

TRESTLEBOARD

OCTBER 2021

October 5, 6:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School Alexandria Scottish Rite October 9, 9:00 a.m. Lodge Breakfast Royal Restaurant

October 12, 6:30p.m. Stated Communication: Founders Day Month Observances

6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting Alexandria Scottish Rite

> October 19, 6:30 p.m. Lodge Ritual School Alexandria Scottish Rite



October 23-24 Friends & Family Events See Page 3



October 28, 6:15p.m. **Fraternal Visit to Centennial Lodge, No. 174** *Continuing tradition, we will visit our Maryland brothers!* 6:10 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting 6110 Croom Station Road; Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

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 believe the weather has finally broke and fall is upon us. This is one of my favorite seasons. The changing of the leaves and the multitude of colors is gorgeous. It is the official beginning of sweater weather and also reminds us that the holidays are almost upon us. Lastly football season has finally begun!

It is my pleasure and honor to announce our three newest Master Masons. Matthew Summers, Samuel Summers, and Bradley Watts. I would also like to thank all of the brethren who assisted in that degree and Wor. Andy Vallenga for doing the lecture. We, as a lodge, made history that day (at least recent history) by conferring the Master Masons Degree with all our own HKF-JB members. It was a very proud day for me as Worship Master of this lodge to see all the brethren step up and learn all their roles and in such a short period of time. It further proves we are growing and becoming a stronger and more self-sufficient lodge.

We will be honoring the long tradition of paying a fraternal visit to Centennial Lodge, No 174, in Upper Marlboro, Md. Worshipful Robert Nicholson and the brethren are extremely excited to host us this year. We will also deliver an educational presentation that evening.

As we are coming into the final stretch of the year I wanted to remind everyone that we still have more work to do. Our labors both as men and Masons must continue. I am hopeful we will be able to do another Entered Apprentice degree or two this year, and possibly have another petition to read. Also all of our information has been sent to Grand Lodge and we are waiting to hear back about the Hillman Award. This would be the first time HKF-JB has earned this award and the first time either lodge has received it since 2006.

I hope everyone is staying healthy & safe.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

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





OCTOBER Friends & Family Events

BOWLING October 23, 6:00 p.m. Bowlero Annandale 4245 Markham Street Annandale, VA 22003 SHOOTING October 24, 10:00 a.m. Elite Shooting Sports 7751 Doane Drive Manassas, VA 20109

RSVP to fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com



47th Problem of Euclid

We are told that Euclid, (the Father of Geometry), who lived several hundred years after Pythagoras, worked long and hard to solve the 3:4:5: ratio puzzle. It is said by some that he then sacrificed a hecatomb (a sacrificial offering to God of up to 100 oxen or cattle). However, historically, it is believed that the Egyptians and Babylonians understood the mathematical usefulness of the 3:4:5 ratio long before Euclid.

The Pythagorean Theorem, also known as the 47th Problem of Euclid or 3:4:5: "In any right triangle, the sum of the squares of the two sides is equal to the square of the hypotenuse." (the hypotenuse of a right triangle...which is the longest "leg"...or the 5 side of the 3:4:5:).

The Right Triangle, below, shows the sides of 3, 4 and 5. The angle created between the 3 (side) and the 4 (side) is the Right angle of the square.



3:4:5:

The square of 3 is 9. The square of 4 is 16. The sum of 9 and 16 is 25. (25 represents the hypotenuse). The square root of 25 is 5.

Therefore, the ratio is written:

1, 4, 9, 16 (4-1 = 3) (9-4 = 5) (16-9 = 7)

3:5:7: These are the steps in Masonry. They are the steps in the Winding Stair which leads to the Middle Chamber and they are the number of brethren which form the number of Master Masons necessary to open a lodge of: Master Mason, Fellowcraft, and Entered Apprentices.

The essence of the Pythagorean Theorem (also called the 47th Problem of Euclid) is about the importance of establishing an architecturally true (correct) foundation based on use of the square.

Historically, a building's cornerstone was laid at the northeast corner of the building. Why in the northeast?

The ancient builders first laid out the north and south lines by observation of the stars and the sun...especially the North Star, (Polaris), which they believed at that time to be fixed in the sky. Only after laying out a perfect North and South line could they use the square to establish perfect East and West lines for their foundations.

The 47th Problem of Euclid established those true East and West lines, so the rope stretchers could ascertain a perfect 90 degree angle to the North/South line which they had established using the stars.

With this simple geometric 3:4:5 ratio of how to create a 90 degree, Right Angle:

- 1. Man can reach out into space and measure the distance of the stars...in light years!
- 2. He can survey land, mark off boundaries and construct every single thing on Earth.
- 3. He can build homes, churches and buildings, and with the knowledge of this simple ratio...he can begin digging on opposite sides of a mountain and dig a straight tunnel through the center of it...that meets exactly at the center!
- 4. The 47th Problem of Euclid represents such a perfect symbol of Freemasonry...encompassing both art and science, that the simple knowledge of it demands a breathtaking awe to which we may only bow our heads in reverence at the perfection, the universality and the infinite wisdom of that which has been given to us by God.





Happy Birthday

Brother Robert Cyril Clark - October 31, 1956 - 65 years Brother Goldburn Burton Galyon, Jr. - October 22, 1957 - 64 years Brother Maurice Hunter Floyd - October 18, 1960 - 61 years Brother Douglas Martin Fallin - October 30, 1962 - 59 years Worshipful Ronald Gene Elliott, Sr. - October 30, 1962 - 59 years Brother Robert Charles McDonald - October 18, 1966 - 55 years Brother James Alston Moton - October 29, 1974 - 47 years Brother Jeffrey Neil Agnew - October 28, 1981 - 40 years Brother Donn Allan Foster - October 5, 1982 - 39 years Brother Jack Melvin Mutter - October 5, 1983 - 38 years Brother David Lawrence Nermyr - October 29, 1984 - 37 years Brother Clinton Eugene Heflin - October 7, 1986 - 35 years Brother Thomas Elroy Tazelaar, Jr. - October 23, 1986 - 35 years Brother Sidney Warren Alvis - October 5, 1993 - 28 years Brother Daniel Robert Brown - October 12, 1996 - 25 years Brother Michael Patrick Connally - October 19, 1996 - 25 years Brother Gary Alan Woodward - October 19, 1996 - 25 years Worshipful Patrick J. Weyant, Jr. - October 19, 1996 - 25 years Brother Leo Harry Cummings, Jr. - October 19, 1996 - 25 years Brother David Neal Friedman - October 19, 1996 - 25 years Worshipful John Daniel Convery - October 11, 2000 - 21 years Brother Thomas Michael Lea - October 31, 2001 - 20 years Brother Brian William Shchoeneman - October 25, 2006 - 15 years Worshipful James Brian Shifflett - October 25, 2006 - 15 years Worshipful Andrew Gordon Harter - October 10, 2007 - 14 years



2021 OFFICERS

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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.

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