



# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

**TRESTLEBOARD**

**MAY 2020**

For our May "stated" we are going to have a joint meeting with Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, No. 64 on Zoom.

Since we meet on the same day Wor. Troy Van Winkle and I thought this would give us another opportunity to interact and get to know some of the brothers from each of the lodges a little better before our August joint stated.

The evening's program will include a presentation by Wor. Jason Himsey,  
**Veterans and the National Emblem  
Saluting in Lodge: What the Law Says and  
Other Flag Etiquette**

And a Message from  
Most Worshipful Douglas V. Jones.

## A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Welcome to May! I don't know about everyone else but I am hoping for some nicer and warmer weather this month! Hopefully everyone is staying occupied safe and healthy. I know it can be tough to adjust to these new ways of life.

The Virtual fundraiser on the 28th of March in conjunction with AW22's Presentation raised over 800 dollars for Alexandria's local food bank ALIVE! That was more than expected and provided a lot of relief for those in need. There is still much more work to do in our community more especially during these times with school closures, layoffs etc.

Our May fellowship meeting which will be held on ZOOM. It will be a joint meeting with Kemper Macon Ware. Worshipful Jason Himsey will giving a presentation (Veterans and the National Emblem Saluting in Lodge: What the Law Says and Other Flag Etiquette). RW David Potts will be delivering a message as well as Our Grand Master of Virginia Douglas V. Jones. I know we are all missing the normal meetings however the virtual meetings do provide a chance for some of our out of state or even out of country brethren to join us where they normally could not.

I look forward to turning the lights back on and opening the lodge as soon as we can. It will be wonderful to get back to business and see everyone again!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master  
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## Remembering Henry Knox Field

The Lodge could not hold its annual wreath laying for Henry Knox Field's Birthday on April 20, but a few members, socially distanced, placed flowers on behalf of the members.



### Most Worshipful Henry Knox Field

April 20, 1860 ~ July 31, 1917

Henry Knox Field rose to prominence in Alexandria by his keen business intellect, dedication to Christian principles, and concern for the community. He entered the lumber business at an early age, eventually owning The Field Lumber Yard located on the site of the Torpedo Factory. He was an active member of the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church: teacher of the Wesley Men's Bible Class, leader of the choir, and president of the Board of Stewards. He was a member of the City Council, but when he moved from the Third to Second

Ward he was ineligible to continue as the Third Ward representative. However, at the insistence of the citizens, he consented to serve on the lower board of the Council. Field was regarded as one of the most useful members of either body.

His Masonic affiliation began in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, on November 25, 1889, when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice. He was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 9 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 20, 1890. He became Worshipful Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge on June 24, 1893. Field served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1 in 1896-1902. In February 1912, he was elected Grand Junior Deacon. On February 15, 1917, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Field also served as Past High Priest, Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14; Past Eminent Commander, Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar; and Past Patron, Martha Washington Chapter No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star. He was a Scottish Rite Mason in the Alexandria Valley.

*As is the tradition of the Lodge, flowers were also placed on the grave of the Female Stranger.*



## A Brief Look at the Beginnings of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemoration was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

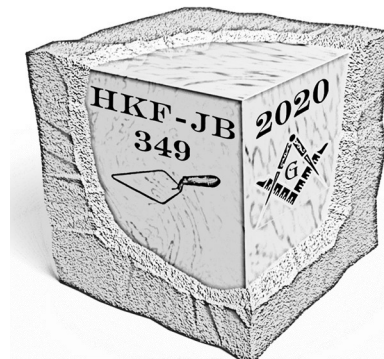
Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

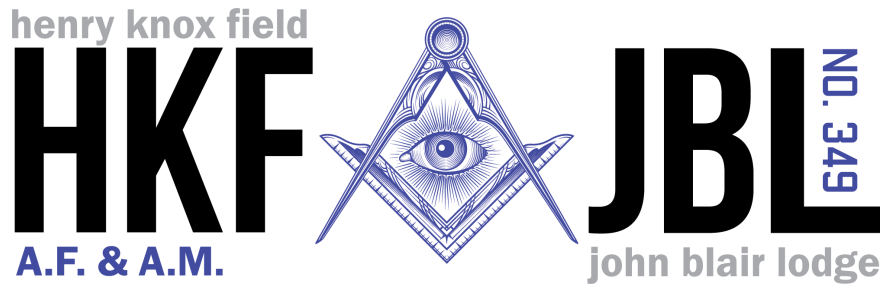
For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, but in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday





Brother Jack Byrne Via - May 5, 1953 - 67 years  
 Brother Max Berger, Jr. - May 9, 1953 - 67 years  
 Brother George Michael Kavros - May 31, 1960 - 60 years  
 Brother Gene Arden Noll - May 30, 1967 - 53 years  
 Right Worshipful Douglas Monroe Woodley - May 4, 1971 - 49 years  
 Brother Clarence Eugene Williams - May 29, 1973 - 47 years  
 Brother Stanley William Pittelkow, Jr. - May 16, 1974 - 46 years  
 Worshipful Alton Levern Miller, Jr. - May 14, 1975 - 45 years  
 Brother Richard Loy Jennings - May 30, 1978 - 42 years  
 Brother Larry Laroche Labossiere - May 19, 1981 - 39 years  
 Brother Carl Clifford Hatton - May 19, 1987 - 33 years  
 Worshipful Arturo de Hoyos - May 16, 1988 - 32 years  
 Brother Gary Alan Dodd, Jr. - May 16, 1989 - 31 years  
 Worshipful Donald Lee Kirby, Jr. - May 14, 1991 - 29 years  
 Brother Leonard Figueroa - May 20, 2017 - 3 years





## 2020 OFFICERS

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
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Korosh Yazdanpanah, Senior	Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Tiler
Deacon	Wor. Erik N. Schultz, Education
Jonathan Summers, Junior Deacon	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.*