



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

JUNE 2021

June 1, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Entered Apprentice Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

June 8, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Day Table Lodge

With Conferral of a 50-Year Masonic Veteran Pin on and Remarks from
Right Worshipful Douglas Monroe Woodley, PDDGM

And a Visit from

Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, PGM

RSVP required, fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com or 703-283-5401

June 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Entered Apprentice Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

June 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Called Communication: Entered Apprentice Degree

June 29, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Master Mason's Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

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,

We are headed full steam in the direction of Summer. The Solstice is less than a month away and the warm summer nights will soon be upon us. One of my favorite times of the year with cookouts, beach trips, and pool parties, there is always something to do.

We have been talking about Masonry and other things "Opening Up". Well Brethren, I believe we are pretty much there. Yes, there are a few very minor restrictions here and there but for the most part as far as Masonry is concerned, we can operate at full capacity and confer degrees; an extremely exciting time to get back to work! Speaking of work, I wanted to congratulate Brother Bradley Watts on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on May 18. I would also like to thank everyone that came out and assisted in making that degree possible! It felt great to do degree work with the Brothers of HKF-JBL. Everyone did a great job. We have set our sights on the next two gentleman who will need to be Initiated and have started practicing. I'm hoping to have a called communication on June 22 for Mr. Koehler and Mr. Melendez before everyone starts to go on vacation as well as raise three Fellowcrafts in August.

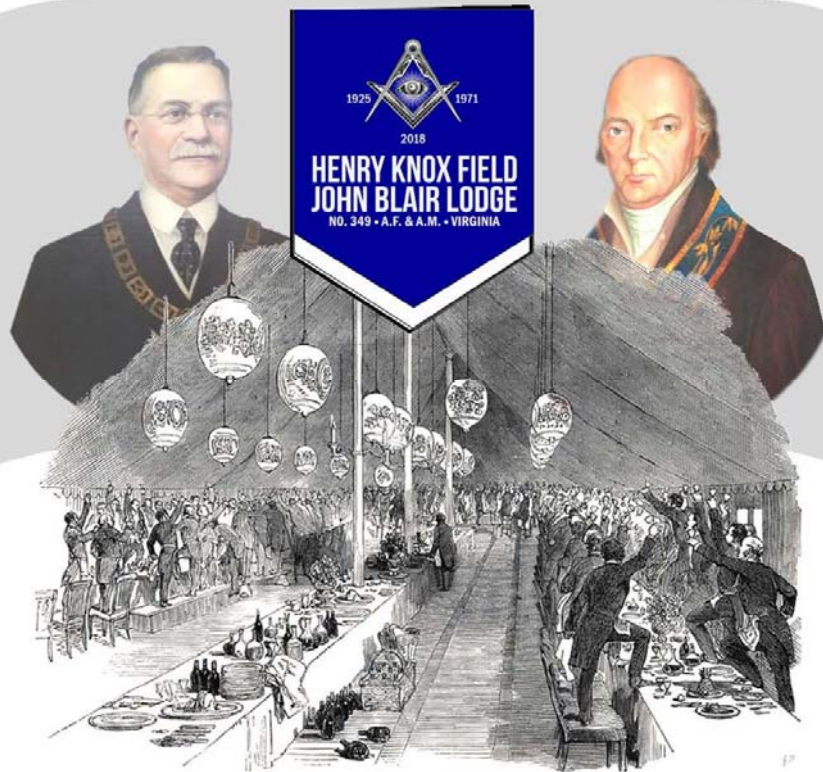
Our annual table lodge will resume this year on June 8. We will be celebrating and presenting RW Doug Woodley with his 50-year Masonic Veteran pin. As we move further and further away from the many restrictions of earlier this year, I have decided to resume our 2nd Saturday Breakfasts (at 9am) for those who are comfortable attending. This also allows for prospects to get more exposure with the members. I will send a future correspondence when the location is determined. Last But not least, we will be presenting two very worthy people with 2021 Community Builders Awards. Mr. Peter Balas, principal of TC Williams High School, and Ms. Jennifer Ayers, Executive Director of ALIVE! They both have shown they are more than deserving to receive this award over the last year and a half. Their work during these COVID-times have made a huge positive impact in our local community.

I hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing everyone at the table lodge!

Be Safe, Stay Healthy

Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
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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 at a
ST. JOHN'S DAY TABLE LODGE
with conferral of a 50-Year Masonic Veteran pin and remarks from
Rt. Wor. Douglas Monroe Woodley, PDDGM
half past seven in the evening
June 8, 2021
Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple

RSVP by May 31 to
fieldblairlodge349@gmail.com

Black Tie Optional
Morlock Fund donations welcomed

The Point Within a Circle

As with many masonic symbols the origin of the point in the circle is unknown. In carvings from Ancient Egypt the Alpha and Omega symbols representing God often had a circle with a point in between them. In the case of the Egyptian symbol the two vertical lines are replaced with snakes.



