WILL CONTACT ALL PARTICIPANTS TO CONFIRM WHETHER THEY ARE AVAILABLE OR NOT FOR THIER ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT.
- Questions please call 920.493.3727

STATED MEETINGS---

- **HSB #174 is scheduled to have a stated meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.**
  - The Lodge will open, conduct business, and close in the EA degree.
  - The plan is to have this be our only stated meeting for the rest of the year.
  - The following Protocols will be in place.
    - A Packet of information will be emailed ahead of time
    - The Air Exchange System will be shut off
    - Rods, tools, Sacred Book, door knobs etc. will be sanitized before and after the meeting Sanitizer will be available

- The Registry book will not be used, rather the S/T will call and record the roll
  - Temperatures will be taken by “No Touch”. If you have a temperature of 99 degrees or above you will not be allowed to enter.
  - If you are not feeling well please do not attend.
  - Masks will be required
  - Social distancing is to be followed.
  - Officers will wear their officer’s apron, but leave them on their chairs when they leave. Other members please bring your own if possible and take it home with you. If you need to use a white lodge apron please spread it out on one of the seats when you leave.
  - Food will **not** be served per the WM.
- The WM has **cancelled the December 10, 2020** meeting due to COVID-19 concerns. We normally do not meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November or December because of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will keep you informed as to when after the November 12 stated meeting we again will meet in person.

#### ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2021

- All of the Elected 2020 Officers have agreed to continue in their stations for 2021. Trustee Rick Rogers has agreed to serve a second 3-year term.
- Per the Grand Master we will not need to hold an election or have an installation of officers as all have agreed to stay in their station for 2021. The Master will appoint Rick Rodgers to fill the open trustee position until he can be elected to the position next year and then installed, which the Master do at that time.

#### HOLIDAY MEAL---This annual event of the Lodge will be on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>.

- DC ADRC and Washington Island Community Health Program (WICHP) are comfortable with working again with us to provide 200 meals to those in need.
- COVID 19 protocol will be in place. Deliveries will be following the Meals on Wheels protocol. The delivery Teams are in place.
- JW Geoff Pinney is in charge of the meal preparation
- The S/T is in charge of deliveries
- If you are willing to help prepare the meal contact Geoff at 920.495.1549.

#### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING---

- HSB & OES will again ring bells for the Salvation Army from 8:00 am to 8 pm on Saturday December 12, 2020 at Econo-Foods.
- Ed Klein (920-737-3166) will be in charge and will be soliciting volunteers during November.

#### STEAMBOAT DINNER---It is scheduled for March 13, 2021.

- The decision has been made that the **Dining Room** will **not** be open to the public.
- The **Drive-Thru** will be **open** and we will, as in the past, make **Deliveries** of donated dinners as needed.
- Several of our large donors already have indicated they will again participate in purchasing donated tickets.
- As of 10/19/20 we have received \$3,380 from 15 donors for 211 Donated Tickets. Our goal is 850 with a challenge of 900! Last year 863 were purchased. **Please consider purchasing Donated Tickets to help those in need.**

CHARITY---Following is a summary of our 2020 Charity Outreach.

HSB #174 and Wisconsin Masonic Foundation (WMF) checks have been sent totaling \$1,250 to EACH of the following School Districts in Door and Kewaunee County. This totaled \$6,250 for the 5 School Districts

- Gibraltar
- Sturgeon Bay
- Sevastopol
- Southern Door
- Algoma
- WMF check was mailed for \$1,000 to EACH of the following 501(c)3 Community entities in honor of Forest Lodge #130 Wausau
  - Kewaunee County Food Pantry-Algoma
  - Feed and Clothe My People Door County
- We notified Forest Lodge #130 that HSB #174 had been able to parlay the \$500 as the winner of their Organ Donor contest into a total of \$3,000 which was donated in honor of Forest #130 lodge as follows
  - \$1,000 to the Grandmaster's appeal ---Feeding Wisconsin
  - \$1,000 to Kewaunee County Food Pantry-Algoma (see above)
  - \$1,000 to Feed and Clothe My People Door County (see above)

These grants totaling \$9,250 were funded by

- \$2,250 Matching funds from WMF
- \$500 from Forest Lodge #130 Contest
- \$6,500 from HSB Funds
  - \$1,500 from our budgeted charity
  - \$5,000 from the Denis and June Bay legacy
    - The brothers of the lodge felt we needed to share this generous \$50,000 legacy, so they voted to increase our 2020 charity budget by \$5,000 representing a tithe of the Denis and June Bay legacy.
  - Our lodge has been blessed during this COVID 19 pandemic and our brothers allowed their minds to listen to the needs of others and their hearts to act with Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly love with the knowledge and understanding that all Wisdom comes from the Grand Architect of the Universe.

