



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

APRIL 2021

April 6, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: Fellowcraft Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite
masks required, social distancing required

April 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting

In- Person Stated Communication

Alexandria Scottish Rite

“Our Masonic Roots” by Bro. Ronald E. Markiewicz

masks required, social distancing required

April 16, 2021

Wreath Laying at Henry Knox Field’s Grave for his Birthday
Union Cemetery of the Washington Street United Methodist Church
1450 Wilkes Street, Alexandria
Dinner to follow. RSVP required. Times to be determined.

April 20, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School: Fellowcraft Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite
masks required, social distancing required

April 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Lodge Ritual School, possible degree work
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. 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,

It is official, spring is finally here. It feels like the cold weather is slowing lifting and making way to sunnier and warmer days. I see so many things blooming, the daffodils, dogwoods, and especially the Cherry blossoms, which fully peaked on March 28. It is an uplifting time of year with all the new growth and color.

Speaking of lifting up, as of April 1st the gathering restrictions have been substantially lifted. We will be going from a 10 person indoor limit to having 50 people. That is a huge step for us at HKF-JB and Masonry in the Commonwealth as well. We are also able to resume degree work while following certain safety guidelines. We will need to get refocused with some quality practice time with all 3 degrees. We have petitioners, guys waiting to receive their 1st degree, 2nd degree, and two almost ready to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We have a lot of work ahead of us since we have been on various restrictions. I have immense faith and confidence in the guys in our lodge and have always thought we do a really great job with degree work.

It will be nice to see some familiar and hopefully not as familiar faces. I am excited to resume our “normal” labor and keep moving forward. Safety is still number one, all safety protocols will still need be followed while at lodge. If you are still not comfortable in joining us in person you can always join us for us for our zoom sessions/ presentations after our stated communication.

Be Safe, Stay Healthy

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The Cornerstone

Adapted from an article written by Norm McEvoy



The cornerstone is the stone which lies at the corner of two walls and forms the corner of the foundation of the edifice. In Masonic buildings it is now always placed in the north east; but this rule was not always formally observed. As the foundation on which the entire structure is supposed to rest, it is considered by operative masons as the most important stone in the edifice. It is laid with impressive ceremonies; the assistance of Speculative Freemasons is often, and ought always to be, invited to give dignity to the occasion; and for this purpose, Freemasonry has provided an especial ritual which is to govern the proper performance of that duty.

The symbolism of the corner-stone when duly laid with Masonic rites is full of significance, which refers to its form, to its situation, to its permanence, and to its consecration. As to its form, it must be perfectly square on its surfaces, and in its solid contents, a cube. Now the square is a symbol of morality, and the cube, of truth. In its situation, it lies between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light; and hence this position symbolizes the Masonic progress from

darkness to light, and from ignorance to knowledge. The permanence and durability of the corner-stone, which lasts long after the building in whose foundation it was placed has fallen into decay, is intended to remind the Freemason that, when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away, he has within him a sure foundation of eternal life – a corner-stone of immortality – an emanation from that Divine Spirit which pervaded all nature, and which, therefore, must survive the tomb and rise, triumphant and eternal, above the decaying dust of death and the grave.

The stone, when deposited in its appropriate place, is carefully examined with the necessary implements of operative masonry – the square, the level, and the plumb, themselves all symbolic in meaning – and it is then declared to be ‘well formed, true, and trusty.’ Thus the Freemason is taught that his virtues are to be tested by temptation and trial, by suffering and adversity, before they can be pronounced by the Master Builder of souls to be materials worthy of the spiritual building of eternal life, fitted, ‘as living stones, for that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens’

And lastly, in the ceremony of depositing the corner-stone, the elements of Masonic consecration are produced, and the stone is solemnly set apart by pouring corn, wine and oil upon its surface, emblematic of the Nourishment and Joy which are to be the rewards of a faithful performance of duty.





*Worshipful Timothy John Fisher
and the Brethren of*

**HENRY KNOX FIELD—JOHN BLAIR
LODGE, NO. 349, A.F. & A.M.**

*fraternally request the pleasure of your company
as we commemorate the life and accomplishments of*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL
HENRY KNOX FIELD**

Friday, the 16th of April, 2021, time TBD

*Wreath Laying
Union Cemetery of the
Washington Street United Methodist Church
1450 Wilkes Street
Dinner to Follow in the City of Alexandria*

*RSVP by April 13 to
fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com*

*Attire
Coat & Tie*



Happy Birthday

- Brother Robert Reisch Miller - April 18, 1953 - 68 years
- Brother Robert Ewing Goodwin - April 21, 1959 - 62 years
- Brother Jimmie Odell Keever - April 24, 1962 - 59 years
- Worshipful Jack Glenn Henderson - April 15, 1963 - 58 years
- Brother Melton Eugene Donaldson - April 4, 1967 - 54 years
- Worshipful Gerald Davis van Antwerp - April 4, 1972 - 49 years
- Brother John Elwood Church - April 25, 1973 - 48 years
- Brother Billy Ray Estep, Sr. - April 15, 1975 - 46 years
- Brother Carl Herbert Johnson, Jr. - April 6, 1976 - 45 years
- Brother John Hardin King - April 12, 1977 - 44 years
- Right Worshipful Ralph Eugene Simmons - April 25, 1979 - 42 years
- Brother Eddie Seymour Longman - April 19, 1983 - 38 years
- Brother Eric Wells Werner - April 4, 1991 - 30 years
- Brother Billy Joe Sams - April 30, 1991 - 30 years
- Brother William Otis Ray - April 20, 1993 - 28 years
- Brother Anastasios Tasos Grypeos - April 21, 1998 - 23 years
- Brother Matthew Lee Wood - April 24, 2007 - 14 years
- Worshipful Jaime Humberto Flores - April 22, 2009 - 12 years
- Worshipful William Vanhardin Gilbert - April 5, 2011 - 10 years
- Brother Steven Ray Meek - April 23, 2011 - 10 years
- Brother Edward Robert Wilcox - April 30, 2015 - 6 years



In Memoriam

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| Brother Duane Houghton Brown
9/14/1933 to 10/12/2019
Initiated: November 1, 1960
Passed: January 17, 1961
Raised: April 18, 1961 | Brother James Neil Dietz
10/10/1945 to 3/22/2018
Initiated: June 4, 1974
Passed: January 21, 1975
Raised: April 15, 1975 |
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john blair lodge

2021 OFFICERS

Timothy J. Fisher, Worshipful Master

Clayton J. Mitchell, Senior Warden

Mark A. Boughner, Junior Warden

Wor. Kenneth R. Reynolds, Treasurer

Wor. Daniel E. Froggett, Secretary

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Steven Aguilar, Junior Deacon

Ronald E. Markiewicz, Chaplain

Xavier Mariscal, Senior Steward

Joseph Dergham, Junior Steward

Nelson Sanchez, Jr., Marshal

Arnold McNeal, Musician

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.