



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 ■ A.F. & A.M. ■ VIRGINIA

JANUARY 2020

TRESTLEBOARD

Lodge Ritual School

January 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Catechism, 7:30 p.m. Ritual
Alexandria Scottish Rite

Lodge Breakfast *(All are welcome)*

January 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
LaCasa Restaurant, 4551 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22304

STATED COMMUNICATION

January 14, 2020

Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 p.m., *All are welcome*
Communication, 7:30 p.m., *Master Masons*

District Warden's Certificate Workshop

January 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Elmer Timberman Lodge, No. 54, Annandale

Lodge Ritual School

January 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Catechism, 7:30 p.m. Ritual
Alexandria Scottish Rite

District Ritual School will be announced via email.
All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren—

Welcome to the New Year! I hope your holidays were filled with joy and happiness as well as some time to reflect on the lessons, blessings, accomplishments, and the journeys that 2019 has taken us all on. As 2020 begins to flow in we should all look forward to new goals and construct plans to grow as individuals and as fellow masons as we embark on a new year and a new journey.

When coming up with my theme for 2020, I dug deep into my masonic memories, rituals and catechisms. I went back to the EA degree where it all started. When asked what it was I most desired the answer was Light...The answer is always light in all 3 degrees and in Life. However before anyone can receive or be brought to light we must first be in the dark. So. "Out of Darkness Comes Light" seems very appropriate for ensuing our year as we as individuals are constantly striving to learn and become better men.

I chose the rough and perfect ashlar to represent this theme. The rough ashlar is a stone that the builder has not yet worked on or developed representing darkness. The perfect Ashlar is that same stone but after the builder has labored to create something usable. It is after many years of practice that one can create this "perfect" Ashlar which represents light.

I am looking forward to this being a very productive year. We have 3 Brothers who will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason hopefully within the first quarter of the year. We will be following the same schedule for our lodge ritual schools with the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. These schools along with our district ritual schools are a very vital way for all of us to use the tools, information and practice to start working on our rough ashlar.

Sincerely & Fraternally,



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King Solomon and his Temple

The Biblical figure King Solomon was the son of King David, was reputedly both wealthy and wise. He is recorded as a prophet in both Judaism's Talmud and Islam's Quran and one of his major legacies and first projects when he became king was the building of a temple in Jerusalem.

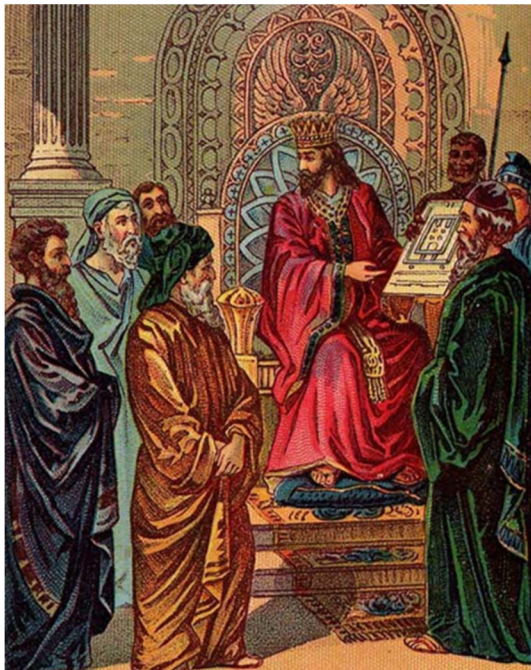
King Solomon's Temple, known also as the First Temple (or Beit HaMikdash in Hebrew), was the Holy Temple of ancient Jerusalem. This temple was built as a monument to God, as well as a permanent home for the Ark of the Covenant. It was eventually destroyed by the Babylonians when Jerusalem was besieged by Nebuchadnezzar II during the 6th century BC. Archaeologists have sought to uncover the remnants of this temple for centuries. It was only recently, however, that the first direct evidence for King Solomon's Temple was reported to have been found.

Conception of the Temple

Up until recent times, the only source of information regarding King Solomon's Temple came from the Tanakh (also known as the Hebrew Bible, and is the textual source for the Old Testament of the Christian Bible). Information about the temple can be found in several books, primarily in I Kings, but also in I Chronicles, II Chronicles, and II Samuel.

Although the temple had been built by Solomon, the idea for its construction was conceived by his father, David. The Israelite king had intended to build a great temple in order to provide a permanent home for the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were inscribed. God, however, forbade David to build this temple, as he had shed much blood during the many battles he fought in. Thus, it was only a generation later, during the reign of Solomon, that the temple was finally constructed.

The site of the temple was on the top of Mount Moriah, which was also the site where many generations earlier, Abraham was told to bring his son, Isaac, to be made as a sacrifice to God. David had purchased this plot of land from a man called Araunah the Jebusite, as he was told by God to erect an altar there. David had intended to build a temple to God there, but as God later forbid him to do so, he made the necessary arrangements, and entrusted the task to his son, Solomon.

