



# Trestle Board



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## **Calendar of Events:**

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

May 12<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Fran Bagley Memorial Service – 11:00 am

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - Grand Chapter – Stevens Point

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – No Meeting due to Grand Chapter

May 26<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Grand Lodge Annual Communication - Madison

June 9<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting - 6:30 pm

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Social Meeting – 7:30 pm

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Wine and Chocolate Event at Three Cellars in Menomonee Falls – Honor Chapter – See WM article.

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm

July 14<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Dark

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Honor Chapter – No Meeting

July 28<sup>th</sup> – H.S. Baird – Dark

**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 #1

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Just around the corner is the spring and summer we all have been waiting for. Hopefully, we will be able to get outside and enjoy the sounds, smells, and sites of this new season. Some of the new sightings will be the return of our snowbirds. Welcome back!

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of several of our members. Eleanor Maahs and her daughter Lea passed away in April. Please keep Sister Paula Balentine (Eleanor's daughter) in your prayers.

We also mourn the loss of Ross Chapman. Our Associate Patron, our faithful handyman, coffee maker, snow shoveler, resident music buff, and so many more talents he blessed us with passed away, and an Eastern Star funeral was given at his memorial. He will be dearly missed.

Our 2021-2022 officers' terms are coming to an end, and our Worthy Matron Elect Sue has ask that anyone that has an interest in presenting a program at our meetings to please contact her. From travelogue video/slide show to demonstrations, or whatever talent or organization in our community that you would be willing to share, we would be glad to have help on the program committee.

Dates to remember:

May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 7:00 (initiation)

May 14<sup>th</sup> Fran Bagley Memorial Service at Henry S Baird Masonic Temple 11:00 a.m. with OES service and Daughters of the Nile service followed by a Christian Memorial Service. Lunch to follow in lower level.

May 16 – 19<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter in Stevens Point

May 19<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING due to Grand Chapter

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting with possible Installation (stay tuned)

June 25<sup>th</sup> Wine and Chocolate Event at Three Cellars in Menomonee Falls. Fundraiser for service dogs. \$40 per/person 7p.m. to 10 p.m. Online tickets available.

Come to the events, meetings, gatherings, and have a good time with your sisters and brothers.

Star Love,

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## Message from Worshipful Master Geoff

Writing this on a snowy afternoon in April which is interesting since in March I wrote my message on a rainy day. We did see a couple of Spring like days.

It's been a challenging month with the loss of Brother Emil and Ross but we celebrate what they meant to our Lodge. But most importantly, they were outstanding Men of God. Also, my thoughts are with Eastern Star as they have lost a couple of members this past month. Please keep their families in your prayers.

We are working with a brother who is going to take over some of the duties that Ross did for the Lodge. We are planning to do a deep cleaning of the Lodge in the very near future, more information to follow in the next couple of weeks.

God bless and Brotherly Love.

WM Geoff Pinney

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## Secretary/Treasure's Column

**AMIEL HEPP** ---PM Amiel passed away on April 12, 2022. He was---

- Past Master of Algoma Lodge
- The moment you met Amiel you know he was special; gentle, respectful of others, and willing to serve.
- Amiel was a wonderful supporter of the Steamboat Dinner, serving as a Waiter and Table Captain when we still served in the dining room.
- In previous years and this year, he purchased donated meals
- He taught Chemistry and Physics at Algoma High School.
- We know that he shared the same principals of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly love that all Masons are taught in our degrees to inculcate into their daily life on their journey to becoming a better man.

**ROSS CHAPMAN**---PM Ross passed away on April 12, 2022 (same day as Amiel Hepp). We remember Ross from the Lodge, OES, AASR, and Church---

- **Lodge**
  - He was **Worshipful Master** 4 times---2007, 2013, 2020, and 2021
    - Robert Chapman, his father was WM in 1957 ---Ross always wore his Father's PM jewel.
    - Ross conducted excellent business meetings.

- In all 3 degrees he knew over 60 minutes (9,000 words of the Ritual from memory), articulating them to the candidate with feeling. This included the following parts---
  - The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, and Tiler. He also knew JA, JO, and JM in the Master Mason Degree
- He **posted and examined** many candidates
- He **checked the Lodge each day**, set it up for meetings, shoveled snow, did maintenance in the building, and many other behind the scenes activities.
- **OES Honor Chapter #1**
  - He served as **Worthy Patron (WP)**, and **Associate Patron (AP)** many times.
  - We can add another 30 minutes (4,500 word) of memory work as WP & AP
  - **Members describe him** as a quite shy man with a sense of humor who blossomed into a giant man of action creating many welcoming ambiances for others to enjoy. This included turning on the heat and lights, making coffee, setting up the dining room, decorating it for special occasions, and holidays, Christmas was his favorite time to decorate using his collection of ornaments and lights. He had the walks shoveled, ice-melt applied, and all the doors open including the Elevator entrance long before anyone arrived.
  - He was **Grand Representative** of OH and NE in WI
  - He would change into his **Tux** for special occasions.
  - He was a **music buff** and the OES Ladies were no match for his ability to recognize the tunes and words.
  - He was always **last one** out and secured the building.
- **AASR**
  - He was the **Stage Manager** for the Valley of Green Bay for many years. He kept track of 100's of props.
  - He served as **Thrice Potent Master (TPM)** for the Lodge of Perfection) which entitled him to wear a Yellow Hat.
  - He was elected by his peers to receive the **Meritorious Service Award (MSA)** which entitled him to wear a Red Hat.
  - He witnessed **all 29 degrees** and used them to support what the church had taught him.
- **STURGEON BAY MORAVIAN CHURCH**
  - He served his Church in many way---
    - As sexton
    - Videographer and Sound and creating uploads of services to U-TUBE
    - Performing many maintenances activities
  - **Over 50 years ago Ross and his Father Robert found an old weathered log, made it into a Cross, which each year is placed in the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church Sanctuary to remind all “The Lord is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed! Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow.**

