

# THE COLUMNS

## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

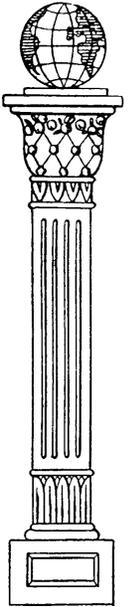
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**Worshipful Master - Fred Marion Burns**

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My Brothers,

Hello from the East and let me tell you it has been hot and it isn't even summer yet. I would like to thank all that came out for the Mother/Wife dinner prior to the May Stated. We had a great time and a nice showing. Thanks to Bro. Wayne Hall and Wor. Sid Bush for their efforts in making this dinner a success.

We were honored to have Bayard Commandery #15 perform the presentation of the Flag of our Country. Also many thanks to RW Lee Arritt for his fine program on York Rite and the Knights Templar.

Wor. Duffy Ferguson is trying to set up a trip to Fredericksburg Lodge for June 23. There will be a special guest there, an ambassador of the George Washington Lodge of Africa.

Wor. Ferguson is also holding a fund raiser for Child ID at the July 13 Christmas Angel Craft Show at Kazim Temple. Please come and support the Child ID program. He will be offering baked goods donated by the members of the lodge.

As always, if you need a ride or any other assistance, please call me at 540-525-4782 and I'll make the arrangements.

Thank you and God Bless.

Fred Burns  
Worshipful Master

## Secretary Sez...

Brethren,

Please join us in celebration of our latest Masonic Veteran, Wor. Paul Black, who was raised June 23, 1963. RW Alan O'Hara will be making the presentation at our June Stated Communication.

In July we will have our Official Visitation by Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. He will also be presenting Pleasant Lodge's Community Builders Award to Rev. Donna Britt, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner at the Kazim Ballroom at 6PM. Cost will be \$10.00 per person.

Check the Blue Bulletin ([www.pleasants63.org](http://www.pleasants63.org)) for details each Monday.

Sid Bush  
Secretary



# From the West:

Like most folks, when I was younger and would hear my parents talk about how fast time seems to fly as you get older, I thought they were crazy. You know, those older folks were right every once in a while. I am sitting at my desk at home and coming to realize that it's already June 2, and I can't remember where the first five months of this year went. (I actually know where most of it went, but that is besides the point.) It seems like only yesterday, that I was sitting in the East, being installed as the Master of Pleasants and Kevin was sitting on his mother's lap making motorcycle noises the whole time MW Scarce was doing the installation. Where has the time gone, two days we celebrated Kevin's 5th birthday and will be sending him to school this fall, daddy's little buddy is growing up too fast!!!!!!

The point I am trying to make is life hasn't gotten any easier or less hectic as technology has advanced, in fact it's gotten worse. Not only are we multi-tasking at work, but at the dinner table, kid's ball games, while on vacation even while at lodge. Don't let ourselves get so wrapped up in what we need to get done, that we lose sight of what is going on right in front of us. Take time out to spend it with those we love and care about, to enjoy the Great Architect's creation around us, the sight of a squirrel playing around a bird feeder, fishing or whatever brings a smile to your face. Don't let your epitaph be "Too Damn Busy Working to Spend Time With the Family", rest assured there are families in Oklahoma and elsewhere in the mid-west standing beside caskets wishing they had more time. As we mourn their losses and remember these families in our thoughts and our prayers, let this be a reminder that at a moment's notice I can be summoned (as an undertaker) to take anyone of you reading this or a loved one away.

As we plan the rest of this year and years to come, the line officers are committed to making family involvement with lodge activities a high priority. It is up to you whether you want to be an active member of this family or one that remains unknown to younger brothers of this lodge and this institution.

Duffy Ferguson  
Senior Warden

## CHILD ID EVENTS

Sat. June 8, from 10 - 2 at Gold's Gym on Hershberger Rd. Help greatly needed, there will be food involved.

Sat. June 15 at Vinton Lodge, again help greatly appreciated.

Friday June 28 at Breckinridge school during the Cruz In.

We have our first Child Id fundraiser on Saturday July 13 at the Christmas in July Craft Show at the Kazim Temple. We have been given a space for the purpose of having a bake sale, all proceeds going toward the district Child ID fund. Donated items needed.

## Birthdays

Donald Dean Gates	June 14	Matthew Howard Gregory	July 3	David Reed Hamblin	August 2
Barry Dale Light	June 15	Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7	Elvin Gene McComb, Jr.	August 9
Major Nicholas Reed	June 17	Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7	Ricky Gleason Wilkerson	August 10
John Robert Gibson	June 26	Wayne William Wise	July 9	James David Cheatham	August 10
		James Robert Staggs	July 10	Walter Blaine Elliott, IV	August 13
		Billy Estil Frazier	July 14	John Boyd Obenchain	August 20
		Jeffrey Scott Purves	July 19	Ronald Harry Geiger	August 28
		Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22		
		Raymond Carter Cox	July 24		
		David Price Maxey	July 25		
		Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28		