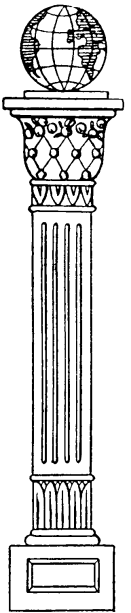


THE COLUMNS

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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January 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,

It is truly an honor to have been elected and installed as Master of Pleasants Lodge for 2013. This would not have been possible without the help of many brothers, especially my father-in-law, Wor. Sid Bush who has spent the past few years not only coaching me but building my confidence to assume this position. Thank you!

I would also like to thank the installing team. Wor. Rohrback as the Installing Master, RW Melvin Crowder as the Installing Marshall and Wor. Barry Light who served as the Installing Secretary. My sincere thanks to you all for your most excellent participation.

Those of you who were at my installation received a program that listed what my programs for the year would be. I believe we have a good year planned and I look forward to your participation throughout the year. More especially I would be delighted to welcome brethren that have not been to lodge of late.

Perhaps you have forgotten those all important passwords? Not to worry, we'll be happy to re-invest you with the "word".

Can't drive at night? Not to worry, we'll be happy to have someone pick you up and bring you to lodge and bring you back to your home.

Have difficulty in getting around and worry about getting to the lodge room. Not to worry, our elevator still works and there are many brethren that would be available to assist you.

We have several activities planned where our youth organizations can participate. It is truly amazing watching and listening to these young men and women perform their rituals. Please come out and support them in all their activities.

This past December the Masons of our District (A & B) came out and supported the "Toys for Tots" program of the U.S. Marine Corps. We filled up several pickup trucks with toys at the December Master Masons Association Breakfast and also presented the Corps with a check to help in their program.

Wor. Fred Knapp will be our featured speaker at our January Stated (3rd Monday as always).

The Master Masons Leroy Harris ritual school will be held at Taylor Lodge on January 26. Usual breakfast to start, ritual school follows and free lunch. I look forward to seeing many Pleasants members there.

We will have a "Valentines Dinner" with our ladies before the Stated Meeting in February. RW Alan O'Hara will be officially received in our lodge and will present Grand Master Campbell's programs.

Here are a few pictures of the "Toys" and of the Brethren at the December Master Masons Breakfast which was held at Williamson Lodge.

Fraternally,

Fred Burns
Worshipful Master



From the West Gate

From the West.

If any of you had asked me three years ago, if I would consider going back in line I would probably have asked if you were crazy. Well, seems like the old saying of "never say never" is true. I am happy to help out and serve Fred and the lodge as Senior Warden and LIC "Lodge Instructor of Work." As every master before, including myself, has stated we need to get more involvement from the members of the lodge and try to draw more members that will be active into our ranks. I think some of the ideas being discussed by your line of officers, can truly help but we need help not just from the fifteen or so active members "the choir" but every member of our lodge. We can only be as active as our members can or are willing to be. All of us have demands on our time and some times our cable tow can get pretty tight, but freemasonry and this lodge in particular can not grow if we are not willing to tend and nurture it.

The Child-Id program had to take a bit of a backseat last year, as there is simply not enough time to serve as lodge secretary and District Child Id Coordinator and do both jobs effectively. I am very proud of the inroads and connections our brothers at other lodges especially Vinton for helping out with the program, don't worry Wor. Brabham I am sending invoices out this week. This program and our programs for our youth are too important to let fail or fall to the wayside. I am famous for saying I am a phone call or email away, but seriously, if I can be of any help, or you have a connection with a group or event that would like to do child ID please call or email me as soon as you hear of something so we can get started and work within our schedules. Remember that by having a young line of officers, I am the old man at 40, we all have full time work schedules to work around. "Harmony being the strength and support of all institutions" applies not only to lodge but home as well.

I am looking forward to a fun year, so put your running shoes on, things are about to get busy.

Fraternally,
Duffy Ferguson

Secretary Sez... Brethren, your 2013 dues notices were sent to you in September and many of you still have not sent in your 2012 dues. Be advised that your name will be read for suspension at the January Stated unless you pay your dues by then. You MUST contact the Secretary (Wor. Bush @ 540-520-1101 OR Wor. Burns @ 540-525-4782) to make arrangements to make payment. As always, should you find yourself unable to comply please contact us and explain your situation.

My Brothers, we need your support for the 2013 officers. These brothers take their time to support their lodge and the least we can do is to join them on Stated Communication nights and let them know we care. This is an obligation you took when you became a Master Mason.

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Sid Bush

Birthdays

Christopher Scott St. Clair	January 3	Jay Michael Becker	February 3	Hiram Scotty Campbell	March 2
James Luther Craft	January 7	Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	February 4	James Dean Cole	March 3
Joshua Adam Wickline	January 8	Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	February 5	Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3
Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	January 12	Julien Irwin Sacks	February 8	James Milton Scearce, Jr.	March 10
Michael Lynn Johnson	January 13	Boreham Boyd Johnson	February 11	David Alyn Goode	March 16
Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	January 17	Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	February 15	Curtis Elery Downey	March 18
Michael Fries	January 17	Michael George Lawson	February 16	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21
Jeffrey Lynn Butler	January 19	Orville Max Leach	February 17	Clarence M. Hawkins, Jr.	March 22
Daniel Gilbert Oakey	January 21	George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	February 22	Thomas Michael Wilbourne	March 27
Arthur Douglas St. Clair	January 26	John William Slusher	February 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30
Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	January 29			William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr.	March 30
				Timothy Daniel Robertson	March 31