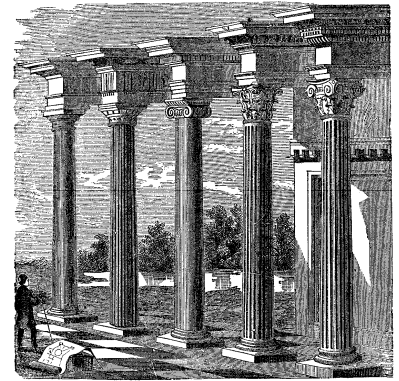


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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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Greetings brethren,

I hope that this message finds you all doing well, even with the fact that the local weather has had us all moving around a little slow at the moment. As a reminder, please contact the Lodge Secretary if you are unable to attend any meetings or if you would like assistance with transportation in order to attend the classes and/or stated meetings, we would love to help, aid, and assist you in any way possible.

The stated meeting for the month of February was held in typical fashion. We played host to the District Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro. Barry Collins, visit and yearly message. As is in the past, the District Deputy gave a wonderful presentation with regard to the Grand Master's plans for this year in Freemasonry for the state of Virginia.

On March 16th, 2015, our stated meeting is going to play host to our Past Master, Wor. Hayden Dudley, who will give a presentation on the current status of the Pleasants Lodge endowment trust fund and our current investment strategy for maintaining its livelihood and potential growth. As always, please come out and attend this meeting next month. This is a wonderful opportunity for every member of our lodge to see and understand how our trust fund is being handled and maintained for the purpose of longevity and usages. Remember my brothers, this is your chance, to see and ask questions to Bro. Dudley, and your current lodge officers, who are handling this precious and important investment, as well as, how we can continue to use these funds to foster scholarship and grant programs for our youth. If you have questions and/or concerns, now is the time to say something and address whatever is on your minds. Please make yourselves available to be in attendance for this event next month.

Now, to aid a reformation and whisper some good council in your ears.

We have several upcoming candidates that are getting ready for their Master Mason degrees, within the next few weeks, and new petitions are rolling in every month at the moment. We need help, your help my brethren. On raising these men through these degrees. We understand that you may not always be available to help with these events, but we want you to know that your presence is sorely missed when you are not here. Please take a few moments to review your personal schedules and availability, you never know, you could have some free time. Once again, you have a lot to contribute when you're helping to raise your brothers.

David E. Campbell II
Worshipful Master

2015 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

Worshipful Master - David Eugene Campbell, III

Senior Warden	Michael Lynn Johnson	Junior Warden	Timothy Morris Shepherd
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Chaplain	Wor. Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Calvin Lucas	Junior Steward	

From the West Gate



I would like to start out this time by welcoming our newest Candidate Frankie Barker, and our newest affiliate Jack Nilsson Sr. to Pleasants Lodge and wish them both a long and prosperous Masonic life.

Our stated meeting was delayed this month due to inclement weather but we finally got it in and were able to welcome our District Deputy Grandmaster Barry Collins for his official visit. It was a privilege and we were happy we could provide comic relief for the night. It was a good time had by all.

As we begin to receive requests for Child ID events, I want to remind everyone that any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated. There will be an event on March 13th at Williamson Road library from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. As several of our normal volunteers will be working during these hours, this one will be difficult to pull off without some assistance from new help. Another requirement for the program is that we have a shredder on premises for Every Child ID event. This is to protect each child as well as ourselves. Although we do everything we can to ensure that all personal information leaves with the child / parent, it is inevitable that sooner or later something gets left behind. This gives us the means to destroy such information. A huge thanks to Wor. Stewart Bain for generously donating a new shredder for the program.

I will conclude these columns with two thoughts..

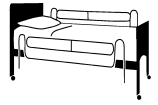
1. A plea to our Sr. Steward Calvin Lucas to recover quickly from his surgery. We are severely lacking in the food department and miss you more than you know.

2. Recognition for Sid Bush. Not just anyone will postpone pacemaker surgery to help out with two Fellowcraft degrees on a Saturday. You truly are a trooper. L.O.L.

Sincerely,
Your Sr. Warden, Michael Johnson

Sick and Shut in

Please keep these brothers and family members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover from their issues.



Bro. Calvin Lucas – shoulder surgery – doing well
RW Scotty Campbell is doing better and sends regards
MW Scearce is up and about and feeling fine

All who have the flu. Stay well and warm.

Secretary Sez



Brothers,

Attendance at lodge needs improvement. Only 15 members showed up for the DDGM official visitation this past Monday.

We elected Bro. Jack Nilsson to membership in our lodge. He is also a member of Innman #201 located in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

We also elected Mr. Frankie Barker to receive the degrees in Masonry.

We currently have four Fellowcraft in process and ready to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We need to get a few practice sessions in before we confer these degrees. We can use all the help we can get so please come out and participate in our Monday ritual practices and certainly for the actual conferral of the degrees.

Fraternally,
Wor. Sid Bush
Secretary

Birthdays

Hiram Scotty Campbell	Mar. 2	Robert Glen Bishop	Apr. 2	Fred Marion Burns	May 1
James Dean Cole	Mar. 3	James Hardie Lawrence	Apr. 11	Calvin Peter Keister	May 2
Bruce Neal Stewart	Mar. 3	Curtis Neil Dickerson	Apr. 24	Paul Gary Black	May 4
James Milton Scearce, Jr.	Mar. 10	William A. Seymour, Jr.	Apr. 26	Sidney Fulton Baker	May 12
David Alyn Goode	Mar. 16	Jerry Wayne McMillan	Apr. 29	David Bruce Baumgardner	May 14
Courtney Elwood Jarvis	Mar. 21			J. Edward Conner	May 19
Clarence Mortimer Hawkins	Mar. 22			Anthony Todd Holland	May 20
Thomas Michael Wilbourn	Mar. 27			Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	May 20
Harold Oliver Nofsinger	Mar. 30			Lloyd Marion Holfield	May 23
William Kenneth Ramsey	Mar. 30			Charles Henry Stowe	May 24
				Joel Scott Wyatt	May 30