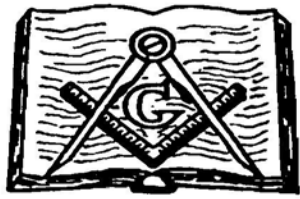
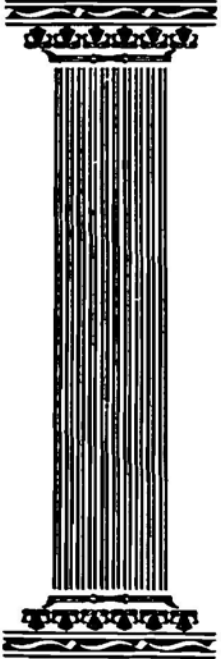


# Seat Pleasant Lodge

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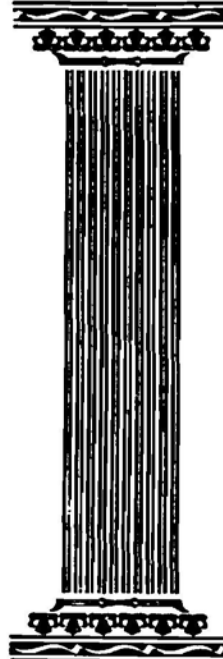
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*Masonry – A Family Tradition*



**Chartered May 10, 1927**

Stated Communication  
First Saturday of the month  
10:00 am



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**May/June 2009 Edition**

**SEAT PLEASANT LODGE #218**  
**Officers for 2009**

Dan Brewer	Worshipful Master
Terry Royce, PM (Nancy)	Senior Warden
Jesse Reisman (Roxanne)	Junior Warden
Melvin E. Harrison, PM (Earlene)	Secretary
William D. Hines, PM (Janet)	Treasurer
David E. Amstutz (Mary Ann)	Senior Deacon
Rudy McCumber, PM	Ritualist/Junior Deacon
Pete Peters, PM	Chaplain
Glynn H. Owens, HPM (Pauline)	Marshal
Maurice H. Rackey (Joan)	Tyler

**Grand Lodge Officers Assigned Seat Pleasant**

Bayani Casanova, PM	Grand Inspector
Ron Block, PM	Deputy Grand Lecturer

## Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

What an exciting time for Seat Pleasant Lodge!

At our April meeting the Past Masters of the lodge conferred the degree of the Rusty Square. They were so impressive that the Deputy Grand Lecturer has asked them to take it on the road. Thank-you to each member of the "cast" for a job well done! Brother Ralph Greene received his 50 year service award in lodge. It was so nice to see him among our brethren on his special day. Also, our first petition in over three years was acted upon and Mr. Angel Gonzalez will receive his Entered Apprentice degree during a special joint communication with Centennial Lodge 174 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

Please, as the summer break is fast approaching, make a special effort to attend one of our stated communications.

Our June meeting will mark a special milestone for our lodge, as this will be our 1500<sup>th</sup> communication. I have invited the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas M. Velvin, Jr. to attend our meeting. The Past Masters will give a brief statement as to their year in office on this occasion. Further, the minutes of periodic dates will be reviewed and that history of our lodge will be discussed. Before lodge, we will have a benefit breakfast, after lodge there will be a light meal. Please make this event more memorable with your presence! Thank you to those brethren that have sent in donations for the display case. We are still short \$1,350.00. When we have received the case, a plaque will be made and placed inside with the names of all that made it possible.

May each of you have a safe and wonderful summer with family and friends. Our Lodge will be dark in July and August. I hope to greet each of you in September when we return to lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Dan Brewer, Worshipful Master

### Semiannual Communication

Grand Lodge will hold its semiannual communication on Saturday, May 16, at 10:00am. Two proposed amendments to Article XVI of the constitution will be voted on.

*Section 10.E Lodge Notices* is proposed to be amended to permit the electronic mailing of lodge notices. Presently this section states that "Masonic Notices may or not be sent in sealed envelopes, as circumstances require. Notices of Divine Services and burials may be sent on post cards."

