



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

TRESTLEBOARD

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 7, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

September 11, 8:00 a.m.
Master Mason's Degree
Alexandria—Washington Lodge, No. 22, Lodge Room
George Washington Masonic National Memorial
No Lodge Breakfast this Month

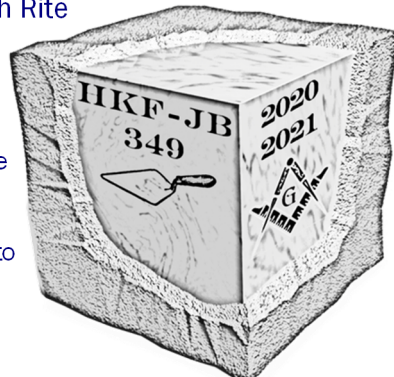
September 14, 2021
Stated Communication:
Revisiting the Fellowcraft Degree
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
Alexandria Scottish Rite

September 21, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

September 28, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons Degree
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,

It has been a hot, humid, and rainy month. Hopefully milder weather will be upon us soon. One of the beautiful things about this area is the changing of the seasons. I'm always ready for the next one. While fall is officially marked in the month of September, we really don't start to experience all it has to offer until October and later. However, it will soon be here and everything will be pumpkin spiced.

Time has flown by this year. September starts the final quarter of this year and my time in the East. I have seen how hard our Senior Warder Bro. Mitchell has been working to get his Warden's Certificate and will no doubt be organizing himself for his assumed role in the East next year. Stay tuned more to come on that topic in next month's trestle board.

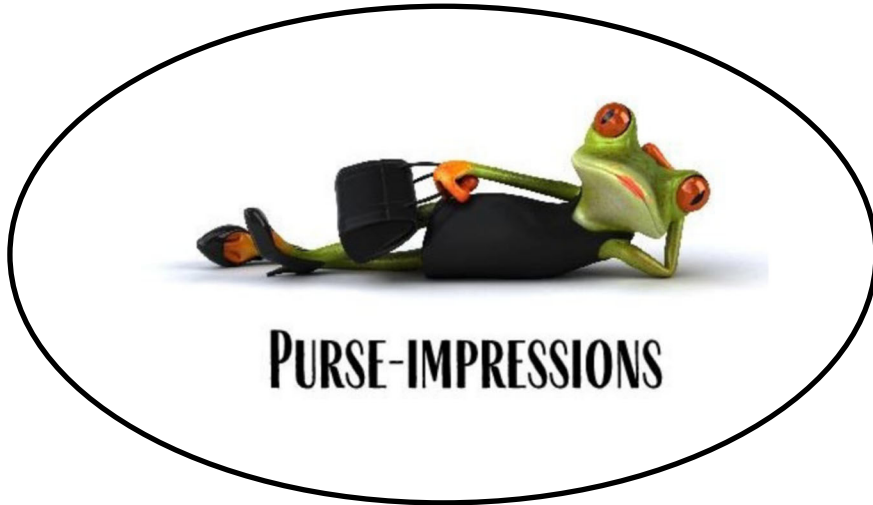
For those that were not able to attend we had a great joint stated with Kemper- Macon Ware last month. There was a storm earlier that evening and the power was out so we persevered on, dined by candle light, and continued with the table lodge as if nothing happened. While it was warm it definitely made for an even more memorable experience. The hospitality of Worshipful Kelly and the brethren of KMW was second to none.

We will conduct a Master Mason's degree September 11th at 8am. Worshipful Huff has been so gracious to allow us to use their lodge room at AW22 since ours will be occupied during that morning. We will raising three worthy brothers that day! This will be the first raising since 2019, as well as my first and possibly last as Worshipful Master. Covid may have slowed things down substantially, but it did NOT stop our journey and our labors as Masons. There is still much more work to be done!

Stay Safe and Be Healthy,

Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
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In 2020, our Lodge contributed to Purse-Impressions to support those who have graduated from rehabilitation programs. In memory of the passing of Courtney Elizabeth Michaels (28 years old) and her struggles with alcohol abuse, Purse-Impressions is a nonprofit corporation started by her mother Patricia Brusha. Purse-Impressions mission is “To gift graduates from rehab with a purse [or backpack] that celebrates their accomplishments, allowing them to move forward with dignity, strength and the knowledge that someone cares.” By the close of 2020 Purse-Impressions donated 1500 purses and backpacks to rehabilitation facilities in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Virginia, and Canada. The local chapter supports graduates from National Capital Treatment and Recovery, which is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and has facilities throughout the National Capital Area.

PURSES are NEEDED!

Please tell your friends and family to donate their gently used bags for this worthy program. All donations can be brought to Lodge and Wor. Froggett will deliver them to the local chapter!

Three Burning Tapers

By Carl H. Claudy, PM

Harmony Lodge No. 17, Washington, DC.

Lesser Lights are lit when the lodge is opened and the altar arranged, and extinguished when the lodge is closed and the Great Lights displaced. Something – not very much – is said of them in the ritual. They form one of those symbols in Freemasonry – of which there are so many! – which the individual brother is supposed to examine and translate for himself, getting from it what he can and enjoying what he gets in direct proportion to the amount of labor and thought he is willing to devote to the process of extracting the meaning from the outer covering.

In some jurisdictions, the Lesser Lights are closely about the altar; in others one is placed at each of the stations of the three Principal Officers. In some lodges the Three Lesser Lights form a right, in others an equilateral, in others an isosceles triangle. What is uniform throughout the Masonic world is the triangular formation; what is different is the shape and size of the triangle. Of course, it is not possible to place three lights to form anything else but a triangle; they cannot be made to form a square or a star.

