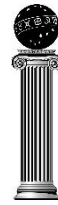




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Calendar of Events:

- January 11th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Re-obligation Night
January 25th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Education
January 27th – H.S. Baird – School of Instruction – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
February 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Brotherhood Night
February 22th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Table Lodge with meal
March 1st – Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
March 3rd – Steam Boat Dinner Set Up – Table/chairs & wash dishes – 9:00 am – 11:00 am
March 8th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – The EA Degree
March 9th – Steam Boat Dinner – Finish Set up – 8:00 am
March 9th – Steam Boat Dinner – Dutch Treat Dinner – Trattoria Dal Santo – 6:00 pm
March 10th – **Steam Boat Dinner** – 4:00 – 7:00 pm
March 15th - Honor Chapter – Stated Meeting – 7:00 pm
March 22th – H.S. Baird – Stated Meeting – 6:30 pm – Education
March 24th – Masonic Day of Light – Green Bay/NEW Masonic Center

**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**

Worshipful Master's Column

Dear Friends and Members of Henry S. Baird Lodge, F.&A.M.,

December 27th was St. John's Day. St. John the Evangelist, as he was known to our ancient brethren was considered to be, and still is by many, the patron saint of Masons. It is on his feast day each year, two days after Christmas, that the new Masonic year begins and the new lodge officers officially take on their roles and responsibilities. It is my privilege to sit in the East as the Worshipful Master for this new masonic year. It is a commitment made by the officers of the lodge to be at every meeting except when either health prevents or prearranged absences have been indicated. I would like to invite you to make a similar commitment this year. There is much planned for in these ensuing months that I think you will enjoy, and each meeting will have a purpose and activity that goes beyond business. With each passing year those who have labored longest among us are not as able as they once were to use the tools of our craft. Those of us who are the able workmen must not lessen our efforts but renew them as we continue on where these faithful workers have left off. This year we will be working for a renewal in the life of the lodge. We will be calling on the craftsmen to assemble at each meeting with the goal of refining and expanding their skills. In this new year your Blue Lodge will be calling on you craftsmen to seek out and encourage men who have the nature that might lead them to find within themselves a desire to become masters of the craft and come and labor alongside us. The time will come when each of us will need to pass on these duties to others, and the time will come for us, as it does for all men, to at last lay our tools down having completed our work here below, but that time is not yet. Until that time comes let us commit together to work and build as our forefathers have done so we too may one day look back on our work and be proud of what we have accomplished as we pass on to the workers who will follow us our own example of the work of master craftsmen.

Fraternally Yours,

David O. Leistra WM



Worthy Matron's Column

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By the time you receive this newsletter, we trust all of you have enjoyed the Christmas and New Years' holidays with family and friends, and we hope Santa brought you that special gift for which you were wishing.

Following our meeting on December 7, our Star "elves" were out and about ringing bells for the Salvation Army and also delivering Christmas poinsettias to our 50-year members. Our elves reported back that the plants were very much appreciated--but the visits with those members were so much more appreciated.

On December 21, we celebrated Christmas at the Masonic Temple and stuffed ourselves with delicious hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and desserts. We also played board games and got a good start on our project to make table favors for the long-term care unit at the hospital in March. The table favors are pine cone animals--we got all the felt pieces cut and now just have to finish gluing those pieces onto some nice short fat pine cones--we'll post pictures when they have been completed.

Sister Susan Shefchik took a nasty fall just before Christmas and broke her upper right arm. We're sure she could use some get well wishes; and if you'd like, you can either snail mail to her at 3704 Rocky Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235, or e-mail at rshefchik@yahoo.com

Just a reminder that we will not be meeting during the cold, snowy months of January and February so you won't be hearing from us again until the March newsletter. However, we will be thinking of you in any event and wish you all the very best in 2018!

Peace....

Connie Skarvan
Worthy Matron

Tom Pinney
Worthy Patron

PS from the Worthy Matron: Since I couldn't attend the installation on December 9, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of Honor Chapter, as well as personally, to CONGRATULATE the new core of officers at H.S. Baird Lodge.

Secretary/Treasure's Column

Thomas S. Pinney, Jr. Contacts; ph.920.493.3727 or email tompinney@charter.net

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP---An EA from another lodge is in the process of transferring to our lodge. He moved here. Since he received his EA in 2011, we plan to again give him the EA degree as a refresher. He likes this idea. He will not be charged the initial fee with the petition or the EA fee. We plan to do the degree in January.

