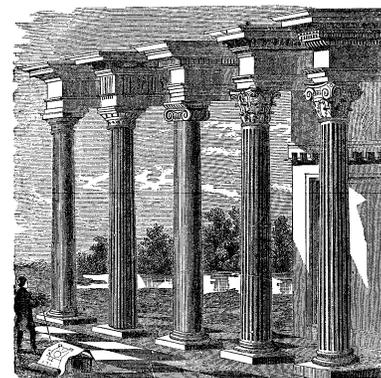


THE COLUMNS

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September
2014



From the East

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School buses are back on the road and Kevin is working on homework when I get home so it must be September!!

Although, the 90 degree temps and humidity would almost make one think we were back in July or early August. I guess nothing says it is getting close to fall and the end of the year like football season starting back up and Sam's Club already putting Christmas items out on the shelves, jeesh! But enough of my fussing, we had a good August, my nephew, Kaleb, was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and looks forward to being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason soon. I would like to thank Wor. David Richards and Wor. Fred Knapp who came out and lent a hand with the degree. We have three other Entered Apprentices working toward being passed to Fellowcraft with one scheduled for Monday, September 8, so please come out and join us for the degree. Not only can the officers use the help, but it is always good for these brethren to see the support of lodge members on the sidelines for these degrees.



I mentioned school starting back up, schools starting back up also means Child ID events are gearing back up. While we had a quiet summer, we have had requests for Child ID events starting later this month and continuing through virtually every weekend in October. Please keep your eyes open for the schedule on the website, David Layman's Trestleboard and the Blue Bulletin that Stuart sends out on Sunday nights. Please continue to support this program as we strive to keep the valley's children safe. Recent events near my own home have only reinforced how important both vigilance and safeguards are to keeping our kids safe from harm.

This quote attributed to Albert Einstein says it best, "The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why." Let's continue to shine the light of freemasonry out into our community and push the monsters back into the shadows where they belong!

Your short time master,
Digger

2014 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

Worshipful Master - Duffy Jerome Ferguson			
Senior Warden	David Eugene Campbell, III	Junior Warden	Michael Lynn Johnson
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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. Summer is winding down, fall is in the wings. The schools, colleges, and universities are also gearing up too!



I apologize for the delay in getting this message out to all of you, a lot has been going on with the company I now work for since stated meeting this past Monday August 18th. Every once in awhile a brother must step up and rise above the ranks to answer the call of being a "Traveling Man". I'm sure that a portion of you can relate to that calling. That being said, the August stated meeting was also short, and to the point. Once again, we were in and out in one hour. Currently we have FOUR, count them, (4) rising brothers on their way to becoming Fellowcraft masons. Please feel free to come and attend, lend a hand, as well as meet these growing brothers making their way up through the pillared entrance of our lodge and deeper into Freemasonry. They're still very interested in meeting all of you as well, so come on out!. The trestle board is always being updated on a weekly basis and is available online, 24/7/365. We also have a few child ID events in the works too! Gonna need a little help with those too! 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,

Martha Robinette, wife of our Tiler Ken Robinette passed away August 18. Please keep the Robinette family in your prayers.



Yours truly suffered a mild stroke this past month and no damage was done, however, I will need to have a defibrillator installed soon. Eddie Purves is doing better. If you

know of any Brother or family member that is sick please let me know. We have 4 new Entered Apprentices and soon we will also have two new Fellowcraft. Please let the Master or me know if you can assist in any of the degree work.

We still have ten (10) members that have not paid their 2014 dues and they will be reported to Grand Lodge the end of August. If you are one of them please call me so we can work out an arrangement.

Please check the weekly district trestle board for upcoming degree work at Pleasants. Dr. Andy Slempp's Fellowcraft is scheduled for September 8.

A personal thank you to Bro. Bill Seymour for taking care of the Columns the past couple of years. Just goes to show that even if you now live out of state there is something you can do for your Lodge.

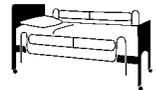
If you can assist in any way please call and we'll find something for you to do.

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



Martha Robinette, wife of our Tiler, Kenneth Ray Robinette passed to her heavenly home on August 18 after a long illness.

Please keep Bro. Ken in your thoughts and prayers as he copes with his loss.

Birthdays

Eddie Franklin Hearp	Oct. 3	Thomas Edward Purves	Nov. 3	David Andrew Cummings	Dec. 11
John Mason Chambliss, Jr.	Oct. 6	Eric Roland Spencer	Nov. 6	John Dickerson Nunn	Dec. 11
Troy Gradner	Oct. 6	Kenneth Ray Robinette	Nov. 10	Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	Dec. 12
Richard Arthur Mowles	Oct. 14	Hubert Ralph Lane	Nov. 12	Francis John Nardi	Dec. 14
David Eugene Campbell, II	Oct. 15	Carl Allen Balderson	Nov. 14	Max Cameron Johnson	Dec. 24
Raymond Oscar Patsel	Oct. 15	Charles Wesley Hale	Nov. 16	Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	Dec. 27
Donn Waldron Branch	Oct. 17	Gerald Allen Pope	Nov. 17	Kerford Aldin Key	Dec. 29
Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	Oct. 19	Adam McCulloch Williams	Nov. 20		
Carl Lee Cronk	Oct. 30	Robert Tasker Carter, II	Nov. 20		
		William Holcomb Jennings	Nov. 21		
		Taha Hasayn bullock	Nov. 22		
		Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	Nov. 24		