

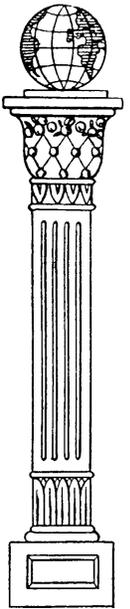
THE COLUMNS

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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February/March 2012



Worshipful Master - Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.

Senior Warden	Fred Marion Burns	Junior Warden	David Eugene Campbell
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Senior Steward	Timothy Morris Shepherd	Junior Steward	Glen Wayne Hall
Marshall	Mark Anthony Gibson		

Brethren,

At our Stated Communication this past January 16 we were delighted to have 16 of our own members, along with 7 visitors, to welcome Right Worshipful Melvin Linnwood Crowder, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 22A. RW Melvin made his Official Visit to our Lodge. Prior to the meeting we and our ladies enjoyed a meal prepared by our resident cook Brother Bill Seymour. While we were at the meeting, RW Melvin's Lady Becky was entertained by several of our ladies.

RW Crowder delivered a message from the Grand Master on Faith, Hope, and Charity encouraging us to practice those precepts in our daily lives. RW Crowder also pledged to work with the 5 Lodges that constitute the re-aligned Masonic District 22A. These official duties for the District (22) are further assisted by RW John Caldwell of Catawba Lodge who serves District 22B. District 22A encompasses; Pleasants, Webber High Twelve, Cave Spring, Lakeland and Taylor lodges. We thank RW Melvin and RW John for their service to the Craft.

My brothers, are we card carrying or active members? I would hope we are all active, but at each Stated I see the same few that are active and I ask myself what can we do to generate interest in the rest of the Craft to attend Lodge at least one night a month. Sitting in the East and looking out over our beautiful lodge room and seeing all those empty chairs makes one a bit sad.

Well, my brothers, we are trying different programs to generate renewed interest and hope that you will come to judge for yourself. Always remember that if you can't drive at night or need a ride call me (540-520-1101) and we will arrange for someone to pick you up and return you home. Come and meet the members you do not know. Better yet, come so WE can meet you. Some have not been in lodge in decades. Forgot the "word", don't fret, we can help with that!

Our program for February will feature a long time friend and supporter of the Craft, Bro. Sammy Oakey. His programs are always informative.

My Brothers, always remember our youth and support the young men of DeMolay and the young ladies of Job's

Daughters. They would welcome any of you at their meetings. Don't know when they meet? See our website for details.

This past January 14th was the Job's Daughters installation at Taylor Lodge and it was well represented by Masons throughout the District. The young ladies did an outstanding job on their ritual and installation and the brethren are still commenting about it. And THEY are still talking about all the support they received.

In March we will have another Ladies Night and an open program presented by the young ladies of Job's Daughters, Bethel #7. This program will be open to all. Come and join us for dinner (you MUST RSVP) and the ceremony provided by Job's Daughters.

Finally, do YOU know of any men you believe should be encouraged to ASK? Bring him to one of our family nights when we are serving a meal. He can enjoy the company of the Brethren and begin to make up his own mind if he would like to join.

Fraternally,
Sid Bush, Worshipful Master

Lodge Statistics as of January 16, 2012 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0	Suspensions: 6	Deaths: 0	Affiliated: 0	Raised: 0	Restorations: 0
Honorary Members: 3	Life Members (Living): 12	(Living) 18 Total	50 Yr. Members: 16,	Remitted Members: Hardship 4,	Illness 0, Officers: 3
Current Lodge Membership: 122	Total Dues Paying Members: 87				
Master Mason Working: 0	Fellowcraft Working: 0	Entered Apprentice working: 1	Petitioners: 0		
Attendance at January Stated Meeting: - 23			Pleasants Lodge Members Present at January Meeting - 16		

From the West Gate

Greetings from the West. This year the officers and the several members of the lodge that are regular and conscientious attendees at all of our meetings (we refer to them as "The Choir") are trying many different things to try to improve attendance and improve on our "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love". In January we had a very successful Ladies night with over 30 people present for a baked chicken dinner. The Brethren adjourned to the Lodge room where RW Melvin Linnwood Crowder made his official visit and presented the Grand Master's programs.

Upcoming in February will be a "Night on the Town" with dinner at the New Yorker Restaurant on February 23 at 7PM. We have booked a room at the restaurant but do need to have some idea how many will be joining us. Please contact me (540-525-4782 or email at derfimburns@cox.net) and let me know if you can attend. Dress casual, bring your family, bring a friend, more especially someone who might be interested in joining our fraternity.

We currently have Bro. John Ford who was initiated January 2 at the Lodge room working on his Fellowcraft and we will be putting on that degree in the next few weeks as soon as he is ready.

MW Scarce let us know what the plans are for improvements in the Scottish Rite facility and we will be contributing to this effort with work parties throughout the year. Our first project will be to clean, and fix where necessary, the cabinets in the kitchen area and thoroughly clean the floor and general eating area. As we will be having more meals before degrees and stated communications we have purchased some dinnerware and some updated kitchen utensils.

On January 11 we had ten (10) members travel to Chamblissburg and assist the lodge there to raise two Master Masons. Our chaplain, Scotty Campbell had made the request for assistance to bring two more men into the fraternity.

We as a lodge have in the past not been stellar in acknowledging our sick and shut in and thus part of my duties this year will be to maintain contact with these brethren. Please let me know if you or a brother or family member needs to be included in our prayers and/or requires assistance.

Thank you.

Fred Burns

Senior Warden

Secretary's Desk

Brethren, don't forget that your dues were supposed to have been submitted by January 1, 2012 according to the Methodical Digest. If you are one of those members that has not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible.

This issue covers both February and March as I will be out of town when the next issue should be mailed. And speaking of MAILING, everybody who has given us an email address has also been getting their issue of The Columns by email as well as postal mail. This will continue for another few months and effective with the June issue all members with email addresses will only receive news of the lodge by email. SO YOU MUST BE CERTAIN THAT YOU HAVE PLEASANTS63.ORG IN YOUR EMAIL SAFE SENDERS LIST so that your mail is not reported as SPAM. If you specifically inform us that you would prefer your newsletter by postal mail we will abide by your request.

If you have any technical questions about the website please email the lodge (or call).

Many Thanks, Bill Seymour, Secretary

Birthdays

Jay Michael Becker	February 3	Hiram Scotty Campbell	March 2	Robert Glen Bishop	April 2
Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	February 4	Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3	James Hardie Lawrence	April 11
Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	February 5	James Milton Scarce, Jr.	March 10	Curtis Neil Dickerson	April 24
Julien Irwin Sacks	February 8	David Alyn Goode	March 16	William Arthur Seymour, Jr.	April 26
Boreham Boyd Johnson	February 11	Curtis Elery Downey	March 18	Jerry Wayne McMillan	April 29
Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	February 15	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21		
Michael George Lawson	February 16	Clarence Mortimer Hawkins, Jr.	March 22		
Orville Max Leach	February 17	Thomas Michael Wilbourn	March 27		
George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	February 22	William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr	March 30		
John William Slusher	February 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30		
		Timothy Daniel Robertson	March 31		