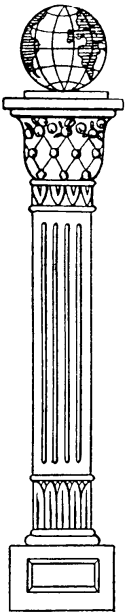


THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 Af & Am

622 W. Campbell Ave. SW
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month, 7:30 PM
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May 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 Purves
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		

My Brothers,

It is with a sad feeling that I must tell you that our loyal and worthy Secretary and his Lady Sandy are moving to Ohio. During Easter week they got a call from their realtor and advised them that he had a contract for their house. It was not on the market at the time as they had taken it off last October. The call was clearly out of the blue.

Bill and Sandy, we wish you well, long and healthy lives and remember you always have a place to stay when you come back to Roanoke to visit.

On April 2, RW Melvin Crowder, Eddie Purves, Bill Seymour, and I traveled to Brother Joseph Marion Brown, Jr's home where RW Crowder presented brother Brown his 50 year veteran pin and permanent dues card. Present was his daughter Ann, son Trey, his wife and 2 grand daughters.

7 members visited the Vinton/Taylor joint meeting and dinner on April 2 where the Shiners were recognized. There were 78 brothers present. The

Shrine units represented were The Provost Guard, Fire Brigade, Directors Staff, Klowns, and Tramps. They all came in their Shrine regalia. Sitting in the East were a Klown and a Tramp. Fun was had by all.

Brothers there is something missing from our Lodge and that is you, you are the most important part of Pleasants Lodge. Please come to Lodge and see friends you haven't seen in years and make friends with new brothers. I am looking for few good men, to borrow a phrase from the Marine Corps, and we all have already passed that test, so my brother come join us at our next Stated Meeting May21.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Sid Bush
Worshipful Master



Lodge Statistics as of April 23, 2012 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0	Suspensions: 6	Deaths: 2	Affiliated: 0	Raised: 0	Restorations: 0
Honorary Members: 3	Life Members (Living): 12	(Living) 18 Total	50 Yr. Members: 15,	Remitted Members: Hardship 6,	Illness 0, Officers: 3
Current Lodge Membership: 126	Total Dues Paying Members: 87				
Master Mason Working: 0	Fellowcraft Working: 1	Entered Apprentice working: 0	Petitioners: 0		
Attendance at April Stated Meeting: - 14			Pleasants Lodge Members Present at April Meeting - 12		

Musings from the office...

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. At the time of this newsletter 24 brothers still owe their dues for 2012.

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 ONE MORE MONTH 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.

As you may have realized by now we no longer send mail by bulk mail. There are several reasons for discontinuing this method. Our membership roster is insufficient to qualify for the minimum number of mail pieces and we have been augmenting that list with members from other lodges for several years. The USPS is discontinuing the bulk mail facility here in Roanoke and we would be paying a higher bulk mail fee and suffer additional delays as the mail would be sent to Greensboro for sorting and distribution. We therefore are using a combination of first class mail to those that do not have email access and email distribution to those who have that capability. This will continue until the June newsletter when we will drop first class mail delivery to those with email access except as noted above.

Please visit our website often. Wor. Bain has done a great job of keeping it up to date and he would love to hear from you letting him know of any improvements or additions to consider. If you have any technical questions about the website please email the lodge (or call).

Many Thanks, Bill Seymour, Secretary

From the West Gate

We will be having "family night out" at Franks Pizza on Brambleton Ave. at 7 pm. on Thurs. April 26.

The bring a friend event will be tied in with the master masons lunch at pleasant lodge #63 on May 12th so be sure to bring your family and future masons.

Pleasants lodge will be holding a master masons degree for brother John Leslie Ford on May 14th at 7pm. If you can make it out to witness brother Ford's raising your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Fred Burns, Senior Warden

Birthdays

Fred Marion Burns	May 1	Donald Dean Gates	June 14	Joseph Marion Brown, Jr.	July 1
Calvin Peter Keister	May 2	Barry Dale Light	June 14	Alan Alexander Nolan	July 2
Paul Garry Black	May 4	Major Nicholas Reed	June 17	Matthew Howard Gregory	July 3
Sidney Fulton Baker	May 12	Kenneth Henry Taylor	June 24	Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7
David Bruce Baumgardner, Jr.	May 14	John Robert Gibson	June 26	Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7
J. Edward Conner	May 19			Wayne William Wise	July 9
Anthony Todd Holland	May 20			James Robert Staggs	July 10
Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	May 20			Billy Estil Frazier	July 14
Lloyd Marion Holfield	May 23			Jeffrey Scott Purves	July 19
Charles Henry Stowe	May 24			Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22
Harry Kenneth Shelton	May 27			Raymond Carter Cox	July 24
				David Price Maxey	July 25
				Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28