



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 - A.F. & A.M. - VIRGINIA

**OCTOBER 2018
FOUNDER'S DAY MONTH**

TRESTLEBOARD

Lodge Ritual School: FC Degree

October 2, 6:30 p.m.

We will have two returns.

ASR—Small Lodge Room

STATED COMMUNICATION

October 9

DINNER AT 6:30PM

Presenting the 2018 Community Builders Award to Dr. Ben Hutchens
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Review of votes to be taken at GAC

Bring items for ALIVE! and for a care package for Bro. Nathan Powell to the Stated. See page 10.

Lodge Breakfast & Masonic Home Family Day

October 13, 7:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

Meet at the Cracker Barrel
17115 Dumfries Road, Dumfries
Depart for Masonic Home by 8:15
(we need to arrive NLT 10:00 a.m.)
500 Masonic Lane, Henrico

Lodge Ritual School: EA Degree

October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Room

District Ritual School

October 22, 7:00 p.m.

HKF-JB

Lodge Ritual School: MM Degree

October 23, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Room

Lodge Fellowship Dinner

October 30, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the original HKF building cornerstone for a brief Founder's Day Commemoration, followed by dinner at the Rosemarino d' Italia.
1908 Mount Vernon Ave, Alexandria
Reservations Required, \$20/person

SAVE THE DATE:

Grand Annual Communication

November 7-11

Richmond Virginia

Public Installation of Offices

December 15, 10:00 a.m.

Lodge Room, followed by lunch

A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren—

I keep waiting for there to be a slow month this year...I guess September was the closest to it. We did pass a brother and heard a catechism return. Our Senior Warden did a great job in the East for Warden's Night. We unfortunately did not have any First Responders join us for dinner, but we made the invite and hopefully they will join us in the future. The Lodge did make a great showing at our Fraternal Visit to Centennial Lodge with 7 brothers in attendance—a great way to keep this special tradition alive!

This month we celebrate, across the Commonwealth, the founding of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. We are asked to pay particular homage to those who established the Masonic Home of Virginia. To that end, we will move our Lodge Breakfast from Alexandria to Dumfries on our way to Masonic Home Family Day, October 13. Please let me know if you can join us and we can work on carpools. Our Fifth Tuesday Fellowship Dinner will convene at 1908 Mount Vernon Avenue, honoring our own founders and the building they erected for the Henry Knox Field Lodge. After a brief ceremony at the cornerstone, we will cross the street and dine at Rosemarino d'Italia (reservations are required and each person is asked to pay \$20 to offset the cost of dinner). I hope you will join us for both of these events.

In addition to Founders Day Month activities, we will present the 2018 Community Builders Award to Dr. Ben Hutchens prior to our Stated Communication. Community members from Del Ray Kinderchoir and Westminster Presbyterian Church have been invited to join us for dinner. Find out more about Dr. Hutchens on page 6.

I hope we can initiate two men as Entered Apprentices and raise one brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason this month. Your assistance and attendance with degree work is always welcomed. While we have entered the final quarter of my time in the East, our workload has not decreased (and let's hope it never does!).

This will be our last Stated prior to the Grand Annual Communication (GAC), so we will review the anticipated items that will be up for a vote. If you plan on attending the GAC, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can ensure we have places for you to sleep. Masonic Districts 1A and 54 will have a joint hospitality suite at the event hotel and there will be opportunities for socializing with Masons from across Virginia. It is always an enjoyable event to attend.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Daniel E. Froggett
Worshipful Master



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OCTOBER DISCUSSION

A number of our new Master Masons, and some of the older ones, have asked me this year what they should be doing with Masonry. Many times I default to Catechism Instruction (we are always in need!), but I should offer many other avenues. Our brothers around the globe struggle with answering the question of "What's next?" I found this article to be a great start to a greater discussion of how we can keep each other engaged in the Lodge and individually with Freemasonry.

So, You're a Master Mason. Now What?

Having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, you are now able to vote, hold office, visit other lodges if found worthy, and benefit from all of the rights and privileges associated with being a Master Mason. You also find yourself faced with many interesting opportunities/challenges.

