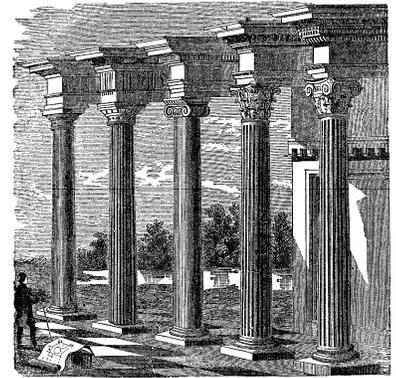


# THE COLUMNS

## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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October  
2014



From the East

Well, October has come and almost gone, and we find ourselves wrapping up another year. We have had a fairly successful year at Pleasants, to date one Master

Mason raised, two Fellowcrafts passed and three Entered Apprentices are working towards their master mason degree. We will have one master mason degree on the 10th of November, and the second shortly afterward, hopefully. We have had a busy last couple of weeks with child ID events, and we look forward to our Trunk-or-Treat with Vinton Lodge on Halloween.

While being busy is always a good thing, the low turnouts for our stated meetings and called degrees is troubling. We have pulled off a couple of degrees with the bare bones minimum of individuals, often relying on visiting brethren, there to help out with lectures, to fill in chairs and just be able to open an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft lodge. While I am all too aware of job and family responsibilities, and just how stretched

cable tows can get, this is still your lodge. The success and failure of this or any lodge falls to its members. I as Master and the line officers can only do so much. If the members of the lodge don't have or will not take the time to communicate with us or come out to support the programs, work or the fun events we try to do, we cannot succeed. On at least three events, there have been Child ID events with only one Mason. Surely we are not going to let a program that has done so much good, and has the potential for doing such great things in our community, just die away because we are too busy to lend a hand.

Grand Lodge is a mere three weeks away and my year as Master will soon come to an end. Please come out and support the work and efforts of our line officers as they continue their journey to the east.

Duffy Ferguson  
Worshipful Master

### 2014 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

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

## From the West Gate



Greetings Brethren,



As always, I hope that this message finds you and your families doing well. Football and college football schedules are in full swing. Hope that your teams are performing well, but consistency now will provide bowl eligibility later. Get ready though, the weather will slowly start to turn a little chilly before you know it.

As I said in last month's column letter, I am currently addressing you from just thirty miles south of our nation's capital in Woodbridge VA. It is quite busy up here, but that is to be expected. It's our nation's capital and an important source of our Masonic inspiration. Over the Labor Day holiday, I had the privilege of bumping into MW. Donald Robey, Grand Master of masons in Virginia in 1987, while I was visiting some of my family in Reedville, VA. He has given me a copy of "The Lodge of Washington and Its Past Masters" that was written and published back in 2008. This book is very interesting and inspirational, I strongly recommend it for reading. Simply because of its importance in the history of the Blue Lodge of Virginia. That being stated, it is history that is becoming extremely more important as the days roll forward, a simple lesson to be learned. The trestle board is always being updated on a weekly basis and is available online, 24/7/365. If you need assistance in accessing the website and the information it will contain, please contact the lodge Secretary.

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, they are there. However, and most importantly, remember that your family members are by your side too! 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,



The 2015 dues notices have been sent out and many brothers have already sent in their dues.

Thank you for attending to that so quickly. However there are still a few brothers that have not paid for 2014 as yet.

If you are one of those in arrears please contact me at 540-520-1101 and let me know your circumstances.

I will be having surgery on the 20th but expect to be up and about soon thereafter. Also Jane Stowe will have a hip replacement on November 24. We will have a Master Mason Degree on November 10. Dr. Andrew Slemp will be the candidate. Dinner is at 6 PM and the degree is scheduled for 7PM. Please let me or Wor. Duffy know if you can assist in the degree work.

We have another Fellowcraft working and three Entered Apprentices working. Their degrees will be coming up shortly and we will need the help of many of you in the performance of these degrees.

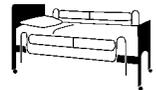
Remember when you received your Master Masons degree and the honor that you felt, especially with the brethren on the sidelines. Continue that tradition and come out for degrees and support our new Masons in their travels.

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.

Sid Bush  
Jane Stowe  
H. Scotty Campbell  
Pearl Anne Campbell  
Eddie Purves



## Birthdays

Thomas Edward Purves	Nov. 3
Eric Roland Spencer	Nov. 6
Kenneth Ray Robinette	Nov. 10
Hubert Ralph Lane	Nov. 12
Carl Allen Balderson	Nov. 14
Charles Wesley Hale	Nov. 16
Gerald Allen Pope	Nov. 17
Adam McCulloch Williams	Nov. 20
Robert Tasker Carter, II	Nov. 20
William Holcomb Jennings	Nov. 21
Taha Hasayn bullock	Nov. 22
Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	Nov. 24

David Andrew Cummings	Dec. 11
John Dickerson Nunn	Dec. 11
Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	Dec. 12
Francis John Nardi	Dec. 14
Max Cameron Johnson	Dec. 24
Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	Dec. 27
Kerford Aldin Key	Dec. 29

Christopher Scott St. Clair	Jan 3
James Luther Craft	Jan 7
Joshua Adam Wickline	Jan 8
Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	Jan 12
Michael Lynn Johnson	Jan 13
Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	Jan 17
Michael Fries	Jan 17
Jeffrey Lynn butler	Jan 19
Arthur Douglas St. Clair	Jan 26
Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	Jan 29