

DOOR & KEWAUNEE COUNTY MASONIC BODIES  
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# NEWSLETTER

Volume 41 No.2 **TRESTLEBOARD** February 2017

February 9 HS Baird #174 Stated Meeting 6:30  
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March 4 Steamboat Dinner Setup 9-11:00 am  
10 Final Part of setup 8:00 am  
11 Steamboat Dinner

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Stated Communications Second and Fourth Thursday Evenings of Each Month 6:30 pm

**Henry S. Baird Lodge No. 174 F. & A.M**

**Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

**Words from the East**

Brothers of Henry S. Baird Lodge

The month of February looks to be quiet with our normal two meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 pm. I will be looking to present some fun facts and information at many of our meetings. I hope more members will find a reason to attend at least one meeting a quarter. If you have ideas of things you would like to see at our meetings, drop me a note. My email address will be at the end of this letter.

On the 19th of this last month we conferred the Master Mason degree on Charlie Wolfe. His wife, son, grandfather and a friend of his from the fine state of Missouri came to dinner. His grandfather and friend were able to be a part of his Master Mason degree. Congratulations to Charlie and welcome to the lodge.

## Words From the East

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In order to begin to plan for the future of the lodge, I am looking to form a committee to begin finding officers for the upcoming years. This group will nominate or let the incoming Master know which members would like to become part of our line of officers. I am looking for three or four more members, especially Past Masters to join this committee. I have a couple of Past Masters already on board but need more. Please drop me a note if you are interested in building the future of our lodge.

The next committee I would like to have form is one to find ways to do more outreach in our community. This will be the way the lodge uses the monies we dedicated just to scholarships. We need to look at how we are spending the funds. Can we do more with these monies for the betterment of the whole community. I am looking for five or so members to work together to come up with plans and direction for the lodge to follow.

Please drop me a note at the address's below if you are willing to serve on one of these committees.

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Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promote of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.

[GEORGE WASHINGTON]

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

**MM DEGREE---** Charles Jason Wolfe was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at a special meeting on Thursday January 19, 2017. He passed a very satisfactory examination in the new FC posting at 5:00pm. This included reciting the FC Obligation. Supper was served at 6pm. His wife Britta, son Eric and Grandfather Br. Robert Maves were among the 27 persons at the dinner. His high school classmate, James Meffen WM of DeSoto #199, DeSoto MO, travelled 8.5 hours to be with him on this special night.

**2017 DUES---** The **dues notices** were sent out in early November. The 38 Living Perpetual Members and the 7 members whose dues were remitted have received their dues cards. The other 55 Regular and Plural Members will be mailed their dues card on receipt of their dues payment. We have a total of 100 members. As of 01/23/17 we have received **all but 10 dues payments** from non-perpetual members. Members were invited to consider other opportunities. See below for results.

**2017 STEAMBOAT DINNER MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>---**We will begin to distribute Posters and Regular Tickets to be sold shortly. Br. Ed Klein is in charge of Poster Distribution. If you want to volunteer to help or just want some posters for your distribution, please contact him at 737.3166 or [ed.klein@ghs.com](mailto:ed.klein@ghs.com). The S/T distributed Regular Tickets to the Officers and Brethren at our January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those not present, but sold Tickets last year will receive them in the mail. If you need them now or want more, please contact Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. 493.3727 or [tompinney@charter.net](mailto:tompinney@charter.net).

We will be calling the Workers in the next few weeks. Please keep March 11<sup>th</sup> if possible open to help. It is a great time of fellowship and fun. We hope to serve 1,000 dinners this year. Last year we served 892 dinners.

We could use your help on:

**\*\*Saturday March 4th from 9A to 11A at the lodge for Initial Set-Up of Tables/Chairs and Washing of all the dishes.**

**\*\*Friday March 10th 8A at the lodge to finish Set-Up.**

Please contact Ed Klein if you can help 737.3166 or [ed.klein@ghs.com](mailto:ed.klein@ghs.com).

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**DONATED STEAMBOAT DINNER TICKETS---**As of 01/23/17 we have received **\$6,465 representing 431 Donated SBD Tickets to be given to Social Services, LSCAP & The Sunshine House** to be distributed by them for the 2017 Steamboat Dinner on March 11, 2017. This includes a one-time gift of \$2,000 from a widow in memory of her husband. We hope to exceed a RECORD 500 Donated Tickets this year.

If you wish to purchase Donated tickets, which are Tax Deductible, please make a check payable to HSBaird #174 and mark in the memo Donated SBD Tickets. The price is \$15 each. Mail checks to HSBaird #174 P.O. Box 86 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. What a wonderful response.

**UPGRADING LODGE ROOM SOUND SYSTEM---**As of 01/23/17 we have received \$1,471 The cost is \$3,500 to upgrade the sound system in the Lodge/Chapter room. What a wonderful response. Thanks to all who have given. If you wish to help please make a check payable to HSBaird #174 and mark in the memo Sound System. Mail checks to HSBaird #174 P.O. Box 86 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. We are a very active, generous, and responsive Lodge!

We purchased 3 new mics from the money received and used them for the MM degree on 01.19.17. They worked great. A real treat was the special Altar Mic. All in the room could hear the candidate's response at the altar. Thanks to Br. Ed Klein as trustee for coordinating this project and Br. Phil Hendrickson for furnishing and installing the Mics. We will continue to purchase the remaining Mics as funds become available.

# EDITOR'S EPISTLE

By Mark Fischer



Greetings Brethren,

Once again, another January has past and winter has been relatively mild this year so far with not near as much snow or cold that could have come. We are truly blessed with means of mobility. As Masons, Family, friends and neighbors in our respective communities, keep in remembrance these people who are not as fortunate, who have difficulty navigating through inclement weather or life obstacles, which keeps them bound to their home until they are able to come out when the day's warmth can make its return. A call, card, or meal shared or even a simple smile, can make a difference in the life of someone who suffers physically, emotionally, and as in most cases both.

As Masons, we are taught this. Not only to be generous with monies we might have, but with the very tool and gifts that we are born with, the "stuff" that comes from within us. Be a positive influence in the lives of who you encounter, whether it be at home, work or within the community. Endeavor to be a caring and compassionate person. No doubt your temple will be well built. Now go out and resume labor.

Fraternally,

Mark



Moving?

Send us your change of address with the current mail label to:

**Henry S. Baird Lodge #174 F & AM**

**P. O. Box 86**

**Sturgeon Bay. WI 54235-0086**

**SERVICE ADDRESS REQUESTED**



**POSTMASTER  
DATED MATERIAL**

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