



# THE COLUMNS

## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

622 W. Campbell Ave. SW

Roanoke, VA 24018

Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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February/March 2011

Worshipful Master - Stuart Matthew Bain

Senior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush	Junior Warden	Fred Marion Burns
Secretary	Barry Dale Light	Treasurer	Thomas Edward Purbes
Senior Deacon	David Eugene Campbell, III	Junior Deacon	Taha Hasayn Bullock
Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Robert Tasker Carter, III	Junior Steward	Matthew Howard Gregory

Brethren,

Thank you to everyone who came out to Pleasants Lodge this past Monday to help us pass two of our brethren to the Fellowcraft degree. We especially owe a huge "thank you" to Wor. Bob Rohrback from Taylor Lodge and Wor. Fred Knapp from Vinton Lodge for their work in the second section. As has been our tradition recently, the degrees were preceded by a most excellent meal prepared by none other than our very own Bro. Bill Seymour.

This issue of the columns will cover both February and March, so I want to take the opportunity to inform you of our upcoming events. I plan to continue to offer meals prior to both stated meetings as well before our ritual schools. We will also kick off our first night out on the town next week:

**Feb 7th:** No ritual school due to the Grand Master visiting Vinton Lodge.

**Feb 10th:** Night out on the town. Bring your **entire family** out to The Roanoker on Colonial Ave. at 6:30PM for our first night out on the town of the year. This gathering outside of the lodge is an excellent opportunity to fellowship with our families and brethren. This is a social event and orders may be placed from the restaurant's menu at your own cost. We do need a count so that sufficient space can be allocated by the restaurant so please RSVP (see note below).

**Feb 14th:** Dinner at 6PM and ritual school at 7PM. Please RSVP to the lodge for the dinner so we can make sure to fix enough food. We will be rehearsing receiving the DDGM for our February stated the following week. For this and for other dinners on ritual nights we ask that the brethren contribute no less than \$5 to offset the cost.

### Lodge Statistics as of January 31, 2011 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0 Suspensions: 0 Deaths: 0 Affiliated: 0 Raised: 0 Restorations: 0

Honorary Members: 3 Life Members: 12 50 Yr. Members: 18, Remitted Members: Hardship 2, Illness 1, Officers: 3

Current Lodge Membership: 135 plus 2 candidates, 2 petitioners, Total Dues Paying Members: 96

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft: Mark Anthony Gibson, Brian Lee Thomas

**Feb 21st:** The February stated meeting is the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Arthur Lee Pendleton. We will enjoy a meal at 6PM before the meeting starts. If you would like to join us for the meal, please RSVP to the lodge. We also have a second reading of a petition from a prospective member.

**Feb 28th, Mar 7th, and Mar 14th:** Barring unforeseen circumstances, we will have dinner at 6PM and ritual school at 7PM. Please RSVP to the lodge for the dinners so we can make sure to fix enough food. We have two Master Masons to raise and will be practicing our ritual in preparation. We may also have an EA degree to perform. Please watch your email and the trestle-board section of the lodge website for announcements.

**Mar 21st:** Our **March Stated is a Ladies Night**. Please bring your wives and significant others out to join us for a meal and opportunity to treat them to a nice, sit-down meal at the lodge. Please RSVP with the lodge ahead of time so we know how many to expect.

**Mar 28th:** Dinner at 6PM and ritual school at 7PM.

**Mar 31st:** Our second Night on the town will be the last Thursday in March. The location and particulars will be announced at the March stated communication.

As you can see, we have a very busy schedule just with ritual schools and meetings! In addition, we will be announcing Child ID events and other opportunities at Pleasants and our brethren in the 22nd district. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to get out and find out more about lodge events.

In closing, I was very pleased to see that the brethren took the time to read the January issue of The Columns and brought their Master's Wages cards to the stated communication. One thing I found out early on when I first joined the lodge is that Masonry is like many other aspects of life: **you get out of it what you put into it**. Take the time to put what you can into Masonry this year. You won't regret it. I will see you Monday.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

-- Stuart M. Bain  
Worshipful Master 2011  
Pleasants Lodge #63 AF&AM

**IMPORTANT**

**TO RSVP TO THE LODGE PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**CALL (540) 632-2163 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE (IT IS AN ANSWERING MACHINE)**

**OR**

**EMAIL: CONTACT@PLEASANTS.ORG**

**OR**

**CALL ANY OF THE OFFICERS (PHONE #'S ARE IN THE MMA DIRECTORY)**

## From the West Gate

Blood, “**The Gift of Life**” that all can give. If you are concerned if you are eligible to donate while taking medications a quick question to the Red Cross can provide you with an answer. They will advise you if you are a donor. Many medications still allow people to donate.

There are several types of donations: Whole Blood, Platelets, and Double Red Cells. Whole blood and Platelets are used for surgery and transfusions. Double Red Cells are used in the treatment for cancer. There are different points values for each type donation . For each pint of blood our Lodge is credited as follows: 1 point for Whole Blood, which is given at the blood drive, 4 points for Platelets and 10 points Double Red Cells which must be done at the Red Cross facility on Church Ave downtown. Please note that in order for the Lodge to receive credit for the donation you must make certain that the Drive Coordinator notes the appropriate record.

Brother David Campbell, our Senior Deacon, is our Lodge Blood Program Coordinator as well as District 22 Blood Program Coordinator and Wor. Sid Bush, your Senior Warden, is your Director, Region III Committee on Masonic Community Blood Program.

If you have any questions on the Blood Program, about whether you specifically are a candidate for donating or you wish to inquire about setting up a blood drive in conjunction with another Lodge, Civic Organization or Church please feel free to contact either of us. We would be delighted to assist you in any way.

Also, the lodge is able to order Pleasants Lodge shirts. The cost is \$20 each and they are Golf Shirt Style, no pocket (hard to get them with pockets), Masonic Emblem/Lodge name and your name. Please let me know if you would like one and please pay when you order your shirt(s).

Wor. Sid Bush

Listed below are the scheduled programs for 2011. Any notification for a dinner prior to the Stated will be announced in the Columns issued at the first of the month. March, July and September will all involve a dinner, or in the case of July a picnic. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

February 21, 2011	RW Arthur Lee Pendleton District Deputy Grand Master
March 21, 2011	Ladies Night
April 18, 2011	Program by James Ruhland
May 16, 2011	Masonry & Pop Culture
June 20, 2011	St. John's Day
July 18, 2011	Picnic
August 15, 2011	Program by Grand Sr. Warden RW Louis K. Campbell
September 19, 2011	Ladies Night
October 17, 2011	Founders Day Past Masters Night
November 16, 2011	Masons and Veterans
December 21, 2011	Election of Officers Open Installation

## Birthdays

Jay Michael Becker	February 3
Harry Tuckworth Lucas, III	February 4
Jeffrey Gerard Nicola	February 5
Julien Irwin Sacks	February 8
Boreham Boyd Johnson	February 11
Donald Richard Nevins	February 12
Daniel Harvey Agee, Jr.	February 15
Michael George Lawson	February 16
Orville Max Leach	February 17
Charles Carmine Perna	February 20
George Wilbur Carden, Jr.	February 22
Howard Carroll Packett	February 23
John William Slusher	February 27

James Dean Cole	March 3
Bruce Neal Stewart	March 3
James Milton Scearce, Jr.	March 10
David Alyn Goode	March 16
Curtis Elery Downey	March 18
Courtney Elwood Jarvis	March 21
Clarence Mortimer Hawkins, Jr.	March 22
John Draper Walrond	March 26
Thomas Michael Wilbourn	March 27
Harold Oliver Nofsinger	March 30
John Charles Renick	March 30
William Kenneth Ramsey, Sr.	March 30
Timothy Daniel Robertson	March 31

Robert Glen Bishop	April 2
James Hardie Lawrence	April 11
Curtis Neil Dickerson	April 24
William Arthur Seymour, Jr.	April 26
Jerry Wayne McMillan	April 29

Fred Marion Burns	May 1
Calvin Peter Keister	May 2
Paul Garry Black	May 4
Robert Denny Tucker	May 9
Sidney Fulton Baker	May 12
David Bruce Baumgardner, Jr.	May 14
J. Edward Conner	May 19
Anthony Todd Holland	May 20
Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	May 20
Lloyd Marion Holfield	May 23
Charles Henry Stowe	May 24
Harry Kenneth Shelton	May 27