On the one hand, you can enjoy the satisfaction of having experienced a unique set of degrees; the purpose of which is to provide you with the essential elements of a philosophy of living day-to-day life. You have bound yourself to an ancient brotherhood based on shared moral values and the aspiration of living an admirable life. The brothers of this Lodge have invested many hours in teaching you basic principles, lectures, and other important material to support this end.

On the other hand, it may seem that the Lodge has just turned their back on you to focus on the next candidate. You are left with unanswered questions, confusing experiences, and a desire for more, but with no clear direction. It is as if a young bird has reached a point in its life and is tossed from the nest and expected to fly on its own.

We hear of other opportunities in organized Freemasonry (e.g., York Rite bodies, the Scottish Rite, and social organizations). We may find people encouraging our involvement and even offering us petitions for membership within minutes of "getting up off the floor."

So which way do you go? What should you do? To whom should you turn for advice and direction? The answers to these questions lie within the lectures and charges you have already heard. Unfortunately, so much information has been presented to you in such a short time that it is difficult to make sense out of even the most basic parts, let alone be able to remember and understand specific phrases and their subtle meanings.

It quickly becomes clear that you have discovered the tip of a very large iceberg. We all know the essence of Freemasonry is contained within the lectures and experiences of the first three degrees. We should remember the lessons of the Fellowcraft Degree: monitoring us to approach each chal-



lenge as a student of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, always endeavoring to study, learn, and grow as a Mason.

It would be wise for you to attend Lodge meetings and degree work regularly to witness the work being presented. You should ask questions of those around you and consult with knowledgeable brothers about the questions you have regarding any aspect of Freemasonry. The brothers around you have limitations. However, it is the wise brother who will answer a difficult question with "I'm not sure, but we can find out together."

It would also be wise for you to begin to expand your reading list to see what other great minds have said about Freemasonry and be prepared to discuss your readings with those around you. Discussion of your readings will help you determine what elements of truth are contained within those writings as well as which writings have been written from a misguided or misinformed view of Freemasonry.

It would be wise for the Lodge to continue to reach out to new Master Masons and invite them to stay involved with Lodge not just in the meetings and not just in the role of "servant," but to support them becoming a lifelong student of Freemasonry.

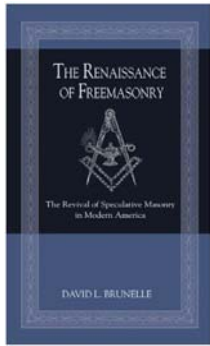
In operative masonry, the entered apprentice is trained in basic skills eventually moving to the level of journeyman or 'fellow of the craft' to be a productive worker in the shop of the master where he performs tasks assigned to him by the master. During that time, the admirable journeymen will take time on his own to begin to explore his own designs, experiment with various techniques, and improve himself. He will soon come to the point that he is able to produce a work of his own that reflects not just the technical skills that he has been taught and developed but also his own ability to innovate, to plan, and to create. This piece, if found worthy, is deemed his "masterpiece" and this 'fellow of the craft' becomes



a true master of the craft and is given the privilege of training new apprentices. This process requires initiative on the part of the craftsman to explore, pursue, and learn without being directed.

As the newest Master Mason to join our ranks, it becomes your responsibility to demonstrate the initiative to seek more Light in Masonry: ask questions, pursue existing knowledge, and begin to think your own thoughts and develop your own understanding of what Freemasonry is and can be in your life. This is, indeed, a lifelong process as you continue to work at improving your personal "Masterpiece" which will be presented to the Great Architect of the Universe when we are called from this lodge to the grand lodge above.

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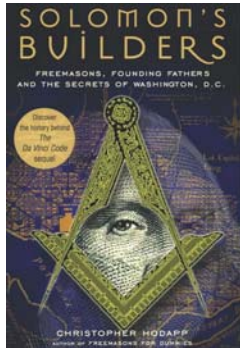
MASONIC READING LIST

The world of Masonic Literature seems to have no bounds. One book leads to another, but here are four starting points to study Freemasonry.

