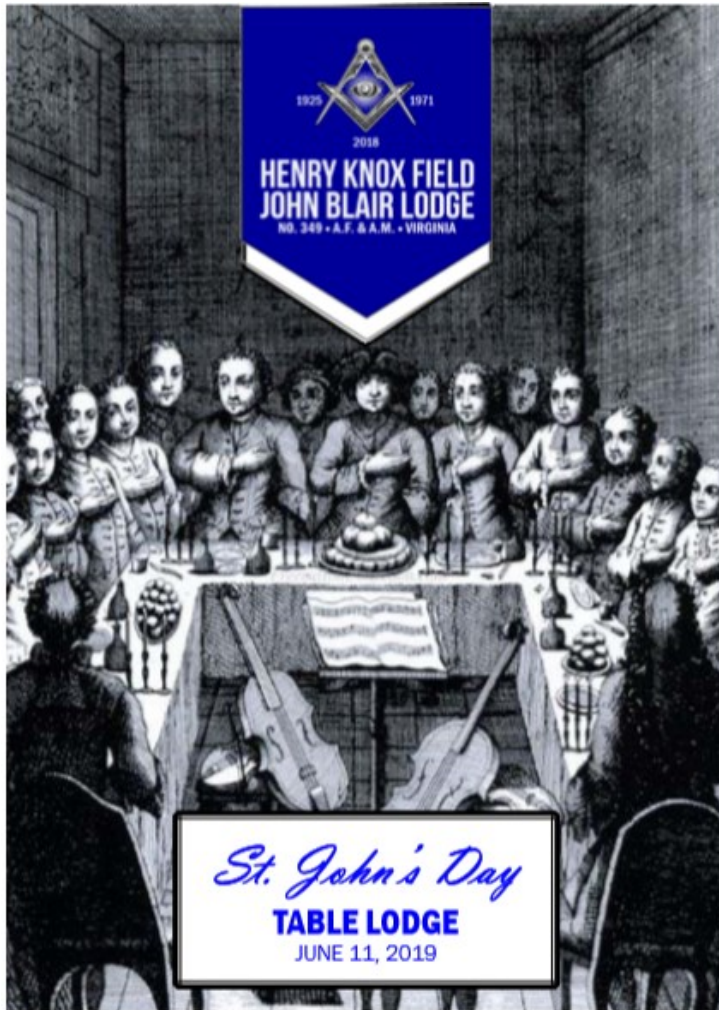




# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

JUNE 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

With the arrival of June, it's hard to believe that this year is almost half-way over! Indeed, the lapse of time continues unabated, towards that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. Thus, our learning and labor must continue!

For the 3rd year now, the June Stated Communication on June 11 will be a highlight of the Masonic year—our annual Table Lodge! I would like to thank Wor. Daniel Froggett and all the brethren that have helped him for volunteering to pull this year's Table Lodge together. Our guest speaker this year will be. Wor. Jon Ruark, PM of Patriot Lodge #1957 in Fairfax, VA. He will speak on the history of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Please see page 4 of this Trestleboard for his biography. I'm looking forward to a great night!

Also, on Saturday, June 15, there will be another District Blood Drive, this time hosted at Sharon Lodge #327, from 8 am to 12 noon. See the upcoming events section for the address. Bro. Alvaro Torrico, our District Blood Coordinator, is encouraging each lodge to provide two blood donors, be they brethren, family, or friends of the lodge. If you are available on June 15, I highly encourage you to stop by and donate blood.

Looking ahead to July, we have several important events coming up. Our July Stated Communication on July 9 will be another favorite HKF-JB tradition—the BBQ lodge! In case you don't get enough BBQ on the 4th of July, our meal will be cookout BBQ style. Also, given the more casual nature of this Stated—and the fact that the DC metro gets HOT in July—shorts and polo shirts are authorized and encouraged!

On July 20 is the Grand Master Official Visit to Districts 1A & 1B, hosted at the Alexandria Scottish Rite. Social begins at 6 pm, and dinner follows at 6:30 pm. I have tickets, they are \$20/each. Ladies are welcome to attend. We are tentatively planning on hosting a Master Mason Degree (with the GM in attendance) prior to the GMOV. More to come soon on that effort.

Other events include Lodge Breakfast on Saturday, July 13 and a 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner on July 30. We have plenty of fun ahead of us!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

*Erik N. Schultz*



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## Upcoming Events

*"Learning and Labor"*

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

### June

Wed, June 5 Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Presentation  
**Tues, June 11 Stated Communication—3rd Annual Table Lodge**  
 Sat, June 15 District Blood Drive: Sharon Lodge #327, 8a-12p  
 999 Balls Hill Rd. McLean, VA 22101  
 Tues, June 18 Lodge Ritual & Catechism School

### July

Tues, July 2 Lodge Ritual & Catechism School  
 Tues, July 9 **Stated Communication—BBQ/Cookout Lodge!**  
**(Shorts and polo shirts permitted!)**  
 Sat, July 13 Lodge Breakfast  
 Tues, July 16 Lodge Ritual & Catechism School  
 Sat, July 20 Called Communication: Master Mason Degree  
**Grand Master Official Visit, ASR**  
 Social: 6 pm; Dinner: 6:30 pm  
 Tues, July 30 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner

