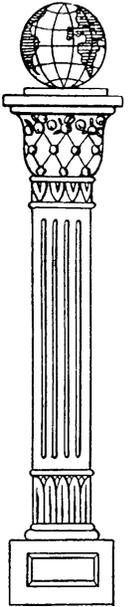


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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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February 2014

Worshipful Master - Duffy Jerome Ferguson

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Senior Deacon	Timothy Morris Shepherd	Junior Deacon	Ronald A. Wirt
Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Calvin Lucas	Junior Steward	Scott Christopher St. Clair

Brethren,

Well its already the end of January and I'm trying to figure out where the month went. We had a decent crowd at the January stated and if you were not there you missed out on a pretty good dinner. I know that no one left hungry and everyone was raving over my wife's spaghetti. I want to especially thank my wife, Jamie, and our Senior Warden, David Campbell and his wife Jen for their help cooking and getting everything ready for that wonderful meal. Following dinner, we had an open program on the Medical Reserve Corps, and as a surprise to our guest we presented the Community Builder's Award to Tanya Ferraro, the Medical Reserve Corps. coordinator for the Roanoke and Allegheny Valley. It was our honor to have MW Kerry Campbell there to help present the award, as he had signed it while still in office as Grand Master. The January stated was a busy night, in addition to the program and award it was the official visit to Pleasants by our DDGM Cornelius Coughlin, and we presented three Honorary Members their dues cards. It was my honor to receive two past Grand Masters in the East and present MW Campbell and MW John Chambliss with Honorary Memberships in Pleasants Lodge. In addition, Wor. Ron Wirt finally received his card after having waited for it to take the scenic route from Richmond to Roanoke. Last but certainly not least, I had the pleasure of being in the East for the balloting for my only nephew to receive the degrees in masonry, yes that means soon there will be TWO of us in Pleasants Lodge. Scary I know!!!

The next couple of months promise to be just as busy as January. We have a Master Mason degree to confer on the 10th of February. Our February stated will start off with a dinner at 6:00, this our Sweethearts Dinner so make sure you bring your sweetheart!!!! Following dinner, our program will be presented by the DeMolay. Afterward, we will open and conduct lodge business while the ladies socialize. We will be having the Initiation for my nephew within two weeks following stated, please keep an eye out for the date, it is always nice to have a good group to welcome a new brother into the fraternity and show that we care about and for them.

Your officers have several items that are in the works that will be scheduled soon, our first family night and a road trip to the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Your attendance on school nights and at stated while not mandatory is vital for you to know firsthand what is happening in your lodge and in the district. While I can not require you to attend any function, I can not stress enough the importance of having members present showing their support and sharing their encouragement and wisdom for our officers and newer members. When a 40 year old retreaded master is the oldest stationed officer, it says something about the active participation of our newer and younger members. Remember we all swore to nourish and cherish a brother, help us educate and grow our younger members, in doing so we will grow and strengthen our Lodge.

Your Brother Always,

Duffy Jerome Ferguson
Worshipful Master



Tanya Ferraro, Wor. Duffy, MW Kerry

From the West Gate

Greetings Brethren,

For those in attendance at our January Stated; thank you again for coming out. I sincerely hope that you had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship. For those that couldn't make it, we missed you. Hopefully next month will be different.

“Wow” The only word possible to describe the dinner and this January's stated meeting. Worshipful Duffy Ferguson, his lady Jamie, a family friend, my lady Jennie, and myself started the evening providing a good home cooked spaghetti dinner to the brethren and our guest speaker. Following the dinner, we were entertained upstairs in the lodge room with a short presentation, as well as, presenting a community builders award to our guest speaker. She was not expecting it, and boy, was she surprised and very thankful.

As stated meeting go, last night's was even more spectacular than usual. Our District 22A Deputy Grand Master made his official visit and presented us with the current Grand Masters message. Also, in attend, were the District 22B Deputy Grand Master, and TWO PAST GRAND MASTERS! Everyone had an incredible time. Thank you MW John C. and MW Kerry C. for being present. As I stated last month, milestones are worth achieving!

