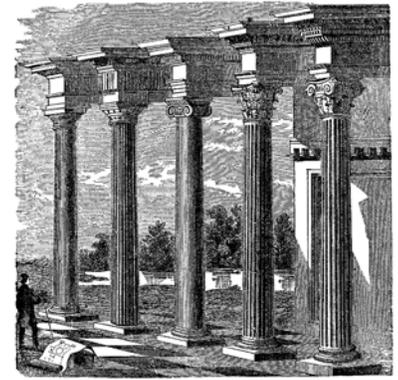


THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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December
2015



Greetings Brethren,



The holiday season has arrived, it's time for turkey and ham followed by stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and pies of all different flavors! For all of us it is also a time for family, reflection, and giving thanks for all the wonderful things that have happened over the course of the year. For the members of Pleasants Lodge #63; it is time to turn the reins over to a new elected incoming Worshipful Master; Bro. Michael Johnson. My brother, I wish nothing except the best for you and your line officers, over the last several years you have proven yourself to be an outstanding and excellent Master Mason, as well as being a good brother to all those inside the craft, and to the general public outside of the lodge. For those that may wish to attend our annual open installation meeting, coming next month, please feel free to contact our Lodge Secretary if you would like assistance with transportation to that event. Over the course of this year I have encouraged all of you 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 November gave all attending members a chance to reflect on the events that have affected us as a lodge, as well as anything that occurred on personal levels. This November also marked our Centennial Birthday for our lodges namesake, Wor. Bro. and Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, William H. Pleasant's. On Saturday, November 14, 2015, members of Pleasants lodge, as well as area members of District 22A gathered at the graveside of our deceased brother to pay our respects and place a wreath at his tombstone.



At our Stated on Nov. 16 we had the pleasure of presenting a 50 year award to Bro. Ronald Harry Geiger. RWB C. Bruce Lupton, District Deputy Grand Master for District 22A performed the ceremony.



As I have previously stated, next month is Open Installation of Officers, there will be food and beverages, as well as a short presentation for those that attend.

As I have continually stated throughout the year, and in a most friendly manner, it's time to aid continual reformation and whisper good counsel into your ears. We have two gentlemen currently receiving their degrees in Freemasonry; one as a Master Mason the other as a Fellowcraft Mason, in our lodge. Remember, it is also not unusual for us to be reading petitions at least once a month during our stated meetings. Inquiring gentlemen are all over the place and have a deep inner desire to join this incredible Fraternity. As always, I remain thankful to the brothers of Pleasant's Lodge in these wonderful endeavors and to our fellow district lodges for their help and assistance through these proceedings. We still need a lot of your 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 entangled by your personal cable tows, but we want you to know that your absence doesn't go unnoticed. Your wellbeing is of our utmost concern, please contact us whenever you have time, we would certainly love to hear from each of you. You never really know... You could be available to help out 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 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, II

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

From the West Gate

Greetings once again brethren,



I would like to express a personal thanks to R.W. Leonard Rowe for coordinating the wreath-laying at the grave of our namesake, Most Worshipful William Henry Pleasants. On Nov. 14th, we were joined by brethren of the combined 22nd Masonic Districts at M.W. Pleasants' grave on the grounds of Hollins University, along with a representative from the Hollins University staff, to pay tribute to M.W. Pleasants. M.W. Pleasants passed away a century ago (actually, a century and a year ago). Pleasants Lodge was named after William Henry Pleasants (Uncle Billy) Dean of Hollins College (then Botetourt Springs). William Henry Pleasants would become Grand Master in 1891 and 1892, and he served as Grand High Priest (Royal Arch) from 1885 through 1889.

We had a productive Stated Communication in November. Right Worshipful Clyde "Bruce" Lupton, District Deputy Grand Master for District 22A was on hand for his first ever official presentation at the altar as DDGM. Even though it wasn't his official visit, he was pleased to be introduced and escorted by R.W. Charlie Hale and Bro. Tony Holland for his journey to the east. R.W. Lupton was afforded the honor of presenting our very own Bro. Ron Geiger with his 50 year Masonic Veteran pin. We offer our congratulations and gratitude to Bro. Geiger for his many years of service to our fraternity. Other business of the evening included a ballot on the reinstatement of Bro. Daniel Oakey. We are pleased to welcome Bro. Oakey back to our active rolls.

Please plan to arrive early for our December Stated Communication. As per Pleasants Lodge tradition, we will open under dispensation at 6:00PM for the election of officers, call off from labor to refreshment for open installation, and enjoy a hearty dinner and some fellowship before calling back on again to resume labor and finish our duties for the year.

As I finish my year in the west, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you all for my journey thus far. I look forward to featuring my content on the front page of next month's Columns as your Worshipful Master.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Michael Johnson, Sr. Warden

Secretary Sez



Brothers,

WB Fred Burns will have a heart cath done on November 20. We'll keep you up to date on any issues that come from that test. Also WB Campbell's grandmother passed away this past Tuesday. Please keep your thoughts and prayer with these families.

Brethren, we are in the process of cleaning up our membership list and we have found some outdated information such as bad address, phone numbers and email addresses. Please be certain to advise your lodge whenever you have a change so our records and Grand Lodge records can be kept up-to-date.

At our Stated Nov. 16 our new District Deputy, RW C. Bruce Lupton, presented Bro. Ronald Harry Geiger his Fifty year pin. This was RW Lupton's first official act as the District Deputy of District 22A and he did a great job. It was also good to see about twenty people in lodge.

December 21 Stated will be election of officers for 2016 and will start at 6:00PM under dispensation. The open installation of the new officers will start at about 7:45PM

And, remember, your dues are due now. Don't be on the list to Grand Lodge for suspension. You will lose all rights and benefits in all Masonic bodies!

Sid Bush, Secretary

Birthdays

David Andrew Cummings	Dec. 11
John Dickerson Nunn	Dec. 11
Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	Dec. 12
Frankie Wayne Barker, Jr.	Dec. 23
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 Johnson	Jan. 13
Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	Jan. 17
Michael Fries	Jan. 17
Jeffrey Lynn Butler	Jan. 19
Brian Noland Stroop	Jan. 23
Arthur Douglas St. Clair	Jan. 26
Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	Jan. 29

Jay Michael Becker	Feb. 3
Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	Feb. 4
Jeffery Gerard Nicola	Feb. 5
Boreham Boyd Johnson	Feb. 11
Dr. Andrew Alfred Slemple, Jr	Feb. 14
Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	Feb. 15
Michael George Lawson	Feb. 16
Orville Max Leach	Feb. 17
George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	Feb. 22
Calvin Lewis Lucas, Jr.	Feb. 23
John William Slusher	Feb. 27