



HENRY KNOX FIELD JOHN BLAIR LODGE

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

TRESTLEBOARD

AUGUST 2021

August 3, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

August 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Jointed Stated at Kemper-Macon-Ware

The third annual joint stated communication will be held at Kemper-Macon-Ware Lodge, No. 64, 411 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, VA. The state meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Table Lodge.

August 17, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons Degree
Alexandria Scottish Rite

August 31, 6:30 p.m.

Lodge Ritual School: Master Masons 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,

I know I've said it a million times but where does the time go. It seems like just a week ago I was composing last month's trestleboard. We still have technically about a month and half left of summer, but I imagine for most, the end of August also marks the end of summer. Kids will hopefully be retuning to in person school on the 24th and some are surprisingly looking forward to it. It turns out it takes a Pandemic to get them excited about their return.

I want to personally thank our Senior Warden Clayton Mitchell for his outstanding job while sitting in the East in my absence for our July stated. He also provided what I have heard was an amazing dinner of smoked chicken and BBQ pork! A big thanks to all the brethren who assisted in initiating in our two newest Entered Apprentices. I know they will make wonderful Master Masons and will be assets to the lodge as they progress though their journey. We have had a strong number of prospects that are local and are interested in Freemasonry. Hopefully we can initiate some more gentlemen and raise some Master Masons before the end of the year!

Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64 will be hosting us this year for our joint stated on August 10th with a table lodge. Entered Apprentices and above are welcome to join for dinner. I will send more information closer to the event and it will be a nice way to share in the fellowship of a lodge that we normally would not be able to attend.

Stay Safe and Be Healthy,

Timothy J. Fisher
Worshipful Master
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The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF ANCIENT, FREE, AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

DISPENSATION

To all whom these presents may come **Greetings:**

Know Ye, That whereas a duly certified letter of request has been received from Henry Knox Field-Joh Blair Lodge No. 349 dated July 20, 2021.

Therefore, I, Douglas V. Jones, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia having full confidence in the Officers and Brethren of the aforesaid Lodge that they will strictly conform to the Laws, Resolutions, and Edicts of our Grand Lodge, do hereby grant unto them this

DISPENSATION

authorizing and empowering said Henry Knox Field-John Blair Lodge No. 349, A.F. & A.M. to hold a joint communication, including a Table Lodge with the officers and members of Kemper-Macon Ware Lodge No. 64, A.F. & A.M. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at 411 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

This dispensation shall be null and void and all business transacted at any meeting held hereunder shall be illegal unless the membership be notified in advance of the new date and hour of any meeting held hereunder.

This dispensation does not waive the lunar month required to lapse between the presentation of a petition and the spreading of the ballot thereon unless specifically stated herein.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Richmond, Virginia, and attested to by the Grand Secretary this 21st day of July A.L. 6021, A.D. 2021.



Douglas V. Jones
Grand Master

John A. ...
Grand Secretary

Checkered Floorboard



This is commonly described as the checkered carpet which covers the floor of the lodge. The lecture says that the mosaic pavement “is a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon’s Temple” and is “emblematic of human life, checkered with good and evil.”

In the account of King Solomon’s Temple in the Bible, the ground floor is said to be made of pine or fir, depending on which translation of the Bible that you read (1 Kings 6:15). It is hard to imagine that pine or fir flooring would be particularly mosaic in nature. However, it can be agreed that the mosaic pavement represents the ground floor of King Solomon’s Temple in the Entered Apprentice degree because that ceremony symbolically takes place in that location.

So from this information, it can be understood that the concept of duality has played a part in Masonic symbolism since the early days of the fraternity. While duality is not often discussed in the ritual of the Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite mentions this concept numerous times. The Rite makes the ideas of dualism, or opposition, in the universe an important part of its theme. Indeed, the ideas of the Kabbalah and the Alchemists are used in the Scottish Rite to discuss this concept in several of the degrees.