### *Section 10.F Membership Rosters*

Membership rosters which now include addresses of lodge members is proposed to be amended to include email addresses to accommodate the above proposal. A new paragraph will be added to protect the privacy of email addresses by requiring them to be sent as blind copy and omission of the "To" field.

We will take a vote at our May Stated communication as how to direct the lodge officers to vote on these matters.

Did you know?

For the month of **May**, these Masonic events occurred:

1<sup>st</sup> in 1865, William McKinley (U.S. President 1898-1901) received his 1st degree in Hiram Lodge #21, Winchester, Virginia.

3<sup>rd</sup> in 1886, Rudyard Kipling received his 2nd degree.

4<sup>th</sup> in 1821, the Grand Lodge of Missouri was formed as was the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

5<sup>th</sup> in 1851, Andrew Johnson (U.S. President 1865-1869) received his 1st degree in Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee

8<sup>th</sup> in 1843, a national Masonic Congress was begun in Baltimore, sometimes referred to as the Baltimore Convention, to attempt to establish a uniform ritual for United States Grand Lodges.

10<sup>th</sup> In 1927, Seat Pleasant Lodge #218 was chartered under the Grand Lodge of Maryland

11<sup>th</sup> in 1865, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was formed

12<sup>th</sup> in 1932, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia, was dedicated in a very large ceremony, attended by thousands, including the President of the United States Then in 1931, Senator Barry Goldwater (candidate for U.S. President in 1964) received his 1st degree in Arizona Lodge #2, Phoenix AZ.

16<sup>th</sup> in 1866, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was founded.

17<sup>th</sup> in 1921, High Twelve International was organized.

18<sup>th</sup> in 1959, Harry S. Truman (U.S. President 1945-1953) received his 50 year masonic award.

24<sup>th</sup> in 1901, Sir Winston Churchill received his 1st degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.

27<sup>th</sup> in 1957, Carl H. Claudy, Masonic author and playwright, D.C. Grand Master in 1943, Executive Secretary of MSA, died

31<sup>st</sup> in 1801, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, "Mother Council of the World," was established, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Did you know? These Masonic events occurred in

**June:**

1<sup>st</sup> in 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine was founded.

5<sup>th</sup> 1820, James K. Polk (U.S. President 1845-1849) received his 1st degree in Columbia Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee.

And in 1923, groundbreaking took place for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia

6<sup>th</sup> 1787, the Grand Lodge of New York became independent

And in 1806, the Grand Lodge of Delaware was established

11<sup>th</sup> in 1986, the United Grand Lodge of England required the removal of references to the physical penalties from all obligations.

13<sup>th</sup> (or 12<sup>th</sup>) in 1889, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was organized

16<sup>th</sup> in 1821, the Grand Lodge of Alabama was formed

20<sup>th</sup> On this date in 1812, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was formed, in 1881, Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S., died.

23<sup>rd</sup> 1780, Wolfgang Goethe was initiated in Amalia Lodge in Weimar

24<sup>th</sup> 1717, what is referred to as the premiere Grand Lodge was formed in London, at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house

This date is the first entry, for 1731, of a Lodge meeting in the colonies that became the United States, in an account book of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia, in 1734, Benjamin Franklin became Grand Master of what would be known as the "Moderns" Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania, in 1820, the Grand Lodge of Maine was formed

27<sup>th</sup> (or 25<sup>th</sup>) in 1791, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was organized

28<sup>th</sup> in 1901, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 1st degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio

## May Trestleboard

**2nd** – 8:00 to 10:00am full breakfast .  
10:00am Stated Communication- Rabbi Randy Schoch presentation on the Ritual and the Old Testament. THC Board mtg after lodge.

