



# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

AUGUST 2018

## TRESTLEBOARD

### LODGE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

July 31, 6:30 p.m.

*All are welcome!*

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*Special private rehearsal concert by the Alexandria Harmonizers. Please*

*RSVP to fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com*

### One-Day Degree Conferral

August 4, 8:00 a.m.

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*If you would like to attend as an observer, please contact the WM.*

### Lodge Ritual School: FC Degree

August 7, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Room

### Lodge Breakfast

August 11, 9:00 a.m.

*All are welcome!*

LaCasa Restaurant

4551 Duke Street, Alexandria

### Subordinate Lodge Officer Training (SLOT), Districts 1A & 54

August 12, 3:00 p.m.

@AW22, GWMNM

*All Officers should attend*

### STATED COMMUNICATION

August 14

Program by the Junior Warden

*Remarks by District MAHOVA*

*Ambassador Jace McFerran, PM*

Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

### Bowling for MAHOVA

August 18, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

*All are welcome!*

Bowl America, Edsall Road

RSVP required to WM

\$40 donation suggested per bowler

### Lodge Ritual School: EA Degree

August 21, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Room

### District Ritual School

August 27, 7:00 p.m.

## A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren—

July was truly an awesome month at HKF-JB 349. Our Stated Communication was relaxed and enjoyable. Brothers TJ Fisher and Clayton Mitchell ably manned the grill and we all enjoyed some delicious burgers and dogs. It was fantastic to see Wor. Jaime Flores' beautiful new lodge website. Our July 17 ritual school included special instruction by our Division Lecturer, RW Mike King, as we prepared for the 21st. Our Master Mason's Degree was especially memorable as we raised five new brothers in full costume (pictures page 10). Welcome to the new guys and thanks to the rest of the lodge for their support and participation in making these great events.

August will bring us two more Master Mason's as we have two participants in the August 4 One-Day Conferral. We have one petition to be balloted on at the Stated Communication and there are a couple of more guys that may petition soon. I am exuberant over the renewed interest in becoming a Freemason, especially since guys are choosing to do it with us!

Many of you will remember that the lodge decided to join the rest of District 1A in purchasing a beam of light at the Masonic Home of Virginia. We will continue that fundraising effort on August 18 for an afternoon of bowling. I hope you and your friends and family will consider joining us for the event from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The lodge suggests a donation of \$40 per person to offset event costs and support the Masonic Home (please just let me know if that is a burden for you and your family...we can work something out).

The wardens and I attended the District 54 Masters and Wardens Association meeting on Tuesday, July 24. Our districts will officially consolidate, along with Elmer Timberman Lodge from District 1B, as of the Grand Annual Communication. The combined district picnic on June 30 and our participation in these district meetings are just one of the many ways that all of the lodges involved are working in earnest to ensure the consolidation goes well. We are stronger as a united district!

For those that ordered new name badges, they have arrived. Shirts should arrive prior to our August Stated Communication. Both companies accept small orders, so if you have not yet purchased either item and would like to, please let me know.

After seven months in the East, I am still excited about the momentum and potential our lodge has and is showing. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, please make it a point to join us again soon!

Sincerely & Fraternally,



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## AUGUST DISCUSSION

Fourteen United States Presidents have been Freemasons, which is just about one-third. A study of each President, and the ethos that drives his decision making, could consume the scholar for years to come. —As an interesting side-note, some people include Lyndon Johnson among Freemason Presidents because he was initiated, however, he did not complete the degrees. His Masonic affiliation adds to the list of peculiar similarities between the assassinations of Lincoln and Kennedy as Andrew Johnson was a Freemason.— This month we examine a lesser-known President, Warren G. Harding. Bro. Harding was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 27, 1920.

**Warren G. Harding, an Ohio Republican, was the 29th President (1921-1923). Though his term in office was fraught with scandal, including Teapot Dome, Harding embraced technology and was sensitive to the plights of minorities and women.**

Before his nomination, Warren G. Harding declared, “America’s present need is not heroics, but healing; not nostrums, but normalcy; not revolution, but restoration; not agitation, but adjustment; not surgery, but serenity; not the dramatic, but the dispassionate; not experiment, but equipoise; not submergence in internationality, but sustainment in triumphant nationality....”

