

## Companions ,

It is already February! Thanks so much for all those that were able to attend the GHP's Official Visit to our District. Good fun was had by all I spoke with. We will have at least one of our candidates available to start his Royal Arch journey the First Wednesday of February at Annandale #77. Please come out to support our newest member and contact Right Excellent George Bierman or myself if you can assist in the conferral.

Our Stated this month will be busy as we have the DDGHP, RE Terry Duvall's official visit and important committee reports on the Royal Arch Widows Degree & a new token for D.C. Night in Virginia (remember, this year will be the first time we call the event the George D. "Kingfish" Steven's Memorial D.C. Night in Virginia.

This month is the Annual Masonic Week – a four-day festival of various Masonic bodies, predominately York Rite, where you can see old friends and make some new ones. This is something you really need to attend at least once; of course, after that you will probably not want to stop coming!

It is my intention to nominate a respected Royal Arch Mason to Honorary Membership at Arlington #35 as a new item of business. We will vote on the issue in March and publicly announce the results at a later date.

My wife will be admitted to Johns Hopkins on 30 January for her long awaited, bone marrow transplant. Please keep Alice, Luisa and our family in your kind thoughts and prayer.  
S&F

John

## "200 Years of Royal Arch Excellence"

### Fifty Year Members

John P. Funkhouser	1949
David H. Graham	1950
Elgin B. Kirby	1950
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Oscar L. Buchanan	1945
Robert A. Kelly	1949
Elwood S. Nichols	1949
William T. Guise	1950
James W. Brown, Jr.	1951
Robert L. Connor	1951
John E. Wise	1952
John G. Dudley Jr.	1953
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Wilbert Kahoun	1954
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956

### Trestle board

Remember, we serve refreshments at 6:30 before every meeting

**6 Feb** – Stated - Mt Vernon #14.

**7-9 Feb** - Masonic Week in Alexandria

**7 Feb** - Called - Annandale #77; Mark Master Degree - Arl #35 will have candidate(s).

**13 Feb** - Stated – Arlington #35 – DDGHP will have his official visit

**21 Feb** – Stated – Annandale #77

### EDUCATIONAL POINT

According to the California Research lodge (as reported in the Kemper Macon-Ware Lodge No. 64 TB of September 2005) the **clap** at the removal of the HW is no more than a welcome, a form of applause given to the candidate

**Did You Know:** Acocdrnig to an Elgnsih unviesitry sutdy the ordedr of letetrs in a word dosen't mtttaer, the olny thnig thta's iopmrrantt is that the frsrit and lsat ltteer of eevry word is in the crcreot ptoision. The rset can be jmbueld and one is stlil able to raed the txet wiohtut dclftfuiiy.

## Capitular Birthdays

### FEBRUARY

Elwood S. Nichols	1949
Robert L. Conner	1951
John G. Dudley Jr.	1953
Wilber N. Kahoun	1954
James W. Smith	1956
William R. Matthews Jr.	1962
Jack E. Helmick Jr.	1973
John R. Furrow	1976
Donald G. Moore	1976
Anthony J. Peters	1981
Daniel C. Duvall	1983
David R. Graham	1983
Albert L. Stickles II	1983
Kevin J. Davidson	1999
James C. Davis	1998

**Laugh of the month:**  
Important Questions:

If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?

Since bread is square, why is sandwich meat round?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet soup?

Why do the "Alphabet" song and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

### From the Editor

**Companions for the past few years I have been able to print and fold the monthly trestleboard for five cents a copy. This compares for seven cents for copying only at a commercial business. However, my access to this great deal will end this autumn, and I expect costs will raise to at least 8 or 9 cents. We mail about 1500 trestleboards a year, so the estimated total expense will increase by \$60.00. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, send your address to me at:**

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