

# THE COLUMNS

## PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

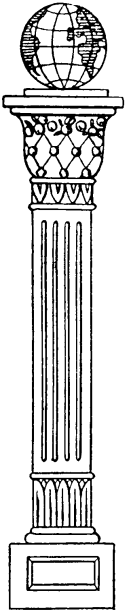
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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May 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,

April is over and May is ramping up. In April, we attended the Division Leadership Conference and learned about the programs and opportunities available from the Grand Lodge. One of the programs mentioned that caught my eye was the Outreach program offered by the Masonic Home of Virginia. Through this program, the Masonic Home of Virginia is able to offer assistance to Masons and their widows without them having to move to the facility in Richmond. By using the resources of the Masonic Home of Virginia, in concert with services already available in other areas, the Home is able to provide assistance. The program is currently in place in a limited capacity in the Commonwealth, but the home is looking to expand it throughout the state. If any brother wants to learn more about these services or knows of any brother or widow who can benefit from these services, please contact the lodge for more information.

A few notes on the various programs in the works at your lodge:

- Our Night Out on the Town program has provided some great opportunities for us to get together and enjoy a good meal together. Our next one will be May 12th at Ragazzi's on Electric Road. Bring your entire family out around 6PM and enjoy some fellowship and a good meal.
- We do have one brother working through the degrees. We will have ritual school every Monday in May (except May 9 due to MW Chambliss's visit to Melrose) to start preparing and planning to continue our candidate's Masonic journey. We will have meals prior to our ritual schools and the May stated communication, so please RSVP and let us know you're coming.
- This month's stated communication will be a program on Freemasonry and pop culture. While there will be somewhat of a presentation, the majority of it will be open for discussion. I hope you will take the time to come out and join in the conversation.

### Lodge Statistics as of May 2, 2011 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0 Suspensions: 0 Deaths: 2 Affiliated: 1 Raised: 1 Restorations: 0

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

Current Lodge Membership: 136 plus 1 candidate, Total Dues Paying Members: 99 (21 in arrears for 2011 dues)

Fellowcraft Working: 1

Attendance at Stated Meetings: 10 (Average) Pleasants Lodge Members Present (7.35%)

- The June program will be our St. John's Day program, so please come out and enjoy this time-honored Masonic tradition.
- We are compiling a widow's list so that we can ensure we are living up to our obligations and caring for our Masonic widows. Please be sure to contact the lodge if you have information about any widows we can add to the list to contact and ask if they want to be involved in lodge activities. Wor. Sid Bush is heading this effort up.
- We will be instituting a phone tree soon, so chances are you may be hearing from a brother even if you haven't been in contact with the lodge recently.
- We have several upcoming Child ID events and need **your** help. Please be sure to watch the columns and your email for more information (if you aren't getting email notices from the lodge, please sign up at the lodge website: <http://pleasants63.org/>).

We have a district-wide blood drive at Melrose Lodge on June 18th. We are trying to sign up as many donors as we can. Please attend and talk to your friends and family about making this blood drive a record breaker!

I look forward to seeing you and your families at these upcoming events.

S&F,

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

### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

Thanks to all who have paid their dues and just a reminder to those who haven't, please send your dues in as soon as possible! If you haven't been to Lodge recently, you've missed some interesting programs and some fun. Why not try to make it out to the May Stated? It's a great opportunity to get out of the house, see some friends and Brothers, and enjoy some good discussion! I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

#### **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. I have pre-sign up sheets so that we can get an idea of how many will be participating. Please advise either myself or David Campbell.

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. **EVEN IF YOU THINK WE KNOW WHO THESE LADIES ARE, PLEASE TELL US ANYWAY**, and provide us with the contact information.

There is a challenge to all officers to call as many members as possible to come to Lodge, and find out if they need a ride. Transportation will be provided. If you know any of our members that fit this category please let our Jr. Warden Fred Burns (540-904-7602) know so that he can make plans to get this Brother to Lodge.

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.

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

Fred Marion Burns	May 1	Mark Wayne Minter	June 6	Joseph Marion Brown	July 1
Calvin Peter Keister	May 2	Donald Dean Gates	June 14	Matthew Howard Gregory	July 3
Paul Garry Black	May 4	Barry Dale Light	June 15	Glenn Warren Dillard	July 7
Robert Denny Tucker	May 9	Major Nicholas Reed	June 17	Scott Ronald Geddes	July 7
Sidney Fulton Baker	May 12	John Robert Gibson	June 26	Wayne William Wise	July 9
David Bruce Baumgardner, Jr.	May 14			Douglas Eugene Walker	July 9
J. Edward Conner	May 19			James Robert Staggs	July 10
Anthony Todd Holland	May 20			Billy Estil Frazier	July 14
Roger Sedgewick Pendrey	May 20			Jeffery Scott Purves	July 19
Lloyd Marion Holfield	May 23			Todd Franklin Hearp	July 22
Charles Henry Stowe	May 24			Raymond Carter Cox	July 24
Harry Kenneth Shelton	May 27			David Price Maxey	July 25
				Duffy Jerome Ferguson	July 28

## 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

5/14/2011	Catawba	Colonial Elementary School
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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