

**Arlington Centennial-Glebe No. 81
Masonic Birthdays for March**

Robert K. Appleton	1952	Charles H. Rowell	1954
Demetrios A. Armenakis	1959	Terrance M. Seely	1967
Hoover S. Bowling	1971	Jon D. Sell	1975
John S. Darlington	1966	Donald L. Sellman	1965
Sean P. Jensen	2007	Charles R. Stebbins	1968
Jerry Johnson	1985	James R. Thompson	1956
Wayland F. Jones	1966	Kingsley P. Thompson	1987
Jared S. Malec	2007	Nickey D. Turner	1975
Robert F. Polk	1958	Archie B. Wainright	1994
Everett W. Quintrell	1950		

54th District Blood Drives

Schedule dates in coordination with the Red Cross and respective Lodges	
MAY 03	08:00-12:30 at KMW Canteen by KMW
July 12	08:00-12:30 at ACGL Canteen by ACGL
September 13	08:00-12:30 at Sharon Canteen by Concord
November 8	08:00-12:30 at ACGL Canteen by Columbia

From the East

Brethren:

It may or may not surprise you to note that the struggles we currently face as a fraternity, encouraging membership and activity in the Blue Lodge, have been challenging our brothers for quite some time. In my regular search for important Masonic knowledge, I came across a web site (www.masonicworld.com) that provides a wide range of articles regarding the history and spiritual meaning supporting the Fraternity.

The following passage is extracted from an unknown author and dated October, 1928. It discusses ways to increase lodge attendance and lays out 12 strategies for improving activity within the lodge. I have selected three of these here, but I encourage you to read the full article in detail online by visiting the Masonic World website under the title *“Increasing Lodge Attendance”*.

There are few more vexatious problems than that of increasing attendance in a Lodge in which the members have lost interest. It is a fact no less true than sad, that, on the average, an attendance of ten per cent of the membership is looked upon as a “Good” turnout. Yet there are Lodges which have a greater number at almost every communication. A few plans which have been tried and proved successful in increasing attendance are herewith suggested:

1. *A MASONIC EXPERIENCE MEETING: In any lodge a certain number of brethren have had some pleasant, different, unusual experience of Masonry. Persuade them to give their experiences and advertise it in the lodge Trestleboard.*
2. *“TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:” Have ten brethren, each with an idea, give four-minute talks on what the lodge needs, what it requires to be better, more alive, more interesting and more able.*
3. *THE SONGS OF MASONRY: Good Masonic poetry is scarce. But there is enough of it to furnish a pleasant and interesting hour or so of instruction and entertainment.*

Please let us know your thoughts on making Masonry a priority for our wayward members. Together we can bring our brethren, both new and experienced, into the Lodge for fellowship and the sharing of knowledge.



Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jason H. Gerbsman, Master

Notes from Your Lodge Secretary

Brethren, The dues payments for 2008 are coming in well but some have yet to make their annual payment (\$55.00). If you are one who has not yet sent your dues, please do so now so your Secretary can close his books on dues this year.

This month I'd like to honor Brother Howard Shirley. In reading his Masonic History lately, I learned that he was initiated in ACGL but before he could receive the second degree he was deployed to Europe. What followed was a long series of letters between him, the Lodge and the various Grand Lodges to arrange for him to receive his degrees in Europe. As our ritual says, perseverance can accomplish all things and Bro. Shirley was finally raised and is now a 50 Year Masonic Veteran.

This year the Grand Lodge has once again provided us the opportunity to have a one day conferral of all three degrees. The date of the conferral is August 16th. While there is some difference of opinion concerning one day conferrals, statistics have shown that there is no real difference in future participation in Lodge activities between those raised in the traditional way and those raised in a one day conferral. Our own District Deputy Grand Master this year is the perfect example of a Brother who was raised in a one day conferral and went on to be Master of his Lodge and now is the DDGM of our District. If you have knowledge of someone who has chosen not to join Masonry simply because he does not have the time to attend multiple degrees or perhaps travels for work too much to schedule them, then this may be the perfect opportunity for him. In order to make it work, we need to have his petition in hand by June 15th.

Please note the Blood Drive dates have been updated and we strongly encourage your participation. If you do not live in the local area, you can still donate where you live and your Lodge will receive credit for the donation. Just let your Secretary know.

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March 2008

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH-APRIL

Date	Time	Event
Mon, Mar 3	7:00 PM	EA Degree at ACGL
Tue, Mar 4	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Wed, Mar 12	7:30 PM	Apian Brotherhood (DEO) Meeting at Columbia Lodge. A night of education for all. All Master Masons invited.
Sat, Mar 15	07:45 AM- Noon	2008 Division Education and Leadership Conference. All Master Masons invited. Held at KENA Temple, Fairfax, VA
Tue, Mar 18	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Wed, Mar 19	7:30 PM	Rusty Nail Class, ACGL This class includes instruction in ritual, Masonic etiquette, and general Masonic education as requested by those in attendance.
Thur, Mar 20	7:00 PM	Lodge Officers Meeting/Instruction
Mon, Mar 24	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 PM
Wed, Mar 26	7:30 PM	District Instructor of Work Class at Sharon Lodge
Mon, Mar 31	7:00 PM	FC Degree at ACGL
Tue, Apr 1	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Wed, Apr 9	7:30 PM	Apian Brotherhood (DEO) Meeting at Columbia Lodge. A night of education for all. All Master Masons invited.
Tue, Apr 15	7:30 PM	Bethel #1 Meeting
Thur, Apr 17	7:00 PM	Lodge Officers Meeting/Instruction
Wed, Apr 23	7:30 PM	Rusty Nail Class, ACGL This class includes instruction in ritual, Masonic etiquette, and general Masonic education as requested by those in attendance.
Mon, Apr 28	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 PM

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