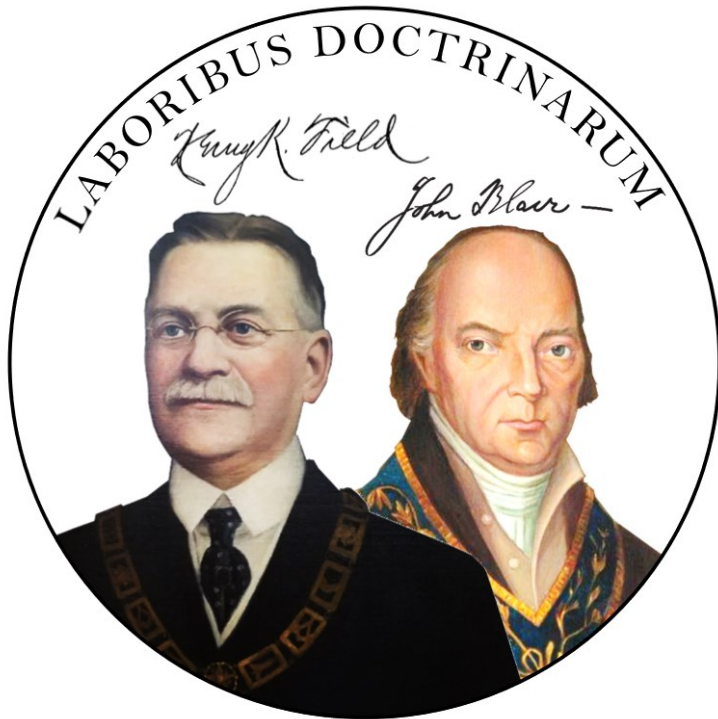
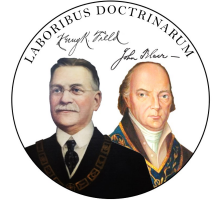




# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

JULY 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Welcome to the July heat!

I want to start off with a HUGE THANK YOU to Wor. Daniel Froggett and everyone who helped set up June's Table Lodge! It was a really wonderful evening of food and fellowship. As I said that evening, I also really enjoyed the responses to the toasts, so thank you to our respondents for your thoughtful prose.

**July 20th is a big day.** Called Communication for MM Degree beginning at 2 pm, and the GMOV beginning at 6 pm. Deadline to RSVP for GMOV is July 10th. See me for tickets, \$20/each. Ladies are welcome to attend!

Also, don't forget about Lodge Breakfast on Saturday, July 13.

Looking ahead to August, we will host a Joint Stated Communication with our brothers from Kemper Macon Ware #64 on Tuesday, August 13. KMW and HKF-JB hold their Stated Communications on the same night, so this is intended to become another summertime tradition for our lodges.

Sincerely & Fraternally,



*Erik N. Schultz*

## Upcoming Events

*"Learning and Labor"*

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

### July

Tues, July 9 **Stated Communication—BBQ/Cookout Lodge!**  
(Shorts and polo shirts permitted!)

**Wed, July 10** **Deadline to RSVP for GMOV**

Sat, July 13 Lodge Breakfast (Bring Friends & Family!)

**Sat, July 20** **Called Communication: Master Mason Degree**  
**2 pm, ASR**

**Grand Master Official Visit, ASR**

Social: 6 pm; Dinner: 6:30 pm

Tues, July 30 **5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner**

### August

Sat, Aug 10 Lodge Breakfast (Bring Friends & Family!)

Tues, Aug 13 Joint Stated Communication w/KMW #64

## July Masonic Birthdays

Mike R. Aulicino	July 7, 1998
David M. Flockhart	July 5, 1983
Kenneth J. Head	July 30, 1985
Maurice W. Healy	July 18, 1990
Robert G. Hook	July 19, 2005
Robert R. Lyons	July 12, 1988
Roger D. Moore	July 18, 1972
Daryl J. Mull	July 28, 2002
Grant P. Routzohn	July 20, 2002
Richard L. Stickles, Sr.	July 16, 1968
Thomas A. Stubbs, Jr	July 28, 1984
Travis B. Vail	July 11, 1996
Richard A. Whitener	July 29, 1969

## Wor. Bro. George Washington:

***When was he REALLY born?***

During last month's Table Lodge, our guest presenter, Wor. Jon T. Ruark, highlighted an interesting point regarding the the date of Wor. Bro. George Washington's birth and initiation into the Mysteries of Freemasonry. He was born February 22, 1732, and Initiated at Fredericksburg Lodge #4 on November 4, 1752, according to the Gregorian calendar which we currently use.

