

# ARLINGTON CENTENNIAL-GLEBE NO. 81

## From the East

## Notes from Your Lodge Secretary

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Orvis J. Auerswald	1945	Mohammed Kenzi	2006
Hendrick A. Browne	2003	Harold B. LeRoy	1939
Edward L. Campbell	1958	Paul R. Miller	1964
Floyd M. Davis	1984	Mac H. Morris	1958
Jack W. Duvall	1958	Wilson R. Shields	1975
Peter B. Ferrante	1975	Earl R. Stanley	1954
Robert C. George	1975	Johnnie L. Vaughn	1954
David H. Graham	1950		

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon, Feb 5	7:00 PM	FC Degree ACGL
Tue, Feb 6	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Sun, Feb 11	1-4 PM	Bethel #1 Potato Luncheon
Sat, Feb 17	8- 12:30	54 <sup>th</sup> Masonic District Blood Drive at Kemper Macon-Ware Lodge
Tue, Feb 20	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Wed, Feb 21	7:00 PM	Rusty Nail Class
Mon, Feb 26	7:30 PM	ACGL # 81 Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 PM DDGM Official Visit
Tue, Feb 27	7:00 PM	MM Degree ACGL

Brethren:

We had a busy month in January and our activities show no sign of slowing down in February, as you can see by our schedule of events. Thank you very much to all the Brethren who attended lodge and helped us with each of the degrees over the past month.

February is an important month in the 54<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. I strongly encourage those who have not yet had a chance to attend lodge this year to come down for our District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit. The Right Worshipful's visit, during our February Stated Communication, is quite simply the most important event in our Masonic calendar and I urge everyone to plan accordingly. Let's do our best to welcome our Grand Master's representative in a way best befitting Arlington Centennial – Glebe #81.

In addition to the DDGM's Official Visit, we have the distinct honor and great pleasure this month to salute a 70 year veteran. Brother Orval Smith has been a dedicated member of the Craft and a pillar of the Arlington Centennial – Glebe community for many years. We will take an opportunity this month to present him with his 70 Year Pin and to recognize him for his service to Freemasonry. Right Worshipful Jay Alexander Brannam, our DDGM has graciously offered to preside over the ceremony marking the occasion.

As I conclude my words for this month, I would like to draw your attention to our next Masonic District Blood Drive, to be held at Kemper Macon – Ware Lodge on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. I have been advised by both our District Blood Coordinator and the American Red Cross that blood levels are dangerously low. Please make the effort to give. Many in this community count on us to make a difference and I know we can do so on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge received credit for the largest donation to the Masonic Home in 2006. This was due to a single bequest by a long deceased Past Master. While large bequests are certainly always welcome, it is the annual donations by the thousands of Masons that keep the Masonic Home operating. Won't you consider making a donation today? Please indicate the Lodge name in the memo field of your check and thank you for assisting a distressed worthy Brother.

This Month I'd like to honor Wor. Orval James Smith. Orval is the "energizer bunny" of Northern Virginia Masonry. At nearly 96 years of age he is still leads an active life and is present at many meetings of Blue Lodge, Royal Arch and Shrine. This month, he will be honored with the presentation of his 70-year Veterans pin. Congratulations Orval and the 75-year pin is just around the corner.

The Grand Lodge has informed us that they have authorized a direct mailing from Harris Connect, Inc., that will be showing up at your home shortly. This is to produce a Virginia Membership directory, similar to what is produced for colleges. Proceeds from this effort will be used to support the Grand Lodge Library, Museum and Historical Foundation.

Your Lodge Secretary is still collecting donations to the Lodge Scholarship fund. While it continues to grow, it is doing so very slowly. Now is a great time to send in that donation you had put off earlier. Donations of \$100 or more are recognize on a perpetual plaque.

Sadly, news has arrived at your secretary's desk of the passing of Bro. Larry Barton Quesenberry and Bro. Charles Maynard Wetzel. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Did you know that we support 5 Blood drives each year? Our next one is on Saturday, February 17 at Kemper Macon-Ware Lodge. See you there.

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



Sincerely and Fraternally,  
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February 2007

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1 SOUTH GEORGE MASON DRIVE

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Chartered January 1, 1998

Grand Master of Masons in Virginia  
Most Worshipful G. Bernard Dungan, Jr.

## Grand Masters Theme: Charity Towards All Mankind

### HOW SHALL I HONOR MASONRY?

If Providence your lot hath blest,  
In peace and affluence to rest,  
Let not your mind contracted be,  
Nor scorn the abodes of poverty.

When you behold in abject state,  
A brother crush'd by fortune's fate,  
Lend him your aid, his wants to free,  
And you shall honor Masonry.

When o'er the list of human woes,  
You find the tear of grief o'erflows,  
The widow's moan, the orphan's sigh,  
Your help shall honor Masonry.

Where discord reigns with direful sway,  
The balm of reas'ning there display;  
Show to the world a conscience free,  
And you shall honor Masonry.

Your time shall pass serenely on -  
While conscience dictates, right is done:  
Your hoary locks shall honored be,  
If you've regarded Masonry.

When life's tempestuous scenes are o'er,  
And nature's calls require no more,  
In heaven you'll take your last degree,  
If you have honor'd Masonry.

— Author Unknown

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