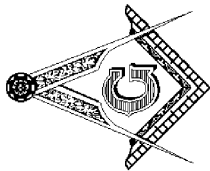


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FEBRUARY 2010

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Thur	Feb 11	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit to Sharon (Fraternal Visit)
Sun	Feb 14	1:00 pm	Bethel 1 Annual Potato Luncheon: At ACGL
Mon	Feb 15	7:30 pm	Lodge Work School: At ACGL – EA Catechism class
Mon	Feb 15	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit to Columbia
Tue	Feb 16	7:00 pm	Bethel 1 Stated Communication: At ACGL
Thur	Feb 18	9:00 am	Courtesy Funeral - Arlington Cemetery - Meet at Admin Bldg.
Mon	Feb 22	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting: At ACGL - Dinner at 6:30 PM
Tue	Feb 23	6:30 pm	Masters and Wardens Dinner: At Sharon
Wed	Feb 24	7:30 pm	DIW School: At Sharon
Thur	Feb 25	7:30 pm	Fellowcraft Degree: At ACGL

LODGE ACTIVITY



Join Your Brothers for Happy Hour!
6:00pm - Thursday, Feb. 18th
Baileys Pub and Grill
4238 N. Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22203
Corner of Wilson Blvd. and Randolph St.
at the Ballston Common Mall

FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Earl R. Stanley	1954	56 years	Jack W. Duvall	1958	52 years
Edward L. Campbell Jr.	1958	52 years	Mac H. Morris	1958	52 years
Paul R. Miller	1964	46 years	Peter B. Ferrante	1975	35 years
Robert C. George	1975	35 years	Wilson R. Shields	1975	35 years
Floyd M. Davis	1984	26 years	Mohammed Kenzi	2006	4 years
Hendrick A. Browne	2003	7 years	Philip A. Stemple	2008	2 years
William A. Allison	2009	1 year	George M. Hansen III	2008	2 years
Timothy O. Ellis	2009	1 year	Brian E. Riggle	2009	1 years
David A. White	2009	1 year			

BRETHREN WHO HAVE DEPARTED IN 2010

These brethren have laid down their working tools and been called to receive their wages. Please keep their memories and the welfare of their families in your thoughts and prayers.



Name	MM Date	Age	Name	MM Date	Age
James L. Yates, PM	8 / 15 / 1958	75	David H. Graham, PM	2 / 8 / 1950	91
William F. Wiseman	5 / 2 / 1951	94			

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

First of all, many thanks to those of you who attended the Installation of Officers last month. We had a good time and the fellowship afterwards was excellent. Congratulations to Bro. John Smith who is the inaugural recipient of the Wor. Brian Wells Galusha Memorial Cabletow Award. Bro. John was presented with the award at the January stated meeting in recognition of his outstanding dedication and distinguished service to our Lodge in 2009.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Brian A. Block, begins his official visits this month. Let's support the Worthy Brother we chose for DDGM by accompanying him on these visits. We need at least five ACGL Brethren at these meetings to get credit for a fraternal visit, so let's represent our lodge with a good turnout. ACGL recorded a fraternal visit last month to Sharon Lodge. The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, MW William E. Rorer, Jr., was in attendance. All but one lodge in our district was well represented. RW Bro. Block's official visit to ACGL will be at our stated meeting on March 22nd. It will be his final official visit as District Deputy Grand Master for the 54th Masonic District. On March 15th there will be a mandatory ritual practice for all officers to prepare for this visit. Please put this date on your calendars now.

Speaking of turnouts, I would like to see a better turnout at our ritual school. We meet every Monday at the lodge at 7:30 PM. RW Andy Anderson has graciously volunteered his time to teach us the Catechisms. We had only four students, including myself, at the first school. I know we can do better. If you are interested in this important ritual, now is your chance to learn the Catechisms in a group setting. We must reinstitute the Catechisms in our Lodge. We must utilize our attentive ears while there are still brethren with instructive tongues able to teach us. You aren't required to become an instructor by learning the Catechisms. But unless we do something soon the "alternate method" will be the only method. I am trying to arrange the exemplification of the Master Mason's Catechism as a program for an upcoming meeting. For those of you who have never seen a Catechism performed, come find out what you're missing. For those of you who have knowledge of the Catechism, please follow RW Bro. Andy's example and lend a hand at the ritual schools. I would like to see at least 10 to 15 brethren at the next school on Monday, Feb. 15th at 7:30pm.