Finally I would like to leave you brethren with a thought to ponder. Always remember, your brother is there to help, aid, and assist you. All you need do; is ask them for good counsel. However, and most importantly, remember that your family members are there too! Your spouse and children are your greatest strength, be thankful..and remember to thank them often. No one is ever truly replace-able.

Sincerely and fraternally, David E. Campbell, II S.W.

Secretary Sez

For those not at the Stated for January you missed a treat. We were pleased to have both District Deputy Grand Masters, RW Corky Coughlin - Dist 22A and RW Smoky Beirne - Dist 22B as well as two Past Grand Masters, MW John Mason Chambliss and MW Louis Kerford Campbell join us. The Brethren were introduced assisted by these fine Brothers.

Worshipful Duffy and his Lady made a great spaghetti supper for all after which we retired to Lodge Room where Wor. Duffy and MW Kerry presented a Community Builders Award to Tanya Ferraro. RW Corky then helped present an LMIP pin and card to Bro. Calvin Lucas.

Another highlight of the evening was the bestowal of honorary Pleasants Lodge membership cards to MW Chambliss, MW Campbell and Wor. Ron Wirt. Wor. Wirt made a motion to remove the wall paper, plaster and paint the Lodge Room and also to paint the office area and replace carpet. This motion was approved and work will begin immediately.

February Stated is Ladies Night for Valentines Day. Bring a card/and or gift for your Valentine.

Several brothers have not paid their 2013 or their 2014 dues and thus will be up for suspension at the February Stated Communication. Please check your dues card and if you don't have a 2013 card call Sid at 540-520-1101 to correct this oversight and avoid suspension. Remember that suspension automatically suspends you from ALL Masonic Bodies.

Fraternally, Sid Bush, Secretary

Birthdays

Jay Michael Becker	Feb. 3	Hiram Scotty Campbell	Mar. 2	Robert Glen Bishop	April 2
Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	Feb. 4	Bruce Neal Stewart	Mar. 3	James Hardie Lawrence	April 11
Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	Feb. 5	James Dean Cole	Mar. 3	Curtis Neil Dickerson	April 24
Boreham Boyd Johnson	Feb. 11	James Milton Searce, Jr.	Mar. 10	William Arthur Seymour, Jr	April 26
Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	Feb. 15	David Alyn Goode	Mar. 16	Jerry Wayne McMillan	April 29
Michael George Lawson	Feb. 16	Curtis Elery downey	Mar. 18		
Orville Max Leach	Feb. 17	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	Mar. 21		
George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	Feb. 22	Clarence Mortimer Hawkins, Jr	Mar. 22		
Calvin Lewis Lucas, Jr.	Feb. 23	Thomas Michael Wilbourn	Mar. 27		
John William Slusher	Feb. 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	Mar. 30		
		William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr	Mar. 30		

MASTERS FROM 1889 TO 1944

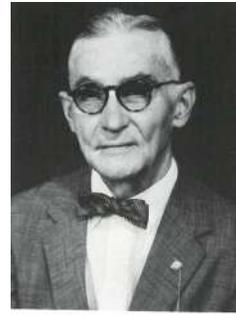
(From 100 Years in the Roanoke Valley, William T. Watkins)



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1889-1890*



*T.M. Hume
1895-1896*



*D.W. Rooker
1907*



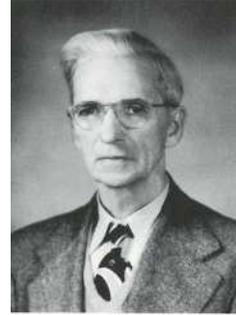
*F.C. Collins
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*H.L. Gettys
1909*



*S.S. Brooke, Jr.
1910*



*E.G. Caldwell
1917*



*S.K. Snedeger
1918*



*H.E. Dyer
1921*



*R.V. Cunningham
1922*



*F.C. Holloway
1925*



*W.H. Ballentine
1930*



*W.F. Woods
1932*



*J.A. Hatcher
1935*



*J.P. Millikin
1936*



*S.J. McMillion
1938*



*D.L. Marsteller
1939*



*H.R. Miller
1941*



*A.G. Runion
1942*



*E.N. Vaughan
1944*