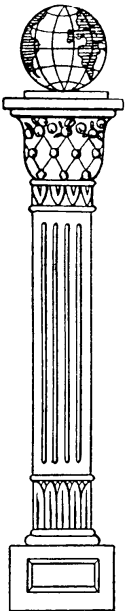


THE COLUMNS

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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July 2012

Worshipful Master - Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.

Senior Warden	Fred Marion Burns	Junior Warden	David Eugene Campbell
Secretary	William Arthur Seymour, Jr.	Treasurer	Thomas Edward Purbes
Senior Deacon	Stuart Matthew Bain	Junior Deacon	Michael Lynn Johnson
Chaplain	Hiram Scotty Campbell	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Timothy Morris Shepherd	Junior Steward	Glen Wayne Hall
Marshall	Mark Anthony Gibson		

Brethren,
We are coming up on the half year mark and many of you have not been to Lodge and that presents a question. WHY? This is your Lodge and there are about 12 to 16 who attend regularly. We have a meal before each Stated or degree, with fellowship and fun so the brethren can enjoy some social time with their brothers. Don't miss out on the next Stated or degree. Come see those old friends and make new ones.

At our June Stated we were privileged to award to Aaron Parizo, an outstanding young man, our first Charles Wesley Hale Scholarship. Aaron is a member of the Hanging Rock Chapter of DeMolay and will be attending Johnson and Wales College this coming September where he will study to be a chef. Aaron is also a working Fellowcraft at Taylor Lodge #23. We wish him all the best of luck.

July we will have our annual picnic on July 16 at 5 PM at the Kazim Temple picnic area. Hamburger's, hot dogs, buns and drinks will be provided by the lodge and I will ask our fine Ladies to

bring dishes to share and deserts.

We will be presenting a Community builders award to a Roanoke Police Officer at the picnic. We will have our usual Stated communication at the normal time of 7:30 PM.

I attended the funeral of Brother Wilbur Grant who went to be with his Lord on June 8 this year. Brother Wilbur has been a mainstay in the Roanoke music community and will now be playing for the Lord.

Brother's, I say this to let you know that I have been to the funerals of several brothers and the sad part is that I have never met any of these Brothers. I have also presented one 50 year pin thus far this year and this to a Brother I met for the first time.

So I am asking you, what can we do to meet and become acquainted?

We have tried to entice you to come to Lodge functions with meals, we have included our Ladies and we have tried to have informative and interesting

programs but still just the choir seems to come. At Lodge you can meet with your old friends and make new ones, I did. My Mother Lodge is in Florida and when I moved here I joined Vinton, then I joined Pleasants and then I "went dark" for a few years until Bro. Bill Seymour talked to me one day and convinced me to come back to lodge. I started back, got involved and "got in line", AGAIN. I was already a Past Master from my Florida Lodge. Come to meetings and you can still bear witness to some Florida Ritual (although I'm told I'm now someplace in the Carolinas). So my Brothers get off your sofa and come see us at your Lodge. Maybe, just maybe, I wont have to look at a family member again and say, "no never met him". Think about it

A special Night on the Town is being planed by our Sr. Warden and Sr. Deacon. News for this will be presented at the July Stated.

From the Master Wardens and officers have a great and safe summer

Sid Bush, Worshipful Master

Lodge Statistics as of June 25, 2012 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0 Suspensions: 6 Deaths: 3 Affiliated: 0 Raised: 1 Restorations: 0
Honorary Members: 3 Life Members (Living): 12 (Living) 18 Total 50 Yr. Members: 15, Remitted Members: Hardship 6, Illness 0, Officers: 3
Current Lodge Membership: 126 Total Dues Paying Members: 87
Master Mason Working: 0 Fellowcraft Working: 0 Entered Apprentice working: 0 Petitioners: 0

From the West Gate

As we swing into the summer months we sometimes get lazy and "go dark", i.e., chill out in a big way by not attending meetings, sitting in the porch swing watching the world go by, avoiding the heat of the day, in short not doing much. ARE YOU one of those that fits into one of these categories? Your Lodge doesn't stop, there is still much work to do, some travel to foreign lands, some earning of Master's wages but it is hard to do when only a few brethren show up for meetings. Upcoming for YOUR lodge is the annual picnic where Wor. Sid will be giving out a Community Builders award. This member of the community to be awarded is justly entitled to the recognition and my brothers it would mean much to your officers and certainly to the recipient if there is a large turnout. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you and your families have a fun and SAFE holiday as we take time out to enjoy our liberty and independence on July 4.

Take time and reflect on the following.

Our Brethren At The Front

(from Brotherhood, New York City, July, 1918)

God of our Fathers, at Whose call,
We now before Thine altar fall;
Whose grace can make our Order strong,
Through love of right and hate of wrong,
We pray Thee in Thy pity shield
Our Brethren on the battlefield.

Asleep, beneath Thine ample dome,
With many a tender dream of home;
Or charging, in the dust and glare,
With bullets hurtling through the air,
We pray Thee in Thy pity shield
Our Brethren on the battlefield.

O soon, Thou Blessed Prince of Peace,
Bring in the days when War shall cease,
And men and brothers shall unite
To fill the world with love and light,
We pray Thee in Thy pity shield
Our Brethren on the battlefield.

Fred Burns, Senior Warden

Birthdays

Joseph Marion Brown	July 1	Timothy Wheeler Roatenberry	August 6	Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	Sept 6
Glen Warren Dillard	July 7	Ricky Ieason Wilkerson	August 10	Joseph Edward Reade	Sept 6
Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7	James David Cheatham	August 10	Paul Brown Caldwell	Sept 11
Wayne William Wise	July 9	Walter Blaine Elliott IV	August 13	Ellard Vincent Youngberg	Sept 14
James Robert Staggs	July 10	John Boyd Obenchain	August 20	Richard Wayne Booth, Sr.	Sept 15
Billy Estil Frazier	July 14	Ronald Harry Geiger	August 28	Paul Dale Walrond	Sept 16
Jeffrey Scott Purves	July 19			Haden Thurston Dudley, III	Sept 19
Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22			Andrew Martin Yuhas	Sept 20
Raymond Carter Cox	July 24			Stuart Matthew Bain	Sept 24
David Price Maxey	July 25			John William Hardin	Sept 25
Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28			Francis Stedman Hylton	Sept 29