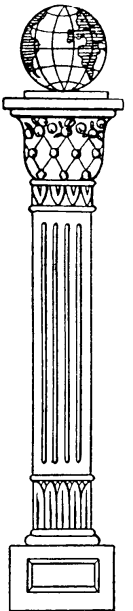


THE COLUMNS

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 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,

The year is already half over and it continues to be exciting to serve as the Worshipful Master of Pleasants Lodge.

We sponsored a Child ID event last week which was held at Gold's Gym with a good turnout of parents and children. Thank you to all the brethren that helped with this event and also for your continued support of this worthy cause.

At our Stated this past Monday we were pleased to present a 50 year pin to Brother Paul Black. Most Worshipful James Milton Scarce, Jr. performed the 50 year ceremony and Wor. Jessee Jones of Melrose Lodge presented the pin to Brother Black.



Brother Black receives his pin from Wor. Jones

We were pleased to have a visitor from Maine, Brother David Smith as well as DDGM Alan O'Hara at our meeting in June.

Also at the June Stated we were pleased and delighted to present to Wor. Ron Wirt an honorary membership to Pleasants Lodge. Wor. Wirt has been a stalwart supporter of Pleasants Lodge for many years and is most deserving of this honor. Thank you Wor. Wirt.



Wor. Burns congratulating Wor. Wirt on his Honorary Membership

Plan now to attend our July Stated where we will receive MW Louis Kerford Campbell, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia for 2013. There is a dinner planned prior to the meeting and you will need to let Wor. Sid Bush (540-520-1101) know that you will be in attendance so that we can be certain there is enough food for all. Pleasants Lodge will also be presenting a Community Builders Award at this Stated and MW Campbell will be making the presentation.



Bro. Black and MW Scarce

I would like to thank the members of "The Choir" for their decision to help Gisele, a little girl that lost everything to a house fire and especially to Wor. Sid and Wor. Duffy for taking time out from their busy schedules to drive to South Boston and see that this little girl got the things she needed..

As always, should you need a ride to lodge you need only to call me (540-525-4782) and arrangements will be made to pick you up and take you back home after the Stated meeting. I would love to see new faces and lodge.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fred Burns
Worshipful Master

Secretary Sez...

From the Mentor's Manual:

Responsibility for Lodge Attendance is one which should merit the earnest consideration of every Brother. Attendance was the subject of one of the charges of the Medieval Craft in which it was stated that "no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge, especially when warned to appear, without incurring severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him." Our present day system of Freemasonry does not have minimum attendance requirements, nor is there a penalty prescribed for absence. However, every Master Mason has a moral obligation to be loyal to the Lodge which gave him Masonic light and all the benefits which come with it. This moral obligation should induce each Brother to attend as regularly as possible and partake of the fellowship which is part and parcel of Freemasonry.

If you have not already done so please forward your dues for 2013. Brothers in arrears will be communicated to Grand Lodge per the Methodical Digest in August.

Wor. Sid Bush
Secretary

Birthdays

Matthew Howard Gregory	July 3	David Reed Hamblin	August 2	James Richard Meredith	Sept 1
Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7	Elvin Gene McComb, Jr.	August 9	Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	Sept 6
Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7	Ricky Gleason Wilkerson	August 10	Joseph Edward Reade	Sept 6
Wayne William Wise	July 9	James David Cheatham	August 10	Paul Brown Caldwell	Sept 11
James Robert Staggs	July 10	Walter Blaine Elliott, IV	August 13	Ellard Vincent Youngberg	Sept 14
Billy Estil Frazier	July 14	John Boyd Obenchain	August 20	Richard Wayne Booth, Sr.	Sept 15
Jeffrey Scott Purves	July 19	Ronald Harry Geiger	August 28	Paul Dale Walrond	Sept 16
Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22			Haden Thurston Dudley, III	Sept 19
Raymond Carter Cox	July 24			Andrew Martin Yuhas	Sept 20
David Price Maxey	July 25			Stuart Matthew Bain	Sept 24
Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28			John William Hardin	Sept 25
				Timothy Morris shepherd	Sept 28
				Francis Stedman Hylton	Sept 29