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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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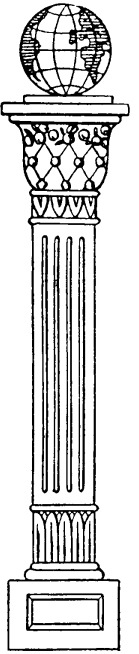
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Worshipful Master - Archer Davenport Livengood, Jr.

Senior Warden	Stuart Matthew Bain	Junior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush
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Senior Steward	Stephen Kendrick Sprague	Junior Steward	Dewey Rickie Taylor

If there is one thing we are serious about in our society, it is purity...at least when it comes to what we eat. The FDA establishes standards for everything sold in the USA market place. Unfortunately, the standards of purity aren't always what you or I might expect.

In his book "Growth, Training vs. Trying," John Ortberg asks these questions... "Did you know that apple butter won't be sold if it has 5 or more whole insects per 100 grams? Otherwise it will go right onto your English muffins. Mushrooms can't be sold if there is an average of 20 or more maggots of any size per 15 grams of dried mushrooms. If there are more than 13 insect heads in 100 grams of fig paste, the FDA ruthlessly tosses the whole batch. As for hot dogs...it's best not to ask?"

We like things in their purest form, but we have to accept that this just doesn't normally occur in our society. Is there such a thing as "Pure Freemasonry?" Yes, I believe so. Our goal in "The various Masonic Rituals is not to "get thru the ritual, but to get the ritual thru us."

What then is pure Freemasonry? The answer to that appears above the main doorway to The Scottish Rite House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. Here is what is carved in the stone above the door: "FREEMASONRY BUILDS IT'S TEMPLES IN THE HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS." Building these temples is what pure Freemasonry is all about.

Archer Livengood, Worshipful Master

Secretary's Desk

We have been busy working with candidates and currently have 4 working towards their degrees. All brethren are encouraged to attend the degrees and show support towards these new brothers.

Please let the secretary know if you have a new EMAIL or a changed EMAIL. Of course any other phone or address changes as well.

We still have not received any information about the widows of our departed brethren.

Our September program will be Past Masters night as well as a Founders Day presentation by Wor. Chuck Stowe.

Please visit our website www.pleasants63.org for all the latest and greatest.

Lodge Statistics as of Oct. 2, 2010 (for the year)

Demits Processed: 3 Suspensions: 3 Deaths: 4 Affiliated: 1
Raised: 3 Restorations: 1

Honorary Members: 4 Life Members: 11 50 Yr. Members: 18
Remitted Members: Hardship 2, Illness 1 Officers: 3

Current Lodge Membership: 140 plus 4 candidates, 0 petitioners

Total Dues Paying Members: 101

Awaiting Initiation

Brian Lee Thomas

Initiated as Entered Apprentice

Mark Anthony Gibson

Initiated as Fellowcraft

Elvin Gene McCombs, Jr.

Roger Eugene Thomas, Jr.

Chatter at the Inner Door

Brethren,

First off, I want to congratulate everyone who put such hard work into September's Child ID event at Tanglewood Mall. It was a beautiful day, and that did have a somewhat negative impact on number of families who brought their children in for the free kit, but we did process 149 children with the assistance of brethren and volunteers from around the district and beyond. Job well done. The lodge, district, community, parents, and children all owe a resounding "thank you!" to all involved; more especially the brethren involved in planning and coordinating the event. Wor. Duffy Ferguson, our lodge Child ID coordinator and his lady Jamie deserve a round of applause for their devotion to this cause. For those of you interested in becoming part of this valuable community service we provide, or to inquire as to how your church or organization can schedule a Child ID table or booth at an upcoming event, I encourage you to contact the lodge and inquire.

As we rush head first into fall, we can see the holiday season on the horizon. Halloween will be here before we know it, November will quickly usher in Thanksgiving, and December, Christmas, and New Years will be over before we know what hit us. For many industries, the holiday season marks a slow period. For the lodge, it is one of our busiest! As we prepare for the next year, we only have two more stated communications before the installation of new officers in December. As we prepare for the coming year, I will be contacting brethren to inquire into their interest for serving the lodge with me during 2011. As many of you may have already heard, Brother Bill Seymour is planning to move to Ohio upon sale of his house. Brother Seymour has served Pleasants well as our secretary, and he will be missed. This also means we will have to find a new secretary! I have inquired with a few members as to whether or not they are interested in serving the lodge as secretary. If anyone knows of any brother interested in serving as the secretary (or in any position for that matter), please let Brother Seymour know so we can plan accordingly. We will miss you, Bill!

In closing, I invite you all to come out to our October Stated Communication and enjoy our Past Masters night. If enough interest is shown, we will plan to have a 6PM spaghetti dinner as we have done before degrees and whatnot the past month or two. If you haven't had a chance to taste Bro. Seymour's spaghetti, you're missing out! I highly encourage you to contact the lodge to RSVP before he moves to Ohio.

S&F,

Stuart Bain, Senior Warden

Birthdays

Gary Clifton Agee	October 1	Thomas Edward Purves	November 3	Roger Eugene Thomas, Jr.	December 2
Eddie Franklin Hearp	October 3	Eric Roland Spencer	November 6	David Lewis Swain	December 10
Dewey Ricky Taylor	October 4	Alfred Kyle Tuck, Jr.	November 6	John Dickerson Nunn	December 11
Charles Ronald Smith	October 5	Kenneth Ray Robinette	November 10	David Andrew Cummings	December 11
John David Lawrence	October 5	Hubert Ralph Lane	November 12	Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	December 12
Troy Gardner	October 6	Carl Allen Balderson	November 14	Francis John Nardi	December 14
Richard Arthur Mowles	October 14	Charles Wesley Hale	November 16	Carter Whitlow Radford	December 14
Raymond Oscar Patsel	October 15	Gerald Allan Pope	November 17	Jeffrey Roy Wendell	December 16
David Eugene Campbell, II	October 15	Adam McCulloch Williams	November 20	Max Cameron Johnson	December 24
Donn Waldron Branch	October 17	Robert Tasker Carter, II	November 20	Archer Davenport Livengood, Jr	December 25
Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	October 19	Richard Scott Millikin	November 21	Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	December 27
David Isaac Bower	October 28	William Holcomb Jennings	November 21	Kerford Aldin Key	December 29
Carl Lee Cronk	October 30	Robert Ira Price	November 22		
		Taha Hasayn Bullock	November 22		
		Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	November 24		
		James Winston Elliott	November 26		