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Calendar of Events:

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

Sept 7th – Honor Chapter – Annual Inspection Part 1 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sept 12th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm - Vote on Dues Motion

Sept 19th – Honor Chapter – No Meeting

Sept 26th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 4:00 pm – MM Degree Andrew Starr

Oct 3rd – Honor Chapter – Annual Inspection Part 2 – 7:00 pm

Oct 10th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm

Oct 17th – Honor Chapter – Possible Meeting

Oct 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)**

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

Worshipful Master's Column

As I sit down to write this newsletter, I am very appreciative of the work done for our newest Master Mason Brother Michael Gray. Mike's Step-father, Br. Dale Wiley (Washington Lodge #21 Green Bay), participated in the degree.



The picture above shows the members present at the degree.

In September, we have more degree work to complete. We need to be proactive and ready to welcome more good men into our Fraternity. I looking forward to seeing you at our meetings in September.

Sincerely

William Schaefer. WM

Honor Chapter # 1, OES

Meets the First and Third Thursdays of each Month

7:00 p.m.

Happy September, Sisters and Brothers of Honor Chapter!

Let's start off with a BIG THANK YOU for your HELP at the Masonic Steak Fry in August. Of the 54 attending, 37 were OES Honor Chapter members. Glad to see our members helping out in so many ways!

At the August 1st meeting we discussed and voted to accept the Annual Reports and Budget. Extra thanks to Brothers Ed Klein and Andy Buechner, as well as Sisters Bonnie Kohn, Jean Wits, and Joan Burr for the hard work they put into this project prior to its presentation. Extra thanks to Brother Ed for doing such a good job of explaining all of the information to us.

We have a busy few weeks coming up. Let's get the news out quickly so arrangements can be made, schedules can be aligned, whatever it takes because we need everyone's help and participation.

On Thursday, August 22nd at 7pm we had a practice prior to our "Official Visit" which is coming up September 7th.

Don't forget our **Thursday, September 5th meeting at 7pm**. It'll be the last chance to practice before our Official Visit. Officers, please wear a formal of your choice. The refreshment committee is Kate Wulle-Dugan and Jean Wits.

Part 1 of our Official Visit will be **Saturday, September 7th from 10am-12 p.m.** with Grand Lecturer, Sister Rosie Fiscus. We will be exemplifying all of our memory work that day. Thanks to our officers for taking time out of their Saturday to attend. Sideliners would be very much appreciated. Kate Wulle-Dugan and Jean Wits are on the refreshment committee for this as well. WP Tom Pinney said he would order a noon lunch of pizzas from The Frozen Spoon.

There is NO meeting on September 19th.

On **Thursday, October 3rd** at our regular stated meeting, "Part Two" of our Official Visit with Grand Martha, Karen Kaas will be held. Our refreshment committee for this meeting is Bonnie Kohn and Fran Bagley.

Dear Sisters and Brothers. living here in Wisconsin we experience such a change in the daily temps this time of year. I hope you enjoy reading this poem.

"August Days" by Lenore Hetrick

The Last Day of Summer the first of Fall--
Together they stand in August Days.
The garden is bright with Summer bloom,
And yet there creeps up the Autumn haze.
You can look forward or look backwards
To a lovely Summer you would recall,
But, the changing of the season has come--
The last of Summer and the first of Fall.

Respectfully,

Sue Shefchik, WM
Tom Pinney, WP

Secretary/Treasure's Column

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CHANGE IN DUES AND FEES---The following Resolutions will be acted upon at Henry S. Baird # 174 Stated Meeting on September 12, 2019.

- **It was Made and Seconded (Chapman/Rogers) to raise the annual dues starting in 2020 from \$76 to \$86 plus per capita tax. The motion was tabled for action at our September 12, 2019 stated meeting.** Our mandatory GL insurance program has increased \$1600 in the last 4 years, primarily due to very large water damage to Masonic Buildings in WI.
- **It was Made and Seconded (T. Pinney/G .Pinney) to raise each of the 4 separate fees starting in 2020 for becoming a MM from \$60 to \$80. The total fees would be raised from \$240 to \$320. The motion was tabled for action at our September 12, 2019 stated meeting.** We will be adding personalized HSB #174 nine-month jackets to items given new MM.

These resolutions require a 2/3 affirmative vote to pass. They will not become effective until the GM of WI approves them.

FC DEGREES--- Br. Brandon Cromwell and Br. Michael Gray received their FC degrees on June 13th at our Stated Meeting. Both of these brothers were wonderful help at the SBD. Thanks to PM Mitch Custer for posting them.

MM DEGREE---Br. Michael Gray was raised to the sublime degree of MM on Thursday August 15 2019.

