



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

TRESTLEBOARD

NOVEMBER 2022

November 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: EA Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite
Small Lodge Room

November 15, 6:30 p.m.
Entered Apprentice Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite
Lodge Room

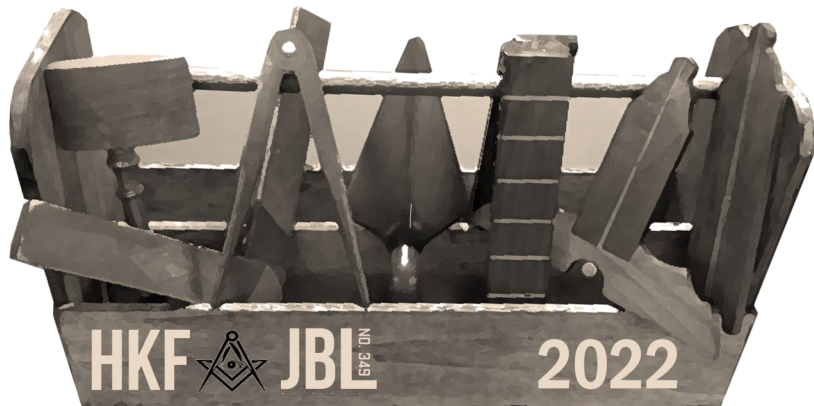
November 8, 2022
7:30 p.m. meeting

Stated Communication
Wardens' Night

November 22, 6:30 p.m.
No Ritual School
Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29, 6:30
Friends and Family Community
Need Donation Event
Beeliner Diner
Bradlee Shopping Center

November 11-12, 2022
Grand Annual Communication
Hilton Short Pump
Richmond, Virginia



A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Brethren November is here and with that is the celebration of harvests. Time with family and friends as the weather changes to be more bearable. The bucks are running and chasing and the leaves are falling leading the way for snow and colder temperatures.

The colder temperatures lead us as adults run out and grab a jacket, or even order online and have it delivered the same day. However, lots of our youth do not have that ability. Once again we have joined with the Firefighters and Friends to raise some money to help provide local children with some basic needs for the upcoming season.

Giving back, especially as the holidays are approaching, is very important for us to do not only as Masons but as humans. Some compassion can go a long way. We have a mailing address and venmo for anyone who wants to send donations to Firefighters and Friends. You do not have to wait until we have an event coming to donate. They are always accepting money and putting it to work.

As the year draws to an end we have Grand Lodge coming up, we have an EA degree 11/15, and we have elections in December. If you haven't been out to lodge in awhile, this is definitely the time to come. This month will be Wardens' Night and we will have the officers all move up in line and Bro. Boughner will assume the East.

Because of Grand Lodge, we will not have breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month. However, look for more information on an exciting opportunity to give back at the Beeliner Diner on the Fifth Tuesday (start buying school supplies, canned goods, and seeing what old handbags your wife doesn't need any more). And don't forget ritual schools every Tuesday night. Look forward to having you join us and if we haven't seen you in awhile, we would love to have you come by.



Sincerely & Fraternally,

Clayton J. Mitchell
Worshipful Master
Clayton.Mitchell78@yahoo.com
703-577-1495

THE CORNUCOPIA

from Masonry Today



The Cornucopia is a symbol of plenty and abundance.

The Cornucopia as a symbol of abundance and of nourishment stretches back to Classical Antiquity (a period of time in the Mediterranean generally encompassing the Greco-Roman period). It is most commonly associated with Zeus, King of the Greek gods. When Zeus was born he was hidden away by his mother to prevent Kronos,

his father, from eating him, as he did Zeus' siblings. Kronos in doing this tried to prevent the fulfillment of a prophecy stating one of his children was destined to destroy him. While Zeus was in hiding from his father, he was fed and cared for by various divine attendants including Amalthea (the Nourishing Goddess) who appeared in the form of a goat. The legend states Zeus accidentally broke off one her horns. Later he gave the horn to the world of man as it provided whatever was desired.

In other myths of the period, Heracles (the Roman equivalent of Hercules) broke off the horn of a river god, with similar results as Amalthea's horn. The Cornucopia is associated with a variety of gods and goddesses around the Mediterranean.

