



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

JANUARY 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Happy New Year Brethren!

Welcome to Anno Domini 2019, Anno Lucis 6019, and the second year of Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge #349! I hope that your holiday season abounded in joy, wonder, and relaxation with family and friends, and that the New Year fills you with hope for new beginnings and anticipation of new adventures.

The theme I have chosen for this Masonic year is Laboribus Doctrinarum — **“Learning and Labor.”** As I alluded to during our November 2018 Stated Communication, I am borrowing this theme from the motto of my beloved college alma mater, the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. That affinity aside, I chose this theme because it describes exactly what we do in Masonry.

We **learn** the teachings of our gentle Craft by receiving the degrees, by listening to an engaging program presentation, through our own private study and contemplation of Masonic symbolism and allegory. By the same token, we **labor** every time hold a tiled lodge meeting, be it for the dispatch of business or to confer a degree. Candidates progressing through the degrees, with the help of their instructors and mentors, labor to memorize and recite the Catechisms, and — more importantly — to understand the meaning behind the words they recite. We learn and labor every day, through fellowship with our Masonic brethren and through interactions with our families, friends, communities, to incorporate the principles of Masonry into our lives. In many respects, learning and labor are complementary efforts — through our learning, we labor. Through our labors, we learn.

We will have ample opportunities this Masonic year to learn and to labor. We have 5 Entered Apprentices learning their Catechism. Our Tiler and LIW, Wor. Froggett, will be hosting Catechism school while the lodge is tiled for our Stated Communications. The district team is hosting 3 monthly ritual schools on the 1st Tuesday, 2nd Monday, and 4th Wednesday of every month to hone our ritual proficiency. With the merger of 8 lodges from district 54 into 1A, we have more opportunities for fraternal visits. Later this month, we will host our first Fellowship Dinner, open to family and friends, on Tuesday, January 29. I'm excited for what this year has in store, and I look forward to continuing our lodge's Masonic journey!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Erik N. Schultz



Master's Plan 2019
"Learning and Labor"

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: Lodge Ritual/Catechism School

January

Tues, Jan 8 Stated Communication/Catechism School
WM Presentation: Learning and Labor
 Sat, Jan 12 Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, Jan 29 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner

February

Sat, Feb 9 Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, Feb 12 Stated Communication/Catechism School
District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit
Fraternal Visit by AJ #120
 Thurs, Feb 21 Fraternal Visit to AJ #120

March

Sat, Mar 9 Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, Mar 12 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Presentation on Pythagoras
District Blood Coordinator Visit
Fraternal Visit by A-W #22
 Thurs, Mar 14 Fraternal Visit to A-W #22
 Sat, Mar 16 Division Leadership Conference (ASR, 9am)

April

Tues, Apr 9 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Presentation on Lodge Patrons
 Sat, Apr 13 William Hiram Wood Ritual School, Part 1
 Sat, Apr 20 Annual HKF Breakfast
 Wreath Laying at Henry Knox Field's Grave
 Tues, Apr 30 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner:
Masonic Youth Night

May

Sat, May 11 William Hiram Wood Ritual School, Part 2
No Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, May 14 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Junior Warden Presentation

June

Sat, Jun 8 Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, Jun 11 Stated Communication/NO Catechism Scho
2nd Annual Table Lodge
 Sat, Jun 15 Mid-Atlantic Esotericon, Manassah Lodge #182

Master's Plan 2019
"Learning and Labor"

July

Tues, Jul 9 Stated Communication/Catechism School
2nd Annual BBQ Lodge
 Sat, Jul 13 Lodge Breakfast
 Sat, Jul 20 Grand Master's Official Visit
 Tues, Jul 30 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner

August

Sat, Aug 10 Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, Aug 13 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Past Masters' Night

September

Tues, Sep 10 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Wardens' Night
 Sat, Sep 14 Lodge Breakfast

October

Tues, Oct 8 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Appendant Bodies Presentations
 Sat, Oct 12 Masonic Home Friends & Family Day
 Lodge Breakfast
 Tues, Oct 29 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner

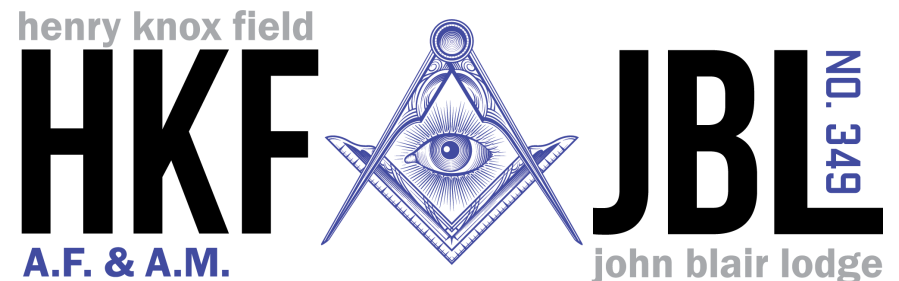
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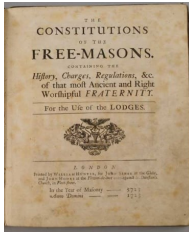
Nov 6-9 GLOVA Annual Communication
 Tues, Nov 12 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Veteran's Day/Flag Presentation

December

Tues, Dec 10 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Officer Elections

Dates, Times, and Topics are Subject to Change





THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS:

“...you are to search at all times, cause it to be read in your Lodge, that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins.”

- Instructions to the WM during his installation

Every month in 2019, we will feature discussions on excerpts from the Constitutions of Freemasonry, both in the Trestleboard and during tiled lodge.

Chapter 1, Section I: Concerning God and Religion

- ♦ “Whosoever...desires to be a Mason, is to know that as his foundation and great cornerstone, he is to believe firmly in the Eternal God, and to pay that worship which is due to Him as the Great Architect and Governor of the Universe.”
- ♦ “A Mason is also obliged by his tenure to observe the moral law...he cannot tread in the irreligious paths of the unhappy libertine, or stupid atheist; nor, in any case, act against the great inward light of his own conscience.”
- ♦ “He will likewise shun the gross errors of bigotry and superstition; making a due use of his own reason, according to that liberty wherewith a Mason is made free.”
- ♦ “...the Brethren in general should only be charged to adhere to the essentials of religion, in which all men agree, leaving each Brother to his own private judgement as to particular modes and forms.”
- ♦ “Whence it follows that all Masons are to be good men and true...always following that golden precept, of ‘doing unto all men as (upon a change of conditions) they would that all men should do unto them.’”
- ♦ “Thus, since Masons, by their tenure, must agree in the three great articles of Noah* (Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth), Masonry becomes the center of union among the Brethren...cementing into one body those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.”

Upon reading the above passages, I offer the following thoughts to consider:

1. Masonry holds belief in God as the indispensable foundation (“cornerstone”) of a Mason’s sense of morality and conscience (“great inward light”).
2. Masonry also recognizes that differences in religious doctrine or belief—and especially the imposition of one upon another—has long been a source of strife, corruption, and tyranny throughout human history.
3. Therefore, Masonry seeks to balance each individual Mason’s inviolable right to his own religious persuasions with the desire to preserve harmony within the lodge; the latter being the strength of support of our institution. The Craft asks only that we adopt the “doctrine” of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth to guide us towards that harmony which enables us to live out our Masonic obligations, and to continue to seek Masonic light individually and collectively.

NINE LODGES IN DISTRICT 1A!

