

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MAY**

Mon	May 3	7:30 pm	<b>Lodge Ritual School at ACGL</b>
Sat	May 8	1:00 - 4:00 pm	Bethel No. 1 <b>Potato BBQ Luncheon</b> at ACGL \$8 for Adults / \$5 for Masonic Youth and Children under 12 Tickets for originally scheduled date will be honored
Mon	May 10	7:30 pm	<b>Lodge Ritual School at ACGL</b>
Sat	May 15	7:30 pm	<b>Lodge Activity:</b> D.C. United Soccer Game at RFK Stadium Contact Bro. John Smith for more info – JD@ACGL81.com
Mon	May 17	7:30 pm	<b>Fellowcraft Degree at ACGL</b>
Mon	May 24	7:30 pm	<b>Stated Meeting at ACGL - Dinner at 6:30pm</b>
Wed	May 26	7:00 pm	<b>District Instructor of Work School at Sharon Lodge</b>
Mon	May 31	7:30 pm	<b>Lodge Ritual School at ACGL</b>

## **MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

Lawrence Greenwood	1946	64 years	William Rowerdink	1950	60 years
Harry London	1950	60 years	Pierre Sands	1952	58 years
Charles Smith	1956	54 years	Palmer Smith	1957	53 years
Carl Shaw	1961	49 years	Orien Swartzwelder	1962	48 years
John Spink	1962	48 years	Thomas Childrey	1964	46 years
Roman Dolinka	1966	44 years	James Corbett	1967	43 years
James Brooks	1967	43 years	Dean Beacham	1968	42 years
Arthur Gore	1969	41 years	Richard Gore	1970	40 years
Robert Gore	1970	40 years	Charmelito Marteja	1976	34 years
Emory Henley	1978	32 years	Frederick Crabtree	1990	20 years
Bernard Rice	1993	17 years	Mario Fernandez	1998	12 years
Luke Ciriacks	2002	8 years	Dennis Freeman	2002	8 years
Miroslav Fojt	2004	6 years	Uziel Orea Luna	2005	5 years
Jason Gerbsman	2005	5 years			

## **BRETHERN WHO HAVE DEPARTED IN 2010**

These brethren have laid down their working tools and have 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	John G. Fox, Jr., PM	6 / 15 / 1950	90

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Brethren,

It's May. The year moves on. We have a Fellowcraft degree on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please attend if you possibly can. The Entered Apprentice degree we conferred last month was so poorly attended that we might have cancelled if it hadn't been for Wor. C. Glen Snyder. This Worshipful Brother from Columbia Lodge called at the last minute looking for a ride to the event. By helping us fill an officer's chair, he made it possible for our lodge to initiate two new candidates. If you see Wor. Snyder, please give him your personal thanks for this assistance and for making it possible for us to do work. As a reminder, if you have not yet attended at least three of each degree, you are charged to attend if within the length of your cabletow.

For our lodge activity this month we will be going to a D.C. United soccer game. Bro. John Smith is arranging the details and will be sending out an e-mail invitation with ticket costs and meeting time. This is a great opportunity for fun with your family and fellowship with your brothers. We hope you can join us! The activities committee is also trying to arrange outings later this year to both a Nationals and a Redskins game. The Nationals game we attended last year was the most well attended lodge activity of the entire year! Thanks again to our lodge activities committee for putting these events together. If you would like more information or if you can help the activities committee plan these events, you are encouraged to contact Bro. John Smith - JD@ACGL81.com.

Our lodge scholarship fund could use a few more donations this year. If you are considering a charitable contribution, either through the Combined Federal Campaign or directly to an organization, then please consider the Daniel Lawrence Levin Scholarship Fund. Although historically we haven't given full scholarships to these students, what is awarded has been enough to pay for books and other educational expenses. These expenses have increased dramatically in recent years. The scholarship committee would like to keep pace with these increases and help these exemplary students meet their educational goals. Donations can be made electronically through the lodge website or by check mailed to the Secretary.

Speaking of books and higher learning, I recently saw a book at an airport bookstore that I had once passed over on a class reading list. This book rang a bell because the author and I share the same first name. I was about to hop on a long flight and I thought what the heck. The book is called *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions*. It's an 1884 satirical novella by an English schoolmaster named Edwin A. Abbott. Writing pseudonymously as "a square", Abbott uses the fictitious, two-dimensional world of Flatland to offer pointed observations on the social hierarchy of Victorian culture. This novella's more enduring contribution however, is its examination of dimensions. Reading this book from the point-of-view of a Master Mason, I am convinced that Mr. Abbott was a member of our craft as well. I can find no evidence anywhere to support this supposition, but as you know, brothers were more secretive about their membership in our order in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Read this book for yourself and see if you agree with my hypothesis.

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# SECRETARY'S DESK

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A few random notes and gentle reminders for the benefit of all members:

- The Lodge Webmaster is still looking for volunteers and contributors to help add content to the Lodge website. Any stories or anecdotes about Glebe Lodge No. 181 and Arlington Centennial Lodge No. 81 would be most welcome. We would love to feature a history of both Lodges, as well as an account of how the Arlington Masonic Temple and Arlington Centennial – Glebe Lodge No. 81 came to be. If you have a funny tale, interesting tidbit or inspiring experience in Masonry to share; your brethren might enjoy reading it at [www.ACGL81.com](http://www.ACGL81.com). Submissions need not be long or grandiose; any contributions are greatly encouraged!
- As you can see on the lodge calendar, there is a Masonic activity every Monday night this month at Arlington Masonic Temple. Our Catechism and Lodge Instruction School continues in earnest, but we will also hold a Fellowcraft degree on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> as well as our regular Stated Meeting on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Based on feedback from the brethren, I am trying to confine our schedule to Mondays primarily with Thursdays available as a backup if necessary. If you are free on Monday evenings, please stop by the Lodge and see what's happening.
- The next 54<sup>th</sup> District Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Arlington Masonic Temple. Please start spreading the word among your neighbors and co-workers. If you can no longer give blood, please bring a friend or two who can! Breakfast is always free and plentiful and the need for useable blood is always great. Our blood drives constitute a key pillar in our obligation of service to others, as well as a highly visible example of our fraternity's good works in the community. I implore you to support and promote this effort in any way you can.
- It's not too early to mention the Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership. The school is open to all Master Masons who would like to improve their knowledge of ritual and increase their understanding of the craft. This intense training session will be held August 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> at Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia. Please contact me or visit [www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org](http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org) for schedule, class offerings and reservation information.
- The 2010 edition of the 54<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Directory is now available in both electronic and print formats. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

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