



# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

## TRESTLEBOARD                      SEPTEMBER 2020

September 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*masks required, social distancing required*

September 8, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

### **Stated Communication (in-person!)**

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*no dinner, masks required, social distancing required*

September 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*masks required, social distancing required*

September 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

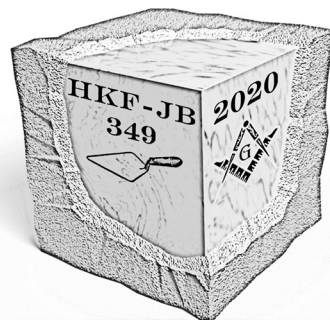
Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

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#### Public Health Warning:

No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, or known exposure to COVID-19 case(s) in the prior 14 days, is permitted to enter the Lodge building. Public gatherings are not without some risk. All should exercise caution, particularly those who are 65 years of age or older, or if you have underlying health conditions. The safety of our membership is our number one concern. If, for any reason, you feel you are unable to follow the requirement to wear a face covering, DO NOT ATTEND LODGE.



## A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

As summer starts to wind down and kids start to go back to “school” I hope everyone was at least able to get out enjoy some of the fine weather we have been having. If not, there are still a few more weeks to take advantage of it!

As we approach the last quarter of the year, we still have some exciting things going on inside the lodge, all things considered. We have four prospects who seem genuinely interested in joining our wonderful fraternity. We will be balloting on one gentleman at our next stated, as well as another ballot for a petition for affiliation. Bro. Bradley Watts is waiting and ready to receive his second degree and Bros. Matt and Sam Summers will be ready to be raised after their successful Fellowcraft catechism returns. Unfortunately, we still do not know when we will be able to resume actual degree work, but they will be ready.

Grand Lodge has approved our district to hold two, one-day conferals. The first on October 3 and the other on October 10. Both events will adhere to the social distancing standards. There will be at least 30 new Master Masons coming out of these two days. That’s huge considering this is usually done once every four years. Spectators will not be allowed to maintain space constraints.

While nothing has been ideal about this year, we are still striving to keep our lodge progressing in a healthy, safe, and positive Masonic direction. There are still many more needs and opportunities for us to get involved within in our community. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

As always please reach out and check in on your fellow brothers either by a phone call or text. Should anyone need anything please reach out to me directly without hesitation.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Timothy J. Fisher

Worshipful Master

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## The Past Master Jewel

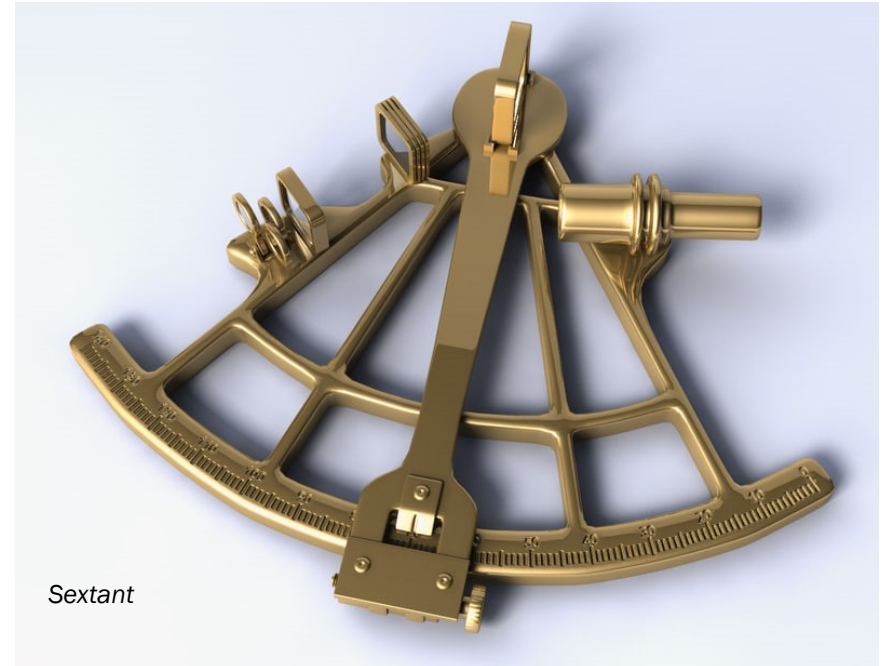
The Past Master Jewel is an often seen, but not so frequently explained Masonic symbol. It commonly consists of the compass, sun, and quadrant (or protractor).

