



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

The leaves have turned colors, the temperatures are consistently colder, my furnace has been on for about two weeks.... AND THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS ARE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS! Welcome to November

Congratulations to the Summers Twins, Matthew and Samuel, on being passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 22! They will continue learning the FC catechism with their brother, JD, and father, Rusty. We look forward to raising them to the sublime degree of Master Mason sometime early next year!

The 241st Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia just concluded this past weekend. I, along with Bros. Clayton Mitchell, Mark Boughner, and Korosh Yazdanpanah attended from Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge #349. I was the voting delegate. The voting delegates unanimously elected Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones as the 175th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. His theme is "Loyalty & Kindness, A Lasting Impression" There were NO resolutions for vote—the previous resolution No. 19-01, that would have amended Sec 1.73 of the *Methodical Digest* to change the number of members of the Committee on Lodge Services—was rescinded.

During this month's Stated Communication, I will give a short program on the history of Veterans Day, which is commemorated every November 11th. See page 4 of this Trestleboard for some trivia questions, which we will answer during the program.

With quickly coming to a close, and preparations have been for election and installation of officers. We will vote on lodge officers for next year during December's Stated Communication on December 10, with installation on Saturday, December 14th, at 3 pm, at the ASR. Installation practice will be on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 pm, at the ASR. Anyone participating in the installation is required to attend the rehearsal. Contact Bro. TJ Fisher for additional details.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Erik N. Schultz



Upcoming Events

"Learning and Labor"

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

November

Tue, Nov 12 Stated Communication—"History of Veterans Day"
Thu, Nov 14 Fraternal Visit, Centennial Lodge #174, GL of MD
Tue, Nov 19 Lodge Catechism/Ritual School
Thu, Nov 28 **Thanksgiving**

December

Wed, Dec 4 Open Installation Practice, 6:30 pm, ASR
Tue, Dec 10 Stated Communication
Election of Lodge Officers for 2020
Sat, Dec 14 Open Installation of Officers for 2020, 3 pm, ASR

November Masonic Birthdays

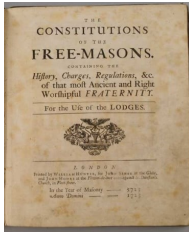
Samuel T. Atkinson	November 20, 1964
Stephen O. Barnett	November 8, 1974
Larry W. Brohard	November 21, 1978
Wayne L. Brown, Sr.	November 18, 1975
John R. Casey, Jr.	November 8, 1960
Ray B. Cobean	November 9, 1954
Roger A. Currin	November 21, 1967
Charles L. Dennis, Sr.	November 20, 1990
John C. Estep	November 2, 1971
Phillip D. Facemire	November 5, 1996
David F. Fletcher	November 19, 1974
Daniel E. Froggett	November 17, 2007
Sherwood M. Glotfelty	November 29, 1955
Robert R. Gruitt	November 1, 1977
B. J. Hall	November 4, 1967
Brooklyn B. Hill, Jr.	November 4, 1967
Morris C. Hoven, Jr.	November 29, 1966
Marcel C. Minutolo	November 8, 1991
Vernon R. Mullins	November 5, 1974
Richard E. Paden	November 15, 1977
George C. Penno	November 25, 1980
Paul A. Robey, Jr.	November 8, 1955
Richard T. Russell, Jr.	November 30, 1948

November Masonic Birthdays (cont'd)

Bobby E. Smith	November 16, 1965
Robert W. Smitherman, Jr.	November 10, 1999
William G. L. Turner	November 8, 1978
Brian A. Urban	November 28, 2006
Dale Weed	November 27, 1974
William A. Westen	November 10, 2005
Charles A. Williamson	November 19, 1974

VETERANS DAY TRIVIA

- 1.) Why do we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11?
- 2.) What was Veterans Day originally called?
- 3.) Who proclaimed the first Veterans Day?
- 4.) When was Veterans Day made an official federal holiday?
- 5.) What is the distinction between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?
- 6.) How many veterans are there currently in the United States?
- 7.) How many female veterans are there currently in the United States?
- 8.) How many veterans are age 65 or older?
- 9.) How many veterans are age 35 or younger?



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 IV: Of Particular Regulations (of a Grand Lodge)

“The election of the officers of the Grand Lodge shall be annual, the Grand Master shall be elected by a majority of ballots, who shall have the privilege of appointing his Deputy. The other Grand Officers shall also be elected by a majority of ballots agreeably to the manner of voting laid down in the succeeding section; all of which elections shall be for one year, and until a new election shall take place.

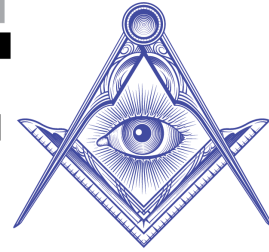
The members of the Grand Lodge, and of all warranted Lodges within their jurisdiction, so far as they have abilities and numbers, have an undoubted right to exercise all degrees of the Ancient Craft, and consequently the Royal Arch; but no Masons of any denomination can hold any Lodge, without warrant for the place where held. Nevertheless, Royal Arch Masons must not be at processions, nor in any other place, except in the Royal Arch Lodge, be distinguished by any garment or badge, different from what belongs to them as officers or members of the Grand, or their own private Lodges.”

Grand Lodge just concluded, and the voting delegates assembled elected the Grand Lodge Officers for the Grand Lodge of Virginia for the ensuing year. As the first passage above indicates, this one-year term for a Grand Lodge officer has been in place since the days of the Book of Constitutions.

The second passage states the exclusive authority of the Grand Lodge within its jurisdiction over the conduct and conferral of the “ancient craft” degrees of masonry—the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. The “higher degrees” of the Scottish and York Rites are conferred by those respective bodies. The second passage above also alludes to the inclusion of the Royal Arch. Didn’t we just learn last that Royal Arch is part of York Rite? Much of the history behind that comes down to the dispute between the Antients and the Moderns. That will be the topic of an education program next year.

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2019 OFFICERS

Erik N. Schultz, Worshipful
Master

Jonathan D. Summers,
Senior Steward

Timothy J. Fisher, Senior
Warden

A Xavier Mariscal, Junior
Steward

Clayton J. Mitchell, Junior
Warden

Korosh Yazdanpanah,
Marshal

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds,

F. Paul Norris, Musician

Wor. Patrick A. Wood,
Secretary

Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Tiler

Mark A. Boughner, Senior
Deacon

Wor. Jaime H. Flores
Webmaster
Lodge Education Officer

Russell A. Summers, Jr.,
Junior Deacon

Ronald E. Markiewicz,
Chaplain



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.