A Democratic leader, William Gibbs McAdoo, called Harding’s speeches “an army of pompous phrases moving across the landscape in search of an idea.” Their very murkiness was effective, since Harding’s pronouncements remained unclear on the League of Nations, in contrast to the impassioned crusade of the Democratic candidates, Governor James M. Cox of Ohio and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Thirty-one distinguished Republicans had signed a manifesto assuring voters that a vote for Harding was a vote for the League. But Harding interpreted his election as a mandate to stay out of the League of Nations.

Harding, born near Marion, Ohio, in 1865, became the publisher of a newspaper. He married a divorcee, Mrs. Florence Kling De Wolfe. He was a trustee of the Trinity Baptist Church, a director of almost every important business, and a leader in fraternal organizations and charitable enterpris-



es. He organized the Citizen’s Cornet Band, available for both Republican and Democratic rallies; “I played every instrument but the slide trombone and the E-flat cornet,” he once remarked.

Harding’s undeviating Republicanism and vibrant speaking voice, plus his willingness to let the machine bosses set policies, led him far in Ohio politics. He served in the state Senate and as Lieutenant Governor, and unsuccessfully ran for Governor. He delivered the nominating address for President Taft at the 1912 Republican Convention. In 1914 he was elected to the Senate, which he found “a very pleasant place.”

An Ohio admirer, Harry Daugherty, began to promote Harding for the 1920 Republican nomination because, he later explained, “He looked like a President.”

Thus a group of Senators, taking control of the 1920 Republican Convention when the principal candidates deadlocked, turned to Harding. He won the Presidential election by an unprecedented landslide of 60 percent of the popular vote.

Republicans in Congress easily got the President’s signature on their bills. They eliminated wartime controls and slashed taxes, established a Federal budget system, restored the high protective tariff, and imposed tight limitations upon immigration. By 1923 the postwar depression seemed to be giving way to a new surge of prosperity, and newspapers hailed Harding as a wise statesman carrying out his campaign promise—“Less government in business and more business in government.”

Behind the facade, not all of Harding’s Administration was so impressive. Word began to reach the President that some of his friends were using their official positions for their own enrichment. Alarmed, he complained, “My...friends...they’re the ones that keep me walking the floors nights!” Looking wan and depressed, Harding journeyed westward in the

summer of 1923, taking with him his upright Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover.

"If you knew of a great scandal in our administration," he asked Hoover, "would you for the good of the country and the party expose it publicly or would you bury it?" Hoover urged publishing it, but Harding feared the political repercussions. He did not live to find out how the public would react to the scandals of his administration. In August of 1923, he died in San Francisco of a heart attack.

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## Warren G. Harding as Freemason

Warren G. Harding (1865-1923) Twenty-ninth President of the United States. Born Nov. 2, 1865 at Corsica, Ohio. He was initiated in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio on June 28, 1901, and after 19 years he was passed, Aug. 13, 1920, and raised Aug. 27, 1920. Some sources suggest that Harding was blackballed on his first petition for member in 1901 on objection and rumor over his heritage.

On May 4, 1921 he was made an honorary member of Albert Pike Lodge No. 36 of Washington; made honorary member of Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14, Washington, on Feb. 16, 1922; and honorary member of America Lodge No. 3368, London, England in 1922. A member of Marion Chapter No. 62, R.A.M., he received his degrees, Jan. 11 and 13, 1921. He was knighted in Marion Commandery No. 36, K.T. on March 1, 1921, and made honorary member of Columbia Commandery No. 2, K.T. in Washington, March 4, 1921. He had been elected to receive his degrees in Marion Council No. 22, R. & S.M., but died before they could be conferred.