- His stepfather Dale Wiley, a member of Washington #21 of Green Bay, was present for this special occasion. Br. Wiley travelled from PA to be present. He participated as one of the FC.
- Br. Gray is stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter *Mobile Bay*. He is scheduled to be part of the crew that will bring it back to Sturgeon Bay in October following a complete renovation on the East Coast to extend its life for 35 more years of service.
- Br. Jeremiah Ruhlen who is about to become a Senior Chief in the Coast Guard travelled from Cleveland, WI to be present. He participated as one of the FC. Br. Ruhlen was raised in HSB #174 on February 28, 2011. He has since been stationed on the East and West Coast and is now in Milwaukee.
- Just received the following text from Br. Gray---*“Thanks for opening up the Lodge/Temple for me. Has really been a special journey/experience for me. Feel very honored to be associated with a great group of people. Looking forward to furthering my knowledge and many great opportunities with my Brothers. See you when we return.”*

MM DEGREE---Br. Andrew Starr is scheduled to be raised to the sublime degree of MM on September 26th at our Stated Meeting. The schedule is;

- 4:00pm Open Lodge and call down to FC
- 4:15pm Exam and resume labor in the MM
- 4:30pm 1st Section
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Finish Degree followed by a short Business Meeting
- Short Stated Business Meeting

Although Andy had arm surgery, he made the SBD deliveries to the Ferry for Washington Island and the Northern Door Delivery Team. He then operated the elevator. In June, he participated in a Mission Trip to a forgotten town in NC to help clean up after a hurricane. Thanks to PM Rick Rogers for posting him.

CANDIDATE---Mr. Eric Glenn Dean of Algoma, WI was elected to receive the degrees conferred in our lodge at our stated meeting on June 27, 2019. He will be part of the Day of Light Class in Sheboygan WI on November 2, 2019. PM. Mitch Custer will be his mentor.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION---The GL annual communication was held in Madison on Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th. The WM proxy was Mitch Custer, SW, and the S/T as proxy for JW Rich Rogers attended.

- The per-capita tax was raised by \$2 to \$45.
- CH. Ed Klein received a Grand Masters Award of Appreciation

- The Perpetual Membership Program (PMP) was reinstated using a factor of 31. Thus, a Perpetual Membership in our Lodge now would cost \$121 x 31 or \$3,751. If our Dues increase passes, starting 1/1/2020 the cost would be \$131 x 31 or \$4,061.

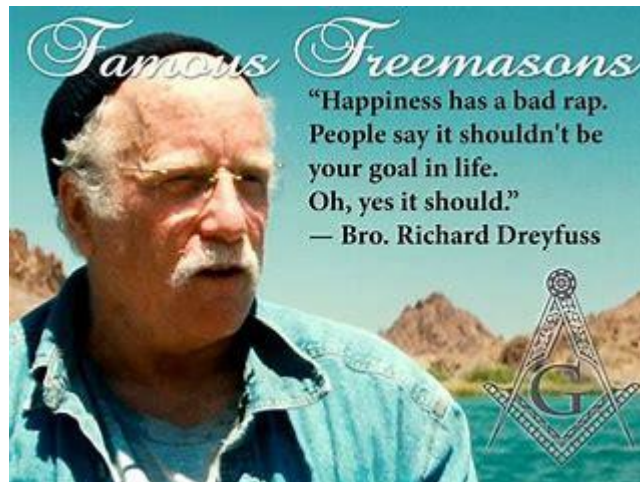
STEAK FRY/FISHBOIL----This annual event again was a great success with 54 in attendance. Food, Fun, and Fellowship was the name of the game.

ACTS OF KINDNESS----The Lodge voted to donate \$1,100 to the following entities, which the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation (WMF) matched, with the result the following received;

- \$200 Sevastopol Town Park
- \$1,000 Maritime Museum for AED
- \$400 Kewaunee Food Pantry
- \$400 Sturgeon Bay DI for trip to Global
- \$200 TJ Walker Middle School for Clipper Zone

PGM JAMES BYRNES ARTIFACTS---Are now on display by his painted portrait in the anti-room next to the Lodge/Chapter room. Alice Byrnes, widow of Br. Jim, presented the lodge with his PGM's Apron and a few other special items. Br. Jim was the only member of our Lodge to become Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin.

THOUGHT---*Masonry does not make good men better, but gives them the **Opportunity** to become better men.*



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Masonic Birthdays

September

<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>
09/27/1979	40	W. Roger A. Crass
09/24/1998	21	W. Ross J. Chapman
09/24/1998	21	Bibek Bose

Editor's Notes

Having become a mentor for both Mike Gray and Brandon Cromwell, I have found great satisfaction in being able to pass on knowledge and their ability to find meaning in their masonic work. The posting is meant to pass on to them the meanings and ideas each degree is founded on. I look forward to continuing this process with both men as they finish up their degree work. Likewise, I take pride in being able to be the mentor for Eric Dean as we go through the Day of Light event. I have attended two previous Days of Light and found this event very useful to the men taking their degrees in this fashion. Many of these men will become the next set of leaders in their lodges. You too could become a mentor for future candidates. You will also learn the true meaning of the brotherhood of masons as you help a new brother take his degrees.