## June Masonic Birthdays

Max S. Abraham	June 2, 1981
Tyler Anderson	June 4, 2008
David T. Armstrong	June 27, 2000
James M. Armstrong	June 15, 1996
Johnnie C. Baker	June 18, 1957
Michael A. Conner, Sr.	June 4, 1985
Antonio Damiani	June 13, 1972
George M. Dreitlein	June 19, 1962
James W. Gladden, IV	June 9, 1992
John L. Griggs	June 14, 1988
David E. Hartzell	June 26, 2001
James M. Helms, Sr.	June 17, 1975
William S. Kelly	June 21, 1968
Michael E. King	June 30, 1998
Jack M. Lee	June 1, 1976
Lawrence I. McGuire	June 28, 1966
Jack G. McKay	June 1, 1976
William J. Miller, Jr.	June 20, 1961
Eugene M. Morrison	June 12, 1956
Michael L. Parra, Jr.	June 15, 1996
Russell E. Peverell	June 18, 1985

## June Masonic Birthdays (cont'd)

Kenneth R. Reynolds	June 23, 1999
Robert J. Rohrback	June 14, 1967
Robert E. Roush, Sr.	June 15, 1996
Robert E. Roush, Jr.	June 9, 1999
Garrett C. Sanborn	June 1, 1982
James W. Schoonmaker, III	June 13, 2001
Charles E. Shultzaberger	June 16, 1964
Conwesley R. Simmons, Jr.	June 14, 1955
Roger L. Smith, Sr.	June 7, 1977
William J. Solomon	June 30, 1982
Thomas G. Staples	June 21, 1966
Michael D. Toobin	June 6, 1978
Larry E. Williams	June 7, 1983

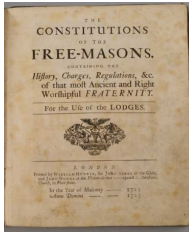


### Table Lodge Guest Presenter: Wor. Jon Ruark

Wor. Jon T. Ruark is a Past Master and charter member of The Patriot Lodge No. 1957. He is also Past High Priest of Loudoun Chapter #55 Royal Arch Masons, and holds membership in the Scottish Rite, SRICF, and Allied Masonic Degrees.

He is the creator and co-host of The Masonic Roundtable, a live show and podcast dedicated to Masonic education, and his personal research interests lean toward esoteric and philosophical subjects. He also co-authored a book called *"It's Business Time: Adapting a Corporate Path for Freemasonry,"* with fellow TMR host RW Robert Johnson.

Outside of Masonry, Jon has Electrical and Computer Engineering degrees from Johns Hopkins University, and a Master's degree in Information Security & Assurance from George Mason University. Vocationally, Jon is a life-long learner who teaches agile and lean-startup methods to the government. He lives in Herndon, Virginia with his wife and 4 daughters.



## 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 2, Section III: Concerning Behavior of Masons as Members of a Lodge

*Of Behavior in the Lodge while open:* “While the lodge is open for work, Masons must hold no private conversation or committees, without leave from the Master; nor talk of anything foreign or impertinent to the work in hand; nor interrupt the Master or Wardens; or any other Brother addressing himself to the chair; nor act ludicrously while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; but every brother shall pay due reverence to the Master, the Wardens, and all his Fellows, and put them to worship.

No private piques, or quarrels about nations, families religions or politics, must be brought within the doors of the Lodge, as being directly contrary to the rules already laid down—Masons being bound to live upon the square, level, and plumb with each other, following the steps of their predecessors in cultivating the peace and harmony of the lodge, without distinction of sect or political party.”

*Of Behavior after the lodge is closed and before the Brethren depart home:* “When the lodge is closed, and the labors of the day finished, the Brethren, before they depart home to their rest, may enjoy themselves with innocent mirth, enlivened and exalted with their own peculiar songs; and sublimes pieces of music, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess and compulsion, both in eating and drinking; considering each other in the hours both of labor and festivity as always free.”

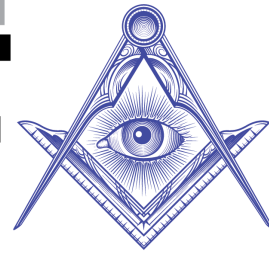
No questions this time, just some thoughts to contemplate:

1. The first paragraph alludes to the solemnity which attends a tiled lodge, as well as the prohibition against discussing religion or politics, as they will likely disrupt the harmony which is so necessary and desirous in lodge. We have always been a very friendly lodge here in Henry Knox Field-John Blair, and I know we will continue to adhere to this important Masonic principle.

2. The second paragraph alludes to the tradition of the festive board following lodge labor. The table lodge which we hold this month is similar, though it combines the business of a tiled lodge with the cheer and fellowship of a festive board. We also oftentimes attend our favorite “lodge of refreshment” following most lodge meetings, consistent with this well-established tradition.

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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        |  |
| 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.*