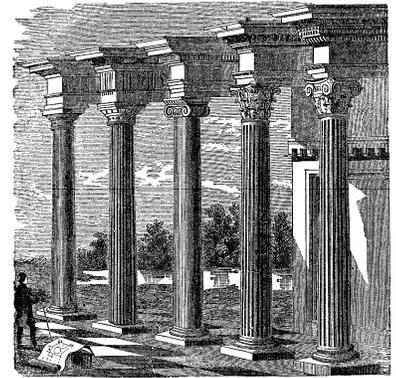


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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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Greetings brethren,



I hope that this message finds you all doing well, the temperatures are beginning to stretch into upper stratosphere once in awhile and the heat is coming. Please be careful while you are out and about. As always, 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 our schools and/or stated meetings, please contact us, we need to know and/or hear from you. Additionally, we would love for you to be able to help, aid, and assist in any way possible when you are available; whether it's volunteering your time with lodge sponsored philanthropic programs or degree work within the lodge or around the district. This past stated meeting for the month of May topped the charts! It was Past Master's night, and let me start off by extending the lodges most sincere thanks to those Past Masters in attendance! GM/WM Bro. James Scearce, served as our honorary Wor. Master; to his left sat, WM Bro. Chuck Stowe as Chaplin, and WM Bro. Sidney Bush as Secretary. WM Bro. Stuart Bain served in the West, with WM Bro. Duffy Ferguson, seated to his left, as Marshall. In the stands sat WM Bro. Haden Dudley, RW/WM Bro. Charlie Hale, and WM Bro. Barry Light. RW/WM Bro. Phil Weaver was also in attendance, along with current RW/WM Bro. Barry Collins of the 22nd District A; who by the way, also gave a message from and about our current Grand Master. Can you leadership, we had it! Truly amazing! I'm so glad that everyone could attend this event, it really meant a lot to all those in attendance. Thank you gentlemen for your service, leadership, and above all else, your mentorship through the years. You deserve a huge round of applause. Next month, is Saint John's Day for those who plan on attending. Be prepared to receive a stirring presentation by Past Master Bro. Chuck Stowe. It's going to be amazing!. Now, to aid a reformation and whisper some good counsel in your ear. We just raised a new Master Mason back on the first Monday at the beginning of May. I would like to thank two brothers from Vinton Lodge; WM's and Bro.'s Freddie Knapp and David Richards. for their help and assistance through this process. Plus, we have two MORE candidates that are ready to be raised up as a Master Masons, and then followed by a Fellowcraft. A new petition was read for the second time, voted on, and an Entered Apprentice Degree will soon be in the wings. We still need a lot of help and more attendance! Every Master Mason of Pleasants Lodge, or around the district, is welcome to lend their expertise and services! We understand that things happen and schedules can be tight, but we want you to know that your absence doesn't go unnoticed. Your wellbeing is of our utmost concern, please contact us when you have time, we would certainly love to hear from each of you. You never really know, you could be available to help or just be present for a meeting, or perhaps you need to just talk or visit. Once again, you do have a lot to contribute back to your lodge. Please don't hesitate to share your time with us.

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
Secretary	Wor. Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	Treasurer	Taha Hasayn Bullock
Senior Deacon	Scott Christopher St. Clair	Junior Deacon	Wor. Ronald A. Wirt
Chaplain	Wor. Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Calvin Lucas	Junior Steward	

From the West Gate



Greetings once again brethren, It's that time of year again where the weather is getting nicer and things are starting to pick up. There are many things going on for us to be a part of both Masonic in nature and personal. We will all be pulled in several directions trying to get everything done and keep as many people as we can happy in the process. It can be daunting at times but it will work out in the end as it always does. As a charitable organization we will be having activities more frequently during these months and can always use help/attendance/ participation for each and every one of the events that we put on. Those involved will be very appreciative for that help. This also marks the beginning of travel season and that means more traffic on the roadway. Please be cautious when on the road, some of us choose to be on two wheels instead of four. We aren't always as visible nor are we even close to being equally protected, so an extra check or waiting a second more before pulling out could make the difference between visiting a friend at home or visiting them in a cemetery. Have a great and safe summer

Sincerely,
Your Sr. Warden, Michael Johnson

SEVEN DEADLY CYNICS DO ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR?

IT WILL NEVER WORK!

MEN JOIN HERE JUST TO GET A RING (OR JOIN SHRINE).

WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING NEW, BUT WE CAN'T GET RID OF **THAT!**

WHAT'S THE POINT, NOBODY COMES TO LODGE ANYMORE.

I ALREADY SERVED AS MASTER. IT IS TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO STEP FORWARD.

I'D LIKE TO STEP FORWARD, BUT NO ONE WANTS TO GIVE UP THEIR JOB.

WHO CARES? WE ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A SOCIAL CLUB.

(Author, P.J. Roup, PDDGM, 54th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. See www.district54.blogspot.com for full text. Printed in MSA Short Talk Bulletin for May 2015)

Sick and Shut in

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

None have been reported.

Secretary Sez

Brothers,

We lost a treasured member on May 13, RW Hiram Earl "Scotty" Campbell passed to the Celestial Lodge. Please keep his family in your prayers.

This month we raised Ronnie Lee Lester to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Please welcome him to our fraternity and help him on his journey to more light. We also initiated Frankie Barker and voted on another man to receive the degrees in Freemasonry.

This past month we had Past Masters night with 5 Past Masters occupying the chairs and 3 more on the sidelines as well as a PDDGM and the current DDFM RW Barry Collins. Sadly out of 21 past masters still either alive or in the area these and one additional either came to the meeting or let us know. Wor. Nofsinger advised he doesn't get out at night.

We can always use more support from our past masters as well as from our membership.

Sid Bush, Secretary

Birthdays

Ronald Wirt	June 10	Matthew Howard Gregory	July 3	Elvin Gene McComb, Jr.	Aug. 9
Donald Dean Gates	June 14	Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7	James David Cheatham	Aug. 10
Barry Dale Light	June 15	Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7	Ricky Gleason Wilkerson	Aug. 10
John Robert Gibson	June 26	Louis Kerford Campbell	July 8	Walter Blaine Elliott, IV	Aug. 13
		Wayne William Wise	July 9	John Boyd obenchain	Aug. 20
		James Robert Staggs	July 10	Ronald Harry Geiger	Aug. 28
		Billy Estil Frazier	July 14		
		Jeffrey Scott Purves	July 19		
		Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22		
		Raymond Carter Cox	July 24		
		David Price Maxey	July 25		
		Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28		