

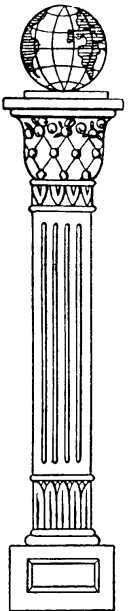
# THE COLUMNS

## 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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August 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

Our July picnic was rained out which necessitated a move to the dining area at the Lodge in the Scottish Rite building. Despite the rain, which was much needed, there was plenty to eat thanks to our resident cooks Fred and Tim. We were blessed with about 25 members and their families who had come out in support of the lodge and for the presentation of the Community Builders award.

We were honored to present to Officer Bryan Lawrence (Ret.) of the Roanoke City Police Department. He was injured while on duty during an attempted robbery. Two of his fellow officers, Lt. Lawrence Steven Kitts and Officer Ken Johnson were also in attendance. The Community Builders Award, which can only be given to a non Mason, is given by Masonic Lodges as part of their community relations and outreach.

The Master Mason Breakfast is Saturday August 11 at Catawba at 8 am. All Masons are invited along with (EA, FC and MM)

Our August Stated program will be given by RW Kerry Campbell on the History of DeMolays. Please come and listen to a fine presentation by the Deputy Grand Master.

For our September meeting, September 17, we will meet under dispensation in a joint communication with Catawba Lodge #342 at their Lodge in Fincastle. Dinner will be at 6 pm, Master Masons only and we must have your reservations by **September 10**. Your RSVP may be sent to me (Wor. Sid) either by

phone **(540-520-1101)**  
OR email  
**(ipoppop@cox.net)**.

We look forward to some good food and fellowship with our brethren of Catawba Lodge.

Stated will be at the normal time at 7:30 pm if you can't make it to the dinner.

Cave Spring Lodge #230 had a Table Lodge on July 18 and believe me if you have not attended one you have missed a great treat. There was also a special presentation to Bro. Bruce

Lupton (JW) of Cave Spring as he had just given his catechism at a previous Cave Spring Stated.

We at Pleasants will be looking at hosting a table lodge in the future.

Mw James Milton Scearce, Jr. up dated us on the status of work at the Scottish Rite building. The down stairs and the office are to be painted and new carpet laid. All work may be completed by the end of August.

Several members have not paid their dues for 2012. These were due on January 1 of 2012. If you have not done so please take a moment and send in your check. We are required to send your name to Grand Lodge this month if you are delinquent.

Remember my Brothers **this is your Lodge** not just the twelve or thirteen that are the "Choir". Come to lodge and tell us what you would like to do or see done. Your help will be well received.

Sid Bush  
Worshipful Master 2012

### Lodge Statistics as of June 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: 15, Remitted Members: Hardship 6, Illness 0, Officers: 3  
 Current Lodge Membership: 126 Total Dues Paying Members: 87  
 Master Mason Working: 0 Fellowcraft Working: 0 Entered Apprentice working: 0 Petitioners: 0



Bro. Lupton of Cave Spring receiving his Master Mason certificate and bible from the Cave Spring Worshipful Master Don Richardson.



Officer Lawrence receiving his Community Builders Award from Wor. Bush. Lt. Kitts and Officer Johnson look on.

## *From the West Gate*

Greetings from the West Gate...

We at the Lodge hope all are having a great summer thus far. Our picnic got rained out but we had a "Plan B" in place and we repaired to the lodge building where good food and fellowship was had by all. We presented a Community Builders award to Officer Lawrence in recognition of his service to the community while putting his own life at peril. We thank Officer Lawrence for his service.

Brethren, as you know, and as it has been for over 100 years, we have had ritual school most every Monday night as we prepare the line officers for their duties. These schools are open to EVERY member of the lodge. Please come and participate. Who knows you just might be instrumental in helping to get our Master a little closer to Virginia. (It's a long road from Florida!)

We at Pleasants support our DeMolay, my son Tyler is a member of that organization, and our very own Deputy Grand Master, RW Kerry Campbell is and has been a strong supporter of DeMolay. He will be our featured speaker at the August Stated Communication. Please set this time aside and come to lodge. August 20, 7:30 PM!

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the dinner September 17 with members from Catawba Lodge.

Fred Burns, Senior Warden

## *Birthdays*

Timothy Wheeler Roatenberry	August 6	Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	Sept 6	Gary Clifton Agee	October 1
Ricky Ieason Wilkerson	August 10	Joseph Edward Reade	Sept 6	Eddie Franklin Hearp	October 3
James David Cheatham	August 10	Paul Brown Caldwell	Sept 11	Charles Ronald Smith	October 5
Walter Blaine Elliott IV	August 13	Ellard Vincent Youngberg	Sept 14	Troy Gardner	October 6
John Boyd Obenchain	August 20	Richard Wayne Booth, Sr.	Sept 15	Richard Arthur Mowles	October 14
Ronald Harry Geiger	August 28	Paul Dale Walrond	Sept 16	Raymond Oscar Patsel	October 15
		Haden Thurston Dudley, III	Sept 19	David Eugene Campbell, II	October 15
		Andrew Martin Yuhas	Sept 20	Donn Waldron Branch	October 17
		Stuart Matthew Bain	Sept 24	Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	October 19
		John William Hardin	Sept 25	David Isaac Bower	October 28
		Francis Stedman Hylton	Sept 29	Carl Lee Cronk	October 30
				Mark Anthony Gibson	October 30
				Glen Wayne Hall	October 30