The Renaissance of Freemasonry: The Revival of Speculative Masonry in Modern America

2012 work by Wor. David L. Brunelle (PM John Blair 2011)

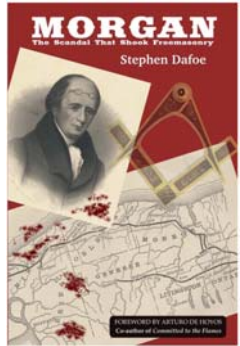
A philosophical companion for all Masons, *The Renaissance of Freemasonry* offers the sincere seeker a guidebook for Masonic introspection. By solemn contemplation of the topics addressed, a Mason will have cause to reassess his perceptions and beliefs regarding the fraternity, thus rekindling his passion for Freemasonry, his quest for knowledge, and his search for sublime light.



Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington D.C.

2006 work by Christopher Hodapp (author of *Freemasonry for Dummies*)

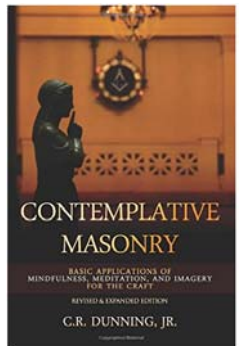
Step back in time to the birth of a revolutionary new republic and discover how the utopian ideals of a visionary secret society laid the foundation for the most powerful nation on earth. Follow Founding Fathers as they transform the democratic principles of their Masonic lodges into a radical new nation. *Solomon's Builders* unravels history from myth as it takes you on a Freemason's tour of Washington.



Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry

2014 work by Stephen Dafoe, with a preface by Arturo DeHoyos (Honorary Member of our Lodge)

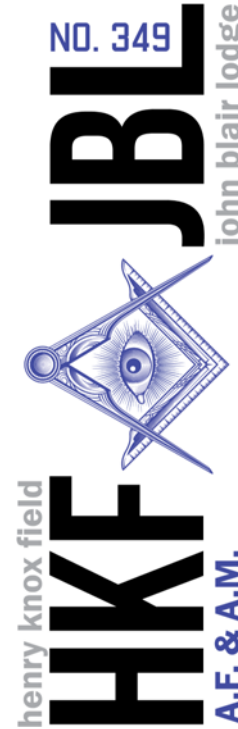
For more than a century, Freemasons have held fast to the belief that Masons did not murder William Morgan; rather they deported him to Canada. In "Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry", author, journalist and Freemason Stephen Dafoe disassembles that myth while reassembling the trail of evidence that remains to uncover the facts behind this 183-year-old Masonic cold case.



Contemplative Masonry: Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft

2016 work by C.R. Dunning, Jr.

This guide to the exploration of Freemasonry through contemplative practices like prayer, meditation, breath work, chanting, and visualization has been substantially expanded edition for those seeking to utilize Masonic symbolism and teachings in a way that is practical, accessible, inspiring, and profoundly transformative. Brother Dunning provides Freemasons with a unique system of practices derived directly from the Degrees of Craft Masonry, without reliance upon other religious, spiritual, or esoteric traditions.



2018 COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARD RECIPIENT



Dr. R. Benjamin Hutchens II is the Managing Artistic Director for the Del Ray Kinderchoir 2018-2019 season and the Director of Music Ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church Alexandria. He is a native of Statesville, NC, and a graduate of Furman University, the University of Alabama, and the University of North Carolina. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting. Hutchens has served churches for more than two decades and came to Westminster after seven years of service as Director of Music at All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church and as Director of Vocal Studies at Georgetown Day School, both in Washington, DC.

We honor Hutchens for his deep commitment to bringing people of all ages and abilities together through music—an aim that aligns well with the Masonic study of the Liberal Art of Music. Ensembles under his direction have enjoyed performances at the White House, National Gallery of Art, and in the great churches of Europe. For the Kinderchoir, he welcomes small children to the joys of choral performance. At Westminster, Hutchens serves as the organist and directs vocal and hand bell choirs of all ages. In addition, Hutchens maintains a robust performance schedule as a violinist and vocalist.

Dr. Hutchens will receive his award at the October Stated Communication Fellowship Dinner. Del Ray Kinderchoir Families and representatives of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be in attendance.

OCTOBER ENLIGHTENMENT

This monthly section will explore aspects of the Craft for further thought and consideration. If there is a topic that you would like to share with the brethren in this section, please email it in a Word document to Wor. Froggett.



