



# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 ■ A.F. & A.M. ■ VIRGINIA

**TRESTLEBOARD**

**APRIL 2020**

**All Lodge activities are suspended  
during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Call your brothers.**

**Review your catechisms.**

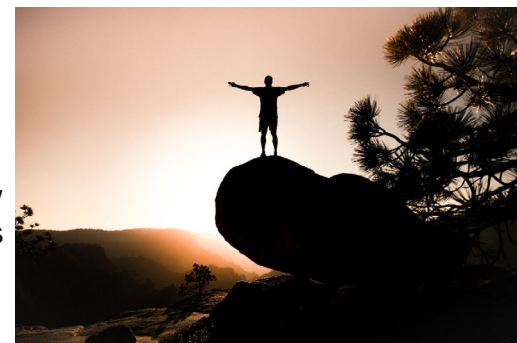
**Seek further light.**

## **A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST**

Brethren,

First I wanted to say thank you to everyone who attended our stated Communication on the 10th and assisted in welcoming our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful David Potts. I would also like to thank Bro. Mariscal for filling in as Senior Deacon. He did a great job with very little prep time. I would also like to recognize Bro. Boughner for procuring the festive and delicious dinner for that evening.

I hope everyone is faring well and staying healthy. I've said it before but these are very unique times for all of us. We spend most of our lives out and about and around people. However we are now strongly urged to stay inside and maintain social distancing. This can be most challenging at times. The Covid-19 virus is NOT the only thing affecting our community at the moment. The numerous layoffs, lifestyle changes, social distancing, Masonic cancellations, financial challenges, and what seems to be the constant bombarding of negativity associated with this virus on the news and social media can cause anxiety, depression, fear, panic, and hopelessness. These can directly impact the mental health of many. The city of Alexandria has a page dedicated to some coping tips to assist with some of these emotions. I implore the brethren to check in on each other, more so now than ever. A few minutes can mean a world of difference!



<https://www.alexandriava.gov/dchs/info/default.aspx?id=92897>



There was really great attendance Saturday the 28th (45) for the Virtual food drive and the Beehive presentation from AW 22's Senior Deacon, Brother David Bella. Hopefully some donations were made and some light

was received. It was a new but great way to get together even if it was electronically. I'm looking forward to more Masonic "E" gatherings during this down time.

Please stay safe, stay strong and check in in on your brethren. These difficult times will pass, unfortunately not as fast as we all would like but we WILL rise past this and will be a stronger fraternity and better nation because of it. Look for light and positivity on the daily. I am hoping we all can resume Masonic activities very soon. Remember my brethren that "Out of Darkness Comes Light."

Sincerely & Fraternally,



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## The Eye of Providence



The Eye of Providence is a reminder that all our actions and deeds are observed.

The Eye of Providence, also called the All-seeing Eye or the Eye of Horus, is a symbol that goes back to the ancient Egyptians. In the Egyptian culture the eye was a symbol of royal power, protection and good health. It is also referred to as the Eye of Ra, another Egyptian god.

It was not until Renaissance Europe that the Eye of Horus was

changed to be a symbol of Christianity. It was at this point that it became a symbol of divine power. It was also representative of the Holy Trinity. The Eye was often enclosed in a triangle. In the 17th century, the eye was also depicted with clouds and a sunburst around it.

It was in 1782, that the Eye Providence was adopted as part of the Great Seal of the United States. The seal was developed over the course of three committees who debated what the seal should be. The All-seeing Eye was first suggested by a consultant to the first committee, Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere. In his original suggestion he thought that the Eye should be placed over thirteen shields, representing the first thirteen colonies. It was the third committee that replaced the shields with the unfinished pyramid with thirteen steps on it. The pyramid was unfinished as a reminder of the potential growth that the country still had, and that it was an ongoing project.

Quite often, the Eye is associated with Freemasonry. The first masonic usage of the eye was in 1797. This was in Thomas Smith Webb's *Masonic Monitor*. Despite the fact that the first masonic usage of the Eye was after the creation of the Great Seal of the United States, many try to claim it is proof of the masonic connection to our government. There was only one known mason who was on any of the committees, that was Benjamin Franklin. According to records, none of Franklin's suggestions were used. Franklin was actually serving on the committee to provide assistance in regards to printing, as he had been in, or associated with, the printing business most of his life.

In Freemasonry, the Eye is meant to represent that the actions of a Freemason never go unseen. That whether in this world, or the next, our actions will be judged by He who sees all. This refers to the Grand Architect of the Universe.



Brother Robert Reisch Miller - April 18, 1953 - 67 years  
 Brother Robert Ewing Goodwin - April 21, 1959 - 61 years  
 Brother Duane Houghton Brown - April 18, 1961 - 59 years  
 Brother Jimmie Odell Keever - April 24, 1962 - 58 years  
 Worshipful Jack Glenn Henderson - April 15, 1963 - 57 years  
 Brother Melton Eugene Donaldson - April 4, 1967 - 53 years  
 Worshipful Gerald Davis van Antwerp - April 4, 1972 - 48 years  
 Brother John Elwood Church - April 25, 1973 - 47 years  
 Brother Billy Ray Estep Sr. - April 15, 1975 - 45 years  
 Brother James Neil Dietz - April 15, 1975 - 45 years  
 Brother Carl Herbert Johnson Jr. - April 6, 1976 - 44 years  
 Brother John Hardin King - April 12, 1977 - 43 years  
 Right Worshipful Ralph Eugene Simmons - April 25, 1979 - 41 years  
 Brother Robert Cecil Barrett - April 29, 1980 - 40 years  
 Brother Eddie Seymour Longman - April 19, 1983 - 37 years  
 Brother Eric Wells Werner - April 4, 1991 - 29 years  
 Brother Billy Joe Sams - April 30, 1991 - 29 years  
 Brother William Otis Ray - April 20, 1993 - 27 years  
 Brother Anastasios Tasos Grypeos - April 21, 1998 - 22 years  
 Brother Matthew Lee Wood - April 24, 2007 - 13 years  
 Worshipful Jaime Humberto Flores - April 22, 2009 - 11 years  
 Worshipful William Vanhardin Gilbert - April 5, 2011 - 9 years  
 Brother Steven Ray Meek - April 23, 2011 - 9 years  
 Brother Edward Robert Wilcox - April 30, 2015 - 5 years

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## 2020 OFFICERS

Timothy J. Fisher, Worshipful Master  
Clayton J. Mitchell, Senior Warden  
Mark A. Boughner, Junior Warden  
Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer  
Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Secretary  
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Arnold McNeal, Musician  
Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Tiler  
Wor. Erik N. Schultz, 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.*