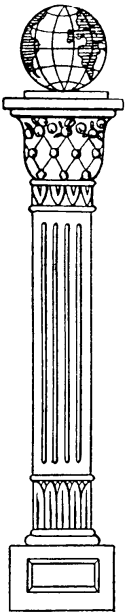


# THE COLUMNS

## 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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January 2012

Worshipful Master - Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.

Senior Warden	Fred Marion Burns	Junior Warden	David Eugene Campbell
Secretary	William Arthur Seymour, Jr.	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		

### Brethren

What a pleasure to be installed as your new Master for 2012 for Pleasants Lodge. MW John Mason Chambliss, Jr. was the Installing Officer. He was assisted by MW James Milton Scarce, Jr. as the Installing Marshal, and Wor. Barry Light as the Installing Secretary. We also had RW Melvin L. Crowder 22A Masonic District DDGM visiting.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to all the Ladies for the kind help that was shown to my Lady Pat. It really made her day. Also a special thanks to Sandy and Bill Seymour for their great friendship and help.

I was pleased to honor Mrs. Amanda Lawson, a Roanoke City School teacher, with a Community Builders Award. MW Chambliss made the presentation. Mrs. Lawson was honored for her dedicated work with teaching our young chil-

dren. Mrs. Lawson is a school teachers teacher. She teaches the child not the class.

There are many things planned for this year, Ladies nights, family night on the town, many stated and many programs with special guests.

We will be kicking off our scholarship this year for our kids, DeMolay's, Jobs Daughters, and children of our Masons. We have named the scholarship in honor of RW Charles Wesley Hale for his many fine contributions to our Fraternity. We still need qualified volunteers to review transcripts and applications and we would like to have some one with an educational background if possible.

We are also going to have a couple of work nights (or weekends) to help the Scottish Rite clean, paint, remove wall paper in the reception hall, kitchen, and Lodge room. This is work that really needs to be done. As soon as

dates are available we will let everyone know.

Brother David Campbell is our lodge blood coordinator and also for the 22A District. Please support him in this very important effort to help save lives. Giving blood is a gift of life.

Come to Lodge and reacquaint yourself with old friends, meet some new brothers and show your support for our fraternity.

We need your support. Come and join us on the third Monday of the month at 6pm for meal and Stated at 7:30.

Watch the lodge website for all the latest news about your Lodge.

Sid Bush  
Worshipful Master

### Lodge Statistics as of January 4, 2012 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0	Suspensions: 6	Deaths: 0	Affiliated: 0	Raised: 0	Restorations: 0
Honorary Members: 3	Life Members (Living): 12	50 Yr. Members: 16	Remitted Members: 4	Hardship: 0	Illness: 0
Officers: 3	Current Lodge Membership: 129	Total Dues Paying Members: 94			
Master Mason Working: 0	Fellowcraft Working: 0	Entered Apprentice working: 1	Petitioners: 0		
Attendance at December Stated Meeting: 21	Pleasants Lodge Members Present at December Meeting - 17				

## From the West Gate

For my first message of the year I would like to invite everyone to come back to Pleasants Lodge. This year we are having home cooked meals, game nights and family nights. The first family night will be in February. Family nights were started last year by Wor. Bain and we will be continuing that program this year. Our Junior Warden, David Campbell, will be organizing game nights and the word will be put out on the website so keep checking the website for details.

This past November we helped the Marines with a Toys for Tots drive. We did very well with the short amount of time we had resulting in the collection of \$240.00 and a truckload of toys which were delivered to Cpl. Fleming of the Marine Corps at the Master Masons Association meeting at Williamson Rd in December. We will again assist the Marine Corps next year and will start earlier to provide more toys for the children. That is all from the West and I hope to see some new faces as well as old ones this year in lodge.

If you need transportation to Lodge to attend Stated and Called Communications or to any of our events please call 540-525-4782.

Below is a poem I found on line.

Fred Burns - Senior Warden

### TEN MASTER MASONS (Author Unknown)

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;  
 One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.  
 Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;  
 One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.  
 Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;  
 One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.  
 Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;  
 One grew discouraged, then there were six.  
 Six Master Masons, all very much alive;  
 One lost his interest, then there were five.  
 Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;  
 Got into a great dispute, then there were four.  
 Four Master Masons, busy as could be;  
 One didn't like the programs, then there were three.  
 Three Master Masons, was one of them you?  
 One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.  
 Two Master Masons with so much to be done;  
 One said "What's the use," then there was one.  
 One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!  
 Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.  
 Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;  
 Each brought another, then there were four.  
 Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;  
 By showing others kindness, then there were eight.  
 Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;  
 Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.  
 Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;  
 Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.  
 So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;  
 It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.  
 Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;  
 Keep your obligation by serving even the very least

## Birthdays

Christopher Scott St. Clair	January 3	Jay Michael Becker	February 3	Hiram Scotty Campbell	March 2
James Luther Craft	January 7	Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	February 4	Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3
Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	January 12	Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	February 5	James Milton Searce, Jr.	March 10
Michael Lynn Johnson	January 13	Julien Irwin Sacks	February 8	David Alyn Goode	March 16
Clive Elvyn Rice	January 17	Boreham Boyd Johnson	February 11	Curtis Elery Downey	March 18
Michael Fries	January 17	Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	February 15	Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21
Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	January 17	Michael George Lawson	February 16	Clarence Mortimer Hawkins, Jr.	March 22
Jeffrey Lynn Butler	January 19	Orville Max Leach	February 17	Thomas Michael Wilbourn	March 27
Daniel Gilbert Oakey	January 21	George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	February 22	William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr	March 30
Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	January 29	John William Slusher	February 27	Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30
				Timothy Daniel Robertson	March 31