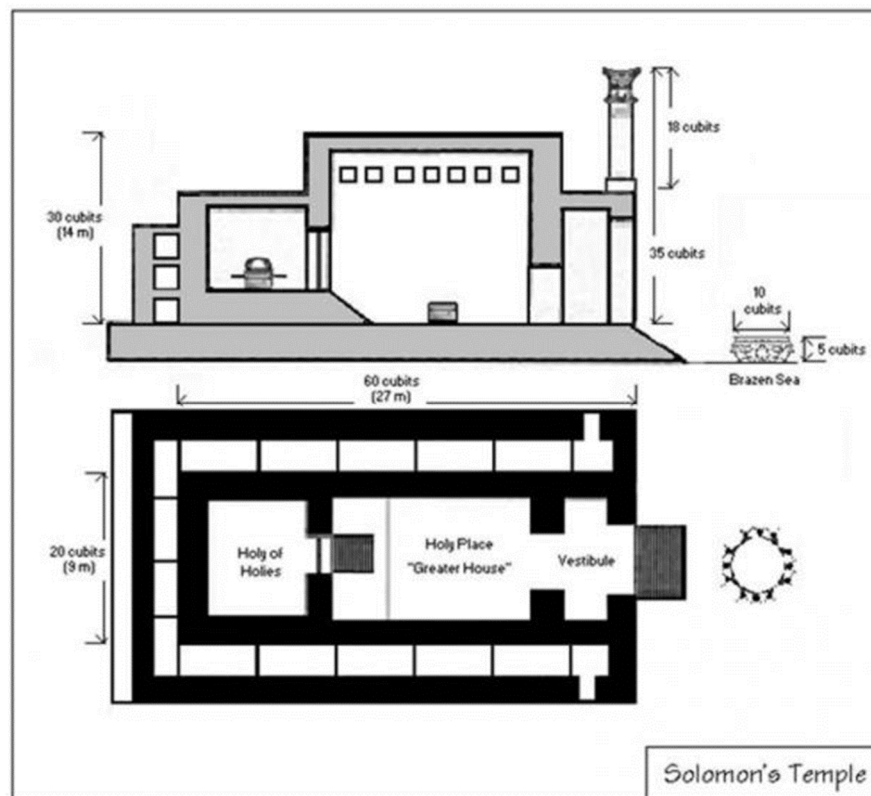


Solomon and the plan for the First Temple, illustration from a Bible card published by the Providence Lithograph Co.

Construction of Solomon's Temple

After the death of David, Solomon began construction of the temple that his father had dreamt of. In I Chronicles, the materials for this project had been gathered by David before his death. In I Kings, on the other hand, the materials were said to have been collected by Solomon himself. Cedar and fir (two types of timber), for instance, were obtained from Lebanon. In return, Solomon paid Hiram, the King of Tyre, in wheat and pure oil. As for the manpower required, Solomon raised a levy from the whole of Israel, and these workers co-operated with the workers of Hiram. In a way, these details provide us with a glimpse of the way in which the economy of that time functioned. Interestingly, according to Islamic tradition, Solomon was able to control demons, and commanded them to aid with the construction of the temple.

The building of the temple is recorded as having begun during the fourth year of King Solomon's reign, and took about seven and a half years before it was completed. Solomon dedicated the temple with prayer and sacrifice. As many as 22000 oxen and 120000 sheep were sacrificed, which was then followed by a great public feast. The most important part of the temple is a room called the Holy of Holies. In most temples in the Near East during that time, this room would have housed the cult statue. Unlike these contemporary temples, King Solomon's Temple did not contain an idol, but had the Ark of the Covenant in its Holy of Holies.



A sketch of Solomon's Temple, based on descriptions in the Scriptures. (CC BY-SA 3.0)



60 YEARS!

Bro. George Amick White (1/30/60)

Bro. Eli Leonard Adler (1/30/60)

53 Years—Bro. Charles Jerry Mouser (1/31/67)

45 Years—Wor. Samuel Moseley Jones (1/4/75)

44 Years—Wor. Garrett Clute Sanborn Jr. (1/30/76)

32 Years—Bro. Gerald John Connelly III (1/19/88)

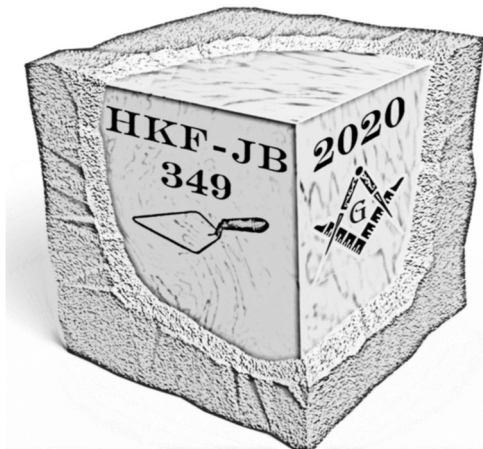
21 Years—Bro. Ryan Bradley Huston (1/6/99)

15 Years—Wor. David Loren Brunelle (1/3/05)

15 Years—Wor. William Ryan Ware (1/18/05)

9 Years—Bro. John Joseph Murawski II (1/29/11)

5 Years—Bro. Antoine Philippe Issa (1/17/15)



2020 Officer Installation The 2020 Officers were installed in an open Ceremony on Saturday afternoon, December 14. Wor. Andrew Harter served as

Installing Officer, Wor. Erik Schultz as Installing Marschall, Wor. Patrick Wood as Installing Secretary, and Bro. John Murawski as Installing Chaplain. A reception followed at Ramparts Tavern. Approximately 50 brothers, friends, and family attended.



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 (except the 4th week of the month). Each brother should make Tuesday evenings a priority for Masonic Work. Get in the habit.

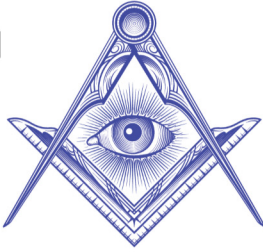
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The Trestleboard will only be available via email and posted on the web-site. Please send your updated email to fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com. To continue to receive hardcopy, please call/mail a note to the Wor. Master.

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2020 OFFICERS

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Worshipful Master

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Mark A. Boughner
Junior Warden

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds
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Marshal

Arnold McNeal
Musician

Wor. Jaime H. Flores
Tiler & Webmaster

Wor. Erik N. Schultz
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.