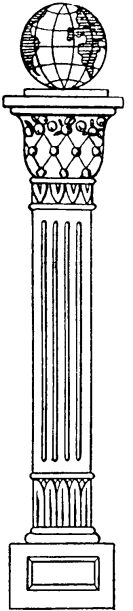


# THE COLUMNS

## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

622 W. Campbell Ave. SW  
Roanoke, VA 24018

Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month, 7:30 PM  
Phone: 540-632-2163 Email: contact@pleasants63.org  
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September 2012

Worshipful Master - Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.

Senior Warden	Fred Marion Burns	Junior Warden	David Eugene Campbell
Secretary	Duffy Jerome Ferguson (P/T)	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

Brothers, our September 17 Stated will be a joint meeting at Fincastle hosted by Cawtaba Lodge #342 at 7:30 PM.

**This is the official call requesting your presence. Show your support and respond to my challenge to have more Pleasants members at the meeting than Catawba members.**

At our August Stated we were honored having RW Kerry Campbell (Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Virginia) present a program on the history of DeMolay.

Did you know that John Wayne and



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Alice Cooper were DeMolay? What a meeting that would have been to see "The Duke" and a rocker at the same meeting. Of course that would have been my fantasy as they weren't in the same chapter or even in the same decade.

See what you miss when you don't come to Lodge?

Now down to the nubby, nitty gritty!

Are you an active mason or are you just a card carrying Mason? Of course this is a rhetorical question as I already know the answer. Now YOU have a chance to prove me and the choir wrong.

Our records show that about 25 members live out of state and many of them are attending lodge where they live. I have spoken to many of them as part of my project to contact each and every member of our lodge. Now I wonder, if these brethren can attend lodge in their state why can't you do the same right here. Most of you live within 8 miles of the lodge.

We have a transportation committee in place and you need only to call me and someone will pick you up and take you home. Call 540-520-1101. Remember, this is YOUR LODGE, come and support it in person.

We have a new petition to read at this stated and we are practicing for an upcoming EA degree. Your help is needed (see, yet another reason to attend).

Did you pay your dues yet for 2012? If you have not we have advised the Grand Master as required by the Methodical Digest. You will be receiving a letter from him shortly.

If you have paid your dues then thanks for supporting your lodge.

Sid Bush  
Worshipful Master 201

### Lodge Statistics as of August 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: 16,      Remitted Members: Hardship 7, Illness 0, Officers: 3  
 Current Lodge Membership: 128      Total Dues Paying Members: 88  
 Master Mason Working: 0      Fellowcraft Working: 0      Entered Apprentice working: 0      Petitioners: 1

## From the West Gate

Hi to all,

We will have a family night in September, date and place to be determined. Be on the lookout for that information on our website. And in October we will have a Halloween party for the whole family. For the Halloween party we will need some help getting everything ready. Please call me (540-914-7602) or Wor. Sid (540-520-1101) and let us know that you can help. It would be wonderful if we had some brothers volunteer that we don't see very often (if at all). We are blessed to have the help of "The Choir" but with 128 members, most of which live within 10 miles of the lodge I have to wonder why we don't see many more come out for the events and Stated meetings. Forget Facebook® and come to lodge and see REAL FACES. We are still located at 622 W. Campbell Ave where we have been for many, many years. I know that we all can't be there all the time as many of you still work and scheduling work and home life can be a challenge at times but I also am a working man with a family and yet I manage to find time to participate as fully as I can. It makes me wonder what would happen to OUR lodge IF those dedicated few decided to stay home. Yes, we know we can open a lodge with 3 or more but has anybody actually done that. Below is a poem I found that I think you might like. I sincerely hope I will see you in lodge soon. You would be most welcome!

Fred Burns  
Senior Warden

### THE FIRST LINE Earl W. Owens, Belpre Lodge #609 (Ohio)

It's Lodge Night , and I'm getting ready  
To assemble myself with the craft;  
I've gone through my lecture so many times  
Seems I know it now, both fore and aft  
I'm confident I guess. And I should be  
For I've spoken many months in a mumble;  
I know that the Brethren, will all be impressed  
When you're good, It's hard to be humble.  
So it's out to the car, and away I go  
Then fear strikes me, clear to the bone;  
I'd better go through this. Just one more time,  
It's my last chance, while I'm still alone.  
I've hardly noticed this trip at all  
Now suddenly, I'm parking the car;  
My hearts beating wildly. As I climb the stairs  
I hear voices. Not near, but far

Their lips are all moving, but I don't hear a word  
I have to concentrate on my First Line;  
Sure it'll be easier the next time around  
But the trick is to do it the first time  
The Lodge is now open, and the work has begun  
The first section's about to come to a close;  
Gee, I should have gone to the men's room.  
I feel faint, and I can't breathe through my nose.  
They've just called my name, and I've taken my place  
Boy! They don't give a feller much time;  
And I've lost my book in a shirt with one pocket  
And I can't remember my First Line.  
I've learned a good lesson. It is I who's impressed  
And I shall never forget this first time;  
After all of the prompting, I now am convinced,  
Know it all, as good as the First Line!!

## Birthdays

Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	Sept 6	Gary Clifton Agee	October 1	Thomas Edward Purves	November 3
Joseph Edward Reade	Sept 6	Eddie Franklin Hearp	October 3	Eric Roland Spencer	November 6
Paul Brown Caldwell	Sept 11	Charles Ronald Smith	October 5	Alfred Kyle Tuck, Jr.	November 6
Ellard Vincent Youngberg	Sept 14	Troy Gardner	October 6	Kenneth Ray Robinette	November 10
Richard Wayne Booth, Sr.	Sept 15	Richard Arthur Mowles	October 14	Hubert Ralph Lane	November 12
Paul Dale Walrond	Sept 16	Raymond Oscar Patsel	October 15	Carl Allen Balderson	November 14
Haden Thurston Dudley, III	Sept 19	David Eugene Campbell, II	October 15	Charles Wesley Hale	November 16
Andrew Martin Yuhas	Sept 20	Donn Waldron Branch	October 17	Gerald Allan Pope	November 17
Stuart Matthew Bain	Sept 24	Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	October 19	Adam McCulloch Williams	November 20
John William Hardin	Sept 25	David Isaac Bower	October 28	Robert Tasker Carter, II	November 20
Francis Stedman Hylton	Sept 29	Carl Lee Cronk	October 30	William Holcomb Jennings	November 21
		Mark Anthony Gibson	October 30	Richard Scott Millikin	November 21
		Glen Wayne Hall	October 30	Taha Hasayn Bullock	November 22
				Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	November 24