The lecture pertaining to the 15th Degree, Knight of the East and West, discusses the idea of duality or good and evil as a conflict. Pike writes “God is great, and good, and wise. Evil and pain and sorrow are temporary, and for wise and beneficent purposes... Ultimately, Good will prevail, and Evil be overthrown.”

But while this idea of duality and the conflict between good and evil are cause for contemplation, it can be confusing to understand how they apply to our actions as Masons.



When thinking about the idea of duality and the concept of good and evil, black and white, sacred and profane, an image that immediately enters my mind is that of the Yin-Yang. While this symbol has become a sort of pop culture icon in recent times, its symbolism is deep and its meaning applicable to this subject. While it has numerous interpretations, the yin-

yang demonstrates the concept of duality and balance.

This symbolic balance is an important term because of the position of the checkered carpet: the floor, where the foundation of the erect human body may be found. The Mason is taught to avoid irregularity and intemperance and to divide his time equally by the use of the twenty-four-inch gauge. These lessons refer to the importance of balance in a Mason's life. Therefore, the symbolism of the mosaic pavement could be interpreted to mean that balance provides the foundation for our Masonic growth.

Maintaining balance allows us to adhere to many Masonic teachings. By maintaining balance, we may be able to stand upright in our several stations before God and man. The Entered Apprentice is charged to keep balance in his life so that he may ensure public and private esteem. It is also very interesting that the concept of justice is represented by a scale which is balanced, and that justice is described as being the foundation of civil society in the first degree of Masonry.

There is a vast variety of symbolism presented to the new initiate in the first degree. It is very easy for the symbol of the mosaic pavement and its several meanings to be lost in the sea of information provided upon our first admission into the lodge. But a deeper look demonstrates that this symbol serves to demonstrate ideals which form the foundation of our individual Masonic growth, the Masonic fraternity, and even the entire human society. Living in balance makes us healthy, happy, and just. If our feet are well balanced, both literally and figuratively, we may be able to serve the purpose of the fraternity faithfully.



Happy Birthday

- Worshipful William Kenneth Hyatt - August 30, 1957 - 64 years
- Right Worshipful Ronald Nicholas Morris - August 17, 1971 - 50 years
- Brother William Bradford Arnhart - August 5, 1975 - 46 years
- Brother Stephen Lacy Arnhart - August 5, 1975 - 46 years
- Brother Brian Jeffrey Fields - August 19, 1975 - 46 years
- Brother Tex William Jones - August 31, 1976 - 45 years
- Brother Neil Thomas Hitchcock - August 28, 1979 - 42 years
- Brother Peter Donald Morlock - August 1, 1984 - 37 years
- Brother Brent Besley Moore - August 18, 1987 - 34 years
- Brother John William Boettjer - August 15, 1989 - 32 years
- Worshipful Andrew Carlyle Apperson - August 29, 1989 - 32 years
- Brother Kirk John Ballanger - August 29, 1989 - 32 years
- Worshipful Donald Gordon Phillips - August 21, 1990 - 31 years
- Worshipful Dale Wayne Dressler - August 15, 2000 - 21 years
- Worshipful Rodney Patrick Gray - August 21, 2001 - 20 years
- Brother Gregory Michael Stone - August 24, 2004 - 17 years
- Brother Jack Miller - August 13, 2005 - 16 years
- Brother David Michael Portch - August 27, 2005 - 16 years
- Brother Harmon Morrow Young - August 27, 2005 - 16 years
- Brother Franklin Paul Norris - August 16, 2008 - 13 years
- Worshipful Michael Mongkhoun Souvannaphandhu - August 16, 2008 - 13 years
- Brother Bryan John Proven - August 15, 2009 - 12 years
- Brother James Allan Gleason - August 21, 2010 - 11 years
- Brother Ronald Edward Markiewicz - August 27, 2011 - 10 years
- Brother James D. Compton - August 27, 2011 - 10 years
- Brother Ian A. Ale - August 27, 2011 - 10 years
- Brother James Frederick Cordes - August 29, 2015 - 6 years
- Brother Korosh Yazdanpanah - August 4, 2018 - 3 years

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john blair lodge

2021 OFFICERS

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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.