

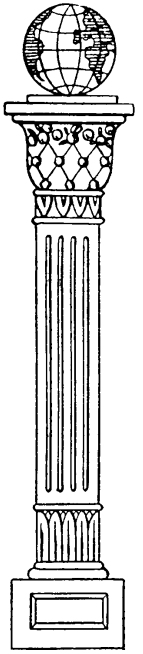
THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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February 2010



Worshipful Master - Archer Davenport Livengood, Jr.

Senior Warden	Stuart Matthew Bain	Junior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush
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Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Stephen Kendrick Sprague	Junior Steward	Dewey Rickie Taylor

Brethren: Now that the Holiday Season is past and we are well into the New Year, we should all look back on 2009 and give thanks for all of our God's Blessings to each and every one of us. We really do have a lot to be thankful for. I hope that this year will be the best for our lodge, it's members and their families. I hope that we will all become even closer together as a lodge and as friends.

I gathered the quote below from one of my online regular readings. Even though it came from a very large church mailing, I believe it applies to Masonic Lodges as much as it does to Churches. In our budget this year we are providing for our Worthy Student Bicycle Program and the Grand Lodge of Virginia Child ID Program because these are our priorities. These are what we believe in and we put our money where are priorities are.

"The quickest way to discover a church's priorities is to look at its budget and calendar.

"The way we spend our time and money shows what is really important to us, regardless of what we claim to believe."- Rick Warren

I made a commitment to Worshipful Duffy Ferguson last year, that if he made the investment in lodge funds and lodge effort, I would continue with the Grand Lodge of Virginia Child ID Program during my year as Master of Pleasants #63 and Brother Stuart Bain has also agreed that he will do the same when he assumes the East in 2011. Pleasants Lodge is committed to excellence as we continue our efforts to make this program a "hallmark" (distinctive characteristic or attribute) of Our Lodge. We have made this commitment as a "Line of Officers." Now we need your commitment to come out and help work these "Child ID Days." We will also be scheduling work evenings doing the stuffing of envelopes, etc. that is required in preparation for each event. You will be hearing me use these two words a lot this year. "Commitment" and "Motivation." Motivation is the driving force that makes us perform a given action. Commitment is what transforms that driving force into reality. Commitment is steadfast fixity of purpose, the act of binding ourselves to a course of action. Will you join us in performing this valuable service to the parents and kids living in the 22nd Masonic District and surrounding area? During my Master's Remarks at our 2010 Officer's Installation, I talked at length about motivation. Motivation is the internal condition that activates behavior and gives it direction; and energizes and directs goal-oriented behavior. We will be asking you to motivate yourself off the couch and out of the house a few times this year and commit to W Duffy our Lodge Child ID Coordinator, that you are willing to answer the call. When we send out requests for help, please respond with your own personal motivation and commitment firmly set in your mind. We could use as many as 40 people to make our first event a success.

Our first scheduled Child ID Program is our "biggie" at Tanglewood Mall set for March 27th. We anticipate as many as 500 kids to show up for their Child ID Kits. Please write that date on your calendar right now. Our next one is scheduled for April 17th at Westhampton Christian Church on Grandin Rd. There will be more through out the year!

We will be having these regularly and plan to assist other lodges also as they get geared up for this "Grand Master's Initiative." We got a very big head start last year. With your help our district will lead the way for the Commonwealth of Virginia again this year.

Thank you for your continued support of your lodge.

Brother Archer, WM

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonic_Child_Identification_Programs_\(CHIP\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonic_Child_Identification_Programs_(CHIP))

Lodge Statistics as January 18, 2010

Demits Processed: 0	Suspensions: 0	Deaths: 1	Affiliated: 0
Honorary Members: 5	Life Members: 11	50 Yr. Members: 19	
Remitted Members: Hardship 2, Illness 1		Officers: 3	
Total Lodge Membership:	138	plus 4 candidates, 1 petitioner	
Total Dues Paying Members:	97		

Petitions outstanding
One
Awaiting Initiation
Mark Anthony Gibson
Initiated as Entered Apprentices
Matthew Howard Gregory
Tyron Heath Cassell
Passed to Degree of Fellowcraft
Timothy Daniel Robertson

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

In **February** we will have the Official Visitation of Right Worshipful Michael Alan Day. RW Day will be presenting the Grand Master's programs for the year.

In **March** we will have RW Louis Kerford (Kerry) Campbell, Grand Junior Warden, Personal Assistant to the Sovereign Inspector General, 33° IGH to speak on the Scottish Rite.

In **April** we will have Wor. Haden Thurston Dudley, III, Potentate of Kazim Temple speak about the Shrine Hospitals. Please come and hear these programs. All Stated meetings are on the Third Monday of each month as they have been for over 100 years.

Dues... we still have better than half of our members that have not sent in their dues for 2010. Grand Lodge has already sent their "bill" of almost \$3000 as the lodge's assessment. According to the Methodical Digest all dues are supposed to be paid by the first of January and become delinquent at that time if not received. Please take a moment and write out your check right now and send it in. Your membership card will be sent shortly thereafter.

During February your secretary will be on vacation. Please contact the Worshipful Master directly with any questions or issue such as funeral requests. He may be reached at 540-312-3999 or via email at bigscooter1@cox.net.

During the past year the lodge has assisted several brothers through donations or remitting of dues but sadly we have absolutely no idea if in fact they have received the assistance. If you have received a gift from the lodge won't you please just drop us a note and let us know that you received it and include an update on your status.

Also please be certain to advise us whenever you move, change your phone number or change your email address. We need this to keep ours and Grand Lodge's databases up to date.

I would like to emphasize the need for volunteers to help with the CHILD ID project March 27. We will again be at Tanglewood Mall in one of the empty stores and will have at least 8 computer units. Our hours of operation will be 9:30AM until 5:00PM BUT WE WILL REMAIN UNTIL EVERY CHILD HAS RECEIVED HIS/HER ID KIT. To do this we need 16 people just to man the computer units, 4—6 people assisting the parents, handing out the permission slips and information sheets, answering questions, etc. And to be fair to the people operating the computer units they need to take breaks for rest, refreshment and restrooms. We really do need about 40 to 50 people, not all at once but staggered throughout the day. Some of us will be there all day. Workers can be our ladies and our older children (helps to soothe the younger children) in addition to our brothers from any lodge. We will have one brother here from Waynesboro to help out.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Wor. Duffy (please use email to duffy_ferguson@yahoo.com) or Bill Seymour, at 540-819-9029 (BUT preferably at the email address of wassps@cox.net)

Thanks, Bill Seymour, Secretary Pleasants Lodge #63, District 22 Child ID Coordinator

Birthdays

Harry Tuckworth Lucas	Feb. 4	James Dean Cole	March 3
Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	Feb. 5	Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3
Julien Irwin Sacks	Feb. 8	James Larry Foster	March 8
Boreham Boyd Johnson	Feb. 11	James Milton Scarce, Jr.	March 10
Donald Richard Nevins	Feb. 12	David Alyn Goode	March 16
Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	Feb. 15	Curtis Elery Downey	March 18
Michael George Lawson	Feb. 16	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21
Orville Max Leach	Feb. 17	Clarence Mortimer Hawkins, Jr.	March 22
Charles Carmine Pernal	Feb. 20	Robert Raymond Robertson	March 23
George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	Feb. 22	John Draper Walrond	March 26
Howard Carroll Packett	Feb. 23	Thomas Michael Wilbourn	March 27
John William Slusher	Feb. 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30
Richard Joseph Akers	Feb. 28	William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr.	March 30
		John Charles Renick	March 30