The Greek God the Cornucopia is associated with, probably most fascinates Freemasons, Pluto, god of the underworld. This version of the God of the Underworld, formerly Hades, was taught in the Mystery Religions,



sometimes called the sacred mysteries or mysteries. The Mystery Religions of the Greco-Roman world were religious schools only for the initiates. At least one source on the Mystery Religions states "The main characterization of this religion is the secrecy associated with the particulars of the initiation and the ritual practice, which may not be revealed to outsiders." Pluto, probably to show the difference between him and Hades, is often depicted holding a Cornucopia in contrast to Hades who is depicted holding a drinking horn. Pluto was the giver of agriculture, mineral and spiritual wealth.

In modern times the Cornucopia has been adopted the world over as a symbol of prosperity and abundance. This is especially true in North America. In Canada an annual festival called Cornucopia is held. In several Central and South American countries the Cornucopia is depicted on their coat of arms. In the United States several states have the Cornucopia on their state flags and on state seals. It is most closely tied in the United States with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For Freemasons the Cornucopia is most commonly known as the symbol for the stewards who are stationed in the Masonic South.



The Masonic South is tied with nourishment of the brothers. Often one of the duties of the stewards is to help with meal preparation and other times when nourishment is provided to the members of the lodge.



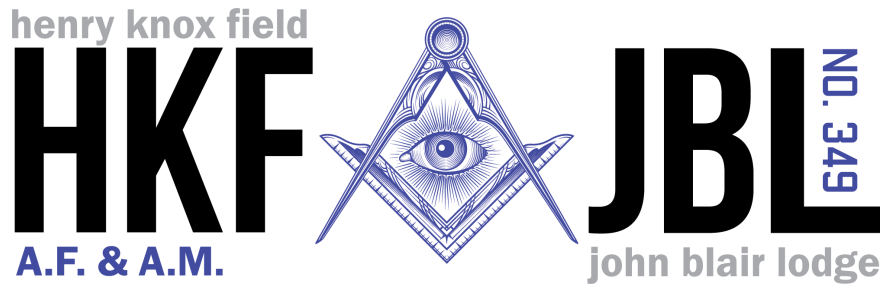
SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 29

Friends and Family Event Dinner and Donations

Bring something to support our charities...
School supplies for Firefighters and Friends
Gently used handbags for Purse Impressions
Non-perishable food items for ALIVE!
More information to come.



Richard Taylor Russell Jr. 74 years, 11/30
Paul Andson Robey Jr. 67 years, 11/8
Morris Christian Hoven Jr. 56 years, 11/29
Brooklyn Bennett Hill Jr. 55 years, 11/4
John C. Estep 51 years, 11/2
Stephen Olyen Barnett 48 years, 11/8
David Francis Fletcher 48 years, 11/19
Vernon Ralph Mullins 48 years, 11/5
Dale Weed 48 years, 11/27
Charles Albert Williamson 48 years, 11/19
Wayne Luther Brown Sr. 47 years, 11/18
Robert Ronald Gruitt 45 years, 11/1
Richard Emil Paden 45 years, 11/15
Larry Wayne Brohard 44 years, 11/21
William Gordon Linwood Turner 44 years, 11/8
George Charles Penno 42 years, 11/25
Charles Lee Dennis Sr. 32 years, 11/20
Marcel Charles Minutolo 31 years, 11/8
Phillip David Facemire 26 years, 11/5
Robert Warren Smitherman Jr. 23 years, 11/10
Daniel Elias Froggett 15 years, 11/17
Eric Francis Kephart 5 years, 11/20
Armand Xavier Mariscal 4 years, 11/6



2022 OFFICERS

Clayton J. Mitchell
Worshipful Master

Ronald E. Markiewicz
Chaplain

Mark A. Boughner
Senior Warden

Joseph Dergham
Senior Steward

Jonathan Summers
Junior Warden

Arnold McNeal
Junior Steward

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds
Treasurer

Bradley J. Watts
Marshal

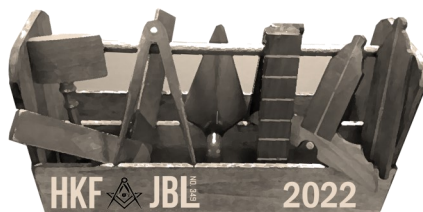
Wor. Daniel E. Froggett
Secretary

Wor. Jaime H. Flores
Tiler & Webmaster

Steven Aguilar
Senior Deacon

Wor. Erik N. Schultz
Education Officer

Xavier Mariscal
Junior Deacon



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.