



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

TRESTLEBOARD

NOVEMBER 2021

November 4-6
Grand Annual Communication
Richmond, Virginia

November 9, 6:30p.m.
Stated Communication:
Warden's Night
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
Alexandria Scottish Rite

November 16, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School
Alexandria Scottish Rite

November 23, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School
Alexandria Scottish Rite

November 30, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School
Alexandria Scottish Rite

Public Health Warning:

While many COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, public gatherings are not without some risk. The safety of our membership is our number one concern. If, for any reason, you have not been vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask. Please comply.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I hope all is well and everyone is enjoying the cool weather. I think it is here to stay; the days are getting shorter, so we have less time to enjoy the leaves changing color. This makes for perfect camping weather - if you are local and you are able to make it to Skyline Drive you will see a sight that is truly amazing.

We paid our annual fraternal visit to Centennial Lodge on the 28th. I must say the hospitality was truly amazing: almost every brother stood up and welcomed us during the communication. The food which was prepared in their kitchen was also top notch. This was my first time in a Lodge outside of Virginia. I learned two things on Thursday night. First, that I need to travel more, and second, no matter what state you are in and what lodge you attend while the ritual may be different, we as Masons are the same - constantly meeting on the level with respect, kindness and a handshake. We were also presented a traveling gavel. This Gavel is not just a "in district" thing. It was first claimed in 1977 and since has traveled all around New England and down to Maryland. It has been claimed over 105 times and has now crossed the Potomac and will reside with HKF-JB #349 until the next lodge claims it with a fraternal visit. I hope we do this amazing gavel justice and have it reach as many different areas as possible—Virginia and beyond. However, it must be returned for Manchester Lodge's 200th anniversary (2026).

We only have two months left in this Masonic year. It's hard to believe this year has gone by so fast. I always say that but for some reason this year seemed to go especially fast. Next month we will be voting on our new line officers and holding our installation. It would be great for everyone to come out vote and support our line.

This month is the Grand Annual communication. It is sure to be a very important, informative, and definitely a great time for fellowship, brotherhood, and food with guys from all over the state. While there will be no hospitality suites this year I bet there will be opportunities after business to imbibe and relax.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
tfisher2000@gmail.com
410-610-8981





**Centennial Lodge,
No. 174
Upper Marlboro,
Maryland
Fraternal Visit**
*A relationship that
started in 1953*

Who was Hiram Abiff?



Hiram Abiff, we know, was a widow's son. He was the son of a man of Tyre, but his mother was an Israelite, said in one record to have been of the tribe of Naphtali, and in another, of the "daughters of Dan." His mother was indeed a native of the tribe of Dan, but her first husband was of the tribe of Naphtali, to whom Hiram was probably born. After the death of the first husband, she then married a man of Tyre, and her son was brought up as a Tyrian and fully educated and trained in the arts of that land. Tyre was one of the principal seats of the Dionysiac fraternity of artificers, a Society engaged exclusively in the construction of edifices and united in a secret organization, subsequently imitated by the Operative Masons of the Temple. Hiram Abiff was quite probably a member of

this organization and learned much from this privilege.

In assuming his work at Jerusalem, he introduced among the workmen the same exact system of discipline that he had found so advantageous in the Dionysiac Secret Society. From this secret society of operative masons there was evolved the Order of Speculative Masons, of which Hiram Abiff was the first Grand Master. His mother, being a Daughter of Dan, the fifth son of Jacob, endowed Hiram with characteristics of this tribe. This tribe was said to be bold, courageous, daring, and cunning. The banner of Dan was blue. This may be an origin for the choice of blue as a Masonic color.

In Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 13 & 14, Hiram King of Tyre tells Solomon





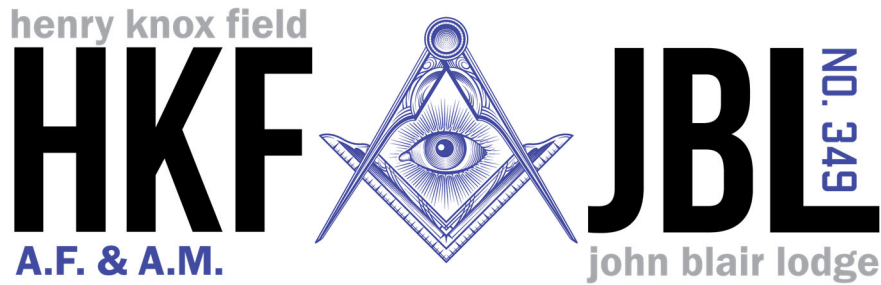
about the man he has sent to oversee the work of the Temple: "And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device in which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father." Obviously, a good man to supervise the construction of a building containing all those materials and to manage all the workers. It appears that Naphtali was also the fifth son of Jacob.

The Lord, in Deuteronomy 33:23, says "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the Lord, Possess thou the west and the south." In the same Chapter, the Lord refers to Dan as "a lion's whelp." All of this together, shows us that our character Hiram Abiff, is a wrapping of many Masonic symbols and characteristics. He inherits possession of the west and south, descended from the tribe that possessed the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (a symbolic reference to Christ) and possesses skills critical to the mastery of his craft. The mystery of who he is still remains, for while there are references to Hiram in his character as a craftsman, there is no Biblical reference to the name Abiff which is uniquely Masonic.



Happy Birthday

Brother Richard Taylor Russell, Jr. - November 30, 1948 - 73 years
 Brother Paul Andson Robey, Jr. - November 8, 1955 - 66 years
 Brother Morris Christian Hoven, Jr. - November 29, 1966 - 55 years
 Brother Brooklyn Bennett Hill, Jr. - November 4, 1967 - 54 years
 Brother John C. Estep - November 2, 1971 - 50 years
 Brother Vernon Ralph Mullins - November 5, 1974 - 47 years
 Brother Stephen Olyen Barnett - November 8, 1974 - 47 years
 Brother David Francis Flecher - November 19, 1974 - 47 years
 Brother Charles Albert Williamson - November 19, 1974 - 47 years
 Brother Dale Weed - November 27, 1974 - 47 years
 Brother Wayne Luther Brown, Sr. - November 18, 1975 - 46 years
 Brother Robert Ronald Gruitt - November 1, 1977 - 44 years
 Brother Richard Emil Paden - November 15, 1977 - 44 years
 Worshipful William Gordon Linwood Turner - November 8, 1978 - 43 yrs
 Brother Larry Wayne Brohard - November 21, 1978 - 43 years
 Brother George Charles Penno - November 25, 1980 - 41 years
 Brother Charles Lee Dennis, Sr. - November 20, 1990 - 31 years
 Brother Marcel Charles Minutolo - November 8, 1991 - 30 years
 Brother Phillip David Facemire - November 5, 1996 - 25 years
 Robert Warren Smitherman, Jr. - November 10, 1999 - 22 years
 Worshipful Daniel Elias Froggett - November 17, 2007 - 14 years
 Brother Eric Francis Kephart - November 20, 2017 - 4 years
 Brother Armand Xavier Mariscal - November 6, 2018 - 3 years



2021 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 Steward

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds,
Treasurer

Nelson Sanchez, Jr.,
Marshal

Wor. Daniel E. Froggett,
Secretary

Jonathan Summers,
Senior Deacon

Arnold McNeal,
Musician

Steven Aguilar,
Junior Deacon

Wor. Jaime H. Flores,
Tiler and Webmaster

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.

HENRY KNOX FIELD—JOHN BLAIR LODGE, No. 349, AF&AM
1430 WEST BRADDOCK ROAD
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302
WWW.FIELDBLAIRLODGE349.ORG

Stated Communication:
Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m.