



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

JULY 2020

July 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Stated Communication (in-person!)

It is our annual “casual communication.” Please feel free to wear khakis/shorts and a collared shirt.

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.

Things to Know BEFORE Lodge:

- There will be no meal served prior to the meeting. Please arrive between 7:15 and 7:25 p.m.
- PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. Maintain six feet between you and your brother. Seats will be marked to assist in distancing.
- FACECOVER REQUIRED. You will be required to wear a face mask while in the Scottish Rite.
- The Scottish Rite has been thoroughly cleaned.
- Hand sanitizing stations, hand soap, and sanitizing wipes are available at various points throughout the Scottish Rite and should be used.
- The “Word” will not be taken. Please have your dues card.
- Brethren will remain at their seats for the closing charge.

Page 5 includes information on proper face covering use and proper hygiene practices. 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,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. Summer has finally arrived! I have some positive news from the GM. We will be allowed to open and conduct business in Lodge starting July 1st at the WM’s discretion. So I have decided to open the lodge on the 14th of July at 7:30pm. There will be some changes to our normal lodge days. Meals before and after lodge are still suspended until further notice. We will be cleaning/Sanitizing the lodge room and its “pieces”. We will also still be practicing social distancing both in and out of the lodge and mask will have to be worn when entering the building and attending the lodge meeting. The Deacons will also be making zero contact while taking up the word (they will assure that all who have entered are in fact MM’s or have them vetted).

A few different protocols are in place but hopefully this will add some normalcy to this not so normal year. I do not expect anyone to attend who has health issues, feel uncomfortable with attending or are in the concerning age groups. If you are a line officer just let me know if you are not able to attend so I can plan accordingly. Also if you are not feeling well or have symptoms then wait until August to join us.

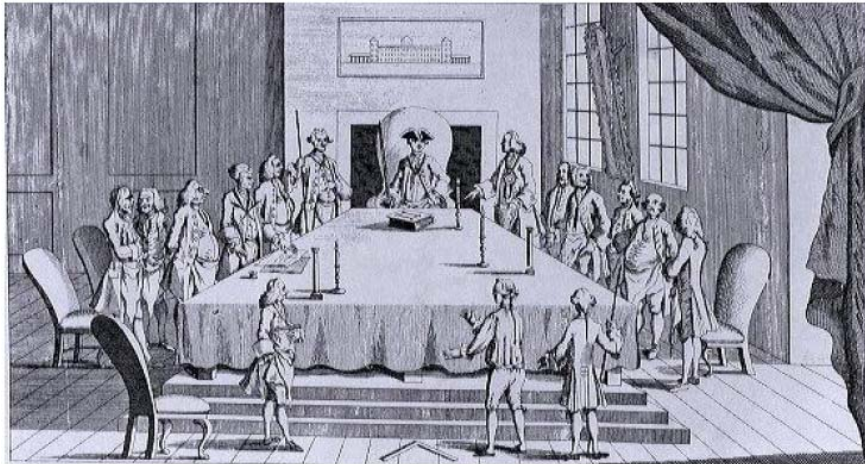
July over the last few years has been a more relaxed stated communication and has become quite popular. I see no reason to deviate from this since it’s the middle of summer. The dress code will be more relaxed as Khakis/shorts and a collared shirt will suffice.

We will hopefully have Bro. Watts give his EA catechism return on this night, so when degree restrictions are lifted we can proceed with his FC Degree. Other than the return this meeting will be kept short and informative.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
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A Brief History of the Table Lodge

There have always been festivities attached to lodge meetings, some lodges actually have their meal before the lodge meeting rather than after, and some lodges style themselves as Dining Lodges; lodges that specialize in a more distinguished dining experience. Feasting has always been a central part of Freemasonry, with a Grand Feast being held from the early eighteenth century on the day of St John the Baptist on the 24th of June and St John the Evangelist on the 27th of December. Table lodges are another way of celebrating festivities within a lodge; a table being set up within a tiled lodge, with food, drinking, smoking and music being part of the lodge meeting.

English Masonic tradition has the first Grand Feast being held at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse in St. Paul's Churchyard in London, in 1717. The Grand Feast became a central tradition for the Modern Grand Lodge, though the location changed throughout time, meeting in 1797 for example at Canonbury Tower, near Islington, London. A Grand procession to the Grand Feast also took place, though this was discontinued in 1745, and the various Provincial Grand Lodges also held a banquet during their meetings.

