

ARLINGTON CENTENNIAL-GLEBE NO. 81

From the East

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Durwood Armstrong	1976	Victor H. Losch	1957
Brian A. Block	2000	Hugh G. Pollon	1970
Edward L. Fondrick	1992	George W. Pritts Jr.	1964
Robert G. Gaskins	1964	Dewey E. Rice	1967
Robert O. Harrison	1963	Howard L. Rivenbark Jr.	1952
Franklin D. Hartley	1976	Walter F. Stevens	1967
Jonathan H. Holland II	1973	Timothy N. Taylor	2000

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tue, Dec 5	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Mon, Dec 11	7:30 PM	ACGL # 81 Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 PM "Elections"
Sat, Dec 16	2:00 PM	Installation of ACGL Officers Open to family and friends
Tue, Dec 19	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Wed, Dec 20	7:00 PM	Fellowcraft Degree – in Lieu of the Rusty Nail Class

STATED COMMUNICATION AT 7:30 PM ON 4th Monday (except 2nd Monday in December). Preceded by dinner and social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Brethren:

It has been a great pleasure serving as the Master of Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge #81 for the past two years. I truly believe that our Lodge is a shining example of what Masonry is and should be in the Commonwealth of Virginia. And what makes it that way is you – the Brethren! It is not the Master, the officers, or the building that makes the Lodge – all of these are contributing factors and leave their temporary mark. However, Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge is built upon the fellowship and hard work of the Brethren and the friendships that are created and strengthened within our walls, and continued outside of the Lodge.

When I agreed to become Junior Deacon almost six years ago, little did I know the journey that I would take, culminating with two years in the East. I have enjoyed every minute of it. My greatest pleasure has been presiding over dozens of degrees for the many new Brethren who've joined our Lodge. Despite what you may have read about Masonry's numbers shrinking statewide, nationwide, our ranks here at ACGL have been expanding with an ever greater number of petitioners and new Masons. When I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2000 at the age of 27, I was certainly one of the younger members in Lodge. Well it is exciting to see that our Lodge has a new younger face today – we probably have about 2 dozen members under the age of 35.

I've appreciated the guidance and support of our healthy group of intelligent, hardworking, and good-looking Past Masters. I look forward to joining this group and adding whatever lessons and knowledge I have learned to assist my successors. Please join us at our last Stated Communication of the year on Monday, December 11th for our Lodge Elections and help elect our new Lodge officers. The Open Installation ceremony will be on Saturday, December 16th at 2 p.m. and is open to friends and family – always a good opportunity for non-Masons to see a little bit of what Masonry is all about.

To keep up with all of our degree work, we'll have a Fellowcraft Degree on Wednesday, December 20th.

Thank you for all of your support. Happy Holidays!



Sincerely and Fraternally

Brian A. Block, Master

Notes from Your Lodge Secretary:

As you read this trestleboard this month, many of you will have already received your dues notices. I have taken the extra step this year to send out a dues notice to all that owe dues. Please respond quickly. The Grand Lodge will be billing us for their portion and it is payable in one lump sum by March 1st. Your prompt response to this year's call for dues will greatly assist your Lodge Secretary.

I'd like to continue my tradition of highlighting one of our Brothers in my monthly column. This Month I'd like to honor two. Bro. Orvis J, Auerswald and Bro. Mac H. Morris. Brother Auerswald is one of our 60 year members and has recently retired from full time work. Brother Morris, at the tender age of 84 is still a part of the workforce and is a 48 year Mason. They have been faithful attendees at most of our meetings and many of our visitations. I honor them together because it is rare to see one in the Lodge without the other; a true testament to the friendships Masonry creates.

Your Secretary performs many functions in the Lodge. Not the least of these is to be the point of communications to the Lodge members and to the Grand Lodge. My greatest joy is to hear, by phone or written note from the Lodge members. While I have not met most of you personally, I feel that I know many of you from our correspondence. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous New Year and a prosperous 2007.

Many ask how they can help their Lodge when they are so far away. As many of you may know, our Lodge cannot exist on dues alone but must tap the income of a very small endowment to continue providing support for the Jobies and Masonic Home. If each of our retired members who are able would leave a small bequest in their wills for the Lodge, we could add to that small endowment and ensure future years of the service and charity that Masons are known for.

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December 2006

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1 SOUTH GEORGE MASON DRIVE
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

Chartered January 1, 1998

Grand Masters Theme: Charity Towards All Mankind

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Important Events in December:

**December 11th – Election of Lodge Officers
December 16th – Open Installation of Officers
December 20th – Fellowcraft Degree**

Did you know that every year as many as 700,000 individuals experience a stroke and a third of them are under the age of 65? As many as one half occur without warning. The good news is that vascular disease is often preventable and treatable if detected early. Don't let a stroke impair your quality of life.

Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge will host a community Life Line Screening event on January 29th.

Life Line Screening, the Nations leading provider of health screenings, has been saving lives through preventative health screenings since 1993. They will be coming to the Arlington Masonic Temple in January to provide ultrasound screenings for stroke, abdominal aneurysms, and peripheral arterial disease, as well as osteoporosis screening. There is a charge for each test with package pricing available. Further information will be sent out to the membership as soon as it is available.

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