



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 ■ A.F. & A.M. ■ VIRGINIA

APRIL 2019 TRESTLEBOARD

A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Brethren, it is April.

April is the birth month of our two lodge patrons—Most Worshipful Henry Knox Field, and Most Worshipful John Blair. We will commemorate both of these exemplar Masonic brothers this month in this Trestleboard (see page 4-5), during our Stated Communication, and during our special breakfast and wreath laying on April 20th at the grave of MW Henry Knox Field.

April is also the month in which we will recognize and appreciate our Masonic youth organizations. This year is the 100th anniversary of the Order of Demolay. Jacque Demolay was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and the inspiration of the youth organization which bears his name. On April 1st, all Demolay regions worldwide commemorated their 100th anniversary by holding a simultaneous Demolay beginning at 7:45 pm local. In our region, this was held at Springfield Lodge #217, and it was truly impressive. To learn more about Demolay Ritual, see pages 6-7 of this Trestleboard.

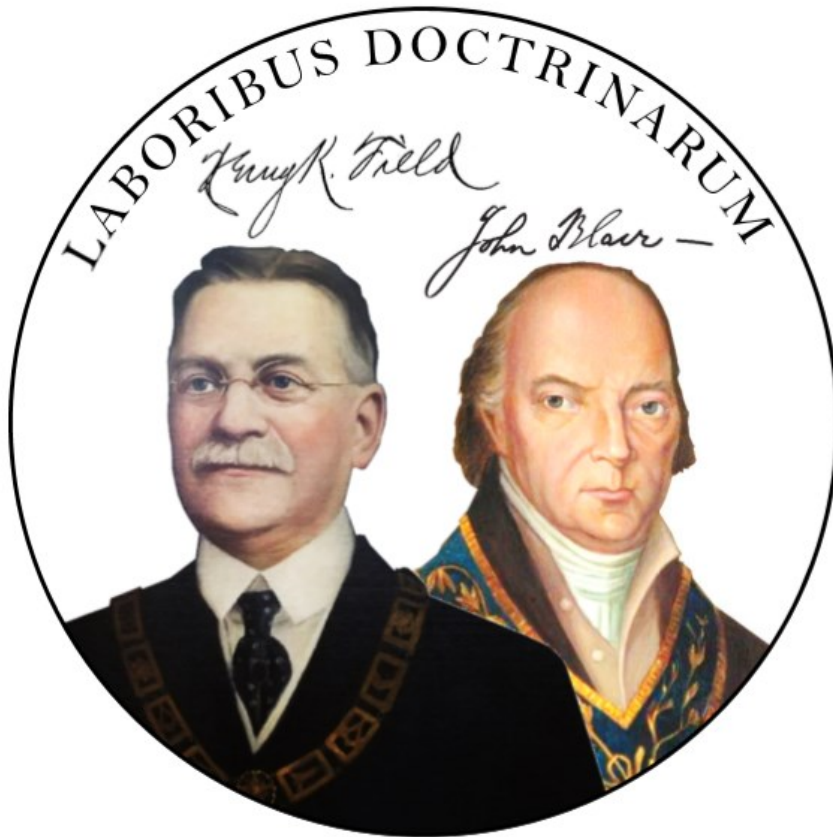
During our Stated Communication, we will receive an Entered Apprentice catechism return from Bro. Arnold McNeal. Many thanks to Bro. Arnold for his labors in learning his catechism, and to Bro. TJ Fisher, our Senior Warden, and to Wor. Daniel Froggett, for teaching and mentoring our brother along his path. We will also vote on nominations for District Deputy Grand Master for the Masonic Year 2021 during the Stated.

Another important date to track is Saturday, April 13th, which is part 1 of the William Hiram Wood School, which will be hosted at Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 at the GW Masonic Memorial. All lodge officers are required to attend, but the session is open to all Master Masons. As this is the second Saturday of the month, we will not host our regularly scheduled lodge breakfast.