Before the union of 1813, local lodges, both 'Antient' and 'Modern', celebrated St John's Day in June with a feast, and another important feast being held on the 27th of December, which was the








day of St John the Evangelist (the two dates reflecting not only a celebration of Christian feast days, but also the Summer solstice and Winter solstice). In fact, the Grand Lodge of Wigan, which continued the 'Antient' traditions, endeavored to celebrate both the St. John's days as important feast dates until they re-joined the UGLE in 1913, electing their Grand Lodge Officers on St John the Evangelist Day.

Surviving lodge minutes from the eighteenth century recite how much alcohol was consumed before and after lodge meetings, displaying not only rather large alcohol bills, but reprimands for intoxicated lodge members. The large alcohol bills, along with bills for tobacco, were commonplace, with many lodges having to pay them off at a later date, drinking and smoking obviously being a vital part of the lodge night. From the many toast lists and Masonic songs that survive from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, drinking and dining was an essential part of the Masonic experience, and for the lodges that used a table in the actual lodge room, there would have been an eclectic mix of ritual and feasting. Dining and feasting was thus entwined with the essence of Masonic brotherhood, creating a deeper bond between the brethren of the lodge.





Archival images of past HKFJB Table Lodges courtesy of Wor. Jaime Flores

Face Covering Use

Before/ During Use:		Before putting on a face covering, clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
		Inspect the condition of the face covering; usually the colored side/the side with folds facing downwards of the face covering should face outwards.
		Cover nose, mouth, and chin with the face covering. Adjust nose clip over the nose and tighten snugly; ensure there are no gaps between face and covering.
		Avoid touching the face covering. If touched, clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
After Use:		Remove face covering from behind using the elastics (do not touch the front of the face covering).
		Discard immediately in a trash bin; replace face covering if damp. Do not re-use single-use face coverings.
		Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Practicing Good Hygiene

Protect Yourself & Others: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Stay home when sick. ⇒ Wash hands often. ⇒ Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth. ⇒ Avoid close contact with people who are sick. ⇒ Cover coughs & sneezes with a tissue; throw the tissue in the trash. ⇒ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. ⇒ Maintain at six feet between yourself & others.
Wash Your Hands: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ At least 20 second with soap and water or use an alcohol-based (60% alcohol) hand sanitizer. ⇒ After coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose. ⇒ Before, during, and after preparing & eating food. ⇒ After visiting the bathroom.



- Worshipful Richard Lee Stickle, Sr. - July 16, 1968 - 52 years
- Brother Richard Alan Whitener - July 29, 1969 - 51 years
- Brother Roger Dale Moore - July 18, 1972 - 48 years
- Brother David Martin Flockhart - July 5, 1983 - 37 years
- Brother Thomas Albert Stubbs, Jr. - July 28, 1984 - 36 years
- Brother Kenneth James Head - July 30, 1985 - 35 years
- Brother Robert Rodger Lyons - July 12, 1988 - 32 years
- Brother Maurice Woods Healy - July 18, 1990 - 30 years
- Brother Travis Beaman Vail - July 11, 1996 - 24 years
- Right Worshipful Michael Robert Aulicino - July 7, 1998 - 22 years
- Right Worshipful Grant Philip Routzohn - July 20, 2002 - 18 years
- Brother Daryl Joseph Mull - July 28, 2002 - 18 years
- Worshipful Robert Gene Hook - July 19, 2005 - 15 years
- Brother Nelson Sanchez, Jr. - July 21, 2018 - 2 years
- Brother Russel Arthur Summers, Jr. - July 21, 2018 - 2 years
- Brother Nathan James Powell - July 21, 2018 - 2 years
- Brother Jonathan David Summers - July 21, 2018 - 2 years
- Brother Joseph Dergham - July 21, 2018 - 2 years
- Brother Carlos Steven Aguilar - July 21, 2019 - 1 years
- Brother Arnold Barry McNeal, Jr. - July 21, 2019 - 1 years

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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
Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds,	Steward
Treasurer	Nelson Sanchez, Jr., Marshal
Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Secretary	Arnold McNeal, Musician
Korosh Yazdanpanah, Senior Deaco	Wor. Jaime H. Flores, Tiler
	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.