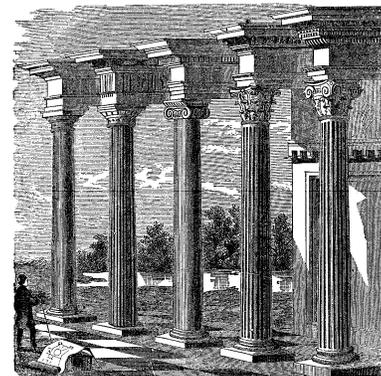


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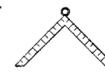
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Greetings Brethren,



Fall is now upon us. The temperatures are starting to drop, just like the leaves are changing their color...often! Please be careful as you travel in the early morning hours these days; frost on the windshield can also be a tell-tail sign of potentially hazardous driving conditions around your areas. Weather conditions themselves tend to remain squirrely, so keep extra clothing handy in case you need to bundle up for outdoor activities with your families or friends, or if you should decide to venture out to the local universities for an entertaining football game. As for our lodge responsibilities, please always remember to contact the Lodge Secretary if you are unable to attend our meetings; stated or otherwise, if you would like assistance with transportation in order to attend our schools and/or stated meetings, please contact us, we need to know and/or hear from you. Also, we would love for you to be able to help, aid, and assist in any way possible when you are available; whether it's volunteering your time with lodge sponsored philanthropic programs or degree work within the lodge or around the district. This past stated meeting for the month of October was amazing! It was Founders Day, and a special "guest master" gave a short, quick, and wonderful presentation for the evening. Wor. Bro. Duffy J. Ferguson had to pro-tem in the East due to an unavoidable job constraint on my end. Thank you my brother for the quick and controlled assist! From what I have been able to gather, he provided the lodge members and guests in attendance with a very informational and entertaining program on the part of our lodges name sake, MW Bro. William H. Pleasants.



Next month, November, will be a time for quick reflection on the past years events; as well as an overview for things to come nearing the end of the year.

As always; to aid continual reformation and whisper good counsel into your ears. We have two new gentlemen ready to begin receiving their degrees in Freemasonry from our lodge. Remember, it is not unusual for us to read petitions, at least, once a month during our stated meetings. Inquiring gentlemen seem to be popping up all over the place and have a powerful longing to join our amazing Fraternity. As always, I offer thanks to the brothers from Pleasant's Lodge and our fellow district lodges for their help and assistance through each process. We still need a lot of help and more attendance for these degrees! All Mason's of Pleasants Lodge, or around the district, are welcome to lend their expertise and services. We understand that things happen and schedules can be tight, but we want you to know that your absence doesn't go unnoticed. Your wellbeing is of our utmost concern, please contact us when you have time, we would certainly love to hear from each of you. You never really know. You could be available to help or just be present for a meeting. Or perhaps you need to just talk or visit with a brother. Once again, you do have a lot to contribute back to your lodge. Please don't hesitate to share your time with us.

David E. Campbell II
Worshipful Master

2015 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

Worshipful Master - David Eugene Campbell, III

Senior Warden	Michael Lynn Johnson	Junior Warden	Timothy Morris Shepherd
Secretary	Wor. Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	Treasurer	Taha Hasayn Bullock
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Chaplain	Wor. Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Calvin Lucas	Junior Steward	

From the West Gate



Greetings once again brethren,
 Just a few reminders this time. We will be teaming up with Vinton lodge once again this year for our annual trunk-or-treat. Come out and have a little fun for Halloween and help give the kids a safer alternative this season. There will still be plenty of time for the parties after we are done. I would also like to thank those who helped pull off the child ID. on the 17th at Madison and those who have committed to helping with the upcoming event at Bonsack Kroger on the 21st from 10 til 2. There should be some fresh faces this time and that's a great sign that my begging for help might finally be working.

On Monday we passed brother Gurley to the degree of Fellowcraft. Thanks to those that came out and helped make it a memorable experience.

Don't forget brethren that grand lodge is coming up quickly. I hope to see many of you there as we take care of the business at hand and install a new grand line.

Until next time,
 Sincerely,
 Your Sr. Warden, Michael Johnson

Secretary Sez

Brothers,

The Grand Lodge communication is at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, Nov. 6,7,and 8. There are ten from Pleasants attending this year.



Jane Stowe is recovering from surgery and is doing well, Wor. Ron Wirt's wife broke her foot and is doing fine. Wor Dave Richard's lady is recovering from cancer surgery, and Bro. Ken Robinette is doing ok but has to have oxygen 24/7.

We elected a petitioner to receive the degrees last night at our Stated and Bro. Stuart J. Slemp, has completed his requirements from his degree work at the one day class and is now a "card carrying member".

There will be a wreath laying ceremony at MW William Pleasants grave site at Hollins University on Nov. 14. Meet at Oakeys North at 12:00PM and travel to Hollins. The program begins at 1:00PM. We will place the wreath at his grave, read an abbreviated masonic biography of MW Pleasants, and speak of the symbolic meaning of the glove, evergreen and apron. Masons should wear an apron.

Sid Bush, Secretary

Birthdays

Eric Roland Spencer	Nov. 6	David Andrew Cummings	Dec. 11	Christopher Scott St. Clair	Jan. 3
Kaleb Hunter Ferguson	Nov. 8	John Dickerson Nunn	Dec. 11	James Luther Craft	Jan. 7
Kenneth Ray Robinette	Nov. 10	Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	Dec. 12	Joshua Adam Wickline	Jan. 8
Hubert Ralph Lane	Nov. 12	Frankie Wayne Barker, Jr.	Dec. 23	Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	Jan. 12
Carl Allen Balderson	Nov. 14	Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	Dec. 27	Michael Johnson	Jan. 13
Charles Wesley Hale	Nov. 16	Kerford Aldin Key	Dec. 29	Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	Jan. 17
Gerald Allan Pope	Nov. 17			Michael Fries	Jan. 17
Adam McCulloch Williams	Nov. 20			Jeffrey Lynn Butler	Jan. 19
Robert Tasker Carter, II	Nov. 20			Brian Noland Stroop	Jan. 23
William Holcomb Jennings	Nov. 21			Arthur Douglas St. Clair	Jan. 26
Taha Hasayn Bullock	Nov. 22			Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	Jan. 29
Sidney Warren Bush	Nov. 24				