‘Three’ appears throughout Ancient Craft Masonry. The first of the great Sacred Numbers of the Ancient Mysteries, three was the numerical symbol of God, but not because God was necessarily considered as triune. While many religions of many ages and peoples have conceived of Divinity as a trinity, the figure three as a symbol of God is far older than any trinitarian doctrine.

The triangle, like the circle, is without beginning or ending. One line, or two lines, have ends. They start and finish. Like the square or the five or more sided figure, the triangle has no loose ends. And the triangle is the first of these which can be made; as God was always considered as first, and also as without either beginning or ending, the triangle itself soon became a symbol of Deity. Ancient peoples made much of sex. Their two greatest impulses were self-preservation and mating. Their third was protection of children. So powerful were these in primal man that not all his civilization, his luxury, his complicated and involved life, have succeeded in removing them as the principal main-springs of all human endeavour. It was natural for the savage worshipper of a shining god in the sky to think he, too, required a mate, especially when that mate was so plainly in evidence.

The Moon became the Sun’s bride by a process of reasoning as

plain as it was childlike. Father, mother... there must be a child, of course. That child was Mercury, the nearest planet to the sun, the one the god kept closest to him. Here we have the origin of the Three Lesser Lights; in earliest recorded accounts of the Mysteries of Eleusis (to mention only one) we find three lights about the holy place, representing the Sun, the Moon, and Mercury.

The Worshipful Master rules and governs his lodge as truly as the Sun and Moon rule and govern day and night. There can be no lodge without a Worshipful Master; he is, in a very real sense, the lodge itself. There are some things he cannot do that the brethren under him can do. But without him the brethren can do nothing, while without the brethren's consent or even their assistance, he can do much. As one of the principal functions of the Worshipful Master is to give 'good and wholesome instruction' to his lodge, the inclusion of one light as his symbol is but a logical carrying out of that Masonic doctrine which makes the East the source of Masonic light to the brethren. By the light of the Lesser Lights the Entered Apprentice is led to see those objects which mean so much to a Mason, the Great Lights; the inestimable gift of God to man as the rule and guide for his faith and practice, the tools dedicated to the Craft and to the Master, the Alpha and Omega of Freemasonry.

Light alone is not enough; light must be used! Here, too, is symbolism which it is well to muse upon. As the lodge as a whole is a symbol of the world, so should a Mason's heart be to him always a symbol of the lodge. In it he should carry ever what he may remember of the Great Light and with spiritual compasses lay out his work; with spiritual square, square both work and actions toward all mankind, 'more especially a brother Mason'. Therefore must he carry also in his heart three tiny Lesser Lights, by the light of which he uses his spiritual lodge furnishings. If he lights these from the torch of love and burns one

for friendliness, one for helpfulness and one for godliness, he will be truly an initiate in the real sense of that term, and about the altar of Freemasonry find a new satisfaction in the new meanings which the Three Lesser Lights will, with silent light and soft, imprint upon his heart.



Happy Birthday

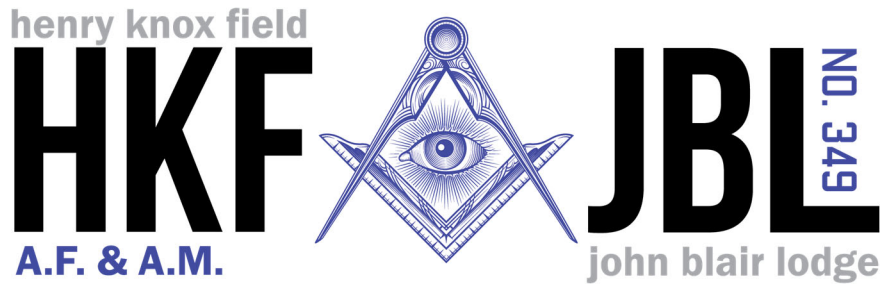
Bro. Robert Weston Wagner - September 10, 1970 - 51 years
 Wor. Arthur Cardoso Ferreira - September 25, 1974 - 47 years
 Bro. Ralph Leland Devers - September 30, 1975 - 46 years
 Bro. James Paul Raines - September 20, 1977 - 44 years
 Bro. Richard Lee Stickles, Jr. - September 26, 1987 - 34 years
 Wor. Stephen Louis Weigert - September 25, 1996 - 25 years
 Wor. William Charles Hecht - September 13, 1999 - 22 years
 Bro. Bryan Nicholas Morris - September 23, 2010 - 11 years
 Bro. Matthew Joshua Cavey - September 15, 2016 - 5 years
 Bro. Gregory Ellsworth Safsten - September 15, 2016 - 5 years
 Bro. Mark Allen Boughner - September 15, 2016 - 5 years



In Memorial

Bro. John William Bradley
 6/28/38 to 8/25/20
 Masonic Veteran 50 years
 Mother Lodge: VA0349
 Initiated Date: May 3, 1966
 Passed Date: July 5, 1966
 Raised Date: September 10, 1966

Bro. Conwesley Ruffner Simmons, Jr.
 9/30/26 to 8/5/21
 Masonic Veteran 60 years
 Mother Lodge: VA0349
 Initiated Date: March 1, 1955
 Passed Date: April 19, 1955
 Raised Date: June 14, 1955



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

Arnold McNeal,
Musician

Jonathan Summers,
Senior Deacon

Wor. Jaime H. Flores,
Tiler and Webmaster

Steven Aguilar,
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.