The Secretary informs me that there are several brethren who are 2-4 years behind in their dues. If this applies to you, please bring your dues up to date. We will be issuing final notices and considering suspensions in March. There is no excuse for being that far in the rear. We have some of the least expensive dues in the area. You can pay by cash, check or credit card. You can pay in person, by mail or on www.ACGL81.com. I have had only one person contact me with a request to defer their dues. I am assuming that it not for reasons of financial hardship that we have so many errant brothers. Please take care of this obligation or contact me if you are in need of assistance.

Brother Dan Tuma is putting together a team to begin the digital archiving of the lodge records. This effort will be an ongoing project for some time. If you have a scanner, some free time and are interested in assisting with this effort please contact Bro. Dan, you won't be sorry. We are going to start with the oldest records and try to capture them before they fully deteriorate. I am excited about this project and hope that you share my enthusiasm. These records are an invaluable part of our history and we must make the effort to preserve them now.

The Masonic Service Association of North America is collecting funds for Haiti. We have brothers in the Grand Orient d'Haiti who are in need of assistance. We will be passing the hat at the stated with all proceeds going to this effort. Try to come with a little extra. If ever there was a situation in need of our charity, this is it. I look forward to seeing you at the February Stated.

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SECRETARY'S DESK

Fraternal Greetings,

Our Lodge has met and exceeded many of the goals set forth by Wor. Ed Morman during his time in the East. Some of these goals were proposed during the 2009 Masonic year and others are new to 2010. Several of these goals are long-term challenges that our Lodge must strive to accomplish for the benefit of all who follow us into this fraternity.

Updating the information and functionality of our Lodge website is one example of a goal our Lodge has achieved this year. Through www.ACGL81.com our members can now pay their dues online, check updates to the Lodge calendar and explore links to other adjunct Masonic groups. Potential candidates can utilize the website to request more information and learn about the history of ACGL No. 81. Our Lodge Webmaster, Bro. Chris Sullivan, has done an excellent job helping our Lodge meet this goal and will continue to update and improve the website as we move forward.

A new goal for this year is to reinstitute the Catechisms in our Lodge. The Worshipful Master has issued this challenge and has outlined a plan to help our Lodge succeed. Now it is up to us to make it work. The officers of ACGL hope that reaching this goal will help our Candidates better understand masonry as well as their obligations. We hope that learning the Catechisms will foster better retention and greater participation amongst our new Brethren. We also feel that learning the Catechisms will better prepare those members who wish to sit in the East. This challenge is both a goal for this year and an investment in the future of Masonry at ACGL.

A long-term goal for our Lodge is to have at least one-third of our members enrolled in the Life Membership in Perpetuity program. ACGL currently has 318 members. Of this number, 34 brothers are 50 year-plus Masonic Veterans or Honorary Members and therefore do not pay dues. Of these remaining 284 members, 68 are already LMIP's. That's 24% of our eligible members. We only need 25 more brethren to become LMIP's to reach our goal of 33%!

Our Lodge can be proud of the efforts of their brethren to meet these important benchmarks. Just as the Candidate is expected to reach certain goals to advance within the fraternity, so too must the Lodge challenge itself to grow and improve for the good of all its members.

Reminders and updates for all Brethren:

- Many of you have already paid your 2010 dues. But for those who have not, dues for this year are \$55.00. Dues can be paid by the traditional check mailed to the Lodge Secretary or by our new PayPal account linked to the Lodge website. Several Brothers have already used this method and we hope many more will find it a simple and efficient alternative.

- A new round of Member Data Verification requests will be arriving in your mailboxes shortly. Last year, these request forms also served as dues notices. This year will be no different, but those who have already paid their dues will also receive a Member Data Verification request with their dues cards and are instructed to return the corrected form to me at their convenience.

- As you may have noticed, we have reduced the size of the Trestleboard. The recurring information that had been repeated each month will now be available online at: www.ACGL81.com. You can also download past publications from the website's Trestleboard archive. Information about Past Masters, Lodge Contacts and Masonic Veterans will be updated regularly. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve either the Trestleboard or website content, please contact me.

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