



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

FEBRUARY 2020

TRESTLEBOARD

District Ritual School

February 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Kemper Macon Ware Lodge, No. 64

Lodge Breakfast *(All are welcome)*

February 8, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
LaCasa Restaurant, 4551 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22304

STATED COMMUNICATION

February 11, 2020

Fellowship Dinner, 6:30 p.m., *All are welcome*
Communication, 7:30 p.m., *Master Masons*

Lodge Ritual School

February 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Catechism, 7:30 p.m. Ritual
Alexandria Scottish Rite

District Warden's Certificate Workshop

February 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Elmer Timberman Lodge, No. 54, Annandale

Lodge Ritual School

February 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Catechism, 7:30 p.m. Ritual
Alexandria Scottish Rite

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Brethren,

Welcome to February, we are one month closer to spring. It has been a pretty mild winter thus far. I think we started this year off right in January with a delicious dinner thanks to our Junior Steward Joe Dergham. Brother Rusty Summers' presentation on the "Lifecycle of Light" was both informative and well delivered. For everyone that was able to make it, thank you; we had a good turnout. I also hope to see more familiar and unfamiliar faces in the near future as well!

The Master and Wardens association met on the 28th of January to elect its offices for the year. For those who are not familiar, this is a quarterly meeting. It's a nice way for the Lodges of District 1a to come together organize and discuss topics such as district picnics, various lodge events, blood drives, Grand Lodge, etc. It's usually pretty relaxed and always enjoyable. There is usually a ton of great dialog and ideas to be heard.

Our DDGM David Potts has a busy month with 4 official visits. One of which being AW22 on the 13th. We will be doing a fraternal visit that evening as well—mark your calendars as it should be a great evening. Just a reminder RW Potts will be paying his official visit to HKF-JB next month on the 10th of March.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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Twin Pillars: Boaz and Jachin

The Masonic usage of the terms Jachin and Boaz originates from the Biblical account of King Solomon's Temple. The master builder of the Temple of Solomon was Hiram Abiff, a prominent figure in Masonic ritual. The verses 1 Kings 6:1-38, 1 Kings Chapter 7, and Chapter 8 describe the dimensions, the construction and the dedication of the Temple under Solomon.

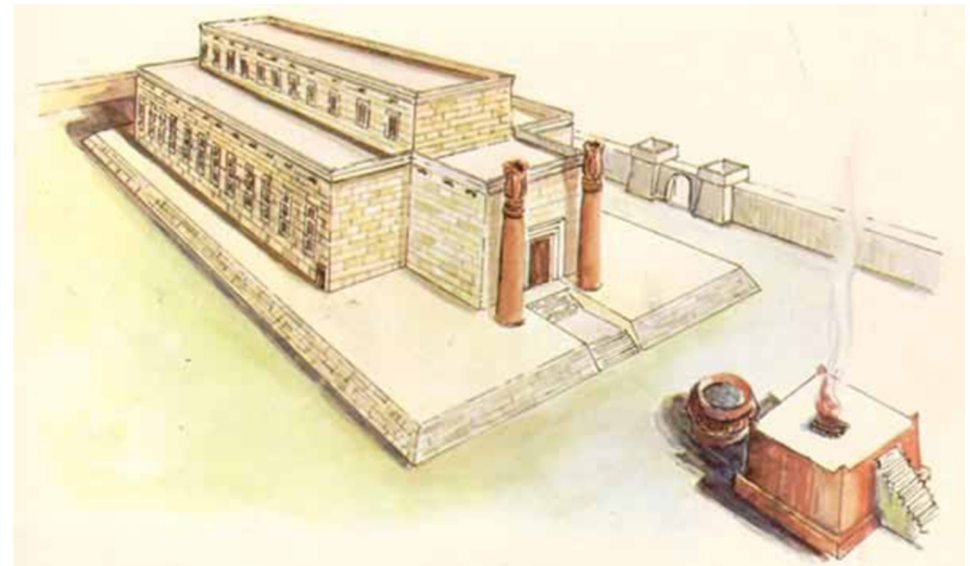
The account of Solomon's Temple is of great importance in Freemasonry as each detail of the building holds an important esoteric meaning. The Twin pillars act as a "portal to the Mysteries" by standing on each side of the entrance to a sacred place. For this reason, Jachin and Boaz are prominently featured on Masonic buildings, monuments and documents. Here is Albert Pike's description of the pillars in a text intended for new Masons:

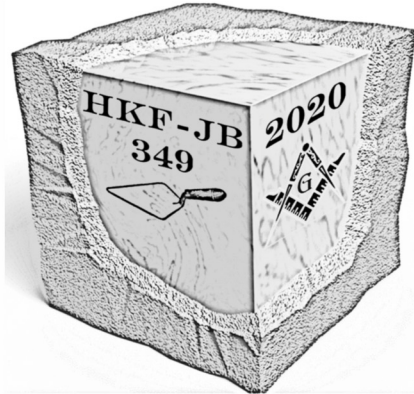
You entered the Lodge between two columns. They represent the two which stood in the porch of the Temple, on each side of the great eastern gateway. These pillars, of bronze, four fingers breadth in thickness, were, according to the most authentic account—that in the First and that in the Second Book of Kings, confirmed in Jeremiah—eighteen cubits high, with a capital five cubits high. The shaft of each was four cubits in diameter. A cubit is one foot and 707/1000. That is, the shaft of each was a little over thirty feet eight inches in height, the capital of each a little over eight feet six inches in height, and the diameter of the shaft six feet ten inches. The capitals were enriched by pomegranates of bronze, covered by bronze net-work, and ornamented with wreaths of bronze; and appear to have imitated the shape of the seed-vessel of the lotus or Egyptian lily, a sacred symbol to the Hindus and Egyptians. The pillar or column on the right, or in the south, was named, as the Hebrew word is rendered in our translation of the Bible, JACHIN: and that on the left BOAZ. Our translators say that the first word means, "He shall establish;" and the second, "In it is strength."

As with most occult symbols, the Masonic twin pillars conceal multiple layers of meaning, some intended for the profane and others divulged in higher degrees of Freemasonry. However, it is gener-

ally accepted that the Jachin and Boaz represent the equilibrium between two opposite forces.

"These were the names [Jachin and Boaz] of the two pillars cast from brass set up on the porch of King Solomon's Temple. They were eighteen cubits in height and beautifully ornamented with wreaths of chainwork, nets, and pomegranates. On the top of each pillar was a large bowl – now erroneously called a ball or globe – one of the bowls probably containing fire and the other water. The celestial globe (originally the bowl of fire), surmounting the right-hand column (Jachin), symbolized the divine man; the terrestrial globe (the bowl of water), surmounting the left-hand column (Boaz), signified the earthly man. These two pillars respectively connote also the active and the passive expressions of Divine Energy, the sun and the moon, sulphur and salt, good and bad, light and darkness. Between them is the door leading into the House of God, and standing thus at the gates of Sanctuary they are a reminder that Jehovah is both an androgynous and an anthropomorphic deity. As two parallel columns they denote the zodiacal signs of Cancer and Capricorn, which were formerly placed in the chamber of initiation to represent birth and death – the extremes of physical life. They accordingly signify the summer and the winter solstices, now known to Freemasons under the comparatively modern appellation of the 'two St. Johns.'"

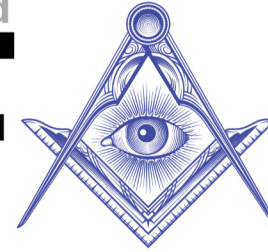




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2020 OFFICERS

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

Brother Richard Walter Harper (2/6/1962) 58 years
 Brother Rodney Gerald Bourassa (2/24/1965) 55 years
 Brother Murray Cameron (2/3/1970) 50 years
 Brother Richard David Wright (2/16/1972) 48 years
 Brother Dennis Earl Brown (2/4/1975) 45 years
 Brother James Arthur Bland (2/1/1983) 37 years
 Brother Charles Karl Baker (2/7/1990) 30 years
 Brother Lowell Aloyous Griffith (2/20/1990) 30 years
 Right Worshipful David Benjamin Browning Jr. (2/8/05) 15 years
 Worshipful Timothy J. Fisher (2/20/2016) 4 years
 Brother Clayton Jennings Mitchell (2/20/2016) 4 years

MASONRY TUESDAYS

Erect temples to virtue & dig dungeons for vices.

Regular Masonic gatherings are the lifeblood of strong lodges. Henry Knox Field—John Blair Lodge will host Tuesday night ritual schools all year (except the 4th week of the month). Each brother should make Tuesday evenings a priority for Masonic Work. Get in the habit.

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The Trestleboard will only be available via email and posted on the website. Please send your updated email to fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com. To continue to receive hardcopy, please call/mail a note to the Wor. Master.



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.