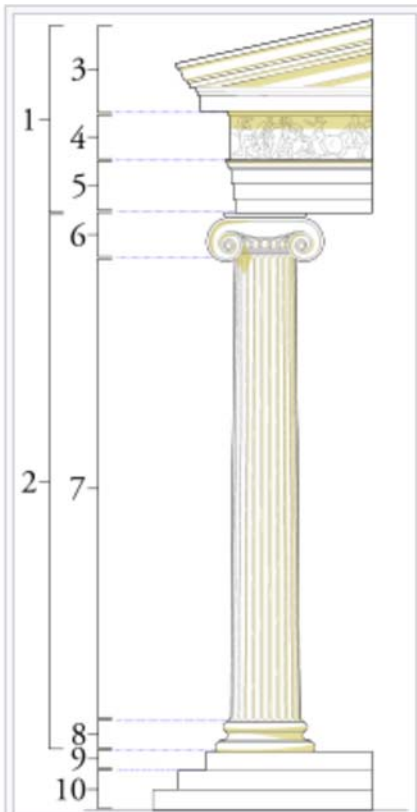
Ionic Order in Architecture (from Wikipedia)

The major features of the Ionic order are the volutes of its capital, which have been the subject of much theoretical and practical discourse, based on a brief and obscure passage in *Vitruvius*. The only tools required to design these features were a straight-edge, a right angle, string (to establish half-lengths), and a compass.

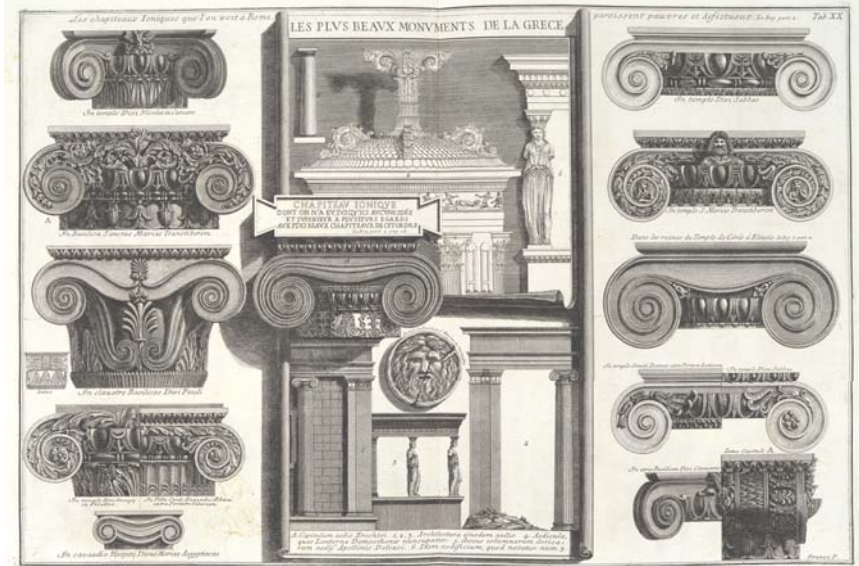
Below the volutes, the Ionic column may have a wide collar or banding separating the capital from the fluted shaft, or a swag of fruit and flowers may swing from the clefts or "neck" formed by the volutes.

The Ionic column is always more slender than the Doric; therefore, it always has a base: Ionic columns are eight and nine column-diameters tall, and even more in the Antebellum colonnades of late American Greek revival plantation houses. Ionic columns are most often fluted. After a little early experimentation, the number of hollow flutes in the shaft settled at 24. This standardization kept the fluting in a familiar proportion to the diameter of the column at any scale, even when the height of the column was exaggerated. Roman fluting leaves a little of the column surface between each hollow; Greek fluting runs out to a knife edge that was easily scarred.

The entablature resting on the columns has three parts: a plain architrave divided into two, or more generally three, bands, with a frieze resting on it that may be richly sculptural, and a cornice built up with dentils (like the closely spaced ends of joists), with a corona ("crown") and cyma ("ogee") molding to support the projecting roof. Pictorial often narrative bas relief frieze carving provides a characteristic feature of the Ionic order.



