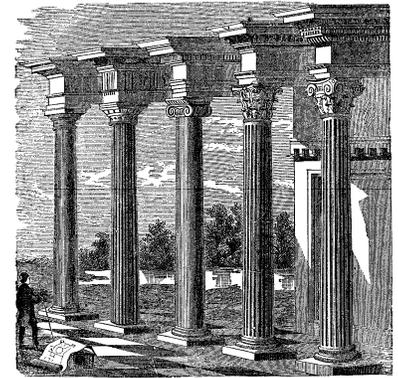


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From the East

The Back to School signs are up in the stores, so it must be August. I actually found myself putting my daughter's Christmas present from Santa on layaway this past week-end, how did we get this close to the end of a year, already? None-

theless, here we are, August stated is in three weeks, and I will have three and a half more months, until the brethren can call me a retreaded has been. But don't worry we won't be sitting around for that time, we have an Entered Apprentice Degree on Monday, August 11, a Fellowcraft Degree for my nephew on Wednesday, August 20, with a lot more degree work to follow. Please come out and support these brethren as they advance their way to master mason. Also come support your line officers as they advance in chairs for school and degree work in preparation for next year, yes that means David is in the hot seat a lot this fall.

In addition, we are receiving a number of requests for Child Id Events from local police departments, civic groups and libraries. Please come out and continue to make this program a shining example of what Freemasonry is about and how we continue to build better, stronger communities. And, let's not forget that Grand Lodge is just around the corner, if you are planning on joining us you need to talk to Wor. Sid Bush NOW, so that travel arrangements and accommodations can be addressed.

On a completely different subject, the last few weeks have presented a bushel of concerns and issues for me

to deal with a personal level. Having your kids' safety and home security to put to test is enough to rattle any cage. Now that my anger is back under control somewhat, we have had a moment to take inventory of what is important. My family is safe and unharmed, we haven't lost anything that couldn't be replaced, and those items that are sentimental and cannot be replaced are still there for me to pass on to my kids, we have been blessed in that regards. Additionally, when word reached several brothers, they were there at a minute's notice, ready to help or whatever needed to be done. For that I am extremely grateful. I finish this columns with what I feel is one of the most important things a man coming into this fraternity learns (or should learn). This House Stands! This Family Stands Together! We have withstood the tests of time by binding together, enduring and leaning on one another, stretching out our arms to support and sustain a brother, and defending what we know and believe to be right. We will continue to do so, as long as our young brethren and future initiates into freemasonry are taught this one lesson, when we say "Welcome to the family," we mean it. While we may not always get along or agree, we are always, first and foremost:

FAMILY!!

"Digger"

2014 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

Worshipful Master - Duffy Jerome Ferguson			
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Senior Steward	Calvin Lucas	Junior Steward	Scott Christopher St. Clair

From the West Gate



Greetings Brethren,

As always, I hope that this message finds you and your families doing well. Summer is in full swing, while the weather continues to be up and down, rainy or dry!



The July stated meeting was short, quick, and to the point. In other words, we were in and out in less than one hour. Main reason being that it was not possible to reschedule our guest speakers presentation, from last month, due to circumstances beyond our or his control. That being said, I wish to remind each and every brother that we have several degrees (two Entered Apprentices and two Fellowcraft), that are coming soon during the month of August. Please feel free to attend, lend a hand, and also meet the new brethren coming into the lodge and Freemasonry in general. They're interested in meeting you as well, so that should be good incentive for your presence. The trestle board is always being updated on a weekly basis and is available online, 24/7/365. We also have a few child ID events in the works too! We will need a little help with those too! If you need assistance in accessing the website and the information it will contain, please contact the lodge Secretary.

As always, I leave you with this lesson. Remember, your brothers are there to help, aid, and assist you. All you need do; is ask them for good counsel, they are there. However, and most importantly, remember that your family members are by your side too! Your parents, siblings, spouse, and children are your greatest strength, be thankful and remember to tell them so as often as possible. No one is ever truly replaceable.

Sincerely and fraternally,

S.W. David E. Campbell II

Secretary Sez



Brethren,

Please join me in welcoming three new members to our beloved fraternity. Bros. Lester, Slemple & Presley. (shown below) With our new initiates we have work to do! Please let either me or Master Duffy know if you can assist in any of the degree work. Remember, it takes a LODGE to raise a BROTHER! We now have four (4) new brothers who have been initiated and will soon receive their Fellowcraft Degrees. We also have one man ready to be initiated. We also still have 12 brothers who have not paid their 2014 dues as yet. If you are one of those that has let this obligation slip by won't you please take a moment and send in your dues. If you are in distress please contact me and discuss your situation.



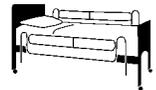
(l to r) Ronnie Lee Lester, Jr, Dr. Andrew Alfred Slemple, Jr., Wendell Lee Presley

Fraternally,
Sid Bush, Secretary

Sick and Shut in

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

Martha Robinette
Brenda Hale
Sid Bush
Jane Stowe
H. Scotty Campbell
Pearl Anne Campbell



Birthdays

James Richard Meredith	Sept 1	Eddie Franklin Hearp	Oct. 3	Thomas Edward Purves	Nov. 3
Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	Sept 6	John Mason Chambliss, Jr.	Oct. 6	Eric Roland Spencer	Nov. 6
Joseph Edward Reade	Sept 6	Troy Gradner	Oct. 6	Kenneth Ray Robinette	Nov. 10
Paul Brown Caldwell	Sept 11	Richard Arthur Mowles	Oct. 14	Hubert Ralph Lane	Nov. 12
Ellard Vincent Youngberg	Sept 14	David Eugene Campbell, II	Oct. 15	Carl Allen Balderson	Nov. 14
Richard Wayne Booth, Sr	Sept 15	Raymond Oscar Patsel	Oct. 15	Charles Wesley Hale	Nov. 16
Paul Dale Walrond	Sept 16	Donn Waldron Branch	Oct. 17	Gerald Allen Pope	Nov. 17
John Leslie Ford	Sept 18	Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	Oct. 19	Adam McCulloch Williams	Nov. 20
Haden Thurston Dudley, III	Sept 19	Carl Lee Cronk	Oct. 30	Robert Tasker Carter, II	Nov. 20
Andrew Martin Yuhas	Sept 20			William Holcomb Jennings	Nov. 21
Stuart Matthew Bain	Sept 24			Taha Hasayn bullock	Nov. 22
John William Hardin	Sept 25			Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	Nov. 24
William Thomas Watkins	Sept 26				
Timothy Morris Shepherd	Sept 28				
Francis Stedman Hylton	Sept 29				