



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 - A.F. & A.M. - VIRGINIA

TRESTLEBOARD

MARCH 2020

Lodge Ritual School

March 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Alexandria Scottish Rite

Small Lodge Room

Receiving the DDGM,

Second Section MM Degree

STATED COMMUNICATION

March 10, 2020

Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome

Communication, 7:30 p.m.

Master Masons

Official Visit of Right Worshipful David

Easton Potts, District Deputy Grand

Master for Masonic District 1A

Lodge Breakfast *(All are welcome)*

March 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Royal Restaurant

730 N. Asaph Street, Alexandria

Lodge Ritual School

March 17, 2020

6:30 p.m. Catechism

7:30 p.m. Ritual

Alexandria Scottish Rite

District Warden's Certificate Workshop

March 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Elmer Timberman Lodge, No. 54,

6911 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Fraternal Visit

Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120

March 19, 2020

6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Stated

GWMNM, North Lodge Room

101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria

Division Leadership Conference

March 21, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

Alexandria Scottish Rite

Lodge Ritual School

March 24, 2020

6:30 p.m. Catechism

7:30 p.m. Ritual

Alexandria Scottish Rite

William Hiram Wood Area Ritual School, Part 1

March 28, 2020

7:30 a.m. to Noon

Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 219

8717 Fort Hunt Road

Alexandria, Virginia 22308

5th Tuesday Friends & Family Night

March 31, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Details to be Announced

RSVP to fieldblairlodge@gmail.com

ALIVE! Food Drive &

Port City Beer Launch

April 3, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Volunteer to assist with food collection by emailing the Worshipful Master. Port City Brewing Company will

launch a new beer and we will assist

ALIVE! in collecting food at the door.

Port City welcomes children & dogs.

3950 Wheeler Avenue

Alexandria, Virginia 22304

**BRING NON-PERISHABLE
ITEMS FOR THE ALIVE! BIN**

A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

The year has flown by! We are knocking on Spring's door; so I say open it up and bring on the warm weather and let the growth begin.

I wanted to thank everyone who made it to our annual February fraternal visit to Alexandria – Washington Lodge, No. 22. We had a good showing with 10 members at their regular Stated and five at their stated on George Washington's Birthday with the Grand Master. It was great day, with the wreath laying ceremony at Mount Vernon, Stated Communication and a delicious lunch. I also want to thank Bros. Arnold McNeal and Steven Aguilar for representing HKF-JB and carrying the gonfalon at the George Washington Birthday Parade in Old Town on President's Day. HKF-JB has had a great turnout in the District with 4 fraternal visits in 2 months! Let's keep up the momentum. I'd love to visit each lodge this year! We will be paying Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, a fraternal visit this month on Thursday the 19th.

March is a VERY busy Masonic Month. We will be receiving our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful David Easton Potts, on the 10th. The Division Leadership Conference is on the 14th and the first section of the William Hiram Wood Area Ritual School is on the 28th. I am also hoping we can do a double raising soon. We need nominations for DDGM from our Lodge for the 2022 masonic year, which is due to Grand Lodge by May 1st. Also, we have a 5th Tuesday this month, so save the date and look for more details to come.

Let's keep looking forward, as this year progresses there are still many Masonic opportunities to search out and receive light – never stop working on that rough ashlar. The polishing and perfecting will take a lifetime. While the true "perfect" ashlar may not necessarily exist, our job is to labor with the tools we are given and focus on the journey towards achieving it.



Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Timothy J. Fisher

Worshipful Master

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Sanctum Sanctorum

Sanctum Sanctorum: The Latin phrase sanctum sanctorum means literally "Holy of Holies." It was originally applied in a religious context to the most sacred place within a sacred building (such as a temple). However, in common usage can also be applied to mean any reserved, private, or much-valued place. The term is used in other religions to refer to a most sacred religious shrine.

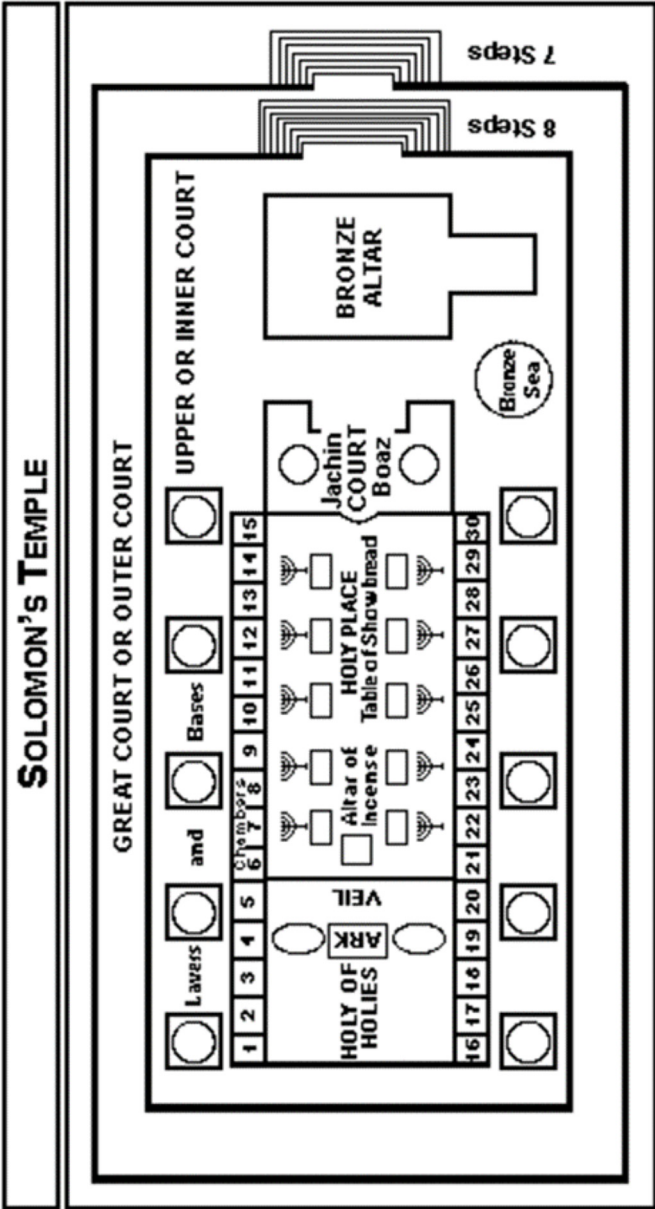
In Freemasonry, this refers to the sanctuary within King Solomon's Temple where the Ark of the Covenant, and it was said, the very presence of g-d resided. This was a very dread place, where only one priest per year could go, and then only after strict preparations. In Freemasonry, this refers to the sanctuary within King Solomon's Temple where the Ark of the Covenant, and it was said, the very presence of God resided, where only one priest per year could go, and then only after strict preparations.