A [special thanks](#) to all who made a dream/idea for the benefit of the Community come to fruition;

- The Brothers of HSB #174
- The Special Committee for this project
  - Ed Klein (a master of parlaying funds)
  - Ross Chapman WM
  - Geoff Pinney JW
  - Ben Miller SD
- WMF for matching funds under the ACTS OF KINDNESS
- Forest Lodge #130 for their desire to remember a dear friend by creating a contest.
- Denis and June Bay for their very generous legacy
- Those whose help is unknown

TUCK-POINTING---The essential part of this project has been completed so that the water leaking in the foyer should be stopped. The Trustees will now secure a contractor to plaster the area affected in the foyer. The trustees have found that more tuck-pointed is needed on the north wall, but as no water leaks in this area have been detected this will be a project for 2021

## DUES & GRAND LODGE ASSESSMENT--- Grand Lodge Per Capita for 2021=\$47

- **2021 Total Dues**
  - Primary \$133
  - Plural \$ 86
  - Remittals \$ 0
- Thank you to all the Brothers who have responded to the dues and assessment notice by paying their dues (if not a Perpetual Member) and their assessments.
- **Grand Lodges 2-year Assessment of \$10 per year, for Wisconsin Masonic Center (formerly Madison Masonic Center)**
  - **2020** was \$10. Primary members were responsible for paying this to the Grand Lodge. Twenty-Three (23) of our Primary members **did not pay** this assessment to Grand Lodge has been sent us an invoice for \$230 which **HS Baird #174 has paid. Primary members who did not pay will see this \$10 assessment on their 2021 dues notices as a Grand Lodge assessment for 2020.**
  - **2021** is \$10 which the Grand Lodge will invoice us as part of the 2021 per capita Tax. **Primary members will see this \$10 assessment on their 2021 dues notices as Grand Lodge assessment for 2021**
  - **Please note the following;**
    - This assessment is for 2020 and 2021 at \$10 per year for a **total of \$20**
    - Members **only pay in their Primary Lodge.**
    - HSB #174 has **paid this assessment** for those members whose dues are **remitted** by the Lodge.
    - This Grand Lodge assessment **must be paid by Perpetual Members.**
    - Thank you to all Primary Members who have paid this assessment. We appreciate your support.
    - **Questions** please call 920.493.3727

## UPDATE GRAND LODGE COVID-19 EDICT---

- The Grand Master has issued a protocol to **allowing food** to be served at meetings.
- The **Grand Master**, has announced a plan to allow lodges to do EA degrees. This is subject to the following;
  - Before conducting your **EA degree**, we must get approval from the DDGM.
  - Either an AA, DL or DDGM must be present at our EA Degree, meaning you need to provide DDGM the date & time of the degree when you call him for permission to conduct our EA.
  - No one will touch the Holy Writings during a degree except the **candidate and the SD** if the SD needs to readjust the S&C. You will not flip pages for the candidate to kiss the Holy Writings (consider a "virtual" kiss). The SD can of course, conduct his regular duties at opening and closing.
  - **Nitrile (exam, non-latex) gloves** will be worn by candidates and degree team members. I would recommend white or clear colored glove. Consider wearing white cotton washable gloves over the Nitrile gloves for a better look.
- **However, The Officers of HSB #174 have decided not to put on any EA Degrees until the COVID-19 numbers have significantly come down. We will keep you posted.**

**11:11 CODE---**Brother Charles J. Wolfe recently wrote and had *published "The 11:11 CODE---THE GREAT AWAKENING BY THE NUMBERS"*. Anyone interested in mathematics and **physics** as it relates to the Supreme Architect of the Universe will find this book of interest. I had the pleasure of posting Brother Charles and we had many wonderful discussions of his life, passions, and masonry.

## 2020/2021 Henry S. Baird Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Ross Chapman PM	920-495-3281
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Geoffrey Pinney	920-495-1549
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Ben Miller	920-743-2664
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	William Runyan PM	920-535-3026
<b>Senior Steward</b>	Steven Schaefer	414-617-1031
<b>Junior Steward</b>	William Schaefer PM	920-868-2517
<b>Trustees</b>	Richard Rodgers PM	920-493-0643
	John Sullivan PM	920-493-5310
	Mitch Custer PM	608-770-2928
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
<b>Chaplain</b>	Ed Klein	920-737-3166
<b>Tiler</b>	Alvin Briggs HPM	920-327-1204
<b>Counselor</b>	Mark Fisher PM	920-495-9034

### Masonic Birthdays

#### November

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
11/18/1971	49	W. JUERGEN (JAY) F. HERBST
11/17/1983	37	W. DAVID O. LEISTRA

### Editor's Notes

A life well spent:

On a personal note, this last week we lost two Easter Star members in this state. My aunt, Mary Frisch, passed away on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Elkhart Lake at the age 91. She was a lifelong member of New Holstein chapter having served as Worthy Matron countless times, most of the time having her husband Brother Walt Frisch serving as Patron with her. She had also served as Grand Martha in the 1960's. She will be remembered as a great mother, aunt, teacher and community leader. She was also my mentor while my mother was sick; I could always count on a weekly letter to my mother. If I was in a funk, I could call her for an encouraging word. She will be missed by our whole family.

We as a family of Lodge and Eastern Star members also lost Brother Ralph Thompson of Collins-Springfield Lodge, Baldwin, Wisconsin. He was a long-time member of both the Lodge and Easter Star in Baldwin, serving as Master and Worthy Patron over his years in both organizations.

Both served their members with gusto, leading to a life well spent.

Mitch Custer PM Editor