



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

JULY 2021

July 6, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School:

Opening & Closing a Master Mason's Lodge, Balloting
Alexandria Scottish Rite

July 13, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Polos, Shorts, and BBQ Lodge

This is our annual casual Lodge meeting –

Clayton fired up the smoker!

Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Program:

“Using the Trowel”

Presented by Bro. Rusty Summers

July 20, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Entered Apprentice Degree

Alexandria Scottish Rite

July 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Called Communication: Entered Apprentice Degree

Public Health Warning:

While many COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, public gatherings are not without some risk. The safety of our membership is our number one concern. If, for any reason, you have not been vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask. Please comply.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm, sunny and gorgeous weather we are having! As I type this I am enjoying some fun and sun at Bethany Beach. I'd like to tell myself that I'm working on my best tan ever but those who know me know that is never going to happen. Genetics and my light Irish skin will just not allow it. I still hope for the best each year and use sunscreen accordingly.

I wanted to sincerely thank our DDGM David Potts, SW Clayton Mitchell, JW Mark Boughner and our Wor. Secretary Daniel Froggett for assisting me in presenting our two Community Builders Awards this year, both Jennifer Ayers, Executive Director at ALIVE! and Principal Peter Balas of T.C.

Williams (now Alexandria City High School) were more than deserving of this award and the recognition from the Grand Lodge as well as Henry Knox Field – John Blair for all of their hard work, perseverance, over the last two years in making sure our community is taken care of whether it was food, housing, assisting locally, or making sure our youth was set up for success during their virtual learning efforts. The fall out of Covid-19 has affected everyone in



some capacity and they continued to push forward, just as we all should. Even if it's not a Lodge function, we as Masons should always strive to take care of our fellow man.

I apologize as I will not be present for our most enjoyable relaxed casual July stated. It has become one of my favorite meetings. SW Clayton Mitchell has agreed to prepare some of his famous smoked meats for our repast at 6:30pm. Also, the officer's line will shift up a seat in preparation for their journey next year.



All of this being said we must move fast on getting our 2 candidates initiated, it has been a little longer than expected and some scheduling conflicts have come up, I would like to have this done by the end of July or Beginning of August at the latest. We also have some prospects who I anticipate will petition this year. We should get these guys ready and engaged as much and as soon as possible.



Last but certainly not least a big thank you to everyone who helped make our record setting June Table lodge as smooth and successful as it was. Everyone did a fantastic job, and I am immensely proud of the brethren of HKF-JB. I received multiple compliments from various attendees! *More pictures inside.*

Thank You and Stay Safe,

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 Worshipful Master
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Fun 4th of July Facts

1. The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn't signed by most signatories until August.
2. American typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day, "enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than five times," according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.
3. Three presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe.
4. John Adams believed that American independence should be celebrated on July 2, as that's the actual day the Continental Congress voted for independence in 1776.
5. Annoyed that Independence Day wasn't celebrated on July 2, Adams reportedly turned down invitations to July 4 celebrations throughout his life.
6. Massachusetts became the first state to make the 4th of July an official state holiday in 1781.
7. President Zachary Taylor died in 1850 after eating spoiled fruit at a July 4 celebration.
8. The famed Macy's fireworks show in New York City uses more than 75,000 fireworks shells and costs about \$6 million.
9. Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest is held annually on July 4. In 2018, champion Joey Chestnut ate 74 hot dogs with buns in just 10 minutes.
10. Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1870.
11. As of 2016, July 4 was the number one holiday for beer sales in the U.S., according to the National Beer Wholesalers Association.
12. In 1778, George Washington gave his soldiers a double ration of rum to celebrate the July 4 holiday.
13. Every July 4, descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence tap the Liberty Bell 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.

14. Eating salmon is a July 4 tradition in parts of New England.
15. Small towns in the U.S. typically spend between \$8,000 and \$15,000 on their fireworks displays.
16. President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.
17. About 16,000 July 4 fireworks displays happen around the country each year, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association.
18. With many fireworks shows canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19, the American Pyrotechnics Association is asking for financial help from Congress to keep family-run fireworks businesses afloat.
19. Starting in 1818, new stars and stripes were added to the American flag each July 4 to make the creation of new states.
20. The U.S. Flag Code offers guidelines for flying the flag on July 4, and every day.
21. John Hancock has the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence.
22. The first July 4 celebration took place at the White House on 1801, hosted by Thomas Jefferson.
23. One World Trade Center in New York is 1,776 feet tall to mark the year the U.S. declared its independence from Britain.



Happy Birthday

- Worshipful Richard Lee Stickles, Sr. - July 16, 1968 - 53 years
 Brother Richard Alan Whitener - July 29, 1969 - 52 years
 Brother Roger Dale Moore - July 18, 1972 - 49 years
 Brother David Martin Flockhart - July 5, 1983 - 38 years
 Brother Thomas Albert Stubbs, Jr. - July 28, 1984 - 37 years
 Brother Kenneth James Head - July 30, 1985 - 36 years
 Brother Robert Rodger Lyons - July 12, 1988 - 33 years
 Brother Maurice Woods Healy - July 18, 1990 - 31 years
 Brother Travis Beaman Vail - July 11, 1996 - 25 years
 Right Worshipful Michael Robert Aulicino - July 7, 1998 - 23 years
 Right Worshipful Grant Philip Routzohn - July 20, 2002 - 19 years
 Brother Daryl Joseph Mull - July 28, 2002 - 19 years
 Worshipful Robert Gene Hook - July 19, 2005 - 16 years
 Brother Nelson Sanchez - July 21, 2018 - 3 years
 Brother Russel Arthur Summers, Jr. - July 21, 2018 - 3 years
 Brother Nathan James Powell - July 21, 2018 - 3 years
 Brother Jonathan David Summers - July 21, 2018 - 3 years
 Brother Joseph Dergham - July 21, 2018 - 3 years
 Brother Carlos Steven Aguilar - July 21, 2019 - 2 years
 Brother Arnold Barry McNeal, Jr. - July 21, 2019 - 2 years

2021 Table Lodge



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john blair lodge

2021 OFFICERS

Timothy J. Fisher,
Worshipful Master

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Chaplain

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Senior Warden

Xavier Mariscal,
Senior Steward

Mark A. Boughner,
Junior Warden

Joseph Dergham,
Junior Steward

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Senior Deacon

Wor. Jaime H. Flores,
Tiler & Webmaster

Steven Aguilar,
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.