

THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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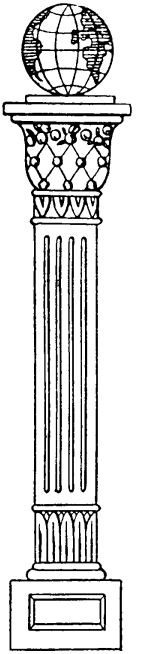
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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May 2010



Worshipful Master - Archer Davenport Livengood, Jr.

Senior Warden	Stuart Matthew Bain	Junior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush
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Friendship: My View From the East.

Every day be thankful for what you have and who you are. This is a simple request. If you appreciate life, hand this copy of "The Columns" to a friend. This will help you make sure he still knows that you consider him a friend.

"Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings. Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible. Thank you, Lord that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud, Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous, Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, Thank you, Lord, for life." ~Author Unknown

Every day, each and every one of us has a chance to help to make this world just a little bit better. To make it a warmer, friendlier, nicer place to live in. Have you done that today? It is not really difficult to do, just "be a friend" to someone who needs one.

Lodge Statistics as May 5, 2010 (for the year)

Demits Processed: 3 Suspensions: 3 Deaths: 2 Affiliated: 1
Raised: 2 Restorations: 1

Honorary Members: 4 Life Members: 11 50 Yr. Members: 19
Remitted Members: Hardship 2, Illness 1 Officers: 3

Current Lodge Membership: 139 plus 3 candidates, 1 petitioner

Total Dues Paying Members: 99

Petitions outstanding

One, not read yet. No Signatures
Two second reading May Stated

Awaiting Initiation

Initiated as Entered Apprentices

Mark Anthony Gibson

Passed to Degree of Fellowcraft

Awaiting Restoration

One brother

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift. A friend is someone to treasure. Are you such a friend? We have "Brothers in Masonry." Are we working every day to make these "brothers" our true friends and not just someone we see once a month at stated meeting? Do we ever meet and talk with our Lodge Brothers outside of the lodge? If not, what a wasted opportunity for personal blessing.

Friendship is a gift. A friend is someone who fills our lives with Beauty, Joy and Grace and makes the world we live in a better and happier place. You just can not have too many of them. Call a lodge brother today, try to meet for lunch. When you do this, please let me know how your day went.

Brother Archer

Our program for May will be the official visitation of the Officers and Members of Allegheny-Dunbar Prince Hall Lodge. Please come out and welcome these brothers in Freemasonry.

Secretary's Desk

Please take notice that the "Columns" will be taking a little break during the summer. There will be no newsletter for June, July or August.

Please take a moment now and mark your calendars that our Stated Communication is on the third Monday of each month as it has been for over 100 years

June 21 will be the Lodge Picnic with our youth organizations and a celebration of St. John's Day.

July 19 will be a Ladies Night and feature a program by Bro. James Ruhland, II on the Tools of Free Masonry.

August 16 will be a combined Stated with Catawba Lodge and the Official Visit of MW. William E. Rorer, Jr.

Columns publication will restart with the September issue.

Birthdays

Claude Daniel Kittinger, III	June 2	Joseph Marion Brown, III	July 1	Wilbur Ellsworth Grant	August 2
Mark Wayne Minter	June 6	Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7	Timothy Wheeler Roatenberry	August 6
Donald Dean Gates	June 14	Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7	James David Cheatham	August 10
Kenneth Earl Bentz	June 15	Douglas Eugene Walker	July 9	Ricky Gleason Wilkerson	August 10
Barry Dale Light	June 15	Wayne William Wise	July 9	Walter Blaine Elliott, IV	August 13
Major Nicholas Reed	June 17	James Robert Staggs	July 10	John Boyd Obenchain	August 20
Stephen Kendrick Sprague	June 21	Jeffrey Scott Purves	July 19	Paul Thomas Omer	August 22
John Robert Gibson	June 26	Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22	Ronald Harry Geiger	August 28
		Raymond Carter Cox	July 24		
		Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28		