Into this windowless chapel, the High Priest, who had undergone many washings, was allowed to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement that he might make propitiation for the sins of the people. His garment had been sown with bells around the rim and a rope was tied about his waist. The people could hear the bells as he moved about in his prayers, and should he collapse or die, he could be pulled out of the sanctum sanctorum by priests who were allowed entry into the sanctuary.

As masons, we are to perfect the ashlar which represent our spirit, divesting it of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting it for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. That spiritual building is our symbolic King Solomon's Temple, erected to him and dedicated to the Holy Saints John.

As masters, we are taught that we meet in the Sanctum Sanctorum. Obviously this is symbolic, as the sanctum sanctorum IS the Holy of Holies, where dwelt the living spirit of g-d. It seems that the third degree is the degree of the perfection of the spirit, or more accurately, of raising the candidate the final step, from the focus on the mind, to working on the perfection of the spirit. We are in this degree, finally ascending from the material, where we started, to the spiritual plane, that of the master Mason.

A lodge of masters is said to be no less than three, which returns our attention to the number three. Why three masters? To represent the first three, most excellent Grand Masters, Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, the widow's son, who represent Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, which are also representative of the three stages of a Mason.



George Washington's Birthday Parade



Wreath Laying Ceremony at Washington's Tomb



Brother John Roy Groundwater - March 29, 1949 - 71 years
 Brother Oliver Bell Crockett, Jr. - March 27, 1962 - 58 years
 Worshipful Clifford Church - March 19, 1963 - 57 years
 Brother Carlton Duane Davis - March 16, 1965 - 55 years
 Brother Joseph Thompson Moton - March 19, 1968 - 52 years
 Brother Marion Witt Pitts - March 3, 1970 - 50 years
 Brother John Blinn Walker - March 2, 1971 - 49 years
 Brother James Pate Garrett - March 2, 1971 - 49 years
 Brother George Wesley Malloy - March 7, 1972 - 48 years
 Brother Craig Carter Malloy - March 7, 1972 - 48 years
 Worshipful Virgil Kermit Street - March 29, 1972 - 48 years
 Brother Charles Edgar Hicks - March 20, 1973 - 47 years
 Brother Paul Birdon Jones - March 7, 1978 - 42 years
 Brother Alfred Wesley Laser - March 7, 1979 - 41 years
 Brother Alfred Matthew Davis, Jr. - March 20, 1979 - 41 years
 Brother William Frederick Perry - March 26, 1986 - 34 years
 Brother James Timothy Love - March 3, 1992 - 28 years
 Brother Edward Matthew Groner - March 6, 2002 - 18 years
 Worshipful Patrick Alan Wood - March 20, 2007 - 13 years
 Worshipful Erik Nicholas Schultz - March 15, 2014 - 6 years

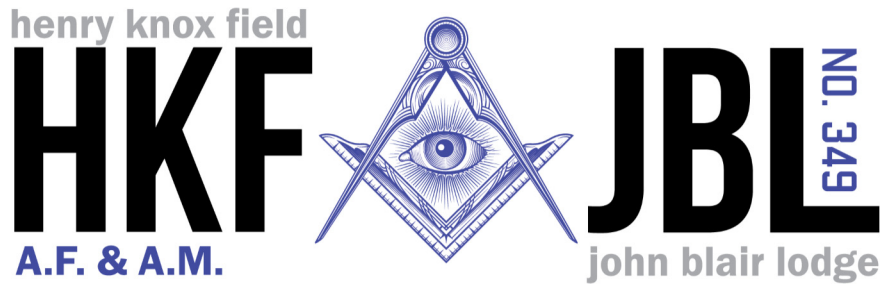
MASONRY TUESDAYS

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.



2020 OFFICERS

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| Timothy J. Fisher, Worshipful Master | Ronald E. Markiewicz, Chaplain |
| Clayton J. Mitchell, Senior Warden | Xavier Mariscal, Senior Steward |
| Mark A. Boughner, Junior Warden | Joseph Dergham, Junior Steward |
| Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer | Nelson Sanchez, Jr., Marshal |
| Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Secretary | Arnold McNeal, Musician |
| Korosh Yazdanpanah, Senior Deacon | Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Tiler |
| Jonathan Summers, Junior Deacon | 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.