

THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

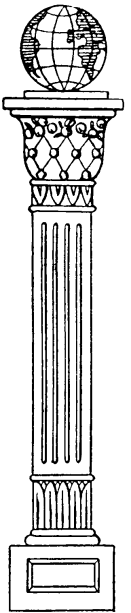
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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April 2011

Worshipful Master - Stuart Matthew Bain

Senior Warden	Sidney Warren Bush	Junior Warden	Fred Marion Burns
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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,

For those of you who were able to make it out to our March stated communication, I thank you for taking the time to bring out your wives, significant others, and family members to join us for dinner. The food was excellent, and I hope a good time was had by all. We will likely use the same caterer, but I welcome any suggestions (menu or otherwise) for our next ladies night event scheduled for the September stated. I can not take all of the credit for the wonderful meal we enjoyed Monday. I have been swamped with work recently and must give the lion's share of the credit to my own lady, Sarah, for the planning and execution of the event.

Our lodge is growing! We have new members joining and affiliating. I was pleased to raise our newest brother, Brian Thomas, to the sublime degree of Master Mason earlier this month. As of this writing, we have one more Master Mason to raise and an EA working on his catechism in preparation for his FC degree. The MM degree will be the last Monday of March and will likely be complete by the time you receive this issue of the Columns. The brethren of Williamson Road and Vinton lodges are proving to be extremely helpful in conducting our degree work, so I hope we can take the time out of our busy lives to return the favor soon. Our Grand Master this year, Most Worshipful John Mason Chambliss, Jr. of Lakeland Lodge #190 here in Roanoke, made a wonderful suggestion during his homecoming visit to Lakeland: that each lodge work towards assembling a degree team for each degree. In light of his recommendation, I am going to ask our officers to contact lodge members who are willing to serve as part of our degree team; so please expect a call soon or feel free to contact the lodge ahead of time by calling 540-632-2163 and leaving a message as to what roles / teams you would like to be a part of. By refining our list of brethren willing to work on our degree work, we will see what roles we need to work on filling.

Do you still want the lodge to pay your Grand Lodge assessment for you? THERE IS STILL TIME! Remember the free money inside of the January columns? There is still time for you to get it! Even if you haven't had the opportunity to attend any of our stated communications yet this year, there is still time to attend the minimum seven stated communications needed to qualify for the Masters Wages program outlined in the January columns. If you're not familiar with how it works, feel free to ask at the next stated communication and I will be happy to explain (be sure to bring the card from the January columns with you).

Lodge Statistics as of March 25, 2011 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 1 Suspensions: 0 Deaths: 1 Affiliated: 1 Raised: 0 Restorations: 0

Honorary Members: 3 Life Members: 12 50 Yr. Members: 17, Remitted Members: Hardship 1, Illness 1, Officers: 3

Current Lodge Membership: 135 plus 2 candidates, Total Dues Paying Members: 98 (25 in arrears for 2011 dues)

Entered Apprentice Working: 1 Fellowcraft Working: 1

Our lodge is continuing to lead the way with the Child ID program. Wor. Duffy Ferguson is doing an excellent job of coordinating our events as well as the events for the entire 22nd Masonic District. Be sure to watch your mailbox and email inbox for more information about these upcoming events and how you can pitch in to this great community service.

DON'T FORGET: Our next night on the town is in just a few days! We will meet at Bad Wolf BBQ on Williamson Road at 6:30PM on Thursday, March 31st. Our February night on the town set a record in the number of attendees, so please come out and join us on Thursday. Let's see if we can set another record while we enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship with our families and brethren.

In closing, as we transition from March into April, so do we transition from winter into spring. Don't let summer get here without taking the time to come down on Monday nights and join us for the great meals, meetings, schools, and fellowship our regular attendees have been enjoying this year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren, I want to thank everyone that has sent their dues for their timely response! We only have a few who haven't sent their dues in and I feel certain that I will receive those soon. If you have just forgotten to send them in, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Lodge counts on you to continue to operate!

For those who haven't been to Lodge in quite some time, please try to attend one of the next meetings. We have a lot going on and we need your attendance. Don't worry, we won't ask you to sit in a chair! But it's nice to see our Brethren and share some fellowship with you. Remember, that you joined Freemasonry for a reason. You wanted to be a part of something important, learn to be a better man, enjoy some time talking to like-minded people, have some fun, and stay connected! Come out and visit us on the 3rd Monday of each month, just to see what's new and what's happening! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Barry Light

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

The District will be sponsoring a District Blood Drive to be held at Melrose Lodge on June 18th from 9AM to 3PM. All are welcome to attend and donate this life giving material. Taking medications? Not a problem, simply inform the Red Cross personnel and they will advise if you are eligible to donate.

The district will be providing refreshments for all who attend. BBQ, coleslaw, chips and drinks. Mark your calendars and come and donate.

One of the projects our District Deputy Grand Master RW Arthur Lee Pendleton, is pushing this year is to identify and develop a list of our Masonic Sweethearts (wives of our departed brothers) and each lodge is charged with the task of doing so for their lodge. Our lodge and many others have been lax in including these supporters of our fraternity and this project is meant to correct that deficiency in our obligations. Admittedly the lodge records are a bit sparse when it comes to this information and all are asked to advise either myself or the lodge secretary, Barry Light, of any widow that should be included on our list. They will all be invited to participate in our upcoming Ladies events, the July picnic and the September Ladies night as well as the December installation festivities.

Also, as Treasurer of the Master Masons Association this year I will be spearheading the sale of ads and sponsorships for the District Directory. Yes, it is a bit early in the year for this but you can all beat the rush and sign up now for the 2012 directory. A new section will be added to the directory for 2012 listing the Sweethearts of each lodge.

Sid Bush
Senior Warden

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. July and September will all involve a dinner, or in the case of July a picnic. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

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

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

CHILD ID PROGRAM

Listed below are the Child ID sessions that have been confirmed and set in place at this time. Wor. Duffy, District 22 Child ID Coordinator, is still working with the lodge Child ID coordinators in the District to establish dates and schedule the equipment.

Of extreme importance is the availability of people to help at each event. On average it takes about 3 people to process each child. One on the computer, one assisting the operator take the fingerprints and one to help get the height/weight and information to be entered into the computer software. Learning any of the steps of the process is very easy and only takes minutes.

Volunteers may be Masons, Masons wives and older children, Job's Daughters, DeMolay. Please sign up today for any of these events by sending a message via our website. It will be forwarded to the project coordinator who will contact you.

EVENTS

4/16/2011	Melrose	Melrose Craft Show
5/20/2011	Melrose	Friday Night Spaghetti
5/21/2011	Pleasants	Promenade Park
9/10/2011	Taylor Lodge	Olde Salem Days
10/8/2011	Mountain	Craig County Fall Festival

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