**4<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00pm Rehearsal at Centennial  
**7<sup>th</sup>** – District School of Instruction at Centennial  
**9<sup>th</sup>** -9:00am Semi annual communication GL  
**18<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00pm Rehearsal at Centennial  
**28<sup>th</sup>** – Joint degree conferral at Centennial 6:15 dinner, Lodge at 7:30pm

### Masonic Birthdays for May

Joseph H. Maurer	45
Woodrow A. Critzer	35
Conan W. B. Barger	10
Ralph E. Meiggs	10
Seth K. Meiggs	10
William E. Soper	10
Clarence H. Andrews	48
John M. Knee	48
Melvin E. Harrison	42
James L. Gearhart	60
Harris R. Wilburn, Jr.	43
Kenneth M. Prinkey	45
Charles A. Kamm	14
James D. Kamm	14
Luther M. Dean	48
William D. Hines	37

Total Masonic Years of 519 .  
Come to lodge and be recognized!

## Trestleboard for June

**1<sup>st</sup>** – 7:00pm Rehearsal at Centennial

**4<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm School of Instruction, Oxon Hill

**6<sup>th</sup>** – 8:00am to 10:00 am Full Breakfast. 10:00 am Stated Communication Rev. George Aist presentation on who was St. John the Baptist.

**15<sup>th</sup>** -7:00pm Rehearsal at Centennial

**21<sup>st</sup>** – 10:00am attending Religious Services as a lodge for St. John the Baptist Day. Contact any officer for details.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7:00pm Rehearsal at Centennial lodge

**29<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00pm Rehearsal at Centennial Lodge

## Masonic Birthdays for June

Jesse K. Reisman	3
James E. Spicer	40
Kenneth C. Hardesty	46
Arthur H. Douglas, Jr.	39
Peter Cleland	48
Donald J. Spargo	37
Gilbert M. Sansbury	45
Arthur N. Rumpf	52
William F. Baker	10
Bernard L. Carson	31
Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.	29
Lawrence S. McLean	31
Augustus E. Shockey, Jr.	51
Robert D. Cameron	27
Terry L. Royce	27
Charley J. Smith, Jr.	27

Total Masonic years of 543 .

Come to lodge and be recognized!

**Trestleboard for July- Summer Schools**

7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Cockeyville  
Entered Apprentice Degree Open full form EA  
degree Receive GM with public Gr. honors  
14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Cockeyville  
Fellow-craft Degree Open full form FC degree  
21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00pm Cockeyville  
Master Mason Degree Open full form MM  
Receive GI – take up GMW  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 7:30pm Centennial Lodge 174  
Entered Apprentice Degree  
28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Cockeyville  
Entered Apprentice Degree Open full form MM  
degree Call off and open EA lodge short form  
30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Centennial Lodge 174  
Fellow-craft Degree

**Masonic Birthdays for July**

Dennis D. Dumire 12  
Donald W. Pelassara, Jr. 12  
Francis R. Headley 68  
Total Masonic years of 92.

**Trestleboard for August -Summer Schools**

4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Cockeyville  
Fellow Craft degree, multiple candidates  
6<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Centennial Lodge 174  
Master Mason Degree  
11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Cockeyville  
Master Mason degree-Multiple candidates  
13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm Centennial Lodge 174  
Special Topics

**Masonic Birthdays for August**

Eugene A. Zamer, Sr. 60  
Total Masonic years of 60.

## **Sick and Distressed**

Brother Bill Edwards, PJW, had a follow up on 4/9/09 with his doctors. He has not gained any weight and is still weak. The tumor has not grown any since the surgery.

Brother Charles Dean is recovering from a double bypass and aortic valve replacement. He had surgery at the Washington Hospital Center. He is home and taking physical therapy.

Brother Robert Evans has been moved to a nursing care facility, under hospice care.

Dennis Dumire has been moved to a rehab center, following a stroke.

Our oldest living Past Master, James W. (Pat) Patterson can't see, hear or breathe, but his doctors say he is fine.

Anna Bell Conn, Younger sister of Past Master Pete Peters has undergone surgery for a hiatal hernia. Following many complications she is home.



We will cherish his memory in our hearts.....

