



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

MARCH 2021

March 2, 7:00 p.m.

Kemper Macon Ware Zoom Discussion

Wor. Froggett will present on *The Cornbread Mafia*

Zoom invitation on Lodge listserv.

March 9, 2021, 7:30 p.m. meeting

Stated Communication

Officer's Only in-person, Alexandria Scottish Rite

All others, please attend a joint Zoom with

Kemper Macon Ware Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

March 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

masks required, social distancing required

March 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

masks required, social distancing required

Public Health Warning:

For the immediate future, all ritual schools and State Communications are limited to 10 participants in-person. 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. 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,

With only a few weeks left in winter, we are almost knocking on the doors of Spring. I am looking forward to some warm weather and hopefully getting my bike on the trails. However, I feel we are probably a few good months or two until we get some consistent warm sunshine.

COVID-19 restrictions are slowly being lifted which is showing some slow progress. We still have a ways to go but another step in the right direction. Unfortunately, from what I can tell so far, there will be little to no changes in the way we operate just yet. Our meetings and dinners will still be limited to 10 or less. I hope everyone who is eligible to receive the vaccination is registered or has already started or finished the process.

I am grateful that we can still meet even if it is in limited numbers. I wholeheartedly believe that we need to keep moving Masonry forward as much as we can, safely, during these crazy times. I look forward to the next time restrictions are lifted and we can have more members present at our Stated Communications! We have membership actions to vote on and we have men who are ready to be initiated, passed, and raised. Stay engaged and hold on to the light at the end of the tunnel.

Be Safe, Stay Healthy

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
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Early Obelisks

Obelisks, tapered monolithic pillars, were originally erected in pairs at the entrances of ancient Egyptian temples. The Egyptian obelisk was carved from a single piece of stone, usually red granite from the quarries at Aswān. It was designed to be wider at its square or rectangular base than at its pyramidal top, which was often covered with an alloy of gold and silver called electrum. All four sides of the obelisk's shaft were embellished with hieroglyphs that characteristically included religious dedications, usually to the sun god, and commemorations of the rulers. While obelisks are known to have been erected as early as the 4th dynasty (c. 2575–2465 BCE), no examples from that era have survived. Obelisks of the 5th dynasty's sun temples were comparatively squat (no more than 10 feet [3.3 meters] tall). The earliest surviving obelisk dates from the reign of Sesostris I (1918–1875 BCE) and stands at Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo, where once stood a temple to Re. One of a pair of obelisks erected at Karnak by Thutmose I (c. 1493–c. 1482 BCE) is 80 feet (24 meters) high, square at the base, with sides of 6 feet (1.8 meters), and 143 tons in weight.

An inscription on the base of Hatshepsut's 97-foot (30-metre) standing obelisk at Karnak indicates that the work of cutting that particular monolith out of the quarry took seven months. In the Temple of Hatshepsut at Thebes are scenes of



the transport of the obelisk down the Nile by barge. At its destination workmen put the shaft into place upon its detached base by hauling it up a ramp made of earth and tilting it. Other peoples, including the Phoenicians and the Canaanites, produced obelisks after Egyptian models, although not generally carved from a single block of stone.

During the time of the Roman emperors, many obelisks were transported from Egypt to what is now Italy. At least a dozen went to the city of Rome itself, including one now in the Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano that was originally erected by Thutmose III (reigned 1479–1426 BCE) at Karnak. With a height of 105 feet (32 meters) and a square base with sides of 9 feet (2.7 meters) that tapers to a square top with sides of



6 feet 2 inches (1.88 meters), it weighs approximately 230 tons and is the largest ancient obelisk extant. Late in the 19th century the government of Egypt divided a pair of obelisks, giving one to the United States and the other to Great Britain. One now stands in Central Park, New York City, and the other on



the Thames embankment in London. Although known as Cleopatra's Needles, they have no historical connection with the Egyptian queen. They were dedicated at Heliopolis by Thutmose III and bear inscriptions to him and to Ramses II (reigned c. 1279–c. 1213 BCE). Carved from the typical red granite, they stand 69 feet 6 inches (21.2 meters) high, have a rectangular base that is 7 feet 9 inches by 7 feet 8 inches (2.36 meters by 2.33 meters), and weigh 180 tons. The quarrying and erecting of these pillars is a measure of the mechanical genius and the unlimited manpower available to the ancient Egyptians.

A well-known example of a modern obelisk is the Washington Monument, which was completed in Washington, D.C., in 1884. It towers

555 feet (169 meters) and contains an observatory and interior elevator and stairs. It is also the tallest obelisk in the world.



Happy Birthday

- Brother John Roy Groundwater - March 29, 1949 - 72 years
- Brother Oliver Bell Crockett, Jr. - March 27, 1962 - 59 years
- Worshipful Clifford Church - March 19, 1963 - 58 years
- Brother Carlton Duane Davis - March 16, 1965 - 56 years
- Brother Joseph Thompson Moton - March 19, 1968 - 53 years
- Brother Marion Witt Pitts - March 3, 1970 - 51 years
- Brother James Pate Garrett - March 2, 1971 - 50 years
- Brother Craig Cater Malloy - March 7, 1972 - 49 years
- Brother George Wesley Malloy - March 7, 1972 - 49 years
- Worshipful Virgil Kermit Street - March 29, 1972 - 49 years
- Brother Charles Edgar Hicks - March 20, 1973 - 48 years
- Brother Paul Birdon Jones - March 7, 1978 - 43 years
- Brother Alfred Wesley Laser - March 7, 1979 - 42 years
- Brother William Frederick Perry - March 26, 1986 - 35 years
- Brother James Timothy Love - March 3, 1992 - 29 years
- Brother Edward Matthew Groner - March 6, 2002 - 19 years
- Worshipful Patrick Alan Wood - March 20, 2007 - 14 years
- Worshipful Erik Nicholas Schultz - March 15, 2014 - 7 years



In Memoriam

Brother Alfred "Topper" Matthew Davis, Jr.
 3/25/1936 to 1/6/2021
 Initiated: October 3, 1978
 Passed: January 16, 1979
 Raised: March 20, 1979

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2021 OFFICERS

Timothy J. Fisher, Worshipful Master	Ronald E. Markiewicz, Chaplain
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Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds,	Steward
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	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.