



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

MAY 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



Annual wreath-laying at MW
HKF's gravesite



Annual commemoration at the
grave of the Female Stranger

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Welcome to May! With spring in full swing, the daylight hours are longer, and the temperatures are warmer. I hope the growth of the season enables you to spend more time outside with family and friends enjoying God's bounty.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual breakfast and wreath-laying at the grave of MW Henry Knox Field on April 20th. Consistent with this tradition, we also held a commemoration at the grave of the Female Stranger. We had about 20 brethren, family, and friends in attendance. Please see the front cover and page 4 of this Trestleboard for pictures from the event.

In the month of May, we have part 2 of William Hiram Wood School on Saturday, May 11, and the second installment of the Grand Lodge Correspondence Course on Wednesday, May 29th. We will also hold a Called Communication on Tuesday, May 21, to pass Bro. Arnold McNeal to Degree of Fellowcraft.

This month's Book of Constitutions reading continues on the topic of Private Qualities and Duties. See page 5 of this Trestleboard. Please read the passage and contemplate the subsequent questions and be ready to contribute to a short discussion during May's Stated Communication.

Looking to next month, we will host our 3rd annual Table Lodge during our June Stated Communication, on Tuesday, June 11. Tickets are still available, at \$25 each. Our guest speaker will be Wor. Jon Ruark, PM of Patriot Lodge #1957 in Fairfax, VA, and one of the hosts of The Masonic Roundtable podcast. Wor. Ruark will speak on the history of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Please keep our Lodge Chaplain, Bro. Ronald Markiewicz, in your prayers. His knee began acting up towards the end of the wreath-laying on April 20th, and he is going in for surgery on May 17th. As such, he will not be at Stated. I will keep in touch with him and make sure we can cover anything he or his family needs. If within your cabletow, give Bro. Ron a call to let him know we're thinking about him!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Erik N. Schultz



Upcoming Events

"Learning and Labor"

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

April

Tues, May 7

Lodge Ritual School, ASR

Sat, May 11

NO LODGE BREAKFAST

William Hiram Wood Ritual School, Part 2

Tues, May 14

Stated Communication/Catechism School

Tues, May 21

Called Communication—Work in the Degrees (FC)

Wed, May 29

Correspondence Course part 2, Henry Lodge

May Masonic Birthdays

Max Berger, Jr.	May 9, 1953
Frank W. Bishop, Jr.	May 10, 1960
Arturo De Hoyos	May 16, 1988
Brett N. Dengate	May 20, 2017
Gary A. Dodd, Jr.	May 16, 1989
Leonard Figueroa	May 20, 2017
Christopher R. Fisher	May 16, 2011
Carl C. Hatton	May 19, 1987
Richard L. Jennings	May 30, 1978
George M. Kavros	May 31, 1960
Donald L. Kirby, Jr.	May 14, 1991
Larry L. Labossiere	May 19, 1981
Alton L. Miller, Jr.	May 14, 1975
Gene A. Noll	May 30, 1967
Christopher R. Penny	May 22, 2007
Stanley W. Pittelkow, Jr.	May 16, 1974
Jack B. Via	May 5, 1953
Clarence E. Williams	May 29, 1973
Douglas M. Woodley	May 4, 1971

More Photos from Annual HKF Wreath-Laying and Female Stranger Commemoration



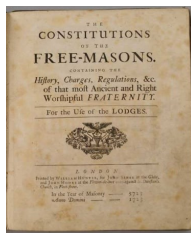
How loved how valued once avails thee not

To whom related or by whom begot

A heap of dust alone remains of thee

*'Tis all thou art and all the proud shall
bee*

*- Poem on the Grave of the Female
Stranger*



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 III: Concerning Private Qualities and Duties (cont'd)

"It is further necessary, that who would be true Masons, should learn to abstain from malice and slander, evil-speaking, back-biting, unmannerly, scornful, provoking, reproachful and ungodly language; and that he should know how to obey those that are set over him, on account of their superior qualifications as Masons however they may be in worldly rank or station. For although Masonry divests no man of his temporal honors or titles, but on the contrary, highly respects them, yet in the Lodge, preeminence of virtue and knowledge in the Royal Art, is considered as the true fountain of all nobility, rule, and government.

The last quality and virtue which I shall mention...is that of SECRECY. So great stress is laid upon this particular virtue, that it is enforced among Masons under the strongest penalties and obligations. Nor, in their esteem, is any man to counted wise who is void of intellectual strength and ability to cover and conceal such honest secrets as are committed to him, as well as his own more serious affairs. The ancient philosophers and wise men were so fully persuaded of the great virtue of secrecy, that it was the first lesson which they taught their pupils and followers. Thus in the school of Pythagoras we find it was a rule that every novitiate was to be silent for a time, unless when a question was asked, to the end that the valuable secrets which he had to communicate might be the better preserved and valued. St. Ambrose places the patient gift of silence among the principal foundations of virtue, and the wise King Solomon deems the man unworthy to reign, or have any rule over others, who cannot command himself and keep his own secrets."

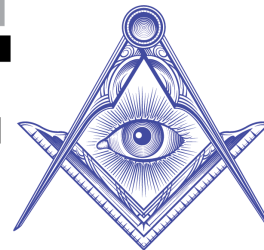
Here are some questions to contemplate:

1. The first paragraph above has to do with how Masons ought to speak and act with regard to others, both Mason and profane. Why is this important? What do our obligations and other elements say about this topic?
2. Why this obsession with secrecy? Is it **"just"** about preserving passwords and modes of recognition? Everything else can be found in books... right? So what's the big deal? Are there any good contemporary reasons for maintaining Masonic secrecy? Are we talking about.. Discretion? Also, what does the above imply about secrecy and one's state of mind?

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john blair lodge

2019 OFFICERS

Erik N. Schultz, Worshipful Master	F. Paul Norris, Musician
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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.