



# HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

**TRESTLEBOARD**

**NOVEMBER 2020**

November 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

**VOTE FIRST!!!**

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*masks required, social distancing required*

November 7, 2020, 7:30 a.m.

Grand Annual Communication

Richmond, Virginia, one seat per Lodge: Wor. Fisher representing.

November 10, 2020, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting

**Stated Communication (in-person!)**

Warden's Night

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*Dinner will be serviced.*

*Masks required and social distancing required.*

November 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School

Alexandria Scottish Rite

*masks required, social distancing required*

**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,

With only two months left in this year, it is safe to say this year has flown by. Before we know it will be a new year. I'm sure most people are ready to put 2020 behind them but there is still some time to make the best and enjoy the rest of it. The official Holiday season is fast approaching!

We will be resuming our lodge dinners at 6:30pm before our stated communications. Grand Lodge has loosened the dinner restrictions in hopes to bring back a vital part of our fellowship on that second Tuesday. There will be some slight differences from the last time we met, but I'm excited to safely open it back up.

The second One Day Conferral was rescheduled for November 14. As you know the session from October 10 was cancelled and our candidate was not able to attend. So with our ritual on pause, Mr. Koehler stands to be the one and only Master Mason from HFK-JB this year. Once the restriction has been safely lifted, we will have much work to do. I hope everyone is staying as sharp as possible. We will also be assisting ALIVE! with one more food distribution on November 14. If you're not going to be at the ODC, please join the brethren at one of the two locations. The signup link has been sent by e-mail and there are spots still available. It is always nice to get involved locally and get the brethren together outside of lodge.

Lastly, we have the official HKF-JB lodge face masks available for purchase on our website. They look and feel great. Special thanks to our webmaster Wor. Jaime Flores for making that possible. This is a small step in the right direction and we can slowly introduce new ways to generate some revenue for the lodge.

Stay Safe,

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
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Worshipful Master  
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## The Wardens

The three principal officers of a lodge are universally recognized in the ritual as the essential elements of which a lodge must consist. Only the uninstructed Mason regards the stations of the Senior and Junior Wardens as but stepping stones to the East; necessary waiting posts to which the ambitious must stand hitched for a year before proceeding on his triumphal journey to the Oriental Chair! Not only are the wardens essential to every Entered Apprentices', Fellow Crafts' or Master Masons' Lodge, but they have certain inherent powers, duties and responsibilities. Mackey sets these forth substantially as follows:

“While the Master may use others than the Wardens in conferring of the degrees, he cannot deprive the Wardens of their offices, or absolve them of the responsibilities.”

The government of a Masonic lodge is essentially tripartite, although lodges may be legally opened, set to labor and closed by the Master in the absence of the installed Wardens, the chairs being filled by temporary appointees. The Senior Warden presides in the absence of the Master, and the Junior Warden in the absence of both the Master and Senior Warden.

No other brethren in the lodge have this power, privilege or responsibility. The Warden who presides in the absence of his superior officer may, if he desires, call a Past Master to the Chair to preside for him; but, no Past Master, in the absence of the Master, may legally congregate the lodge. That must be done by the Master, the Senior Warden in the absence of the Master, or the Junior Warden in the absence of both.

Mackey further states that while the Senior Warden takes the East by right in the absence of the Master, the Junior Warden does not take the West by right in the absence of the Senior Warden. Each officer is installed with a ceremony which gives him certain duties; a Warden in the East is still a Warden, not a Master. It is the Master's privilege to appoint brethren to stations temporarily unfilled. The Master, whether elected and installed, or Senior Warden acting as Master in the real Master's absence, may appoint the Junior Warden to fill an empty West. But the Junior Warden cannot assume the West without such appointment. On the contrary, in the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden, when present, is the only brother who can assume the East and congregate the lodge. Thus runs the general law, usually adhered to. As has been noted in other Bulletins, Grand Lodges may, and not infrequently do, make local regulations contrary to the Old Constitutions, the Old Charges, even the Landmarks - the fundamental laws of Masonry. If a Grand Lodge rules that in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, the oldest Past Master present may congregate, open and close the lodge; then that law is correct for that Grand Lodge only; but it not in consonance with general Masonic practice, nor with the fundamental laws of the Fraternity.

The Wardens are found in all bodies of Masonry, all Rites and all countries.

Both its derivations, and its translations give the meaning of the word. It

comes from the Saxon “weardian,” to guard, to watch. In France, the second and third officers are “Premier” and “Second Surveillant;” in Germany, “Erste” and “zweite Aufseher;” in Spain, “primer” and “segundo Vigilante;” in Italy, “primo” and “secondo Sorvegliante,” all the words meaning to overlook, to see, to watch, to keep ward, to observe.

Whether the title came from the provision of the old rituals that the Wardens sit beside the two columns in the porch of the Temple to oversee or watch; the Senior Warden the Fellowcrafts and the Junior Warden the Apprentices; or whether the old rituals were developed from the custom of the middle ages Guilds having Wardens (watchers), is a moot question.

In the French Rite and the Scottish Rite both Wardens sit in the West, near the columns. In the Blue Lodge the symbolism is somewhat impaired by the Junior Warden sitting in the South, but it is strengthened by giving each Warden a replica of the column beneath the shade of which he once sat. It is interesting to note that these columns once went by another name. Oliver quotes an inventory of a Lodge at Chester, in 1761, which includes “two truncheons for the Wardens.”



