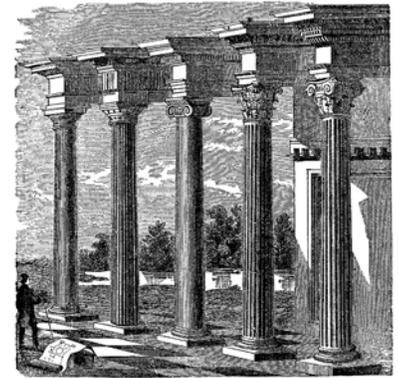


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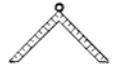
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Greetings from the East,

We made it through another month. It hasn't been easy but we did it. I know that the weather played havoc on our schedules and made things more difficult on us then they needed to be and I want to thank you all for your patience. We have had ritual school, grandmaster visits, district Deputy Grand Master visits, stated communications, and the area ritual school cancelled or rescheduled due to the wonderful winter wonderland that was nice enough to bless us with its presence not once but twice. That being said, in the end I think it was all a success. Now to get back to getting things done. We will be raising brother Gurley on March 14th. this means we have very little time to prepare our selves for putting on the degree. It would be nice to see our normal



group of guys along with any other members that would like to help, show up for ritual school on Monday nights. I would also like to give out kudos to the several members of the lodge who have stepped up to the plate this year and made it possible to have five fraternal visits to five different lodges under our belts already. This included Webber High which was very unexpected with it being a daytime lodge. Keep up the good work guys!

The Melvin Eugene Huff ritual school of instruction seemed to have had a nice turn out for all three days despite the date change. it was very informative and a great benefit for those who attended. Tim Shepherd, Scott St. Clair, Andy Slem, Sid Bush, and Chuck Stowe helped make it possible for us to mark off another requirement for our Hillman Award. I hope we all learned a few things that we can apply to and improve our own ritual in the process.

While our attendance wasn't quite what I had expected, I think our stated communication turned out to be a good one. It was indeed in honor to welcome masonic district 22 A's district deputy grandmaster, Right worshipful Clyde Bruce Lupton along with his counterpart for District 22B, Right Worshipful Robbie Lee Robinson to our lodge. Bruce changed up his program just a little with a few different poems and stories to keep it fresh for the brothers who followed him to each lodge for his official visits. It was a great job and the participation from the members of so many lodges is a testament as to why they were both chosen to hold their position.

The Child ID will be kicking off its year with the Vinton Dogwood Festival. this will be held on April 30th 2016 from 10 till 2 in the children's area. Any and all help would be welcome. Remember my brothers you don't have to touch a computer to be able to help. Thank you all in advance and I look forward to seeing you there. one last thing to end....

Our Marshal this year has felt a little slighted because of his absence on the list of officers here on The Columns. I assured him it was just an oversight by our out of town editing company and I would do my best to get it resolved as soon as possible. I hope the changes will this month will make up for any ill feelings. As of further assurance that he is greatly appreciated and needed at our lodge, the next time you see Brother Frankie Wayne Barker please give him a hand shake, a hug, or maybe even a little spare change if you have it.

Share the love my brothers and I'll see you in lodge soon,

Michael Johnson
Worshipful Master 2016
Pleasants Lodge #63

2016 Officers of Pleasants Lodge

Worshipful Master - Michael Lynn Johnson

Senior Warden	Timothy Morris Shepherd	Junior Warden	Christopher Scott St. Clair
Secretary	Wor. Stuart Matthew Bain	Treasurer	Wor. Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.
Senior Deacon	Wor. Fred Marion Burns	Junior Deacon	Dr. Andrew Alfred Slem, Jr.
Chaplain	Wor. Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Ronnie Lee Lester, Jr	Junior Steward	Wendell Lee Presley

Our Most Excellent and Benevolent Marshal - Frankie Wayne Barker

From the West Gate



Greetings and salutations from the "West" brothers...

Well we've survived another month and another snowstorm and back to back ice storms, a crazy local democratic primary election and productively recorded at least 6 official visits by our lodge officers to other lodge's DDGM stated visits around the area.. All were very inspiring, including our own stated official DDGM visit and concluding with, the last and final DDGM visit at Weber High12, where surprisingly, I had the honor to pro-tem as the Senior Warden for their stated ceremony...

So in wrapping it up I'd like to extend a heartfelt kudos and thanks to Clyde Bruce Lupton DDGM for Masonic District 22A and his co-district deputy, Robbie Lee Robinson DDGM for Masonic District 22B for doing a splendid job in not only providing us with an abundance of Masonic enlightenment and inspiration, but enjoyable entertainment as well..

Your Pal, Shep
Senior Warden
Pleasants Lodge #63



Secretary Sez



Brethren,
I would like to thank Wor. Duffy Ferguson for stepping in for me at our February Stated while I was out of town on business. As I whittle down the list of delinquent members from last year, I will begin calling those of you who still owe your 2016 dues. If you have not sent in your dues for 2016 yet, please do so.

As a final reminder, please contact the lodge if you move! We received a flurry of returned mail from mailings the lodge sent and Grand Lodge.

S&F
Wor. Stuart Bain
Secretary

Birthdays

Dr. Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3	James Hardie Lawrence	Apr. 11	Fred Marion Burns	May 1
James Dean Cole	March 3	Curtis Neal Dickerson	Apr. 24	Calvin Peter Keister	May 2
James Milton Scearce, Jr	March 10	William A. Seymour, Jr	Apr. 26	Paul Garry Black	May 4
David Alyn Goode	March 16	Jerry Wayne McMillan	Apr. 29	John Walter Smith	May 9
Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21			Sidney Fulton Baker	May 12
Clarence Mortimer Hawkins	March 22			David B. Baumgardner, Jr	May 14
Thomas Michael Wilbourn	March 27			J. Edward Conner	May 19
Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30			Anthony Todd Holland	May 20
				Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	May 20
				Lloyd Marion Holfield	May 23
				Charles Henry Stowe	May 24
				Joel Scott Wyatt	May 30