



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

TRESTLEBOARD

MAY 2022

May 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: MM Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite
Small Lodge Room

May 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting
Stated Communication
The Spade

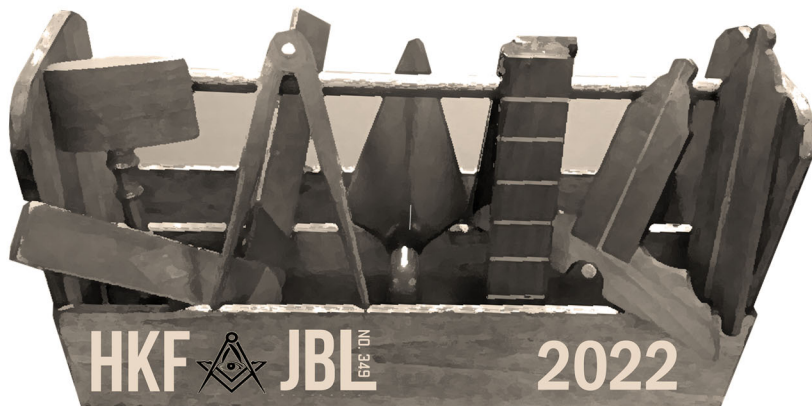
May 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Lodge Breakfast:
Royal Restaurant
All invited.

May 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: MM Degree
ASR, Lodge Room

May 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: MM Degree
ASR, Lodge Room

May 31, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Friends & Family Night
Alexandria Scottish Rite
Dining Room

All COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. Members are encouraged to continue to adhere to safety practices that make them and their families feel comfortable and protected.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Wow what a fun month April was! Thank you to all the Past Masters who were able to make it out for our Stated and Past Masters' Night. And thank you all for such a great turn out for our community builders award presentation to councilwoman Aliya Gaskins. It was such a great turn out and such a great time with her. We have been communicating a bit and thinking about a project we can do together to benefit some of the children in the community.

Also we had our annual wreath laying ceremony for Most Worshipful Henry Knox Field followed by flowers at the grave of the Female Stranger. Then we went to an amazing family style dinner and gave out our second community builders award to Reverend Thomas James of Washington Street UMC. This is the church that Most Worshipful Field was very active in and they are a big part of the community. A very big thank you to the brethren and their wives who showed to support this amazing event.

With April at a close we are moving into May and soon the hot days of summer will be upon us. In May, we have a 5th Tuesday and we all know what that means...Friends and Family Night! This one will be the Tuesday after Memorial Day and we have a special evening planned for everyone. I hope to see you out in support of your lodge.

As always, we have ritual school every Tuesday unless there is a conflict with another district event, or something comes up. All officers are strongly encouraged to attend. But all are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. These schools are a great way to work on ritual and degree work as well as have some laughs and good times.

Sincerely & Fraternally,



Clayton J. Mitchell
Worshipful Master
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MEMORIAL DAY

From Midnight Freemason by Bro. Brian Schimian is Life of Member A.O. Fay #676 in Highland Park Illinois and the Medinah Shriners - Lake County Shrine Club. He was also the Past Master Counselor of DeMolay - Lakes Chapter in 1995. Brian is a father of two children. "Start Square, Finish Level"



The first large observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery. After a number of speeches, service members and children made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves as they recited prayers and sang hymns.

By the end of the 1800's, "Memorial Day" celebrations were happening all over the Nation on May 30th. After WWI, the celebrations were expanded to include all service personnel from any war.

Memorial Day as we know it today was declared a National Holiday by Congress and signed by President Nixon in 1971. That same act is what moved the day of remembrance to the last Monday in May.

Gen. Logan's (according to my research online, Logan was a Master Mason from Illinois, having been raised in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 in Pinckneyville, Illinois) order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 are as poignant today as they must have been hundreds of years ago: "with the choicest flowers of springtime, We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic."

To ensure that America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "Encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity."

All Americans are encouraged to pause at 3PM local time on Memorial Day

for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

So from all of the Midnight Freemasons to every Service Member, past & present, Thank You and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever be your guiding light, in this life and the next. We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the families of all the service members for the sacrifices that they make on a daily basis while their loved ones are off defending our freedoms here at home.

