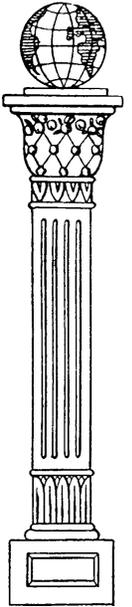


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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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January 2014

Worshipful Master - Duffy Jerome Ferguson

Senior Warden	David Eugene Campbell, III	Junior Warden	Michael Lynn Johnson
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Senior Deacon	Timothy Morris Shepherd	Junior Deacon	Ronald A. Virt
Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Calvin Lucas	Junior Steward	Scott Christopher St. Clair

Brethren,

Happy New Year, from the East. Wow, I never thought I would be saying that again but here we are. And after an event filled day where nothing seemed to go right, the officers were duly elected and installed at the December stated. We have a pretty full schedule starting off the new year, our January stated will feature an open program preceded by a spaghetti dinner. Our speaker is unaware that they are receiving the Community Builder's Award. In addition, it is also the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master and we have a second reading of a petition. We have a working fellowcraft who should be ready for his Master Mason degree hopefully by the end of the month.

Your officers will have a busy couple of months getting programs squared away for the ensuing months, we have Child Id supplies and gear to prep as we get ready for what will be another busy year. There will be degrees to prepare for, lodge working parties as we get ready for some work to be done in the office and in the lodge room, there are details to be ironed out for family events we would like to do this and future years. While Pleasants has one of the youngest corps of officers in the district and one of our youngest in years, the officers can not do this alone, we need your help. This is OUR LODGE, this is OUR YEAR!!!!!! While I may sit in the east, myself and the other officers are only as effective as the support we get from the members of our lodge. I was raised to the degree of Master Mason 10 years ago, and I have been elected to the office of Worshipful Master twice, there are members who I have NEVER MET, and I ask myself why is this? I understand there are members who life has led you to live elsewhere and you can not make it to lodge, I applaud those men who have continued to acknowledge their obligation to their mother lodge and remained as members. I understand there are members whose health no longer allow them to get out and come to lodge, perhaps if you can not come to lodge, lodge can come to you, if you are up for a visit then we would love to visit with you. If your health will allow you to come to lodge but you don't have a way or you can not drive after dark we will make arrangements for an officer or someone from lodge to get you and take you home so you can again attend your lodge and see for yourself what we are doing and what is going on here. For those who feel they don't have enough time to attend or be active in lodge, think about this, I served in the East in 2009 while working two jobs, had a one year old little boy at home and had a pregnant wife with a little girl on the way. Can you not find two hours once a month to come on a Monday night and attend lodge?

I am and will be, until the Supreme Architect calls me from labor to refreshment, your friend and brother.

Duffy Jerome Ferguson
Worshipful Master



Front Row: David E. Campbell, Wor. Ferguson, Wor. Bush
 Back Row: Taha H. Bullock, Timothy M. Shepherd,
 Michael Johnson, Scott C. St. Clair, Wor. Stowe

Secretary Sez

We start this new Masonic year with our first “retread” Master (and I mean that in loving way) Worshipful Duffy Jerome Ferguson. Wor. Duffy was instrumental in starting our current Child ID program and has worked to provide identity kits to over 3000 children since 2009. Wor. Duffy has not only guided our lodge in this great work but has also assisted other lodges in our District in their efforts as the District Child ID Coordinator.

We all need to support this Lodge in all our programs and most especially by attending lodge events. Don’t be a “Paper Mason”, participate at every level within your cable tow.

Wor. Fred Burns started a program to provide transportation to and from your home so that those of you that are uncomfortable driving at night or are handicapped in any way can attend lodge. To date we have had not one request for a ride.

Please call me at 540-520-1101 and I'll get a ride for you. It is not one bit of trouble for any of us to help you attend lodge. Remember Brothers, the only thing missing from Pleasants is YOU!

Wor. Sid Bush
 Secretary

From the West Gate

Greetings to all Brethren,

Welcome to the start of another wonderful year at Pleasants Lodge! I hope this message finds you all well these days as we roll towards another joyous and fun filled holiday season.

As some of you may not be aware or may not know; this year, 2014, will mark the 125th year since our founding. What an incredible milestone! Not many people have the luxury of saying something like that.

That being said; I truly hope that you can make time to stop by and visit with us as we roll along with degree work, stated meetings, and other various events that we are looking into as the year progresses. Please feel free to contact the lodge secretary should you need assistance in travelling and/or attending. As always, we look forward to hearing from you. So don’t be a stranger; come out or drop us a line, we would love to hear from you!

David E. Campbell II S.W.

The fellow who is wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.

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Birthdays

Christopher Scott St. Clair	Jan. 3	Jay Michael Becker	Feb. 3	Hiram Scotty Campbell	Mar. 2
James Luther Craft	Jan. 7	Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	Feb. 4	Bruce Neal Stewart	Mar. 3
Joshua Adam Wickline	Jan. 8	Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	Feb. 5	James Dean Cole	Mar. 3
Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	Jan. 12	Boreham Boyd Johnson	Feb. 11	James Milton Scearce, Jr.	Mar. 10
Michael Lynn Johnson	Jan. 13	Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	Feb. 15	David Alyn Goode	Mar. 16
Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	Jan. 17	Michael George Lawson	Feb. 16	Curtis Elery downey	Mar. 18
Mike Fries	Jan. 17	Orville Max Leach	Feb. 17	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	Mar. 21
Jeffrey Lynn Butler	Jan. 19	George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	Feb. 22	Clarence Mortimer Hawkins, Jr	Mar. 22
Daniel Gilbert Oakey	Jan. 21	Calvin Lewis Lucas, Jr.	Feb. 23	Thomas Michael Wilbourn	Mar. 27
Brian Noland Stroop	Jan. 23	John William Slusher	Feb. 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	Mar. 30
Arthur Douglas St. Clair	Jan. 26			William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr	Mar. 30
Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	Jan. 29				