**NOTE THE DISTRICT RITUAL SCHOOL DAYS AND TIMES.
LET’S GET OUT AND LEARN AND LABOR WITH OUR BRETHREN!**

Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22

101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria, VA. 22301 (GWMNM, South Lodge Room)

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

District Ritual School 4th Wednesday, 7 pm

<http://aw22.org>

Andrew Jackson Lodge #120

101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria, VA. 22301 (GWMNM, North Lodge Room)

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm

<http://www.andrewjackson120.org>

Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge #81

1 S George Mason Drive. Arlington, VA. 22204

Meets 4th Monday, 7:30 pm

<http://www.acgl81.com/>

Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge #42

3805 Lee Highway. Arlington, VA. 22207

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday (except July & August, meets 3rd only), 7:30 pm

District Ritual School 2nd Monday, 7 pm

<https://cherrydalecolumbialodge.wordpress.com>

Concord Lodge #307

146 Church Street NE. Vienna, VA. 22180

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm

<http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/loдges/307/>

Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54

6911 Columbia Pike. Annandale, VA. 22003

Meets 3rd Monday (except December, 1st Monday), 7:30 pm

<http://etl54.org/>

Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge #64

411 Little Falls Street. Falls Church, VA. 22046

Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

District 1A Ritual School 1st Tuesday, 7 pm

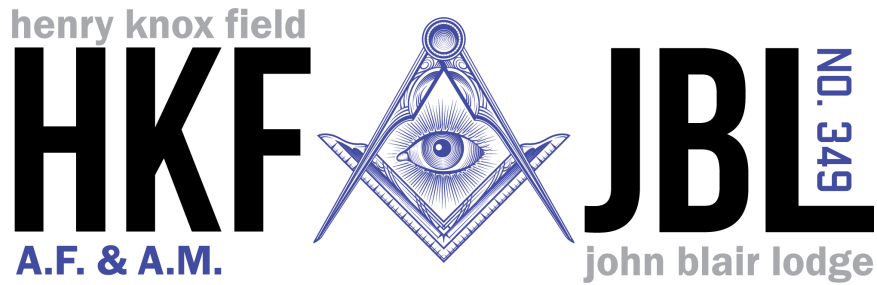
<http://kmw64.org>

Sharon Lodge #327

999 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

<https://www.sharonlodgemclean.org/>



2019 OFFICERS

Erik N. Schultz, Worshipful Master

Timothy J. Fisher, Senior Warden

Clayton J. Mitchell, Junior Warden

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer

Wor. Patrick A. Wood, Secretary

Mark A. Boughner, Senior Deacon

Russell A. Summers, Jr., Junior Deacon

Ronald E. Markiewicz, Chaplain

Jonathan D. Summers, Senior Steward

A Xavier Mariscal, Junior Steward

Korosh Yazdanpanah, Marshal

F. Paul Norris, Musician

Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Tiler
Lodge Instructor of Work

Wor. Jaime H. Flores
Webmaster
Lodge Education Officer



LODGE HISTORY

Henry Knox Field Lodge, No. 349, A.F. & A. M., was chartered in the Town of Potomac, Virginia, on February 12, 1925. It was named in honor of Henry Knox Field, a local businessman and community leader from Alexandria, Virginia, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, in 1917. Most Worshipful Field was raised to the degree of Master Mason on February 20, 1890, at Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, A.F. & A.M. On June 24, 1893, he was installed Worshipful Master of that Lodge. Most Worshipful Field was born on April 20, 1860 and passed away on August 1, 1917, while serving as Grand Master.

John Blair Lodge No. 187, A.F. & A.M., was instituted on July 31, 1970, and chartered at Henry Knox Field Lodge No. 349 on February 10, 1971. The lodge was named in honor of Virginia's first Grand Master and inaugural United States Supreme Court Justice John Blair, Jr. Jewels, aprons, the bible, and tiler's sword were given by Worshipful Raymond L. Colins. The speakers podium for the Lodge was constructed and donated by Right Worshipful Clarence A. Dains. The brazen pillars were constructed and donated by the Charter Treasurer, John Newton Crawford, and the altar cover was later donated by Most Worshipful Werner Herman Morlock, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1993, who died in office on Saturday, March 5, 1994.

The lodges initiated the consolidation process in February 2017, with the Resolution on Consolidation being adopted in June of the same year. Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge, No. 349, A.F. & A.M., officially began work January 1, 2018.

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Stated Communication:
Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m.