To those whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice, Thank You and may you rest well. We have it from here.



The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial is on the south side of Gettysburg. It is in the National Cemetery Annex off Taneytown Road at the intersection with Steinwehr Avenue. (National Cemetery tour map) It was dedicated in 1993. The monument was created by Ron Tunison. He also created the bas relief on the Delaware State Monument, the statue of General Crawford and

the Women's Memorial at Gettysburg and the bas reliefs on the Irish Brigade monument at Antietam. From the tablet on the left side, "Friend to Friend. Union General Winfield Scott Hancock and Confederate General Lewis Addison Armistead were personal friends and members of the Masonic Fraternity. Although they had served and fought side by side in the United States army prior to the Civil War, Armistead refused to raise his sword against his fellow Southerners and joined the Confederate Army in 1861. Both Hancock and Armistead fought heroically in the previous twenty-seven months of the war. They were destined to meet at Gettysburg. During Pickett's Charge, Armistead led his men gallantly, penetrating Hancock's line. Ironically, when Armistead was mortally wounded, Hancock was also wounded. Depicted in this sculpture is Union Captain Henry Bingham, a Mason and staff assistant to General Hancock, himself wounded, rendering aid to the fallen Confederate General. Armistead is shown handing his watch and personal effects to be taken to his friend, Union General Hancock. Hancock survived the war and died in 1886. Armistead died at Gettysburg July 5, 1863. Captain Bingham attained the rank of General and later served 32 years in the United States House of Representatives. He was known as the "Father of the House." Shown on the wall surrounding this monument are the names of the States whose soldiers fought at the Battle of Gettysburg."



Congratulations to the 2022 recipients of the
Community Builders Award

Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins

Alexandria City Council

pictured above

And

Reverend Thomas G. James

Lead Paster, Washington Street United Methodist Church

pictured below at the Henry Knox Field Wreath Laying, third from left



Happy Birthday

Arturo De Hoyos May 16

Gary Alan Dodd Jr. May 16

Leonard Figueroa May 20

Carl Clifford Hatton May 19

Richard Loy Jennings May 30

George Michael Kavros May 31

Donald Lee Kirby Jr. May 14

Larry Laroche Labossiere May 19

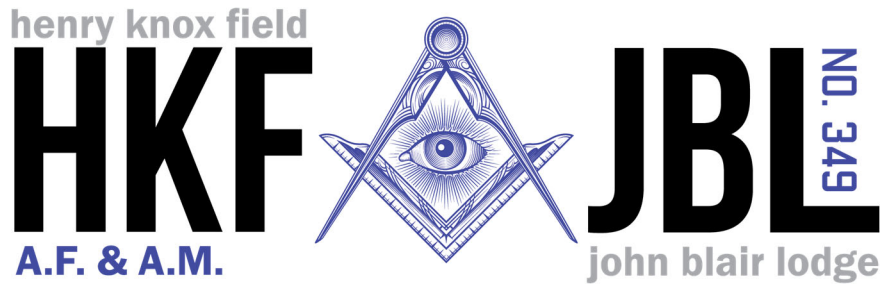
Alton Levern Miller Jr. May 14

Gene Arden Noll May 30

Stanley William Pittelkow Jr. May 16

Clarence Eugene Williams May 29

Douglas Monroe Woodley May 4



2022 OFFICERS

Clayton J. Mitchell,
Worshipful Master

Mark A. Boughner,
Senior Warden

Jonathan Summers,
Junior Warden

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds,
Treasurer

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Secretary

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Senior Deacon

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Ronald E. Markiewicz,
Chaplain

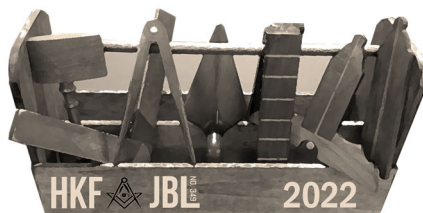
Joseph Dergham,
Senior Steward

Arnold McNeal,
Junior Steward

Bradley J. Watts,
Marshal

Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Tiler &
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.

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