Regardless of the symbol's origin, Freemasonry has adopted it to represent what is, in the opinion of this writer, one of our most important ideas in Freemasonry. In all interpretations of this image, the point in the center represents the individual man or mason. Taking just the circle it is a reminder we are all circumscribed with a circle in our lives and those who enter the circle, both in a literal (people we see) and figurative sense (people who our actions may impact), have a claim on our kind offices. Our good will to our fellow man and our fellow mason is paramount to the moral ideals behind Freemasonry. It can also be said the same circle is a dividing line between our internal passions and a mason's duty to God and his fellow man. A mason should never allow his internal passions, prejudices and selfish interests to pass outside the circle.

There are many other references to the circle with the point in its center, there are also just as many interpretations of it's meaning throughout history and in the masonic fraternity. As an example, some say it is in reference to the candidate circumambulating the masonic altar. The two lines on either side of the circle, for Freemasons, represents St. John the Baptist on the left and St. John the Evangelist the right. Two prominent Saints revered in Freemasonry because of their connection with what is deemed the Mother lodge in Jerusalem. St. John Lodge of Jerusalem was first believed to be dedicated to St. John the Baptist and then to St. John the Evangelist. The Feast of St. John the Baptist falls on the Summer Solstice, the Feast of St. John the Evangelist falls on the Winter Solstice, so the lines are also often said to represent the Summer and Winter Solstice.



Regardless of it's origin or interpretation the symbol is a reminder to Freemasons everywhere to remain true to our obligations to those around us and to ourselves.



Happy Birthday

Brother Conwesley Ruffner Simmons, Jr. - June 14, 1955 - 66 years
Brother Eugene Matson Morrison - June 12, 1956 - 65 years
Brother Johnnie Carson Baker - June 18, 1957 - 64 years
Brother William James Miller, Jr. - June 20, 1961 - 60 years
Brother George Michael Dreitlein - June 19, 1962 - 59 years
Brother Thomas Gerald Staples - June 21, 1966 - 55 years
Brother Lawrence Irvine McGuire - June 28, 1966 - 55 years
Worshipful Robert John Rohrback - June 14, 1967 - 54 years
Brother William Samuel Kelly - June 21, 1968 - 53 years
Brother Jack Mosker Lee - June 1, 1976 - 45 years
Brother Jack Gaines McKay - June 1, 1976 - 45 years
Brother Roger Linwood Smith, Sr. - June 7, 1977 - 44 years
Brother Michael David Toobin - June 6, 1978 - 43 years
Brother Max Samuel Abraham - June 2, 1981 - 40 years
Brother Garrett Colon Sanborn - June 1, 1982 - 39 years
Brother William James Solomon - June 30, 1982 - 39 years
Worshipful Larry Edward Williams - June 7, 1983 - 38 years
Brother Michael Allen Conner, Sr. - June 4, 1985 - 36 years
Brother Russell Edward Peverell - June 18, 1985 - 36 years
Brother John Lewis Griggs - June 14, 1988 - 33 years
Brother James Mitchell Armstrong - June 15, 1996 - 25 years
Worshipful Robert Earl Roush, Sr. - June 15, 1996 - 25 years
Brother Parra, Michael Leon Jr. Brother - June 15, 1996 - 25 years
Brother Michael Edward King - June 30, 1998 - 23 years
Worshipful Robert Earl Roush, Jr. - June 9, 1999 - 22 years
Worshipful Kenneth Rhames Reynolds - June 23, 1999 - 22 years
Brother David Todd Armstrong - June 27, 2000 - 21 years
Right Worshipful James William Schoonmaker, III - June 13, 2001 - 20 years
Worshipful David Edwin Hartzell - June 26, 2001 - 20 years
Brother Tyler Anderson - June 4, 2008 - 13 years



In Memoriam

Brother James Edward Christian
November 20, 1923, to August 29, 2017
EA: 7/5/1961
FC: 8/4/1961
MM: 8/29/1961

Brother James Wilson Gladden IV
February 20, 1934, to December 24, 2020
EA: 3/10/1992
FC: 5/12/1992
MM: 6/9/1992

Brother Ray Bell Cobean
September 2, 1930 to December 18, 2020
EA: 5/13/1954
FC: 8/30/1954
MM: 11/9/1954

Brother Robert Duane Copeland
March 19, 1924 to July 19, 2014
EA: 5/2/1967
FC: 6/20/1967
MM: 8/29/1967

Brother George Wesley Malloy
October 21, 1926 to March 25, 2017
EA: 10/5/1971
FC: 12/21/1971
MM: 3/7/1972

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john blair lodge

2021 OFFICERS

Timothy J. Fisher, Worshipful Master

Clayton J. Mitchell, Senior Warden

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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.