Ionic order: 1 – entablature, 2 – column, 3 – cornice, 4 – frieze, 5 – architrave or epistyle, 6 – capital (composed of abacus and volutes), 7 – shaft, 8 – base, 9 – stylobate, 10 – krepis.



Various Roman Ionic capitals compared with Greek examples from Le Roy [S. Maria in Trastevere, S. Paolo fuori le Mura, S. Clemente, etc.], from *Della Magnificenza e d'Architettura de' Romani* (On the Grandeur and the Architecture of the Romans by Gio. Battista Piranesi, Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of London), tab. 20 etching, mid-18th century

Giovanni Battista Piranesi (Italian, Mogliano Veneto 1720–1778 Rome)
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

The Ionic order originated in the mid-6th century BC in Ionia, the southwestern coastland and islands of Asia Minor settled by Ionian Greeks, where an Ionian dialect was spoken. The Ionic order column was being practiced in mainland Greece in the 5th century BC. It was most popular in the Archaic Period (750–480 BC) in Ionia. The first of the great Ionic temples was the Temple of Hera on Samos, built about 570–560 BC by the architect Rhoikos. It stood for only a decade before it was leveled by an earthquake. A longer-lasting 6th century Ionic temple was the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Following the conquests of Alexander the Great in the east, a few examples of the Ionic order can be found as far as Pakistan with the Jandial temple near Taxila. Several examples of capitals displaying Ionic influences can be seen as far away as Patna, India, especially with the Pataliputra capital, dated to the 3rd century BC, and seemingly derived from the design of the Ionic anta capital.

Vitruvius, a practicing architect who worked in the time of Augustus, reports that the Doric column had its initial basis in the proportions of the male body, while Ionic columns took on a "slenderness" inspired by the female body. Though he does not name his source for such a self-conscious and "literary" approach, it must be in traditions passed on from Hellenistic architects, such as Hermogenes of Priene, the architect of a famed temple of Artemis at Magnesia on the Meander in Lydia (now Turkey).



MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA — RICHMOND, VA. 4A174

MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA FAMILY DAY

October 13, 2018

Save the Date! Bring your Family! Support the Masonic Home!

GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
November 8-11, 2018, Richmond Virginia

Join us for the annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia. The lodge will reserve a small block of shared rooms for the Brethren. Please notify us right away if you plan to attend as part of the lodge.



RSVP to attend at fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS *and Our Brother!*

Brother Nathan Powell is currently serving our country as a Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force. He has been deployed for a year stint in Qatar. To provide our Brother some comfort while he is away from his family and his Lodge, we are pulling together a care package. Please bring an item (and possibly a note) to the October Stated Communication.

Many of you have served and know exactly what might make Bro. Powell a little less homesick. For those who need a little help, the Veterans United Network has the following suggestions. Downtime items—books (load up an e-reader), cards, games, movies, music. Personal items—high quality body wash, lip balm, sunscreen, baby wipes, and pain-relieving topical cream (like IcyHot) can be luxuries for the deployed. Snacks—beef jerky, sunflower seeds, things that remind the guys of home (like condiments—Taco Bell sauce packets ship wonderfully and barbecue sauce makes everything taste better). Sentimental things—sit down and write a letter. Bro. Powell was deployed right after being raised. Many didn't get to know him well. Take this opportunity to tell him more about yourself and your Masonic journey.

BRING ITEMS TO THE OCTOBER STATED FOR THE CARE PACKAGE



ALIVE!

1 out of 5 Alexandrians struggle to put food on their tables. Alexandria Masonic Lodges unite to end hunger in our community. Donate every time you come to lodge (barrel in anteroom).

Most Needed Foods:

Fruit (canned), Meat and Fish (canned chicken, tuna, stew, hash, ravioli, etc.), Oatmeal (boxes with singer serve packets), Hearty Soups (canned), Pasta/ Spaghetti, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice (boxed or bagged)

MASONRY TUESDAYS:

Erect temples to virtue & dig dungeons for vices.

Regular Masonic gatherings are the lifeblood of strong lodges. Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge will host Tuesday night ritual schools all year (check Trestleboard for changes). Each brother should make Tuesday evenings a priority for Masonic Work. Get in the habit.



2018 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.

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Stated Communication:

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