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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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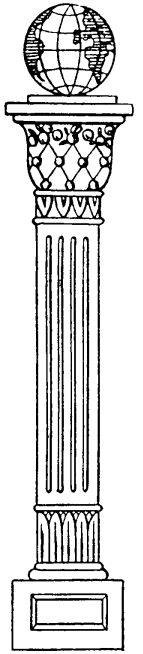
Roanoke, VA 24018

Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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August 2010



Worshipful Master - Archer Davenport Livengood, Jr.

Senior Warden	Stuart Matthew Bain	Junior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush
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Senior Steward	Stephen Kendrick Sprague	Junior Steward	Dewey Rickie Taylor

FROM THE EAST

In an upcoming book "*The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*," writer Michael Carr suggests that the Internet is shrinking our attention spans. Between that and Television, none of us read, study, or really work our minds anymore. That's why we need to attempt new ways to stretch our mental capacity. We can fix that somewhat I think, here at Lodge. Nothing is more challenging than learning and retaining "The Masonic Ritual."

Might it be that Free Masonry Ritual Practice is the "magic bullet" to build our brain capacity, push back any beginnings of brain deterioration, and thus prolong our lives? Something to think about, right? Come back to Lodge and let's work together to strengthen our minds as well as renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Good News! Pleasants #63 has an exciting new Web Site with lots of good information about our Lodge Activities as well as also other events in the 22nd Masonic District. Our SW and Web Master, Brother Stuart Bain has been working on it for some-time now and almost has it the way he wants it. <http://pleasants63.org/> Stop by and leave a comment on the comment page. Our three newly initiated Entered Apprentices are featured on the home page. Brethren, you look fine! You are a great new addition to our Lodge. **Welcome to our Brotherhood!**

We are sending out an appeal for "long time" Brothers to help us create a "Widows List." We need to invite these Dear Ladies to dinners and other events, but somehow we can't seem to find a current record of their Names, Phone Numbers and Locations. We have a list of Deceased Brothers but do not know anything about their survivors if any, so we will be contacting some of you for assistance in getting this information together. Please let our Lodge Secretary know if there is someone we need to invite to our big dinner before the Grand Master's Official Visit August 16th. (Must do by August 12)

Archer Livengood
Worshipful Master

Lodge Statistics as of July 27, 2010 (for the year)

Demits Processed: 3 Suspensions: 3 Deaths: 3 Affiliated: 1
Raised: 2 Restorations: 1

Honorary Members: 4 Life Members: 11 50 Yr. Members: 18
Remitted Members: Hardship 2, Illness 1 Officers: 3

Current Lodge Membership: 140 plus 5 candidates, 0 petitioners

Total Dues Paying Members: 101

Awaiting Initiation

Brian Lee Thomas

Initiated as Entered Apprentices

Mark Anthony Gibson
Elvin Gene McCombs, Jr.
Roger Eugene Thomas, Jr.
Taha Hasayn Bullock

Secretary's Desk

Your Secretary is back home again after traveling 12,237 miles through this wonderful country of ours and having now gotten rid of the bad case of "cabin fever" from not getting out into our National Parks.

Please remember that our Stated Communication is on the third Monday of each month as it has been for over 100 years

August 16 will be a combined Stated with Catawba Lodge and the Official Visit of MW William E. Rorer, Jr. We will have a dinner at 6:00PM by reservation only. Cost is \$10 per person. You must make reservations by emailing the secretary at pleasants63@cox.net. Please make checks out to Pleasants Lodge.

We have been busy working with candidates and currently have 5 working towards their degrees. All brethren are encouraged to attend the degrees and show support towards these new brothers.

Please let the secretary know if you have a new EMAIL or a changed EMAIL. Of course any other phone or address changes as well.

Please note the Master's plea for assistance in re-connecting with our deceased brothers ladies. We, as a lodge, have been remiss these past years in remembering these ladies and including them in our functions as our guests. Any assistance you can give to us in locating and communicating with these ladies would be most appreciated. Please advise the Secretary giving as much information as you might be able to get. As it is possible some of these ladies may have re-married please be sure to let us know that. We would certainly not want to disturb the peace and harmony of a new relationship.

Our September program will be a presentation by RW Leonard A. Rowe, on the Masonic Home. RW Leonard is Ambassador to the Masonic Home for the 22nd Masonic District.

Also in September, on the 25th will be the second major Child ID event for the year at Tanglewood Mall. Please contact either Wor. Duffy Ferguson (Lodge Child ID Coordinator) or Bro. Bill Seymour (District Child ID Coordinator) to volunteer. This event draws hundreds of children and we need every bit of help we can get. Your Lady may help as well as youths from our youth organizations, DeMolay and Job's Daughters. You can send your name and availability to our lodge email address: pleasants63@cox.net.

Donations to help offset the costs of the materials (about \$1300) would be most appreciated. Checks can be made out to Pleasants Lodge AND they are considered a charitable donation and can be deducted on your tax returns.

Birthdays

Wilbur Ellsworth Grant	August 2	James Milton John	September 3	Gary Clifton Agee	October 1
Timothy Wheeler Roatenberry	August 6	Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	September 6	Eddie Franklin Hearp	October 3
Elvin Gene McComb, Jr.	August 9	Joseph Edward Reade	September 6	Dewey Ricky Taylor	October 4
James David Cheatham	August 10	Paul Brown Caldwell	September 11	Charles Ronald Smith	October 5
Ricky Gleason Wilkerson	August 10	Ellard Vincent Youngberg	September 14	John David Lawrence	October 5
Walter Blaine Elliott, IV	August 13	Richard Wayne Booth, Sr.	September 15	Troy Gardner	October 6
John Boyd Obenchain	August 20	Paul Dale Walrond	September 16	Richard Arthur Mowles	October 14
Paul Thomas Omer	August 22	Haden Thurston Dudley, III	September 19	Raymond Oscar Patsel	October 15
Ronald Harry Geiger	August 28	Edward Ray Foreman	September 19	David Eugene Campbell, II	October 15
		Andrew Martin Yuhas	September 20	Donn Waldron Branch	October 17
		Stuart Matthew Bain	September 24	Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	October 19
		John William Hardin	September 25	David Isaac Bower	October 28
		Francis Stedman Hylton	September 29	Carl Lee Cronk	October 30