Brother Elmer William Fisher laid down his working tools for the last time on April 8, 2009. Brother Fisher was born on September 11, 1918; Entered on October 6, 1948; Passed on November 3, 1948 and Raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on February 16, 1949. Brother Fisher received his Sixty year service award on February 16, 2009. Not only was Brother Fisher active in Seat Pleasant lodge but also was very active in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Washington, Orient of District of Columbia. He was the one of the first if not the first member of Seat Pleasant to be coronated an Inspector General Honorary 33<sup>rd</sup> degree.

We had our Memorial Service at the funeral home, only three members were present. We then met the family at the grave site for a Rosy Croix service, again only three members. PLEASE, a Memorial Service is so very important to the family. HELP our lodge and our brethren and make an extra effort to attend these Memorial Services. Transportation will not be a problem for you! IF you didn't receive a call and live in the local area, please contact the WM.

## Did you know in Masonic History in July:

1<sup>st</sup> in 1964, Roscoe Pound, a Masonic scholar and the Dean of Harvard Law School, died. In 1989, the Grand Lodge of Hawaii was organized

4<sup>th</sup> in 1781, Robert Burns received his 1st degree.

6<sup>th</sup> (or 5<sup>th</sup>) in 1830, the Grand Lodge of Florida was formed

8<sup>th</sup> 1789, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was formed

19<sup>th</sup> in 1901, Sir Winston Churchill received his 2nd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.

21<sup>st</sup> in 1758, the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted a charter to Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia, the lodge that had conferred the Masonic degrees on George Washington in 1752 and 1753.

in 1875, the Grand Lodge of South Dakota (Dakota) was formed

27<sup>th</sup> On this date in 1818, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was formed

## Masonic History in August:

2<sup>nd</sup> in 1861, the Grand Lodge of Colorado was formed

4<sup>th</sup> in 1753, George Washington received his Master Mason degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia

7<sup>th</sup> in 1877, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was formed

14<sup>th</sup> in 1826, William Morgan obtained a copyright for Illustrations of Masonry, By One of the Fraternity Who Has Devoted Thirty Years to the Subject, a book that publicly exposed the secrets of Masonic ritual. Although many similar books had been published before, this caused great excitement, and led to the "Morgan affair" and the Antimasonic Party of the 1820s and 1830s.

16<sup>th</sup> 1851, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was founded.

21<sup>st</sup> 1993, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and thousands of Freemasons dedicated the Friend to Friend Masonic Monument in the cemetery in Gettysburg, commemorating acts of kindness between Freemasons who fought on opposite sides in the American Civil War.

27<sup>th</sup> in 1920, Warren G. Harding (U.S. President 1921-1923) received his 3rd degree in Marion Lodge #70, Ohio

Who am I ?????? Please let the WM know. From 1957.



We are still working on donations for a display case. WE have \$250.00 toward the \$1,500.00 we need. Also, any and all memorabilia from our lodge history would be greatly appreciated. We need past master photos of : Hofferbert, Roberson, Martin, Wight, Rawlings, Frye, Colmus, Sylvester, Tate, Keafauver, Ball, Patterson, Hamrick, Thomas, Owens, and Wilburn. Photos of the lodge buildings, functions, etc...

## PAST MASTERS OF SEAT PLEASANT LODGE

In preparation for our 1500<sup>th</sup> communication, Please take a moment to reflect on your year. I would like to have each Past Master prepare a paragraph on their year in the East. If you can be present at our communication in June, you may read it. If distance or health is a problem, please email or mail it to me so that it can be read on your behalf and become a part of the records of the lodge. Our 1500<sup>th</sup> Communication, what a milestone my brethren!

