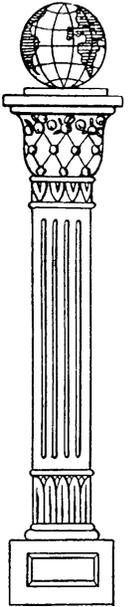


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## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 Af & Am

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May 2014

Worshipful Master - Duffy Jerome Ferguson

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For those of you who missed the April stated, you missed Rt. Worshipful Charlie Hale sitting in the East while I took a week off to spend time with the family. Now that I'm back from Florida, and broke, it is time to get back to business, and we have a busy month ahead of us. The May stated will feature a dinner catered by Wildwood Smokehouse at 6:00 P.M., followed by an open program upstairs in the lodge room by the VA Army National Guard Military Honors Team, don't tell them but we are presenting them with the Community Builders Award. Additionally, our scholarship recipient will be present with her family to receive the scholarship. In keeping with our veteran's theme, and since Memorial Day is a mere week after stated, the Commandery will be in attendance to present the colors. If that is not enough for one night we have at least one if not more petitions to vote on that night. Please come out and not only support our lodge but our men and women in the Armed Forces as we take a few moments to honor their service and sacrifice for our great country!

Additionally, we are hosting the MMA breakfast on Saturday, May 10, so I need our cooks to come out and lend a hand. Following the breakfast, a Fellowcraft degree will be conferred for a brother from Williamson Road Lodge. We will be soon scheduling the Fellowcraft degree for my nephew so please come out and support these brethren.

If you have not been to the lodge room or secretary's office, you need to come by and see the renovations to the facilities. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up and made this possible. Without the efforts of Fred Burns, Tim (Chicken Joe) Shepherd, Michael Johnson, David Campbell, Scott St. Clair, Sid Bush and others this would not have been possible and I greatly appreciate their efforts. I would also to congratulate Mike and everyone who came out and helped with the child ID event at the Dogwood Festival, 77 kids received kits during this event. I am happy to see the program continue to flourish under his direction.

I can't remember a time in recent history when the lodge has been this busy or had this many irons in the fire. Your officers are working very hard and should be commended. But they can not do this alone, we need everyone to pull together. If these few brethren can pull this work off, imagine what we could do if every local member of the lodge that is healthy, came in to help with the vast number of projects in the works, like our Night in program kicking off soon, the vast number of child ID events that are requested this time of the year, degree work and mentoring of our new members.

As a final thought, remember that having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, you are a representative of our Gentle Craft, Carry yourself well. If there is anything myself or your lodge officers can do, please I am a phone call or email away.

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## From the West Gate



Greeting Brethren,

As always, I hope that this message finds you and your families doing well. Unfortunately our guest speaker, Gary Flasketgaard, was unable to attend and give a presentation on the VA Chip Child ID program due to a family members medical emergency. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks.

This month's stated meeting was also hosted by none other than Wor. Charles Wesley Hale; sitting in for our current Worshipful Master while he was on vacation. Thank you Charlie and Duffy have fun with your family in Florida! The meeting was conducted in under one hour...a first; as far as I can remember in the last five years. Wow! After the meeting, the Stewards treated those in attendance with drinks, chips, , and ice cream. Remember, treats and goodies are usually available after stated meetings, so please consider attending if you can. Next month we will be giving a community builders award and voting on two candidates for the degrees in Freemasonry. Once again, feel free to attend.

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. However, and most importantly, remember that your family members are there too! Your spouse and children are your greatest strength, be thankful..and remember to thank them often. No one is ever truly replaceable.

Sincerely and fraternally,

S.W. David E. Campbell II

## Secretary Sez



Brethren, please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with their issues:

Eddie Purves is in Burkshire in Vinton after being in UVC for problems and resent illness. He is doing much better and can have visitors and phone calls

Right Worshipful H Scotty Campbell is at his daughters house with Hospice visiting every day

Brad Wirt's cancer is back and is having a bone marrow transplant latter this month. His brother Chad is the donor. Brad and Chad are the sons of Wor. Ron Wirt and lady Linda.

Martha Robinette is going to Panama City, FL one more time per Ken. She is getting along ok but by no means out of the woods.

RW David Bower died late March. Keep his lady Edna in your prayers as she grieves for his loss.

If you have had an address phone number or e-mail change please e-mail me at [ipopop@cox.net](mailto:ipopop@cox.net) or call me at 540-520-1101.

There are still some brothers that are in arrears with their dues. If you are one of them please send your check ASAP.

## Birthdays

Ronald Wirt	June 10	Matthew Howard Gregory	July 3	David Reed Hamblin	Aug 2
Donald Dean Gates	June 14	Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7	Elvin Gene McComb, Jr.	Aug 9
Barry Dale Light	June 15	Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7	James David Cheatham	Aug 10
Major Nicholas Reed	June 17	Louis Kerford Campbell	July 8	Ricky Gleason Wilkerson	Aug 10
John Robert Gibson	June 26	Wayne William Wise	July 9	Walter Blaine Elliott, IV	Aug 13
		James Robert Staggs	July 10	John Boyd Obenchain	Aug 20
		Billy Estil Frazier	July 14	Ronald Harry Geiger	Aug 28
		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		