



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

DECEMBER 2020

December 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

masks required, social distancing required

December 8, 2020, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting

Stated Communication (in-person!)

Master's Address

Officer Elections & Installations

Alexandria Scottish Rite

Dinner will be served.

Masks required and social distancing required.

Happiest Holiday Wishes

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Public Health Warning:

No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, or known exposure to COVID-19 case(s) in the prior 14 days, is permitted to enter the Lodge building. Public gatherings are not without some risk. All should exercise caution, particularly those who are 65 years of age or older, or if you have underlying health conditions. The safety of our membership is our number one concern. If, for any reason, you feel you are unable to follow the requirement to wear a face covering, DO NOT ATTEND LODGE.

A MESSAGED FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

As we start knocking on the door of winter and start to close out this crazy year. I'm thinking to myself, this year has absolutely flown by. I know the 2 months of down time that I had did nothing to slow it down. It seems like not so long ago we were welcoming the DDGM. That was 9 months ago! The feeling of a speedy year in 2020 is probably good all things considered.

It is important to remember that as we close out this year, we must reflect on all of the blessings The Great Architect of the Universe has bestowed upon us. I am not naïve to the fact that many will consider this year less than stellar. Nothing has gone to plan both in Masonry and our personal lives. However, I'm hopeful that a new and deeper sense of community and concern for mankind is being cultivated during this time. Personally, I have thought more often about the wellbeing and care of my fellow Brothers, neighbors, community, employees, and the world around me during this pandemic than I ever have. Proof that positive things can come out this pandemic.

I want to personally thank Wor. Shultz and Bro. Bradley Watts for volunteering with Alive! and helping distribute food on the 14th of November to our neighbors in Alexandria. Over 1,000 bags were passed out along with fresh vegetables, chicken, and various breads.

Lastly it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. I am looking forward to continuing with even more progress and engaging educational pieces next year. We started this year very strong and I know we will start 2021 with the same passion and determination!

Be safe and have a wonderful holiday season,

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
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Thanks to those brothers who assisted with the ALIVE! food distribution.

Pictured left to right:

Wor. Erik N. Schultz, PM

Wor. T.J. Fisher

Bro. Bradley J. Watts, EA

Saint John the Evangelist



December 27th is Saint John the Evangelist day, which is the second feast day in the year to celebrate the Holy Saints John. The placement of the holiday also marks the winter solstice, which is directly opposite Saint John the Baptist's day at the summer solstice in June making a notable completion in the cycle of the solar year. The actual dates are slightly off, but you get the symbolism. But why John the Evangelist, and what about him represents the counterbalance of John the Baptist, the opposite pillar of the point within the circle. For those who forget, the point within the circle is the Masonic symbol that all men are said to endeavor to emulate in their phys-

ical and spiritual being. It essentially is the balancing one's desires and passions in the pursuit of knowledge.

Saint John the Baptist, represented as the inverted pyramid, the Alchemical sign for water, representing the spiritual and emotional love. St. John the Evangelist represented as the pyramid pointing up symbolizing fire that is the drive and will of action. When placed together, they symbolize the perfect balance of darkness and light, life and death, passion and constraint, will and emotion, winter and summer. Together both represent the interlocked star of Solomon, or the Square and Compass.

Known for several things he was most notably as the only disciple of Christ to not forsake him in the hour of His Passion at the foot of the cross and he was the first to reach the tomb; when he met the risen Lord at the lake of Tiberius, where he was the first to recognize Him. Also, he is also attributed as the writer of the Epistles of John, and the book of Revelation. His feast day is said to have first been mentioned in the Sacramentary of Pope Adrian I near 772 A.D.

The Evangelist is also called the Apostle of Charity, which may be in part, his connection to Freemasonry. Or perhaps it is his unwavering resolve and purity for his love of the divine. The message to take from John the Evangelist is to "Apply thyself, therefore, to purity of heart, and thou shalt be like Saint John, a beloved disciple of Jesus, and shalt be filled with heavenly wisdom." The feast is little remembered today, except in passing by a few lodges that gather to celebrate it. It was once a high feast day for Freemasonry because of its proximity to the holidays and the presence of lodge members being close to home. It gave them a festival to meet under to punctuate the closing of the year. Meeting like this though is something not so convenient in this modern day as everyone travels abroad for the holiday.



Happy Birthday

Brother Andre Harold Light - December 5, 1961 - 59 years
Brother Robert Clyde Prichard - December 4, 1962 - 58 years
Brother Joseph Homer Croyle - December 6, 1966 - 54 years
Brother Kenneth Dale Bawden, Sr. - December 15, 1970 - 50 years
Brother Clarence Thomas Johnson - December 19, 1972 - 48 years
Brother Charles Harry Scott - December 5, 1978 - 42 years
Brother James Dewey Buckles - December 6, 1978 - 42 years
Brother Leonard Stanley Bodnar - December 4, 1979 - 41 years
Worshipful William Hudson Pennell, Jr. - December 20, 1983 - 37 years
Brother David Charles Shaw - December 16, 1986 - 34 years
Brother Luis James Ferreira - December 8, 2001 - 19 years
Brother Matthew Leonard Ferreira - December 8, 2001 - 19 years
Brother Michael Jude Calandruccio - December 3, 2002 - 18 years
Worshipful John Chalmers Dickinson - December 6, 2004 - 16 years
Brother Donald Gerald Eden - December 31, 2010 - 10 years



In Memoriam

Brother Andre Harold Light
10/16/31-12/29-16
Initiated: June 6, 1961
Passed: October 17, 1961
Raised: December 5, 1961

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john blair lodge

2020 OFFICERS

Timothy J. Fisher, Worshipful Master	Ronald E. Markiewicz, Chaplain
Clayton J. Mitchell, Senior Warden	Xavier Mariscal, Senior Steward
Mark A. Boughner, Junior Warden	Joseph Dergham, Junior Steward
Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer	Nelson Sanchez, Jr., Marshal
Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Secretary	Arnold McNeal, Musician
Korosh Yazdanpanah, Senior Deacon	Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Tiler
Jonathan Summers, Junior Deacon	Wor. Erik N. Schultz, Education Officer



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.