Finally, this month has five Tuesdays, so we will host our fellowship dinner on Tuesday, April 30. As a wrap up of Masonic Youth Organization Month, we will host a program presented by Jobs Daughters Bethel #22.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Erik N. Schultz



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Upcoming Events

"Learning and Labor"

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

April

Tues, Apr 2 District Ritual School, Kemper Macon Ware

Sun, Apr 7 SLOT, 3 pm, Kemper Macon Ware

Tues, Apr 9 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Presentation on Lodge Patrons

Sat, Apr 13 NO LODGE BREAKFAST

William Hiram Wood Ritual School, Part 1

Sat, Apr 20 Annual HKF Breakfast

Wreath Laying at Henry Knox Field's Grave

Tues, Apr 30 5th Tues Fellowship Dinner: Masonic Youth Night

April Masonic Birthdays

Ralph H. Barnes	April 18, 1950
Robert C. Barrett	April 29, 1980
Duane H. Brown	April 18, 1961
John E. Church	April 25, 1973
James N. Dietz	April 15, 1975
Melton E. Donaldson	April 4, 1967
Billy R. Estep, Sr.	April 15, 1975
Jaime H. Flores	April 22, 2009
William V. Gilbert	April 5, 2011
Robert E. Goodwin	April 21, 1959
Anastasios T. Grypeos	April 21, 1998
Jack G. Henderson	April 15, 1963
Carl H. Johnson, Jr.	April 6, 1976
Jimmie O. Kever	April 24, 1962
John H. King	April 12, 1977
Eddie S. Longman	April 19, 1983
Steven Ray Meek	April 23, 2011
Robert R. Miller	April 18, 1953
William O. Ray	April 20, 1993
Jeff B. Remer	April 18, 2006
Billy J. Sams	April 30, 1991
Ralph E. Simmons	April 25, 1979
Gerald D. Van Antwerp	April 4, 1972
Eric W. Werner	April 4, 1991
Edward Robert Wilcox	April 30, 2015
Robert D. Williams	April 29, 1986
Matthew L. Wood	April 24, 2007

MW John Blair: A Biography

John Blair Jr. (April 17, 1732 – August 31, 1800) was an American politician, Founding Father and jurist. He was Master of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6 and the inaugural Grand Master of Masons in Virginia upon its organization in 1778. He served in the post of Grand Master until 1784.



Blair was one of the best-trained jurists of his day. A famous legal scholar, he avoided the tumult of state politics, preferring to work behind the scenes. He was devoted to the idea of a permanent union of the newly independent states and loyally supported fellow Virginians James Madison and George Washington at the Constitutional Convention. His greatest contribution as a Founding Father came not in Philadelphia, but later as a judge on the Virginia court of appeals and on the U.S. Supreme Court, where he influenced the interpretation of the Constitution in several important decisions. Contemporaries praised Blair for such personal strengths as gentleness and benevolence, and for his ability to penetrate immediately to the heart of a legal question.

Born in Williamsburg, Colony of Virginia Blair was a member of a prominent Virginia family. John Blair, Sr., his father, served on the Virginia Council and was for a time acting Royal governor. His granduncle, James Blair, was founder and first president of the College of William & Mary. Blair attended William & Mary, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1754. In 1755 he went to London to study law at the Middle Temple. Returning home to practice law, he was quickly thrust into public life, beginning his public career shortly after the close of the French and Indian War with his election to the seat reserved for the College of William and Mary in the House of Burgesses (1766–70). He went on to become clerk of the Royal Governor's Council, the upper house of the colonial legislature (1770–75).

Blair originally joined the moderate wing of the Patriot cause. He opposed Patrick Henry's extremist resolutions in protest of the Stamp Act, but the dissolution of the House of Burgesses by Parliament profoundly altered his views. In response to a series of Parliamentary taxes on the colonies, Blair joined George Washington and others in 1770 and again in 1774 to draft nonimportation agreements which pledged their supporters to cease importing British goods until the taxes were repealed. In the latter year he reacted to Parliament's passage of the Intolerable Acts by joining those calling for a Continental Congress and pledging support for the people of Boston who were suffering economic hardship because of Parliament's actions.

When the Revolution began, Blair became deeply involved in the government of his state. He served as a member of the convention that drew up Virginia's constitution (1776) and held a number of important committee positions, including a seat on the Committee of 28 that framed Virginia's Declaration of Rights and plan of government. He served on the Privy Council, Governor Patrick Henry's major advisory group (1776–78). The legislature elected him to a judgeship in the general court in 1778 and soon thereafter to the post of chief justice. He was also elected to Virginia's high court of chancery (1780), where his colleague was George Wythe, later a fellow delegate to the Constitutional Convention. These judicial appointments automatically made Blair a member of Virginia's first court of appeals. On the Virginia Court of Appeals, Blair participated in *The Commonwealth of Virginia v. Caton et al.* (1782), which set the precedent that courts can deem legislative acts unconstitutional. This decision was a precursor to the United States Supreme Court decision in *Marbury v. Madison*.