Doing the math, does that mean that Bro. George Washington was 20 (not 21) years old when he was Initiated? If so, does that mean that he was not "of lawful age?"

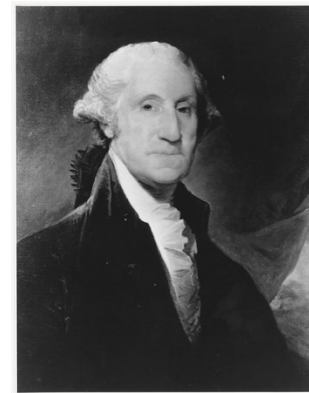
Fear not, brethren. According to the National Archives website (<https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/washington>):

*"George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732."*

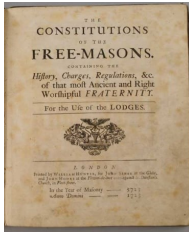
The difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars increases by 1 day every leap year. *At the time of Bro. Washington's birth, the difference between the two calendars was 1 year and 11 days, hence the date discrepancy.* (Source: <https://stevemorse.org/jcal/julian.html>)



So by the time Britain and her colonies (including the American colonies) had adopted the Gregorian calendar on September 14, 1752, Bro. Washington had already celebrated his 21st birthday on February 11, 1752 under the Julian calendar. So regardless of which calendar was in operation on the night of Bro. Washington's initiation, he had lived over 21 years on Earth.



Copy of painting of G.W. by Gilbert Stuart, 1931-32



## 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 2, Sec IV: Concerning the Behavior of Masons in Their Private Character

**When not in a formal Lodge:** “You are to salute each other in a courteous manner, calling each other Brother, and freely communicating hints of knowledge, but without disclosing secrets unless to those who have given long proof of their taciturnity and honor. In this friendly intercourse, no Brother shall derogate from the respect due to another, were he not a Mason. For though all Masons, as Brothers, are upon the level, yet Masonry divests no man of the honors due to him before, or that may become due after he was made a Mason.”

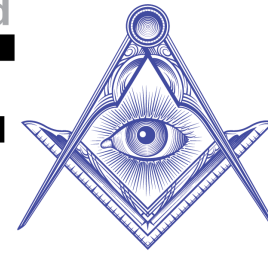
**When at home and in your Neighborhood:** “Masons ought to be moral men... they should be good husbands, good parents, good sons, and good neighbors, not staying too long from home, avoiding all excess injurious to themselves or families, and wise as to all affairs, both of their own household and of their Lodge, for certain reasons known to themselves.”

**Behind a Brother’s back as well as before his face:** “Free and accepted Masons have ever been charged to avoid all manner of slandering and backbiting of true and faithful Brethren, with all malice and unjust resentment, or talking disrespectfully of a Brother’s person or performance. Nor must they suffer any others to spread unjust reproaches or calumnies against a Brother behind his back, nor to injure him in his fortune, occupation, or character; but they shall defend such a Brother, and give him notice of any danger or injury wherewith he may be threatened, to enable him to escape the same, as far as is consistent with honor, prudence, and the safety of religion, morality, and the state, but no further.”

**To contemplate:** This passage outlines two primary teachings for Masons: 1.) how we treat each other, and 2.) how we treat non-Masons. These teachings are summarized by the symbolism of the Plumb, the Level, and the Square, and are reinforced in the Charge given at the closing of every Master Mason lodge. The degree to which we emulate these teachings in our daily lives speaks to our success in our Masonic journey, and strongly influences the non-Masons’ views of the Craft.

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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                                       |
| Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer    | Webmaster<br>Lodge Education Officer                       |
| Wor. Patrick A. Wood, Secretary        |  |
| Mark A. Boughner, Senior Deacon        |  |
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| 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.*