



# Trestle Board



*Door and Kewaunee County Masonic Bodies*

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## **Calendar of Events:**

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting (Canceled) – 7:00 pm

October 8<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Special Meeting (Canceled) – 7:00 pm

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting (Pending Approval) – 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 (Pending Approval) – 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 – 6:30 pm

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Meeting Canceled

December 24<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – No Meeting Christmas Eve

**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)**

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# Honor Chapter Newsletter

October, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this letter is finding you all safe and healthy. As most of you know, our WGM and WGP have once again canceled all OES meetings and activities through the month of October. Things seem to be getting worse in Wisconsin so I feel this is a wise decision. I will keep you all posted as to when we will again be free to meet.

Even though we are not meeting at present, it would be a great time to **brush up on your speeches**. I know I am getting rusty and I intend to practice what I preach. When we do resume our OES year, we will need to schedule an initiation. I'm not sure they will require 2 this year with our meetings being cut but I'm sure we'll need to have at least one initiation sometime during the year.

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of our Sister Margaret Emmerich on September 21. A funeral service will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sturgeon Bay Methodist Church. The family has requested an Eastern Star Service to begin at 10:40. If you are planning to attend please contact Sister Margaret's family as there is a limited number of people able to attend due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many people are finding comfort in reading and writing poetry during these difficult times. Here is a poem written by Jane Lang. Hopefully it will help to brighten your day.

## Virus Angst

Do I have it? Do I not?  
How do I know what I've got?  
My temperature is 99,  
A teeny more, but I feel fine.  
I think I'm fine, that is to say,  
But am I, maybe, just ok?  
Is my throat a little dry?  
Or is it scratchy? If so, why?  
If I conclude that it is scratchy,  
Does that mean that I am catchy?  
My nose is runny, that's not new,  
But much more than it used to do.  
I think. Perhaps it's just a cold,  
Or maybe part of getting old.  
It's also true that I am tired,

But then I also feel I'm wired.  
Maybe I should take a rest?  
Or could I, should I, take a test?  
I'm ready for all outdoor tasks,  
With Clorox wipes and gloves and masks.  
But still I'm clueless and cannot  
Begin to guess just what I've got.

Respectfully,

Susan Shefchik, WM  
Tom Pinney, WP

## **Worshipful Master's Column**

Brethren,

As I write this, we have had a meeting at the Lodge. We had a good turnout. It's good to be back. We had a lot to talk about since we hadn't met since March. We will be doing the Holiday dinner in November on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out contact Brs. Geoff or Tom Pinney.

At the meeting we voted to spend \$5,000.00 from the Dennis and June Bay estate money that we have left. The money will go to the four Door County high schools and Algoma in Kewaunee County. \$1,000.00 to each school. We have also asked for \$250.00 for each school from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, bringing the total \$1,250.00 for specific needs we have set to help the students during the coronavirus pandemic. We also voted to give \$1,000.00, \$500.00 that we got from Forest Lodge plus \$500.00 of our own charity money. \$500.00 to Feed My People in Door County and another \$500.00 to the Kewaunee Food Pantry in Algoma.

Ross Chapman WM.

# 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](mailto:tompinney@charter.net)

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

- Scheduled for Saturday **October 31, 2020** has been **CANCELLED** by 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 30 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 THEIR ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT.**
- **Questions please call 920.493.3727**

## STATED MEETING---

- HSB #174 did have a meeting **on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p**. The Lodge opened, conducted business, and closed in the EA degree.
- The WM **cancelled the September 24<sup>th</sup>** meeting due to COVID-19 concerns. Sixty new cases in Door and Kewaunee County from September 19 thru 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We will keep you informed as to **when we again will meet** with the following COVID-19 Protocols---(subject to change to encompass State, Grand Lodge, and local)
  - 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.
- **No food will be served**
- **We will open, conduct business, and close in the EA degree. This requires 7 brothers to be present.**
- **We cannot do any degree work or do examinations in the FC or MM degree**

### **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.
- We have scheduled election for the Stated Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- If all officers and the Trustee remain the same as this year, then we do not have to have an installation.

**BR. EDGAR R. ALLINGHAM** —Died on September 14, 2020. He is survived by three children John, Steve, and Liesl. He served as S/T of HSB#211/174 for many years. He was a trustee and played a major part in organizing and raising funds for our major improvements to the Lodge in 2000 which include the installation of the elevator, commercial dishwasher, and handicap bathrooms.

**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.
- 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.
- If you are willing to **deliver** contact Tom at 920.493.3727

**ROOF---**The new roof installation by Hernandez Roofing is complete and paid in full.

- The inspection by John Mansfield has been done and we have received the 20 Year Guarantee from John Mansfield,
- Once again **Thank You to the Trustees**, PM Mitch Custer, PM Rick Rogers, and PM John Sullivan.
- A **special thanks to JD William Runyan** for using his expertise to set up specifications, review bids, work with the contractor, participate in the inspection, and review the 20-year Guarantee.

- Henry S. Baird #174 wishes to express a **deep appreciation to June and Denis Bay** for their generous legacy to provide us the funds for a new roof. June and Denis's passion was the Shrine Hospital for Children. However, he never forgot his blue lodge roots. In their honor we have **tithed (\$5,000)** of their gift to fund additional charities under the Acts of Kindness with matching funds from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. Our Charity outreach for 2020 has grown to \$9,250.

**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.

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

- 2021 Total Dues**

○ Primary	\$133
○ Plural	\$ 86
○ Remittals	\$ 0

- 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 so Grand Lodge has sent us an invoice for \$230 which **HSBaird #174 is required to pay.** **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.**
    - Questions** please call 920.493.3727

**UPDATE GRAND LODGE COVID-19 EDICT---**

- The Grand Master is in the process of possibly **allowing food** to be served at meetings.
- The Grand Master, along with the Grand Lodge officers, is working on a plan to allow lodges to do EA degrees. This is subject to the following;
  - Four (4) Districts are being allowed to try this as a **pilot program.** We as District 4 are not one of these Districts.

- The other Districts must wait to see how the pilot plan goes and then must satisfy their DDGM that a specific lodge is capable of doing the EA degree safely. The DDGM or his proxy must be present.
- If the EA degree can be put on safely, then the FC could follow shortly thereafter.
- We will keep you updated.

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### **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
	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Ed Klein	920-737-3166
<b>Chaplain</b>	Alvin Briggs HPM	920-327-1204
<b>Tiler</b>	Mark Fisher PM	920-495-9034
<b>Counselor</b>		

### **Editor's Notes**

With the Covid-19 problem, we have not met very often. I worry that many of our members have or will lose interest in attending and being involved in their lodge. In many areas of the state, masons have found ways to keep up their involvement in their local lodge. Many have virtual meeting for social discourse and planning their future events. Many have small social get togethers over coffee or afternoon discussions. Some lodges have found ways to put on their annual events for fund raising. Car shows, providing food at other local events and even going out and helping their local food banks get food out to the people of their community. With this in mind, help is still needed for our Annual Holiday dinner.

Mitch Custer PM Editor