In the Scottish Rite, he received the 32° (NJ) at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1921, and was elected to receive the 33° on Sept. 22, 1921, but died before receiving it. He joined Aladdin Shrine Temple of Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1921, and was made an honorary member of Almas Temple of Washington, March 21, 1921. He was associate honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine in June, 1923. Kallipolis Grotto MOVPER conferred the degrees on him at the White House on May 11, 1921, and made him a life member. Washington Chapter No. 3, National Sojourners, made him a member at the White House on May 28, 1923, and he was made a mem-



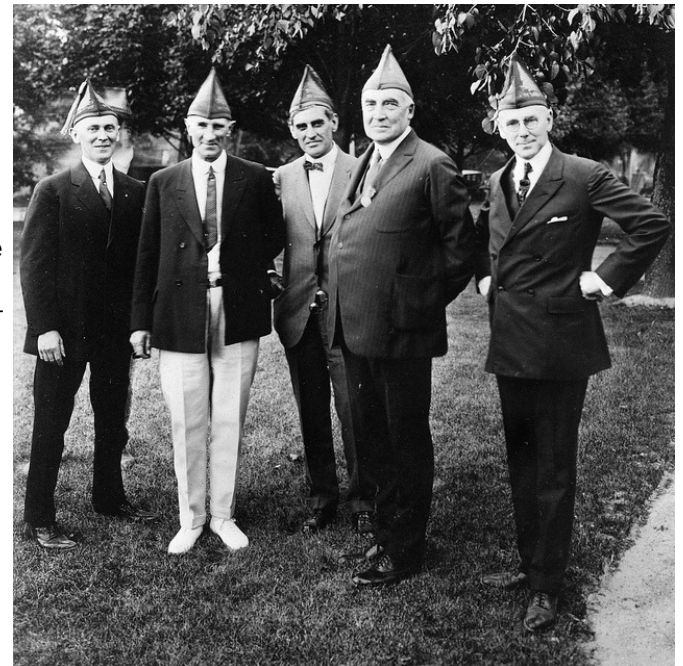
ber of Evergreen Forest No. 29, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, at Milford, Del. on June 9, 1923.

Harding visited many Masonic groups from Alaska to the Canal Zone. On July 8, 1923 he laid the cornerstone of Ketchikan Lodge No. 159, Ketchikan, Alaska; laid the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple at Birmingham, Ala. on Oct. 26, 1921; and addressed the National League of Masonic Clubs in Washington at the Willard Hotel on May 12, 1921. He stated: "No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I have exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry, and I say it with due deliberation and without fear of breaking faith, I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could not be proclaimed to the world."

At the cornerstone laying in Birmingham, Ala. he said "I have been a better citizen for being a Mason. There is nothing in Masonry that a free, religious, and just American could not be proud to subscribe to, and be a better citizen for so doing." When he received the Royal Arch degree he inscribed the Bible of a friend with the following: "With grateful and happy remembrance of the occasion when this Holy Book was employed in revealing the exalting impressions of Royal Arch Masonry."

He was scheduled to deliver an address on Aug. 2, 1923, in Hollywood, Calif. to Hollywood Commandery No. 56, K.T. on the occasion of the presentation to them by his own commandery, Marion No. 36, of the International Traveling Beauseant. He was on death's doorstep, and his secretary, Sir Knight George B. Christian, delivered the address. This was his last message to the American people. He died Aug 2, 1923, and on Aug. 8, the body

was conducted from the White House to the Capitol with the six commanderies of Knights Templar of Washington, D.C. being in the funeral cortege. The asphalt container in which his body was placed was the gift of Boumi Shrine Temple of Baltimore, Md.



*Right: Tall Cedars initiation, Milford, Del.*



Saturday, August 18  
2:00-5:00 p.m.  
Bowl America Shirley  
5460 Edsall Road  
Alexandria, VA 22312

3 hours unlimited bowling  
w/shoes, pizza, wings,  
snacks, and sodas.

Suggested donation \$40/  
person to benefit the Ma-  
sonic Home of Virginia

RSVP by August 11 to  
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# BOWLING *for* MAHOVA



GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
*November 8-11, 2018, Richmond Virginia*

Join us for the annual meeting of  
the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
of Virginia. The lodge will reserve  
a small block of shared rooms for  
the Brethren. Please notify us  
right away if you plan to attend  
as part of the lodge.