The compass has a familiar interpretation, for it is by the compass that a Mason is reminded to keep his actions within due bounds. The square also has a familiar meaning, for in acting on the square, a Mason conducts himself honestly, with morality and virtue.

The quadrant is the arc that the compass rests upon, either before or in place of the square on the familiar symbol of the fraternity. The quadrant shows at which angle the compass is opened.

Symbolically, as every Mason is supposed to use the compass to keep his actions within due bounds, it is the quadrant that measures those due bounds, and is the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge to ensure that Masons under his jurisdiction are making proper use of their own compass. The Quadrant also shows the compass to be opened at 60 degrees or the angle of an equilateral triangle, which is a symbol of balance.

The compass paired with the quadrant could also be seen as a Sextant, which is a navigation tool used to measure altitude. The Sextant



Sextant

symbolizes that not only did the Past Master have to navigate the course of his lodge in the past, but also that he is qualified to do so, should his successors require his advice or assistance.

The sun represents light, and the Master of a Lodge is supposed to be a source of Masonic light. It also signifies that the Past Master has observed the Sun at Meridian height, (the South), setting (the West), and Rising (the East).

In some jurisdictions around the world the 47th Problem of Euclid suspended by a square is used as a past Master symbol. The 47th Problem of Euclid is used to prove a square, a vital skill to ancient builders. Suspended by the square, the symbol represents knowledge and wisdom that a Past Master has gained from his service to his Lodge and Freemasonry in general.







THE LIGHT OF MASONRY



# Happy Birthday

Brother Arthur McClellan Kelly - September 26, 1950 - 70 years  
 Brother John William Bradley - September 10, 1966 - 54 years  
 Brother Robert Weston Wagner - September 10, 1970 - 50 years  
 Worshipful Arthur Cardoso Ferreira - September 25, 1974 - 46 years  
 Brother Ralph Leland Devers - September 30, 1975 - 45 years  
 Brother James Paul Raines - September 20, 1977 - 43 years  
 Brother Richard Lee Stickles, Jr. - September 26, 1987 - 33 years  
 Worshipful Stephen Louis Weigert - September 25, 1996 - 24 years  
 Worshipful William Charles Hecht - September 13, 1999 - 21 years  
 Brother Bryan Nicholas Morris - September 23, 2010 - 10 years  
 Brother Matthew Joshua Cavey - September 15, 2016 - 4 years  
 Brother Gregory Ellsworth Safsten - September 15, 2016 - 4 years  
 Brother Mark Allen Boughner - September 15, 2016 - 4 years

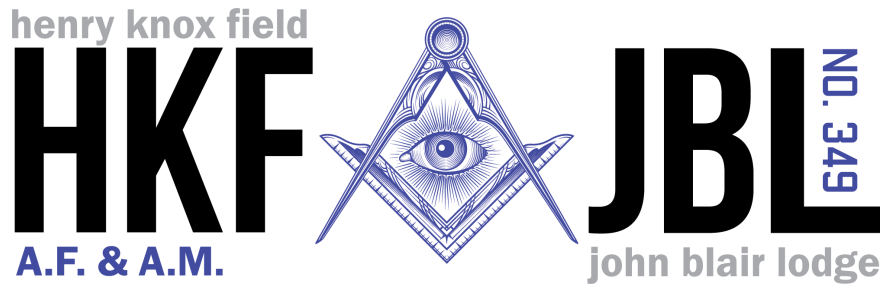


# In Memoriam

**Bro. John B. Walker, Sr.**  
 10/27/1931 to 7/2/2020  
 Mother Lodge: VA0349  
 Initiated Date: October 20, 1970  
 Passed Date: January 19, 1971  
 Raised Date: March 2, 1971

**Bro. Charles E. Shultzaberger**  
 2/6/1937 to 7/4/2017  
 Masonic Veteran 50 years  
 Mother Lodge: VA0349  
 Initiated Date: January 7, 1964  
 Passed Date: March 17, 1964  
 Raised Date: June 16, 1964

**Bro. William A. Westen**  
 4/3/1944 to 8/11/2020  
 Mother Lodge: VA0187\*  
 Initiated Date: July 20, 2005  
 Passed Date: September 5, 2005  
 Raised Date: November 10, 2005



## 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
Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds,	Steward
Treasurer	Nelson Sanchez, Jr., Marshal
Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Secretary	Arnold McNeal, Musician
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.*