Truncheons or Columns, they are the Warden's emblems of authority, and their positions are of great interest. The column of the Senior Warden is erect, that of the Junior Warden on its side when the lodge is at labor. During refreshment, the Senior Warden's column is laid prostrate, while that of the Junior Warden is erected, so that the craft may know, at all times, by a glance at either the South or the West, whether the Lodge is at labor or refreshment. The government of the Craft by a Master and two Wardens cannot be too strongly

emphasized to the initiate or too well observed by the Craft. It is not only the right but the duty of the Senior Warden to “assist the Worshipful Master in opening and governing his lodge.” When he uses it to enforce orders, his setting mallet or gavel is to be respected; he has a “proper officer” to carry his messages to the Junior Warden or elsewhere; under the Master, he is responsible for the conduct of the Lodge while at labor.

The Junior Warden's duties are less important; he observes the time, and calls the lodge from labor to refreshment, and from refreshment back to labor in due season, at the orders of the Master. It is his duty to see that “none of the Craft convert not the means there of into intemperance or excess” which doubtless has a bibulous derivation, coming from days when “refreshment” meant wine. If we no longer drink wine at lodge, we still have reason for this charge upon the Junior Warden, since it is his unpleasant duty, because he supervises the conduct of the Craft at refreshment, to prefer charges against those guilty of Masonic misconduct. Only Wardens may succeed to the office of Master (not so in Nevada). This re-



quirement (which has certain exceptions, as in the formation of a new lodge) is very old.

The fourth of the Old Charges reads: "No brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellowcraft; nor a Master, until he has acted as Warden; nor Grand Warden, until he been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master, unless he has been a Fellowcraft before his election." There is wisdom in the old law; there is wit in the modern practice of electing the Junior Warden to be Senior Warden. No man learns to be Master of a lodge sitting upon the benches and observing. No brother's fitness to be Master can be observed by brethren unless he is tested. Brethren learn, and are tested by serving as Wardens, before aspiring to the Oriental Chair.



A privilege equally high is that of the Wardens in most Jurisdictions; representing the lodge with the Master at all communications of the Grand Lodge. Certain Grand Lodges disenfranchise the Wardens, the Grand

Lodge consisting only of the Master of constituent lodges and the officers and past officers of Grand Lodge.

Prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1717, it was the prerogative of every Mason to be present at the General Assembly and to have his voice in its affairs. When the Grand Lodge was brought into being by the "four old lodges" of London, the interests of all were entrusted to the Masters and Wardens.

Preston states that "The Masters and Wardens of all regular particular lodges upon record" form the Grand Lodge. Of the action of Grand Lodges which deprive the Wardens of membership in the Grand Lodge, Mackey states:

"I cannot hesitate to say that this is not only a violation of the ancient regulations, but an infraction of the inherent rights of the Wardens and the lodges."

This appears to many as going too far. If the brethren of the old General Assembly could give up their rights to a voice in its deliberations, and entrust their interests to Masters and Wardens in a Grand Lodge, it seems not unreasonable that these Masters and Wardens, as a Grand Lodge, have a right to deprive themselves of membership when the good of the whole requires it. The Warden's is a high and exalted office; his duties are many, his responsibilities great; his powers are only exceeded by those of the Master. He is a good Warden who so acts in his South or West as to command for himself the respect of the brethren, rather than demanding it because of law and custom.



## Happy Birthday

- Brother Richard Taylor Russe, Jr. - November 30, 1948 - 72 years
- Brother Ray Bell Cobean - November 9, 1954 - 66 years
- Brother Paul Andson Robey, Jr. - November 8, 1955 - 65 years
- Brother Morris Christian Hoven, Jr. - November 29, 1966 - 54 years
- Brother Brooklyn Bennett Hill, Jr. - November 4, 1967 - 53 years
- Brother Roger Albert Currin - November 21, 1967 - 53 years
- Brother John C. Estep - November 2, 1971 - 49 years
- Brother Vernon Ralph Mullins - November 5, 1974 - 46 years
- Brother Stephen Olyen Barnett - November 8, 1974 - 46 years
- Brother Charles Albert Williamson - November 19, 1974 - 46 years
- Brother David Francis Fletcher - November 19, 1974 - 46 years
- Brother Dale Weed - November 27, 1974 - 46 years
- Brother Wayne Luther Brown, Sr. - November 18, 1975 - 45 years
- Brother Robert Ronald Gruitt - November 1, 1977 - 43 years
- Brother Richard Emil Paden - November 15, 1977 - 43 years
- Worshipful William Gordon Linwood Turner - November 8, 1978 - 42 years
- Brother Larry Wayne Brohard - November 21, 1978 - 42 years
- Brother George Charles Penno - November 25, 1980 - 40 years
- Brother Charles Lee Dennis, Sr. - November 20, 1990 - 30 years
- Brother Marcel Charles Minutolo - November 8, 1991 - 29 years
- Brother Phillip David Facemire - November 5, 1996 - 24 years
- Brother Robert Warren Smitherman, Jr. - November 10, 1999 - 21 years
- Worshipful Daniel Elias Froggett - November 17, 2007 - 13 years
- Brother Eric Francis Kephart - November 20, 2017 - 3 years
- Brother Armand Xavier Mariscal - November 6, 2018 - 2 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 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.*