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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

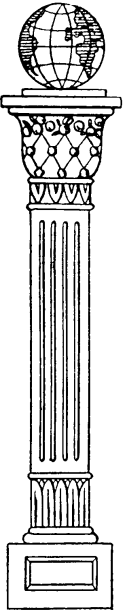
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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August 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, II	Junior Deacon	Taha Hasayn Bullock
Chaplain	Charles Henry Stowe	Tiler	Kenneth Ray Robinette
Senior Steward	Robert Tasker Carter, II	Junior Steward	Matthew Howard Gregory

Brethren,

Our July picnic was a hit! I would like to thank Worshipful Sid Bush and his team for putting together a great family picnic with some amazing food. For those of you who were able to join us, I hope you enjoyed the food and fellowship as much as I did. It may have been a little hot, but the weather was bearable enough to warrant sticking around for the desserts! I tried to take a poll as to which dessert "stole the show," but they were all so delicious the officers could not come to a consensus. For those of you who missed out, please be sure to make plans to attend our ladies night supper at our September stated communication.

Speaking of attendance, The Constitutions of Masonry, Section III., part 1 say the following:

Of Attendance

Every Brother ought to belong to some regular Lodge, and should always appear therein properly clothed, and in clean and decent apparel, truly subjecting himself to all its by-laws and general regulations. He must attend all meetings, whether stated or emergent, when duly summoned unless he can offer to the Master and Wardens such plea of necessity for his absence as the said laws and regulations admit.

By the ancient rules and usages of Masonry (which are generally adopted among the by-laws of every Lodge), no plea was judged sufficient to excuse any absentee, unless he could satisfy the Lodge that he was sick, lame, in confinement, upwards of three miles from the places of meeting, or detained by some extraordinary and unforeseen necessity.

You are in luck! We have plenty of upcoming events for you to attend I hope you will take the time to join us. We read two petitions at our July stated that we will vote on at our August stated. We recently initiated our newest Entered Apprentice, Brother Wickline, and we have a Master Mason to raise on the evening of August 22nd. On top of our degree work, we also have upcoming Child ID events we will need your help with, a district-wide blood drive, and a Master Masons Association (MMA) breakfast.

MMA Breakfast

Once a year, we host the MMA for the monthly meeting. For those of you not familiar with the MMA, it helps bring the Lodges of the 22nd Masonic district into closer fraternal relations. It is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the company and fellowship of your brethren. We will be hosting the MMA breakfast on August 13th and plan to start serving at 8:00AM. We will need some help preparing the food and setting everything up, so if you are available, please plan to come out early that morning and help make our MMA breakfast a success.

Lodge Statistics as of June 27, 2011 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0 Suspensions: 0 Deaths: 2 Affiliated: 2 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: 137 plus 1 candidate, Total Dues Paying Members: 99 (21 in arrears for 2011 dues)

Master Mason Working: 1 Entered Apprentice working: 1 Petitioners: 2

Attendance at Stated Meetings: 9 (Average) Pleasants Lodge Members Present (6.66%)

Scholarship Fund in Lieu of Discontinued Bike Program

After due consideration and discussion concerning the issues we experienced with our bike program, the lodge has discontinued the bike program and established a scholarship fund in its place. At the recommendation of Wor. Sid Bush, we are naming it the Charles Wesley Hale Scholarship in honor of Right Worshipful Hale's continued commitment to the bike program, Masonic education, our lodge, and Freemasonry in general. The scholarship will award assistance for higher education to qualified recipients. Young men and women involved in Masonic youth organizations and entering their first year of college are encouraged to apply.

One Day Conferral

I encourage all members to come support the One Day Conferral at the Scottish Rite building on August 27th. We do have two candidates who will be going through the degrees on that day, and all are welcome to attend. Both of these petitioners will need Mentors to be with them for these degrees.

As you can see, our lodge is growing, we have a very busy schedule coming up, and we can certainly use all the help we can get! Please make plans to come out and support your lodge at these functions.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

-- Stuart M. Bain - Worshipful Master 2011

There will be two Blood Drives on Oct 1, 2011 from 8am to 12 noon. Vinton Lodge #204 and Melrose Lodge #139 are both sponsoring drives. You will have two places you could go to give blood. Let's see which lodge brings the most units in. Pleasants has started a phone tree and I've had the pleasure of calling all out of state members of Pleasants and it has been a wonderful experience. These brothers were glad to hear from someone at home and to get caught up on Lodge activities.

A hardy congratulations to Worshipful Stuart and his Lady Sally on the birth of Charlotte, their third child.

We had a wonderful picnic on July 18 with about 40 members their wives, and children attending. A special thanks to our new Fellowcraft Mike Johnson for helping set up and do the cooking, and a super thanks to all who brought a covered dish.

Thank you Tyler Burns (new DeMolay) for helping Mike clean up while we held our Stated Meeting.

We have a Master Mason degree scheduled for Michael on Aug. 22 and will need lots of help. Please call if you can assist in the Degree.

Brothers, Pleasants Lodge is our Lodge and needs all our support. One of the best ways to support it is by attending Lodge.

Your attendance is always welcome and we look forward to seeing you at the next Stated Meeting on August 15 at 7:30PM.

As always our Stated Communications are on the third Monday of each month at 7:30PM. If you need a ride to Lodge please call the Lodge at 540-632-2163 or call one of the officers. We will get you to the meeting and return you back to your home.

Fraternally, Sid Bush, Senior Warden

Birthdays

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