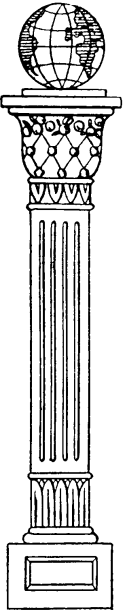


THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

622 W. Campbell Ave. SW
Roanoke, VA 24018

Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month, 7:30 PM
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February 2013

Worshipful Master - Fred Marion Burns

Senior Warden	Duffy Jerome Ferguson	Junior Warden	Stuart Matthew Bain
Secretary	Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	Treasurer	David Eugene Campbell, II
Senior Deacon	Michael Lynn Johnson	Junior Deacon	Timothy Morris Shepherd
Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Glen Wayne Hall	Junior Steward	David Reed Hamblin

Brethren,

Wow, what a month so far. There is nothing like sitting in the East, governing our lodge and trying to remember all those words.

On January 14 we passed Bro. Calvin Louis Lucas to the degree of Fellowcraft. I would especially like to thank Wor. Charlie Hale, Wor. Bob Rohrback and Wor. Fred Knapp for their excellent assistance in putting on this degree. It is great to have brothers step up and assist a new brother on his journey.

Our first Stated was this past Monday, January 21 and our program for the evening was presented by our Junior Warden, Wor. Stuart Bain who was pinch hitting for Wor. Knapp who was unable to make the meeting.

February will be our annual official visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Alan D. O'Hara. It will also be a Valentine celebration with a dinner with our ladies. More information will be coming about this. We will need a head count so we know how much food to prepare. Please come and join us for dinner and for the stated meeting to follow.

March will feature a program by our Senior Warden, Wor. Duffy Ferguson who always gives a good talk.

Please let us know if you or any brother (or family member) needs to be remembered in our prayers.

And as always, if you need a ride to any of our meetings you only need to call and we will make arrangements to pick you up and return you to your home. Forgot, the word? Don't worry, we can take care of that.

Can't climb stairs? Don't worry, our elevator still works.

Thank you once again for the honor of serving as your Master this year. Have a Blessed Day.

S&F,
Fred Burns
Worshipful Master

From the West Gate

From the West.

Well the year has gotten underway and lodge events and Child ID programs have already started. There is a child ID event on Jan. 16 at the Vinton War Memorial from 2 - 4 p.m. In addition we are talking with the Commonwealth Autism Program and with area health clubs to be a part of their family programs, so watch your calendar and email for upcoming events, we are always in need of assistance. Don't worry if you are not computer savvy, there are plenty of ways to contribute and be helpful. I look forward to seeing you not only at these events but also at stated meetings, degrees and upcoming fun events where we can socialize and have non ritual fun.

As always, if I can help with ritual work or need a sounding board I am a phone call or email away.

S&F,
Duffy

Secretary Sez...

Perhaps you have noticed that the membership of the lodge has been slowly reducing in size. Many factors influence this reduction. Some have passed on to the Celestial Lodge, some have moved away to be closer to family and have demitted in favor of a lodge nearby, some have simply demitted as they find themselves unable to continue to pay their dues (YOUR LODGE CAN HELP HERE BUT YOU DO HAVE TO ASK!), some have simply demitted as they have lost interest for one reason or another and yes, some have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Whatever the reason, with the membership dwindling it becomes more important for YOU to make time for your fraternity and come to lodge for the Stated and Called Communications meetings. The Master has arranged for some excellent programs and to have a speaker come and there are very few in lodge is a bit embarrassing. And we always need assistance in putting on degrees.

Won't you please come and support the lodge?

Reminder notices for your 2013 dues have been mailed. If you receive one of these notices please take a minute and write your check and mail it in. If you are encountering difficulty in paying your dues either through sickness or financial issues please call Wor. Fred (540-525-9463) or myself (540-520-1101) and let us work out something with you. If you feel you have already paid but have not received your dues card, please call and we'll get that straightened out immediately.

Fraternally,
Sid Bush

Birthdays

Jay Michael Becker	February 3	Hiram Scotty Campbell	March 2	Robert Glen Bishop	April 2
Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	February 4	James Dean Cole	March 3	James Hardie Lawrence	April 11
Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	February 5	Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3	Curtis Neil Dickerson	April 24
Julien Irwin Sacks	February 8	James Milton Scearce, Jr.	March 10	William Arthur Seymour, Jr.	April 26
Boreham Boyd Johnson	February 11	David Alyn Goode	March 16	Jerry Wayne McMillan	April 29
Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	February 15	Curtis Elery Downey	March 18		
Michael George Lawson	February 16	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21		
Orville Max Leach	February 17	Clarence M. Hawkins, Jr.	March 22		
George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	February 22	Thomas Michael Wilbourne	March 27		
John William Slusher	February 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30		
		William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr.	March 30		