

# THE COLUMNS

## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

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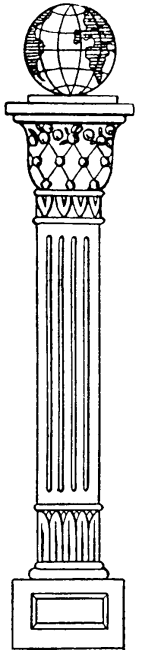
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September 2010



Worshipful Master - Archer Davenport Livengood, Jr.

Senior Warden	Stuart Matthew Bain	Junior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush
Secretary	William Arthur Seymour, Jr.	Treasurer	Thomas Edward Purves
Senior Deacon	Fred Marion Burns	Junior Deacon	David Eugene Campbell, III
Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Stephen Kendrick Sprague	Junior Steward	Dewey Rickie Taylor

Hello Again Brethren:

A lot has transpired since last we chatted. Our sumptuous banquet before the Grand Master's Official Visit to Pleasants and Catawba Lodges was enjoyed by about 50 people. We had the privilege of seeing our Most Worshipful Grand Master bestow the "Community Builders Award" to Honorable Donald S. Caldwell, our Commonwealth Attorney and most honorable citizen at that banquet. The stated meeting attendance after the meal may have broken a record. We only had five vacant seats.

Pleasants Masonic Lodge #63 is now on Facebook. I recently read the following: The number of profiles on Facebook doubled – from 100 million to 200 million – between August of 2008 and March of 2009. (Source: Jessie Rice, *The Church of Facebook: How the Hyperconnected Are Redefining Community*, David C. Cook, 2009.) After reading that information and also noting that the Shrine is now Officially on Facebook and even The Grand Lodge of Virginia is now Un-Officially on Facebook, I figured that it's time for us to get with the 21st Century.

Our excellent Lodge Web Master Stuart Bain and Brother Matt Gregory, are my "go to Brothers" for this endeavor. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=152536728091816&ref=ts> is the latest page as of this writing. The intent is two fold: One to supplement our Web Page. The other to get our "friends and family" that use Facebook on a regular and continuing basis, to become comfortable with our personal names and the words Freemasonry associated together. If you "link up" with the lodge, your page will show that you are a Master Mason. In time it is hoped they will begin to ask you questions about the benefits of the Fraternal Organization that you believe in. You can then tell your story about who and what we are, and what we do, both for ourselves and for our community.

If you've seen the movie, *The Blind Side*, then you know Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy. They are the couple who adopted Michael Oher, now an American football player with the Baltimore Ravens, into their home when he was a struggling high school student living in foster homes.

The Tuohy's have a new book out in which they discuss giving as a way of life. They sum up their giving philosophy with *The Popcorn Theory* -- "You can't help everyone, but you can try to help the hot ones who pop right up in front of your face." That is what Pleasants Masonic Lodge #63 is doing. Our service to the Roanoke Valley is the Masonic Child ID Program. Our Lodge is dedicated to it. If folks "pop up" in one of our free Child ID sessions, we are going to help those good folks protect their family with this wonderful service. You can do your part by signing up and joining in the service and fellowship that this program is providing on our Child ID Work Days.

Our next big event is Sept. 25 at Tanglewood Mall Electric Rd, Roanoke. Please contact Duffy Ferguson to sign up to help. This is an all day event from 9AM until 8PM. We will be trying to schedule people in two hour shifts throughout the day. There will be a signup sheet on the Pleasants Lodge website ([www.pleasants63.org](http://www.pleasants63.org)) in a few days. Please use this signup and it will be automatically forwarded for you. There is also a sign up sheet in this newsletter. Your ladies are most welcome to come and assist as well as any DeMolay and Job's Daughters.

Remember this quote, the origin of it is long since lost: "You make a living with what you get, you make a life with what you give."

Thanks for volunteering,

Archer Livengood, Worshipful Master



MW Rorer and Hon. Donald Caldwell



Ill. Haden Dudley and MW Rorer



The Officers, guests and MW Rorer

Pictures courtesy of Bro. Stuart Bain

Pleasants Lodge was privileged to receive an Official Visit from Grand Master William Earl Rorer, Jr. at it's Joint Stated Communication with Catawba Lodge on August 16th, 2010. Before the meeting in the Lodge Room up-stairs, a sumptuous dinner in the Kazim Shrine Ballroom was enjoyed by all. The Grand Master was pleased to present Commonwealth Attorney Donald S. Caldwell with the "Community Builders Award" for his foresight and leadership in our community by obtaining forfeited drug dealer's assets and using a portion of the funds obtained from them to assist in our Child ID Program here in the Roanoke Valley. Honorable Caldwell has a distinguished career in Public Service.

On this occasion, Illustrious Kelly Dudley was pleased to make our Grand Master an Honorary Member of the Kazim Shrine Temple.

Chatter from the Middle Chamber

Lodge Statistics as of Sept. 1, 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

Initiated as Entered Apprentice  
 Mark Anthony Gibson  
 Brian Lee Thomas

Initiated as Fellowcraft  
 Elvin Gene McCombs, Jr.  
 Roger Eugene Thomas, Jr.  
 Taha Hasayn Bullock

## Secretary's Desk

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 in the last issue of *The Columns*. 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. **As of this writing there has been NO information received!**

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. Included with this issue is a letter from your lodge coordinator (Wor. Duffy) and a sign up sheet on the reverse side. Please take a moment, consult your personal calendars and commit to setting aside a specific period of time to assist in this very important event. 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](mailto: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

James Milton John	September 3	Gary Clifton Agee	October 1	Thomas Edward Purves	November 3
Emory Cary Crowder, Jr.	September 6	Eddie Franklin Hearp	October 3	Eric Roland Spencer	November 6
Joseph Edward Reade	September 6	Dewey Ricky Taylor	October 4	Alfred Kyle Tuck, Jr.	November 6
Paul Brown Caldwell	September 11	Charles Ronald Smith	October 5	Kenneth Ray Robinette	November 10
Ellard Vincent Youngberg	September 14	John David Lawrence	October 5	Hubert Ralph Lane	November 12
Richard Wayne Booth, Sr.	September 15	Troy Gardner	October 6	Carl Allen Balderson	November 14
Paul Dale Walrond	September 16	Richard Arthur Mowles	October 14	Charles Wesley Hale	November 16
Haden Thurston Dudley, III	September 19	Raymond Oscar Patsel	October 15	Gerald Allan Pope	November 17
Edward Ray Foreman	September 19	David Eugene Campbell, II	October 15	Adam McCulloch Williams	November 20
Andrew Martin Yuhas	September 20	Donn Waldron Branch	October 17	Robert Tasker Carter, II	November 20
Stuart Matthew Bain	September 24	Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	October 19	Richard Scott Millikin	November 21
John William Hardin	September 25	David Isaac Bower	October 28	William Holcomb Jennings	November 21
Francis Stedman Hylton	September 29	Carl Lee Cronk	October 30	Robert Ira Price	November 22
				Taha Hasayn Bullock	November 22
				Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	November 24
				James Winston Elliott	November 26

Brethren of Pleasants Lodge and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District

Brethren, as most of you are aware the fall Child Id Event at Tanglewood Mall is scheduled for Saturday, September 25 from 9 AM to 8 PM. We will have 8 computer systems up and running barring any technical issues (a source of many headaches over the last two years). In addition to computer operators, workers assisting with fingerprints, height/weight station, front end/question and answer and traffic control of the lines are needed. While these events are spearheaded by Pleasants Lodge, we could not have been successful without the help of our brethren from sister lodges. Again we need help and support; anyone who is willing to give up a couple of hours on a Saturday to help these kids is greatly appreciated. You don't have to know about computers, there are a number of jobs for those not computer savvy and you don't have to give up a whole Saturday, a couple of hours or any amount of time is a help. We are asking folks to get in touch with the lodge or with Duffy Ferguson to coordinate times for volunteers. Last year, we had more than enough people to volunteer in the morning but later in the day we got short in the evening hours. The previous three events at Tanglewood have resulted in 989 children receiving free child id kits, with an additional couple hundred at the other events last year and so far this year. What a remarkable impact we can have on our community when we get out of our lodges and work together! Please join us at Tanglewood Mall to further this impact, if we can save one child the hours of work and money spent are all worth it.

Duffy Ferguson  
Pleasants Lodge Child ID Coordinator

Tanglewood Mall Child Id Event Sign Up Sheet  
September 25, 2010

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11:00 – 1:00	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
1:00 – 3:00	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
3:00 – 5:00	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
5:00 – 7:00	<hr/> <hr/>