## **STEAMBOAT DINNER (SBD) ---- 2022**

- Evaluation
  - WM Geoff Pinney has set 5:30p Thursday, May 12, 2022 for the Evaluation Meeting. This is just before our next Stated Meeting.
    - We will meet in the basement.
    - All masons are welcome.
  - We have several key issues to discuss. We will be sending out a packet of information ahead of the meeting.

## **CLEANING OF LODGE**

- The Lodge voted to have the building deep cleaned which has not been done for at least 15 years.
- Br. T. J. Lautenbach has offered with the help of Mariellen Haen to keep the Lodge clean at no cost.
- The Lodge has voted to purchase a commercial vacuum and other equipment and supplies to allow T. J. and Mariellen to do their job.
- Thank you to both T. J. and Mariellen.

## **CUSTODIAN**

- Br. T. J. Lautenbach will be taking over Ross Chapman's job of Building Maintenance with daily checks. Thanks to T. J.

## **MASONIC EDUCATION**

- Br. Louis Kern has agreed to bring us Masonic Education topics for our Stated Meeting. He started at the last meeting in March. He is very interested in History. Thanks Louis.

## **SENIOR DEACON PRO-TEM FOR REST OF YEAR**

- Br. Louis Kern has agreed to be our Senior Deacon Pro-Tem for the year as Br. Michael Gray is moving to the East Coast to become a small boat pilot. He will be ending his service with the Coast Guard shortly.

## **GRAND LODGE**

- Grand Lodge annual communication will be on June 3 and 4 in Madison at the Wisconsin Masonic Center (old Madison Masonic Center).
- All MMs are welcome. Our WM, SW, and JW or their proxies have a vote.

## **CHARITY COMMITTEE**

- They are developing Protocols for approval of the Lodge
- They will be researching and bringing back to lodge suggestion of who might be recipients of our budgeted charity outreach of \$3,000 that would be matched by the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. The lodge has approved using a tithe (10%) of Br. Ed Klein's Life Insurance legacy for a one time increase in our Charity Budget. This will be an increase of \$3,253. The committee will bring back suggestions for recipient(s) of this tithe.

**WEBSITE**----Br. Andy Crow has the website up and running. [hsbaird.com](http://hsbaird.com). Please check it out and give him your feedback. 920.493.6119 [andrewscottcrow@gmail.com](mailto:andrewscottcrow@gmail.com).

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### Masonic Birthdays

May 2022

<b><u>Date Raised</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
05/13/1955	67	W. Robert E. Vits
05/25/1964	58	W. Keith C. Bagley
05/29/1997	25	W. Stephen F. Rabach
05/03/1997	25	W. John L. Sullivan
05/03/1997	25	John M. Storms
05/28/2002	20	Roger M. Scholbe
05/22/2003	19	Richard A. Hannemann, II
05/26/2011	11	W. Richard C. Rogers
05/28/2015	7	Steven W. Schaefer

## Editor's Notes

As we begin Spring, I hope all are finding time to get outside and work in your garden or yard or just able to get outside and enjoy the time spent getting fresh air.

In June we will get a new Grand Master. I will give you an update on that in the June issue of this article.

The last three weeks have been a hard time for the lodge and me. We lost two members from H S Baird and I lost a brother mason in Madison. All three funerals in one week. Remember our lost brothers in your prayers.

Look for more updates from the Grand Lodge as they begin to roll out more Fire Suppression Units through out the state. The response through out the state has been fabulous. As more police and fire departments have received units, more and more gentlemen have become interested in joining. The use of the press in presenting the units have led to an increased interest in our lodges. We here at H S Baird should look at how we can increase our presents in our community. The lodge could look at various ways to be out in the community at local events. Yes, it will take some work but it will pay off in more members possibly. We could have a stand at concerts or in front of the lodge during parades and farmers markets or events taking place downtown. We could also look at events in the surrounding communities.

Last but not least, we would love to see our members at our meetings. For the guys that have not been to a lodge meeting in a while, we have new energy in our meetings. This includes Masonic education, discussions on new ideas and areas where the lodge is going. They are always looking for new officers. Remember this is your lodge, we are a brotherhood and need brothers to be a brotherhood. If you need a ride, call one of the officers and see what can be done.

Fraternally

Mitch Custer AA PM

