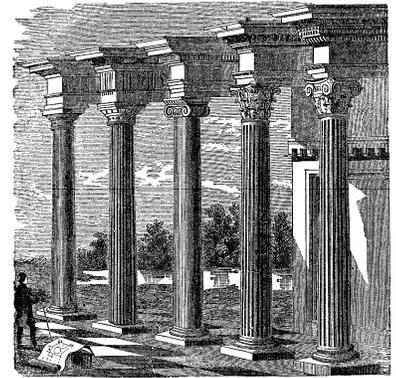


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### From the East

November is certainly a time for change, and more so this year. As I write this, I am reflecting not only of the events of Grand Lodge, which myself and your line officers just returned from, but thinking forward to the next couple of weeks as well. We are conferring the Master Mason's degree for a brother in just under nine hours as I write this and with a little luck and planning we will confer a second before the December stated. Wow, I have only one and a half stated to go before I am put out to pasture again. It has been my honor to serve as your Worshipful Master for a second time. We have had a good year, by any means of measuring one. By year's end, we will have raised at least two if not three Master Masons, we have three Entered Apprentices working toward their Fellowcraft degree and to my knowledge we have not lost any members to suspension or to the Celestial Lodge above. We renovated the Lodge office with new carpet and paint, the Lodge Room looks so much brighter without the brown wallpaper and with a white coat on the walls. A huge thank you goes out to Tim Shepherd, Fred Burns, Michael Johnson, Scott St. Clair, Sid Bush, David Campbell and everyone who worked to make this happen. And while there are some tasks that we didn't get to this year, I trust my successors will finish up these projects and I look forward to attending these future events.

While at Grand Lodge, we learned that starting January 1, a background check will be required on all new petitions as a further guard for the West Gate. We also learned for all future Child ID events, we must have a shredder present to destroy any left behind information sheets or cd's that failed to burn or were not correct. Additionally, we learned that several jurisdictions have lost their programs due to gross errors and mistakes either made in the field or administratively. This program more than anything else puts Freemasonry in the eyes of the general public, and must be guarded with extreme diligence to make sure we do not make these same mistakes!!!

On a personal note of change, I look forward to settling into a new house in the upcoming weeks, with a bigger yard for the kids to play in. Yes, this means I will no longer be seven blocks from Lodge, but it doesn't mean I plan to disappear. It simply means that anything needing my attention or if the brethren need my assistance, I need a little more lead time to schedule if possible. And if anyone is bored over the next couple of weeks, feel free to stop by and lend a hand.

Finally my brethren, I leave you with this "Virtus Junxit Mors non separabit." What virtue has joined together, death cannot separate.

Always your brother  
Digger

### 2014 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

<b>Worshipful Master</b> - <b>Duffy Jerome Ferguson</b>			
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>David Eugene Campbell, II</b>	<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Michael Lynn Johnson</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Taha Hasayn Bullock</b>
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Timothy Morris Shepherd</b>	<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Ronald A. Virt</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Charles Henry Stowe</b>	<b>Tiler</b>	<b>Kenneth Ray Robinette</b>
<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Calvin Lucas</b>	<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Scott Christopher St. Clair</b>

## From the West Gate



Greetings Brethren,



As always, I hope that this message finds you and your families doing well. It's time to "fall" back on the clocks and get an extra hour of sleep. However, it is now going to get dark around 5pm. We can't win 'em all!

I would like to take this time to extend some words of gratitude towards our current, and outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. Duffy J. Ferguson, on his 2<sup>nd</sup> time as Master of Pleasants Lodge in six years. Duffy has always been a good friend and will not hesitate to tell people what is on his mind. Some people may find that overwhelming, but he still remains honest and speaks from the heart. This year, under his leadership and guidance, have been nothing short of incredible and enjoyable. We have raised several new candidates and received excellent tutelage with transforming the line officers and these new members into great masons; who truly go out of their way to sustain brothers in need. He has continued to bring tremendous amount of love and care to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District with regard to the utilization of the VA CHIP Child ID Program. As a participant of this events, I can honestly say that both parents and guardians have always been extremely thankful towards the Freemasons of the District with regards to this "free" program that we offer. Remember, if we can save just "one" child, we have done our duty. So please join me in expressing heartfelt gratitude to our Worshipful Master, Bro. Duffy Jerome Ferguson.

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 and they will be there to help. However, and most importantly, remember that your family members are by your side! 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,



MW James Milton Scearce, Jr recently underwent some minor heart surgery and is home and doing well.

In January of 2013 our lodge gave the Community Builders award to Dr. Andrey Slem্প and since that time he petitioned lodge and was this past Nov. 10th raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Welcome Bro. Slem্প to our Lodge. Assisting in the conferral was MW Kerry Campbell. Thanks to all that participated in the degree work.

Before the end of the month we will be conferring another MM degree on Wor. Duffy's nephew, Kaleb. Please let me or Wor. Duffy know if you can assist in this degree work.

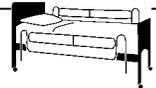
Many of you have already sent in your dues for 2015 and are probably wondering where your dues cards are. We expect them soon from Grand Lodge and will mail them out when they are received.

If you haven't yet sent in your dues, won't you kindly take a moment and do so now?

December 15th will be our elections and open installation of officers for 2015 beginning at 6:00PM.

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.



Jane Stowe  
H. Scotty Campbell  
Pearl Anne Campbell  
MW James Scearce

## Birthdays

David Andrew Cummings	Dec. 11	Christopher Scott St. Clair	Jan 3	Jay Michael Becker	Feb. 3
John Dickerson Nunn	Dec. 11	James Luther Craft	Jan 7	Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	Feb. 4
Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	Dec. 12	Joshua Adam Wickline	Jan 8	Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	Feb. 5
Francis John Nardi	Dec. 14	Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	Jan 12	Boreham Boyd Johnson	Feb. 11
Max Cameron Johnson	Dec. 24	Michael Lynn Johnson	Jan 13	Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	Feb. 15
Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	Dec. 27	Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	Jan 17	Michael George Lawson	Feb. 16
Kerford Aldin Key	Dec. 29	Michael Fries	Jan 17	Orville Max Leach	Feb. 17
		Jeffrey Lynn butler	Jan 19	George Wilbur Carden, Jr	Feb. 22
		Arthur Douglas St. Clair	Jan 26	Calvin Lewis Lucas, Jr.	Feb. 23
		Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	Jan 29	John William Slusher	Feb. 27