Who am I? This is yet another photo from our records that can't be identified:



## Committees for 2009

*Communications committee* (telephone)

All officers except the WM, Secretary and Treasurer

*Sickness and Distress*

Jesse Reisman , JW Chairman Assisted by all officers

*By Laws Committee*

William Hines, Chairman, Terry Royce, SW, Frank Wilburn

*Maryland CHiP lodge coordinator* Jesse Reisman, JW

*Lodge Visitation Committee* Terry Royce, SW Chairman

All members of Seat Pleasant Lodge

(advise SW of lodge/dates you visit)

*Charlotte Hall Veterans Home*

Terry Royce , Chairman William Thomas, Co-Chairman

All members of Seat Pleasant Lodge

*Audit / Budget Committee*

Dan Brewer, WM, Terry Royce, SW, Jesse Reisman JW,

William Hines PM, Melvin Harrison PM, Frank Wilburn

*Blood Bank Committee*

Glynn Owens, Chairman

*Lodge Historian*

Jesse Reisman

*Widow's Program*

Bill Hines, Chairman

*Lodge Trustees*

Frank Wilburn 2010

David E. Amstutz 2009

Rudy McCumber 2011

*Temple Holding Corporation*

Terry Royce, President

William Hines, Secretary/Treasurer

***Honorary Members of Seat Pleasant Lodge:***

Ron Block, PM, DGL, PGI, WGM

Sam Sullivan Maurice Rackey

Hilmer Krebs James Seawell

Harold Taylor, PM

## PAST MASTERS

1926 -27 U.D. J. L. Hofferbert *	
1927 E. F. Roberson*	1968 John E. Pierce, Jr.
1928 E. F. Roberson*	1969 Boris Tenner* PGI
1929 Thurston G. Brown*	1970 Peter Cleland
1930 Floyd F. Martin*	1971 Kenneth C. Hardesty
1931 H. Raymond Wilburn*	1972 Norman E. Abney~
1932 F. L. Wight, Jr.*	1973 Harry M. Cotton
1933 H. W. Hotchkiss*	1974 James K. Arnold*
1934 Joseph E. Rawlings*	1975 John E. Pierce, Jr. PM
1935 Readus M. Frye*	1976 James H. Hollis*
1936 Carl E. Price*	1977 Chilton T. Walker~
1937 Edwin J. Staats*	1978 James A. Davis*
1938 E. G. Gentile*	1979 Raymond A. Williams, Jr.*
1939 F. R. Colmus*	1980 William D. Hines PGI
1940 Edward H. Schmidt*	1981 Richard T. Price~
1941 L. N. Sylvester*	1982 Wilburn H. Jones*
1942 Elza Job *	1983 Gerald R. Rapson
1943 Preston Tate*	1984 Rudy McCumber
1944 Edwin M. Fisher*	1985 Urban T. Peters
1945 Vernon Keafauver*	1986 Terry L. Royce
1946 C. H. E. Hoofring*	1987 Charlie J. Smith, Jr.
1947 Jules DuBost*	1988 Richard H. Gould*
1948 Aubrey E. Amos*	1989 John F. Sullivan~
1949 Charles M. Wilson *	1990 Brooks C. Dodson, Jr.
1950 August A. Duchene*	1991 David N. Hamrick \$
1951 Norris C. Robinson*	1992 Boris Tenner* PM PGI PSGS
1952 William T. Alvey*	1992 William H. Thomas+
1953 C. S. Hubbard~ *	1993 Melvin E. Harrison GI PWGT
1953 John E. Ball **	1994-95 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1954 F. L. Freeman*	1996 Urban T. Peters PM PGI
1955 G. Chester Towers*	1997 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1956 James W. Patterson	1998-99 John R. Gluth PM+*
1957 Charles T. Glidden*	2000-2003 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1958 S. Flory Diehl* PSGW	2003 Glynn H. Owens #
1959 Hector D. Gellerson*	2004 R. Frank Wilburn PM
1960 George W. Allen, Jr.	2005 Oswald L. Lockard+PM*
1961 Lloyd B. Bertholf *	2006-08 Urban T. Peters PM PGI
1962 George J. McCullogh*	
1963 Gordon W. Pearson~*	
1964 Reidar Haug *	
1965 Jesse J Ross*	
1966 Joseph M. Harris *	
1967 C. William McPherson*	

\* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped