



# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

OCTOBER 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Welcome to October, my favorite month of the year owing to the cooler weather, beautiful colors of nature, and post-season baseball. Go Nats!

Congratulations to our Senior Warden, Bro. TJ Fisher, on passing his Warden's Certificate examination on September 21! TJ met with Bro. Andrew Vellenga, our District Instructor of Work, to complete the examination which is required for any brother to be considered for election as Worshipful Master of his lodge. Passing this key milestone will enable Bro. TJ to take the reigns of Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge #349 this coming December, should the brethren duly elect him to that honored position.

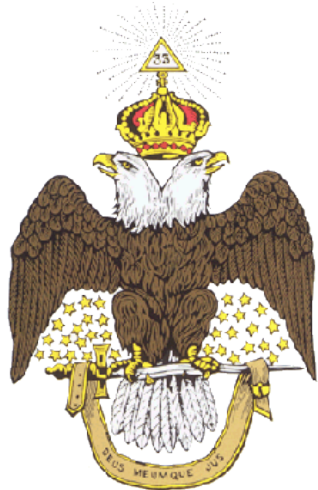
Bro. Fisher also led the lodge in conferring (from the East) the Degree of Entered Apprentice on Bro. Bradley Watts on Tuesday, September 17. Thank you very much to everyone who came out for Bro. Watts' initiation. He has begun his catechism instruction and is very eager to dive into its learning and labor.

This month's Stated Communication is Appendant Bodies Night. We have several brothers coming to speak on the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, National Sojourners, and the Shriners. While there are several additional Masonic appendant bodies beyond these, they are the ones most familiar to most of us. I look forward to a good discussion of the several paths to continue and expand our Masonic experience. See page 4 of this Trestleboard for additional information. Later in October, we have the quarterly Masters and Wardens Association meeting on October 22, and our final 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner on October 29.

Looking ahead to November, we have the Grand Annual Communication coming very soon, November 6-9. I will be attending along with several brethren from our lodge. See this month's Book of Constitutions reading for more information on the Grand Annual Communication, including its purpose and composition.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Erik N. Schultz*



### *Appendant Bodies of Freemasonry*



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## Upcoming Events

“Learning and Labor”

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: Lodge Ritual & Catechism School

### October

Tue, Oct 1 Lodge Catechism/Ritual School

Tue, Oct 8 **Stated Communication**

**Appendant Bodies Night**

Sat, Oct 12 Lodge Breakfast

Tue, Oct 15 Lodge Catechism/Ritual School

Tue, Oct 22 Masters' & Wardens' Association Mtg

Tue, Oct 29 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner

### November

Tue, Nov 5 Lodge Catechism/Ritual School

Nov 6-9 **Grand Annual Communication**  
(No Lodge Breakfast Nov 9)

Tue, Nov 12 **Stated Communication**

Tue, Nov 19 Lodge Catechism/Ritual School

## October Masonic Birthdays

Jeffrey N. Agnew	October 28, 1981
S. Warren Alvis	October 5, 1993
Jonathen P. Bingham	October 19, 1996
Daniel R. Brown	October 12, 1996
Fred A. Buns	October 28, 1947
J.Dave Cauthon	October 24, 1995
Robert C. Clark	October 31, 1956
Michael P. Connally	October 19, 1996
Daniel J. Convery	October 11, 2000
Leo H. Cummings, Jr.	October 19, 1996
Ronald G. Elliott	October 30, 1962
Douglas M. Fallin	October 30, 1962
Maurice H. Floyd	October 18, 1960
Donn A. Foster	October 5, 1982
David N. Friedman	October 19, 1996
Golburn B. Galyon, Jr.	October 22, 1957
Andrew G. Harter	October 10, 2007
Clinton E. Heflin	October 7, 1986
Bobby R. Lambert	October 7, 1966

## October Masonic Birthdays (cont'd)

Thomas M. Lea	October 31, 2001
Robert C. McDonald	October 18, 1966
James A. Moton	October 29, 1974
Jack M. Mutter	October 5, 1983
David L. Nermyr	October 29, 1984
Brian W. Schoeneman	October 25, 2006
James B. Shifflett	October 25, 2006
William S. Sykes, III	October 10, 1974
Thomas E. Tazelaar, Jr.	October 23, 1986
J. Patrick Weyant, Jr.	October 19, 1996
Gary A. Woodward	October 19, 1996

## A Preview of Select Appendant Bodies



### Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.  
(<https://scottishrite.org/about/our-creed-mission-statement/>)



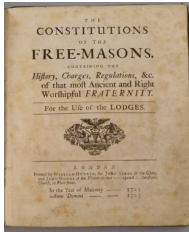
The **York Rite** is based on the early remnants of Craft Masonry that were practiced in the early 1700's. The *Capitular Degrees* are a set of four degrees which center on the construction phases of Solomon's Temple. The *Cryptic Degrees* are a set of three degrees which get their name from the reference to a hidden or secret vault in the degrees. The *Chivalric Orders* are a set of three Orders culminating in the grade of Knight Templar.  
(<http://www.yorkrite.org/Degrees/>)



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**Shriners** are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime.  
(<https://www.shrinersinternational.org/Shriners/Values/Brotherhood>)



## THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS:

*“...you are to search at all times, cause it to be read in your Lodge, that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins.”*

*- Instructions to the WM during his installation*

Every month in 2019, we will feature discussions on excerpts from the Constitutions of Freemasonry, both in the Trestleboard and during tiled lodge.

### Ch 3, Section I: Of a Grand Lodge

“A Grand Lodge consists of the Masters and Wardens of all the regular Lodges in its jurisdiction who, when duly assembled, have the inherent power to elect the Grand Officers. The present Grand Officers, and all Past Grand Masters, and Past Grand Wardens and Past Masters of regular Lodges under the same Grand Jurisdiction, are members of the Grand Lodge; and to constitute a quorum for business it is necessary there should be the representatives of five regular Lodges.

The Grand Lodge thus organized should meet at least once a year, and this meeting to be denominated the Grand Annual Communication. The Grand Communication thus convened shall have a right and authority to make local ordinances and new regulations, as well as to amend old ones, for their own particular benefit, and the good of Masonry in general: provided always that the ancient landmarks be carefully preserved, and that such regulations be first duly proposed in writing, for the consideration of all the members, and be finally regularly enacted by the consent of the majority.

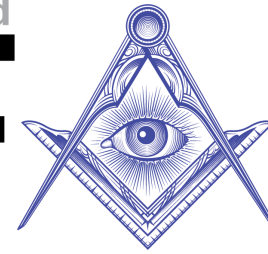
No Master or Warden of private Lodges, or other members of the Grand Lodge, shall ever attend the same, without the jewels which he ought to wear in his own private Lodge, except for some good and sufficient reason to be allowed in the Grand Lodge. And when any officer of a private Lodge, from such urgent business as may necessarily plead his excuse cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, his own Lodge may nominate and appoint any one of their members (being a Master Mason), with his jewels and clothing, to supply his place.”

As we move towards the Grand Annual Communication next month, this month’s and November’s Book of Constitutions readings will be on the topic of Grand Lodge and the Grand Annual Communication.

There are no deep esoteric lessons of this reading. Rather, it conveys a few points, namely, 1.) Grand Lodge is the legislative body of the jurisdiction in which it is held, 2.) it is comprised of the Grand Line Officers and the Masters and Wardens of the constituent regular lodges, and 3.) the Masters and Wardens of each lodge must attend and vote on proposals, or if they cannot, should nominate proxies to attend in their stead.

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john blair lodge

### 2019 OFFICERS

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| Erik N. Schultz, Worshipful Master     | F. Paul Norris, Musician                                   |
| Timothy J. Fisher, Senior Warden       | Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Tiler<br>Lodge Instructor of Work |
| Clayton J. Mitchell, Junior Warden     | Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Webmaster                            |
| Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer    | Lodge Education Officer                                    |
| Wor. Patrick A. Wood, Secretary        |  |
| Mark A. Boughner, Senior Deacon        |  |
| Russell A. Summers, Jr., Junior Deacon |  |
| Ronald E. Markiewicz, Chaplain         |  |
| Jonathan D. Summers, Senior Steward    |  |
| A Xavier Mariscal, Junior Steward      |  |
| Korosh Yazdanpanah, Marshal            |  |



### **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.*