George Washington nominated Blair to the Supreme Court of the United States on September 24, 1789. The United States Senate confirmed his appointment on September 26, 1789. Washington signed Blair's commission on September 30. Justice Blair participated in the Court's landmark case of *Chisholm v. Georgia*, which is considered the first United States Supreme Court case of significance and impact. Blair resigned the Court in 1796, and died in Williamsburg in 1800, aged 68.

[100 Year Anniversary: Demolay Ritual](#)

In early 1919, Bro. Frank S. Land met a newly fatherless young man and was inspired to start a club for him and his friends at the Kansas City Scottish Rite. Dad Land and the nine initial club members named it after the last leader of the mysterious Knights Templar. The first official meeting of the new club was March 24, 1919, one hundred years ago this month.

Club membership grew through the spring and summer following its founding. The club had a championship baseball team, social activities and civic projects, but Dad Land felt something was missing. He wanted the club to have a distinctive quality and asked his friend, Frank Marshall, to write a ritual for it. Marshall was in the Council of Kadosh officer line at the Rite with Dad Land, the drama and music critic of the *Kansas City Journal* and a poet.

Dad Land suggested to Marshall a two-part ritual. One part would “[d]ramatize the years of growing as a youth to fulfill a dream - a sort of crown - a Crown of Youth.” Dad Land said that the ritual of the first part or degree should teach values: love of parents, a religious emphasis that would appeal to boys of any faith, courtesy, patriotism, comradeship, the fidelity of Jacques DeMolay and clean living. For the second degree, Dad Land suggested a tableau dramatizing the story of DeMolay with all the trappings of a fully staged Scottish Rite Degree. Marshall was intrigued, accepted the challenge and over the summer wrote a first draft which he presented to Dad Land. The two continued to refine the ritual until on Saturday, September 27, 1919 the first class of candidates received both degrees using Marshall's ritual.

That first ritual is close to the current DeMolay ritual, although several items have been added to it in the intervening years. The DeMolay ritual is more like Scottish Rite ritual of the early Twentieth Century than lodge ritual, which is understandable in that the club sponsor was Adoniram Lodge of Perfection in the Kansas City Scottish Rite. Also, Dad Land made it clear to the boys while they were still discussing the club's formation that



Jacque Demolay, last Grand Master of the Order of the Knights Templar (credit: Britannica.com)

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The DeMolay Initiatory Degree includes an interesting approach to present its lessons to the candidates after their obligation. Its presentation is divided among seven preceptors, a concept not found in lodge or Scottish Rite work. Explanatory lectures in those bodies are generally done by one or two officers only. In this regard, the DeMolay Preceptors' role is more like Eastern Star's use of Star Points, the ritual for which assumed its current form in the 1870's. Marshall was a Past Patron in Eastern Star. This approach has the benefit of involving more people and cutting down on the ritual work which any one person must memorize.

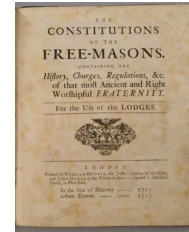
The DeMolay Degree is what Dad Land wanted: a tableau dramatizing the story of DeMolay with all the trappings of a fully staged Scottish Rite Degree. It was inspired by the Scottish Rite 30°, Knight Kadosh, the key elements of which were invented in 1743 by the Masons of Lyons, France. The 30° encourages Knights Kadosh to work against tyranny in whatever form it appears. The degree is inspired by the life and death of Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. DeMolay was killed in 1314 by order of the French King, and the Knights Templar were forced to disband. DeMolay would not betray his knightly companions when tempted to do so by the King, a virtue worthy of imitation.

The 30° only refers to but does not dramatize DeMolay's trial and subsequent burning at the stake. The DeMolay Degree does, making it the prequel in motion picture parlance for the 30°. Many of Masonry's higher degrees are prequels or sequels to a prior degree. To see a dramatization of DeMolay's story however, a Mason must go to a DeMolay Degree!