H.S. Baird #174 DUES --- The response to the dues notices has been good. Members were given the opportunity to contribute to the Capital Fund which included purchasing a new Potato Peeler and other items. To date we have received \$1,287 for these projects. Also, we have received \$4,657 for Donated Tickets for the 2018 Steamboat Dinner. The lodge members and friends continue to be very generous.

WISCONSIN MASONIC DAY OF LIGHT--- The Grand lodge has developed this program to have a man become a Master Mason in one day. On March 24, 2018 this program will be offered in Green Bay at the Northeast Wisconsin Masonic Center. More details to follow.

DONATED STEAMBOAT DINNER TICKETS---Last year we had 563 purchased which was a record. We had a \$2,000 one-time gift from a widow. Presently we have 322 purchased. This includes a \$500 donation from Keller, the firm that has done all our major remodeling to the building. Please contact businesses in the community that might be willing to donate 10 Tickets. Contact Tom Pinney at 920.493.3727 or tompinney@charter.net for details and Talking Points.

School of Instruction---We will have School of Instruction conducted by Moses Adams District 4 Lecturer, on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the lodge from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

NEWSLETTER---As of the January 2018 issue of the Newsletter, Br. Mitch Custer junior Past Master will become the editor. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact him at (608) 770-2928. We all owe Br. Mark Fischer and his family a big thank you for doing the Newsletter for the past many years.

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER BY MAIL AND ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE IT BY EMAIL PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Please send Tom Pinney your email address, this will reduce our printing and postage costs.

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

Henry S. Baird #174 Calendar of Events

January 11, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Re-obligation Night
January 25, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
January 27, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	9am to 2pm	School of Instruction with Moses Adams District 4 Lecturer. We will do item 3.	
February 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Brotherhood Night
February 22, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Table Lodge (meal)
March 3, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	9:00am-11am	SBD initial setup - phase 1	Table/chairs & Wash dishes
March 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	The E. A. Degree
March 9, 2018	Friday	Lodge	8:00am	Finish Set-Up for Steamboat Dinner (SBD)	
March 9, 2018	Friday	Trattoria Dal Santo	6pm	Dutch Treat for SBD workers and Friends	117 N. 3rd Ave
March 10, 2018	Saturday	Lodge	4pm to 7pm	Steamboat Dinner	Open to public
March 22, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
3/24/2018 NEW	Saturday	NWMC GB	TBD	Masonic Day of Light	
March 29, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
April 12, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	The F. C. Degree
April 26, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Past Master's Night (meal)
May 10, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Lodge History Night
May 19, 2018	Saturday	Wausau	TBD	Spring Joint District 3 & 4 meeting	
May 24, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	The Master Mason Degree
May 31, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
June 14, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Flag Day
June 28, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Special
August 15, 2018	Wednesday	TBD	5p social hr. 6p meal	Annual Steak Fry/Fish Boil	
August 30, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
September 13, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Heritage Night
September 27, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Roll Call (all member call) Night (meal)
October 11, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Education
October 25, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Landmarks of Freemasonry Night
November 8, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Vet's Night (Election of Officers)
November 22, 2018	Thursday			No Meeting	No Meeting, Thanksgiving
November 29, 2018	Thursday	S/T home	5:00pm	Lodge Officers Quarterly Meeting	
December 13, 2018	Thursday	Lodge	6:30pm	Stated Meeting	Masonic Legacy Night
Stated meetings of HS Baird #174 are on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30p					
Visit Website for more information hsbaird174.com					

2018 Henry S. Baird Officers

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	Edward Klein	920-737-3166
	Steven Rabach PM	920-559-7730
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas Pinney Jr PM	920-493-3727
Chaplain	Gerald Wick PM	920-746-9035

Masonic Birthdays

January

<u>Years</u>	<u>Date Raised</u>	<u>Name</u>
66	1/3/1952	Richard E. Lohrey
57	1/25/1961	Charles L. Klima
45	1/30/1973	Robert L. Greenfield
43	1/8/1975	Lawrence C. Kussow
1	1/19/2017	Charles J. Wolfe

Editor's Page

As I begin my responsibilities as the Editor for the newsletter, I will try to put in items that you will find of interest. I hope you enjoy the following:

Grandpa's Wooden Chest

I hated to hear the lawyer say,
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle John
My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.
Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.
When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.
A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things
He wrote a man's job
Is to be a good husband
father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within.
He said the compasses remind me
that life has boundaries
So live your life within
The square proves true and so should you
When dealing with all your friends.
Be an honorable man and walk uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men equal
Instead of only some.
And now it's your turn
To start your journey for knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and Compasses
And tools of your trade
Many years have passed by
since I first opened Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote
The challenge to be my best.
Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud I'm a Master of my trade.

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