

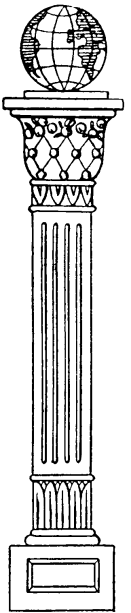
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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month, 7:30 PM
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November 2012



Worshipful Master - Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.

Senior Warden	Fred Marion Burns	Junior Warden	David Eugene Campbell
Secretary	Duffy Jerome Ferguson	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		

Greetings from the East

Brethren, as we near the end of another Masonic year and my duties are almost completed I would like to offer the year in review.

In December 2011 as part of the open installation of officers I was pleased to present a Community Builders Award to Mrs. Amanda Lawson, a third grade teacher at Morningside Elementary School. I was assisted in this presentation by MW John Mason Chambliss. In January we welcomed our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Melvin Linnwood Crowder on his official visit to the Lodge. RW Crowder presented the program of the Grand Master.

During the year we have had two Ladies nights where dinner was prepared for our wonderful ladies by our in house chef Bill Seymour. We also had three "Night on the Town" social events at local restaurants.

There were two picnics during the year. At the July picnic I was pleased to present a second Community Builders Award. The recipient was Officer Bryan Lawrence (Ret) of the Roanoke City Police who had been wounded in the course of his duties.

We have had several interesting programs presented by Brothers from the District. The most recent was Wor. Max Leach (1986) who presented a program on the history of the Lodge. We have raised one brother to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, initiated a new brother, and have a petition from another man seeking Light.

Sadly we have had two requests for demits which were granted as both brothers were in good standing.

One of the joys of being Master is the occasional opportunity to present a 50 year pin to a Masonic Veteran. We were pleased to do so for Bro. Joseph Brown and also for RW Raymond Patsel.

On the Fraternal side we held a joint communication with the brethren of Catawba Lodge #342 in Fincastle where we enjoyed good food and good fellowship. We have had several official visitations to other lodges in the district.

We have participated in several blood drives and child ID events within the district.

We have supported the youth of our district and have had both DeMolay

and Job's Daughters to our lodge for presentations.

We awarded our first \$2000 scholarship to DeMolay Arron Parizo who will use it to assist in attending Johnson and Wales College where he will be studying culinary arts. This is an annual award given to a qualifying high school senior with Masonic ties. Aaron was recently raised a Master Mason at Taylor Lodge #23 where his brother is also a member.

The Charles Wesley Hale Scholarship replaced our bike program this year. Also, in October, RW Hale and I presented a plaque to our faithful Tiler, Bro. Ken Robinette for his many years serving in that capacity.

Special thanks to Wor. Duffy for filling at Secretary when Bro. Bill moved to Ohio.

November will be a Ladies night dinner prior to the Stated.

Brothers, we have MISSED you at Lodge. If you need transportation please call.

Fraternally,
Sid Bush
Worshipful Master

Lodge Statistics as of October 15, 2012 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 2	Suspensions: 6	Deaths: 3	Affiliated: 0	Raised: 1	Restorations: 0
Honorary Members: 3	Life Members: 12 (Living) 18 Total	50 Yr. Members: 17,	Remitted Members: Hardship 1, Illness 3, Officers: 3		
Current Lodge Membership: 123	Total Dues Paying Members: 84				
Master Mason Working: 0	Fellowcraft Working: 0	Entered Apprentice working: 1	Petitioners: 1		

From the West Gate

Brethren, Greetings from the West. The year is moving on rapidly and I am busy planning out my year in the East. There is much to think about, much to plan, programs to develop, events to organize, but that is for next year.

Right now as we approach the holiday season we have a most important mission to accomplish in coordination with the United States Marine Corps. We will once again assist them in their "Toys for Tots" program by placing donation boxes around town as well as at the Pleasants Office. Won't you consider making a donation today? It must, of course, be a toy, it must be NEW and UNWRAPPED, in it's original packaging. Just drop it in a box located at many business establishments around town and go home feeling good about making a child happy at Christmas time. If you would like you may also, or instead of, make a donation to the cause. We would be happy to pass your gift along to the Corp. Pleasants Lodge, will, as they have in the past, make a donation to the program. Last year in addition to the hundreds of toys we collected for the program we were also able to present some money to assist in that effort.

Although this newsletter won't make it in time for you to consider coming to the Halloween party at the Lodge we will have some pictures for the next issue. Will YOU be in them??

Halloween night, October 31, Pleasants Lodge will once again join with the Brethren of Vinton Lodge for a Trunk or Treat affair at the Vinton Lodge. We, along with members from Vinton will line our cars up with goodies stacked in the trunk for the children to select from. This provides a safe environment, off the road and clearly lit for children to come and have fun. We hope to see you there participating.

We are working with a brother, who has been initiated into the fraternity, on his Fellow Craft degree. RW Charlie Hale is coaching him and will advise the Master when he is ready to move on. So, in the next few weeks we will be practicing our Fellow Craft ritual in anticipation of this degree. Please come and assist with the degree work and to show support to a brother as he progresses.

Fraternally,
Fred Burns
Senior Warden

Birthdays

Thomas Edward Purves	November 3	Roger Eugene Thomas, Jr.	December 2	Christopher Scott St. Clair	January 3
Eric Roland Spencer	November 6	David Andrew Cummings	December 11	James Luther Craft	January 7
Alfred Kyle Tuck, Jr.	November 6	John Dickerson Nunn	December 11	Joshua Adam Wickline	January 8
Kenneth Ray Robinette	November 10	Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	December 12	Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	January 12
Hubert Ralph Lane	November 12	Francis John Nardi	December 14	Michael Lynn Johnson	January 13
Carl Allen Balderson	November 14	Jeffrey Roy Wendell	December 16	Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	January 17
Charles Wesley Hale	November 16	Max Cameron Johnson	December 24	Michael Fries	January 17
Gerald Allan Pope	November 17	Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	December 27	Jeffrey Lynn Butler	January 19
Adam McCulloch Williams	November 20	Kerford Aldin Key	December 29	Daniel Gilbert Oakey	January 21
Robert Tasker Carter, II	November 20			Arthur Douglas St. Clair	January 26
William Holcomb Jennings	November 21			Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	January 29
Richard Scott Millikin	November 21				
Taha Hasayn Bullock	November 22				
Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	November 24				

SPECIAL AWARDS

As mentioned in the Master's message the Lodge was pleased to present not one but two 50 year Veteran's awards this year. Bro. Brown was raised in February of 1961 and Bro. Patsel was raised in July of 1962. Both have remained faithful to the Craft and supporters of the Lodge for 50 years. Bro. Patsel served as Worshipful Master in 1968 and then as District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd District in 1975 representing Cave Spring Lodge #230. RW Patsel holds dual memberships.



RW Crowder awarding pin to Bro. Brown



RW Patsel being congratulated by RW Crowder



Bro. Brown with his son Trey, daughter Ann and his grandchildren



RW Patsel, daughter Raye and grandson Raymond



Bro. Ken Robinette was presented a plaque for his many years serving as tiler of the Lodge. Wor. Bush and RW Hale presented the award.