



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

NO. 349 • A.F. & A.M. • VIRGINIA

FEBRUARY 2019 TRESTLEBOARD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST



Happy February!

The year is off to a great start! While the weather outside has been bitter cold at times, and some of our brethren and friends had to endure the challenges of the recent Federal Government shutdown, our Masonic *Learning and Labor* in Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge is well underway.

We had a wonderful turnout for our January Stated Communication; about 30 brothers in all, including all five of our Entered Apprentices, as well as a visiting brother, my friend Wor. JD Walker, the sitting WM of Lafayette Dupont Lodge #19, F.A.A.M, in Washington, DC. Our EAs joined us for dinner and some brief open comments from me, then they remained in the Ante Room during the Stated meeting with our Tiler and LIW, Wor. Daniel Froggett, to practice their catechism. Our EAs continue to meet with their catechism instructors as part of our Tuesday night Lodge Ritual & Catechism Schools, and they are making great progress. Many thanks to the EAs and their instructors for their continued *labor* in their catechism. In fact, I've been informed that one of them will be ready to give his EA proficiency by the end of the month. It's still tentative, but be prepared to attend a Called Communication on Tuesday, February 26 to receive the EA proficiency and/or confer the Fellowcraft degree. More to follow.

I'd also like to thank our Senior Warden, Bro. TJ Fisher, for representing the lodge at the first Masters & Wardens Association meeting for the year on Tuesday, January 22, as I was out of town for work that week. Finally, while the aforementioned winter weather forced us to cancel our 5th Tuesday Fellowship Dinner on January 29, I'd like to thank all of my progressive line officers for braving the continued cold on January 30 and attending the first Correspondence Course held by the District 1A Education Team at Henry Lodge #57 at Fairfax. It was great to see a strong HKF-JB showing!

For our February Stated Communication, we will welcome our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Michael P. Bible, and his District Leadership Team, for their official visit. We also anticipate fraternal visits from Andrew Jackson Lodge #120 and Henry Lodge #327. See the "Upcoming Dates" section (p. 3) for more Masonic events in the next few months.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Erik N. Schultz



Upcoming Events

"Learning and Labor"

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

February

Sat, Feb 9 Lodge Breakfast
Tues, Feb 12 Stated Communication/Catechism School
District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit
Fraternal Visit by AJ #120 and Sharon #327
Thurs, Feb 21 Fraternal Visit to AJ #120
Fri, Feb 22 George Washington Birthday Celebration, AW-22

March

Sat, Mar 9 Lodge Breakfast
Tues, Mar 12 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Presentation on Pythagoras
Fraternal Visit by A-W #22
Thurs, Mar 14 Fraternal Visit to A-W #22
Sat, Mar 16 District Leadership Conference (ASR, 8:30 am)

April

Tues, Apr 9 Stated Communication/Catechism School
Presentation on Lodge Patrons
Sat, Apr 13 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 Tuesday Fellowship Dinner:
Masonic Youth Night

February Masonic Birthdays

James A. Bland	February 1, 1983
Murray Cameron	February 3, 1970
Dennis E. Brown	February 4, 1975
David B. Browning, Jr.	February 8, 2005
Richard W. Harper	February 6, 1962
Nelson R. Bullock	February 16, 1952
Richard D. Wright	February 16, 1972
Lowell A. Griffith	February 20, 1990
Timothy J. Fisher	February 20, 2016
Clayton J. Mitchell	February 20, 2016
Rodney G. Bourassa	February 24, 1965

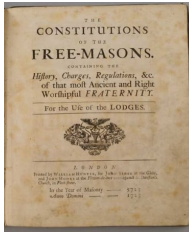
Masonic Learning: Duties of District Deputy Grand Master on Official Visit

As we will be hosting our District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) for his official visit this month, I thought it would be helpful to include the DDGM's duties during an official visit. These duties are outlined in Section 1.93 of the Virginia Methodical Digest:

"At every such visit the District Deputy Grand Master shall preside in the Lodge at all or such portion of the communication as he shall see fit, after the Lodge has been opened and he has been introduced. He shall examine the records of the Lodge to ascertain if they are regularly kept; shall inform himself as to the number of members, and whether they are generally punctual in their attendance; shall enquire whether the Lodge be in a flourishing or declining state; shall point out any errors he may observe in their conduct or manner of working and shall use every effort to enforce a conformity to the work and compliance with the laws of the Grand Lodge. He shall report all irregularities in either work or conduct to the Grand Master. He shall instruct the Brethren in every particular wherein he may conceive them to require information; shall recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of our Institution; caution them in regard to the admission of candidates, and urge a proper representation of their Lodge at every meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A District Deputy Grand Master is the personal representative of the Grand Master in his own Masonic district and therein is entitled to precedence and vested with superior authority, except during the Communications of the Grand Lodge or the presence of the Grand Master in his district. He shall assist any commission or committee appointed by the Grand Master to investigate any condition or subject within his Masonic district."

So, for the February Stated, the DDGM will review our minutes and lodge records to ensure we have everything in proper order. Once we have opened Lodge via the Virginia Masonic Ritual, we will ceremonially welcome the DDGM into the Lodge Room, and I will receive him in the East. We will then proceed with the usual dispatch of business. Our lodge business being complete, I will invite the DDGM to the podium to give his presentation, which will include a message from the Grand Master, as well as brief presentations by members of the DDGM's District Leadership Team. The DDGM will then close the Lodge in accordance with Virginia Masonic Ritual.



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 II: Concerning Government and The Civil Magistrate

“Whoever will be a true Mason, is further to know that by the rules of this art, his obligations as a subject and citizen will not be relaxed, but enforced. He is to be a lover of quiet, peaceable and obedient to the civil powers, which yield him protection, and are set over him where he resides or works, so far as they infringe not the limited bounds of reason and of religion. Nor can a real Craftsman ever be concerned in plots against the State, or be disrespectful to the magistracy; because the welfare of his country is his peculiar care.

But if any Brother by forgetting for a time the rules of his Craft, and listening to evil counsels, should unhappily fall into a contrary conduct, he is not to be countenanced in his crimes of rebellion against the State; but he forfeits all benefits of the Lodge, and his fellows would refuse to associate or converse with him in private while he continues in his crimes; that neither offence nor umbrage may be given to lawful government. But such a person is still considered as a Mason, his character as such being indefeasible; and hopes are to be entertained, that the rules of the Craft may again prevail with him, over every evil counsel and device that may have led him astray.

From this quiet and meek temper of true Masons, and their constant desire to adorn the countries where they reside with all useful arts, crafts, and improvements, they have been from the earliest ages, encouraged and protected by the wisest rulers of states and commonwealths; who have likewise thought it an honor to have their names enrolled among the Fraternity. And thus Masonry having always flourished most in the most flourishing and peaceable times of every country, and having often suffered in a particular manner through the calamitous effects of war, bloodshed, and devastation, the Craftsmen are, therefore, the more strongly engaged to act agreeably to the rules of their art, in practicing peace and love, as far as possible, with all men.”

Here are some questions to contemplate:

1. Why is it good for Masons to be “peaceable and obedient to the civil powers?” How does it benefit us, our families, our community, and the Craft?
2. Think about the symbols and teachings of Masonry; how can they help us to fulfill our civic responsibilities and enhance our sense of civic duty?
3. Are the guidelines above absolute? Put another way, are there ever circumstances in which it would be proper and Masonic to “resist” civil authorities? (Think about the American Revolution, the Civil Rights Era, etc.)

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/lobges/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

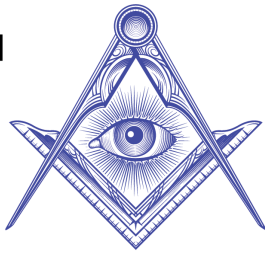
<http://kmw64.org>

Sharon Lodge #327

999 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm

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



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
Treasurer

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.