The 30° together with the 3° and 18° form a Masonic trilogy, each about a martyr who has attained the wisdom to choose that which is right and the courage to pursue that choice, no matter the consequences, even death. The DeMolay Degree is in essence the 3° for teenage boys, hence its power to inspire DeMolays to do what is right.

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R. Stephen Doan, FPS, President



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.

Chapter 1, Section III: Concerning Private Qualities and Duties

"In regard to himself, whoever would be a Mason should know how to practice all the private virtues. He should avoid all manner of intemperance or excess, which might obstruct his laudable duties of his Craft, or lead him into crimes which would reflect dishonor on the Ancient Fraternity. He is to be industrious in his profession, and true to the Lord and Master he serves. He is to labor justly and not to eat any man's bread for nought, but to pay truly for his meat and drink. What leisure his labor allows, he is to employ in studying the arts and sciences with a diligent mind, that he may the better perform all his duties to his Creator, his country, his neighbor, and himself. For, in a few words, "to walk humbly in the sight of God, to do justice, and love mercy," are the truly indispensable characteristics of a real Free and Accepted Mason.

For the better attainment of these shining qualities he is to seek and to acquire, as far as possible, the virtues of patience, meekness, self-denial, forbearance, and the like, which give him the command over himself, and enable him to govern his own family with affection, dignity, and prudence; at the same time checking every disposition injurious to the world, and promoting that love and service which Brethren of the same Lodge or household owe to each other. Therefore to afford succor to the distressed, to divide our bread with the industrious poor, and to put the misguided traveler into the way, are qualities inherent in the Craft, and suitable to its dignity. But though a Mason is never to shut his ear unkindly to the complaints of any of the human species, yet when a Brother is oppressed or suffers, he is in a more peculiar manner called to open his whole soul in love and compassion to him, and to relieve without prejudice, according to his capacity."

Here are some questions to contemplate:

1. What is the value of avoiding intemperance or excess? The Entered Apprentice lecture speaks to this—so what does that mean in practice?
2. This passage speaks of a Mason's "duties to his Creator, his country, his neighbor, and himself." This is similar to the assurance which the Worshipful Master gives to each candidate prior to taking on his obligation. What does this say about the relative priorities of a Mason's life?

NINE LODGES IN DISTRICT 1A!

**NOTE THE DISTRICT RITUAL SCHOOL DAYS AND TIMES.
LET'S GET OUT AND LEARN AND LABOR WITH OUR BRETHREN!**

Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22

101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria, VA. 22301 (GWMNM, South Lodge Room)

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

District Ritual School 4th Wednesday, 7 pm

<http://aw22.org>

Andrew Jackson Lodge #120

101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria, VA. 22301 (GWMNM, North Lodge Room)

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm

<http://www.andrewjackson120.org>

Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge #81

1 S George Mason Drive. Arlington, VA. 22204

Meets 4th Monday, 7:30 pm

<http://www.acgl81.com/>

Cherrydale-Columbia Lodge #42

3805 Lee Highway. Arlington, VA. 22207

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday (except July & August, meets 3rd only), 7:30 pm

District Ritual School 2nd Monday, 7 pm

<https://cherrydalecolumbialodge.wordpress.com>

Concord Lodge #307

146 Church Street NE. Vienna, VA. 22180

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm

<http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/lodges/307/>

Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54

6911 Columbia Pike. Annandale, VA. 22003

Meets 3rd Monday (except December, 1st Monday), 7:30 pm

<http://etl54.org/>

Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge #64

411 Little Falls Street. Falls Church, VA. 22046

Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

District 1A Ritual School 1st Tuesday, 7 pm

<http://kmw64.org>

Sharon Lodge #327

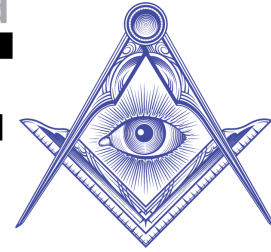
999 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

<https://www.sharonlodgemclean.org/>

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Erik N. Schultz, Worshipful Master	F. Paul Norris, Musician
Timothy J. Fisher, Senior Warden	Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Tiler Lodge Instructor of Work
Clayton J. Mitchell, Junior Warden	Wor. Jaime H. Flores
Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer	Webmaster Lodge Education Officer
Wor. Patrick A. Wood, Secretary	
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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.