RSVP to attend at fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com

## AUGUST ENLIGHTENMENT

*This monthly section will explore aspects of the Craft for further thought and consideration. If there is a topic that you would like to share with the brethren in this section, please email it in a Word document to Wor. Froggett.*



### Tuscan Architecture

The Tuscan order is in effect a simplified Doric order, with un-fluted columns and a simpler entablature with no triglyphs or guttae. While relatively simple columns with round capitals had been part of the vernacular architecture of Italy and much of Europe since at least Etruscan architecture, the Romans did not consider this style to be a distinct architectural order (for example, the Roman architect Vitruvius did not include it alongside his descriptions of the Greek Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders). Instead the Tuscan order, presented as a standardized formal order, is an invention of Italian Renaissance writers largely motivated by nationalism.

In its simplicity, The Tuscan order is seen as similar to the Doric order, and yet in its overall proportions, intercolumniation and simpler entablature, it follows the ratios of the Ionic. This strong order was considered most appropriate in military architecture and in docks and warehouses when they were dignified by architectural treatment. Serlio found it "suitable to fortified places, such as city gates, fortresses, castles, treasuries, or where artillery and ammunition are kept, prisons, seaports and other similar structures used in war."

A relatively rare church in the Tuscan order is St Paul's, Covent Garden by Inigo Jones (1633). According to an often repeated story, recorded by Horace Walpole, Lord Bedford gave Jones a very low budget and asked him for a simple church "not much better than a barn", to which the architect replied "Then you shall have the handsomest barn in England".

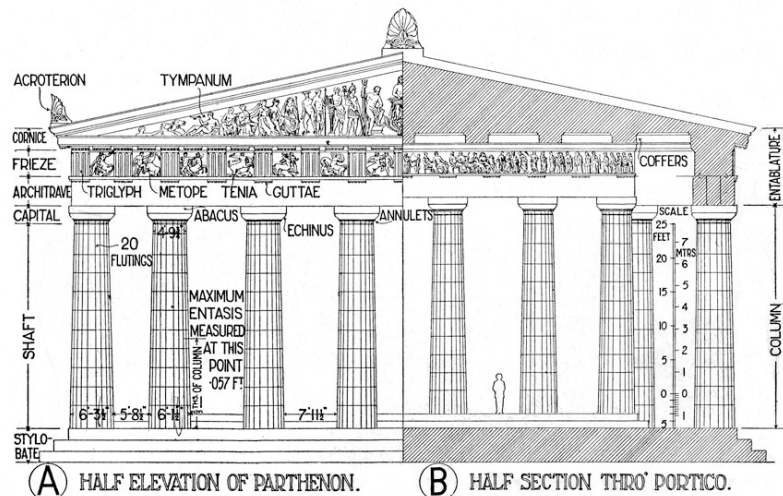
Tuscan is often used for doorways and other entrances where only a pair of columns are required, and using another order might seem pretentious. Because the Tuscan mode is easily worked up by a carpenter with a few planing tools, it became part of the vernacular Georgian style that lingered in places like New England and Ohio deep into the 19th century. In gardening, "carpenter's Doric" which is Tuscan, provides simple elegance to gate posts and fences in many traditional garden contexts.







**Open Hall Supported by Tuscan Columns with a Town Square on the Right (1560)**  
*Doetechum, Lucas van Dutch, active 1554/1572; died before 1589*  
*Doetechum, the Elder, Johannes van Dutch, died 1605*  
*Vredeman de Vries, Hans Netherlands, 1527 - c. 1606*  
*Cock, Hieronymus Flemish, c. 1510 - 1570*  
 etching on laid paper New Hollstein, no. 182, State i/ii; National Gallery of Art, Washington DC



Architectural Elements Cheat Sheet



Welcome to our newest Master Masons. Bros. Nathan James Powell, Jonathan David Unrue, Russell Arthur Summers, Jr., Nelson Sanchez, Jr., and Joseph Dergham were raised on Saturday, July 21. Thanks to the many brothers who supported the efforts and for those who dressed in costume to make it a very special event!



## MASONRY TUESDAYS

*Erect temples to virtue & dig dungeons for vices.*

Regular Masonic gatherings are the lifeblood of strong lodges. Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge will host Tuesday night ritual schools all year (check Trestleboard for changes). Each brother should make Tuesday evenings a priority for Masonic Work. Get in the habit.

## UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

The Trestleboard will be sent via email and posted on the website ONLY. Please send your updated email to [fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com](mailto:fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com). To continue to receive hardcopy, please call/mail a note to the Wor. Master.



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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.*