

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

Mon	Mar. 8	7:30 pm	Lodge Ritual School: <b>ACGL</b> - Catechism
Tue	Mar. 9	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit: <b>Kemper Macon – Ware</b> - Dinner at 6:30 pm
Thur	Mar. 11	7:30 pm	Master Mason's Degree: <b>ACGL</b>
Fri	Mar. 12	8:45 am	Courtesy Funeral - Meet at <b>Ft. Meyer Chapel</b>
Mon	Mar. 15	7:30 pm	Lodge Ritual School: <b>ACGL</b> – Catechism / DDGM Visit Practice
Tue	Mar. 16	7:30 pm	DDGM Official Visit: <b>Concord</b> - Dinner at 6:30 pm
Thur	Mar. 18	7:30 pm	Grand Master Visit: <b>Cherrydale</b> - Dinner at 6:30 pm
Sat	Mar. 20	8:30 am	Division Leadership Conference: <b>Scottish Rite, Alexandria</b>
Sat	Mar. 20	5:30 pm	Grand Master Official Visit to 54 <sup>th</sup> District: <b>Kena Annek</b> Surf and Turf Dinner - Tickets \$35 - Available from the Secretary
Mon	Mar. 22	7:30 pm	Stated Meeting: <b>ACGL</b> - DDGM Official Visit – Dinner at 6:30p
Mon	Mar. 29	7:30 pm	Master Mason's Degree: <b>ACGL</b>
Wed	Mar. 31	7:00 pm	DIW School: <b>Sharon</b> – Subject: Entered Apprentice Degree

## MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Everett W. Quintrell	1950	60 years	Robert K. Appleton	1952	58 years
Charles H. Rowell	1954	56 years	Robert F. Polk	1958	52 years
Jim Armenakis	1959	51 years	A. L. Gibson	1959	51 years
Donald L. Sellman	1965	45 years	Wayland F. Jones	1966	44 years
John S. Darlington	1966	44 years	Terrance M. Seely	1967	43 years
Charles R. Stebbins	1968	42 years	Hoover S. Bowling	1971	39 years
Jon D. Sell	1975	35 years	Nickey D. Turner	1975	35 years
Jerry Johnson	1985	25 years	Kingsley P. Thompson	1987	23 years
Archie B. Wainright	1994	16 years	Sean P. Jensen	2007	3 years

## BRETHERN 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	Charles H. Carlin	9 / 17 / 1952	93
James F. Purdham, Sr.	8 / 17 / 1970	89			

## 54<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT BLOOD DRIVES

April 24 <sup>th</sup> at Kemper Macon - Ware	August 28 <sup>th</sup> at Kemper Macon - Ware
June 26 <sup>th</sup> at Arlington Centennial - Glebe	October 30 <sup>th</sup> at Arlington Centennial - Glebe

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Brethren,

March is roaring in on us already. We are doing well so far this year. Our meetings have been well attended. We have three Fellowcraft awaiting their Master Mason Degrees. We have recorded several fraternal visits. In fact, we are well on our way to earning the Hillman Award this year. Our Secretary informs me that we have made good inroads on collecting dues and annual member data surveys. The PayPal option for dues payment through our website seems to be popular. Thanks again to Brother Chris Sullivan for his work setting up that system. All in all, weather aside; it has been a good year so far.

This month's Stated Meeting is the official visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, our own RW Brian Block. We will hold a practice on March 15<sup>th</sup> to rehearse receiving the DDGM. All Officers should plan to attend this rehearsal. This month will also see the Official Visit of the Grand Master to District 4 and 54 on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Kena Annek. Tickets for this gala dinner are available from the Secretary for \$35 each. The Grand Master will also be at Concord Lodge to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. As you can see from our schedule, we are trying to be ambitious with fraternal visits throughout the 54<sup>th</sup> District. We are shooting for a fraternal visit to coincide with each of RW Brian's official visits. So far we are right on track. I'd like to see some of our newer members come out with us. If you haven't been to a meeting at another Lodge, please pick one of the fraternal visits on the calendar and try to attend. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with Masons outside of our Lodge and to see the differences in how Lodges conduct their meetings.

We need more Masons at our Lodge Ritual Schools. We will meet at 7:30PM on each Monday night that we don't have a Stated Meeting or other event. You don't have to commit to every Monday, nor do you have to make a promise to be the next generation of instructors. Just come to your Lodge and have a good time practicing our rituals with your Brethren. The Catechism is dying out in our District as a whole. If we don't make an effort to pass it on now, we may lose the ability to do so in the future. It is far too important a thing to us as Masons to lose. I encourage you to mark down Mondays as "Masonic Mondays" and spend the evening with your Lodge Brothers doing what we do best, learning. The Catechisms are not that difficult to learn. If you have ever memorized a line in a movie you have what it takes to memorize the Catechisms. Thanks again to RW Andy Anderson for volunteering his time to teach us.

We will have two Master Mason Degrees this month, Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been to at least three Master Mason Degrees, you are expected to attend. Please mark the dates on your calendars. Remember the brothers that were on the sidelines at your Master Mason Degree. Respect their commitment to your first steps in our fraternity by being there for the raising of our three candidates this month.

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# SECRETARY'S DESK

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Fraternal Greetings,

The Officers of Arlington Centennial – Glebe Lodge are working hard to make both the Lodge more accessible to its members. Our Brethren should feel connected to this Lodge no matter how near or far away they live. ACGL is your Lodge. Masonry is your fraternity. Every Member should be able to participate as fully as they wish.

By improving and updating our Lodge Website, we are increasing our Member's access to information about ACGL. Brethren across the country can visit [ACGL81.com](http://ACGL81.com) to stay in touch and see what their Lodge is up to. By increasing the scope and efficiency in how the Lodge Trestleboard is distributed, Members who live 10 or 1,000 miles away can stay informed of the Lodge schedule, activities, goals, progress and potential.

Access to instruction in the rituals of Freemasonry has also become a top priority. As the Worshipful Master has outlined, all members are encouraged to take advantage of the Lodge Instruction and Catechism Schools. We are meeting regularly and Brethren are generously donating their time to teach others. The goal is to make as many of our brethren proficient in these rituals as possible to ensure that Brethren will continue to have access in the future.

Access to the Lodge itself, especially for our elderly Brethren, should not be overlooked. ACGL is committed to making it possible for any Brother who wants to attend Lodge to have the ability to do so. If you require a ride to Lodge meetings, or haven't attended because you are not comfortable driving yourself, please contact me. If you are able to pick-up a Brother on the way to Lodge, please drop me a line. ACGL also has a new and improved chair lift for those who may have difficulty climbing the stairs to the Lodge room. Your Lodge's doors should always be open and accessible for you to enjoy.

Just a reminder: March 20<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day for two reasons. As the Worshipful Master previously mentioned, the Grand Master will hold his Official Visit to this District at the Kena Temple Annek Building in the evening. In addition, the morning of the 20th is the annual Division Leadership Conference at the Scottish Rite Temple, on West Braddock Rd. in Alexandria. The session will begin at 8:30am with coffee and doughnuts followed by programs and workshops lasting until approximately 12:00pm. This educational and inspiring event is mandatory for line officers and is highly recommended for all members. There is no cost for this conference and the benefits are far-reaching. This is an opportunity for officers to meet their counterparts from other areas. It will be an excellent venue to exchange ideas, compare strategies to improve our Lodge and build your own leadership skills. Please mark your calendars and make time during that busy Saturday to attend these important district-wide events.

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