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PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

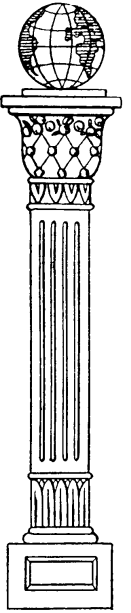
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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October 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,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the brethren, ladies, and young men of the Roanoke DeMolay who made our September Stated Communication a success. The program was our second "Ladies Night" for the year. It was a wonderful opportunity to pay respect to our ladies and enjoy the fellowship of our extended lodge family. The DeMolay presentation of the flower talk was a beautiful addition to the evening. I also would like to thank the brethren who responded with feedback to last month's columns. It is greatly appreciated. I value your input, insight, and words of encouragement more than you know!

DUES NOTICES

With fall upon us, you should have recently received your dues notice from the lodge. Please note that if you are over a year in arrears, your membership may be pending suspension. Please make arrangements as soon as possible to bring your dues up to date. If you are unable to pay your dues for any reason and would like to discuss the matter privately, please do not hesitate to contact the lodge and ask for me personally.

MASTER'S WAGES CARDS

For the brethren who chose to take part in the Master's Wages program, please note that if you have at least seven out of twelve months initialed on your Master's Wages Card, you can submit it with your dues payment as a substitute for the Grand Lodge Assessment portion of your dues payment. Simply include the card with a check or money order for \$80.00 for the remainder of your dues, and the lodge will gladly cover the difference. If you are an LMIP and have the seven out of twelve months initialed at the end of the year, please remit your Master's Wages Card for a special token of our gratitude for your continued involvement and support of your lodge.

CALLING ALL PAST MASTERS!!

Our program for the October stated communication is Founder's Day and Past Masters night. If you are a past master, please make plans to come celebrate this time honored tradition. We plan to offer a meal prior to our October stated. We normally ask for a \$5 donation to offset the cost of these pre-meeting meals, but I offer our past masters the opportunity to eat "on the house" this month in honor of past masters night. Please come and join us for some wonderful food and fellowship.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Stuart M. Bain
Worshipful Master 2011

Lodge Statistics as of September 29, 2011 (Year to Date)

Demits Processed: 0		Suspensions: 0		Deaths: 3		Affiliated: 2		Raised: 4		Restorations: 0	
Honorary Members: 3			Life Members: 12			50 Yr. Members: 17			Remitted Members: Hardship 1, Illness 1, Officers: 3		
Current Lodge Membership: 136				Total Dues Paying Members: 98 (14 in arrears for 2011 dues, 4 also in arrears for 2010 dues)							
Master Mason Working: 0				Entered Apprentice working: 1				Petitioners: 1			
Attendance at Stated Meetings: 9 (Average)				Pleasants Lodge Members Present (6.66%)							

September 19th was our Ladies' Night - many brothers missed it but about 30 folks came for the festivities. I hope that our Ladies enjoyed not cooking or washing dishes. The food was great and the company superb.

Wor. Dudley celebrated his birthday with us on Ladies' Night, and we all expressed our hearty good wishes and serenaded him with the Happy Birthday song.

The DeMolay were on hand to honor our Ladies. Billy Chenault, Tyler Burns, Ivo Dudley and Justin McGiver and their families joined us, and it's nice to see how much support these young men have. Billy competed in his first competition Flower Talk in June and won a state title, and competed again at Matak and won a second time. He's 13 years old, a very bright young man. After the Flower Talk the young men presented a rose to each Lady to honor their mothers. Great job by all the DeMolay members and a special thanks to all the Brothers and Dads who guide them.

There will be a Blood Drive at Melrose on October 1st from 8 a.m. to noon. Hope to see you there.

The carpet has been cleaned, looks and smells great.

At our Stated on September 19th we missed about 120 of our Brothers. With our new calling tree thanks to Wor. Bain, those of you that are local will be getting a call for meetings so you can join us for meeting old friends and making new ones. If you don't drive at night or need a ride let us know, and someone will pick you up and take you home. We need to build up our attendance. **THIS IS YOUR LODGE, MAKE IT SO!**

Our monthly Night On The Town in September was at Fiji Island - we had a good turnout and good food, always enjoyable. Sid & Pat Bush brought guests - their 1991 foreign exchange student from Norway, Annette, and her husband Jbarte, here to revisit Sid & Pat and Karen for a 20th year reunion. A wonderful week was had by all.

Be sure to join us for the next Night On The Town!

Vinton Lodge 204 will welcome Trunk or Treaters Oct 31st from 5 to 7.

Sid Bush
Senior Warden 2011



Billy Chenault delivers the Flower Talk Ritual while Ivo, Tyler and Justin attend at the altar.

Birthdays

Gary Clifton Agee	October 1	Thomas Edward Purves	November 3	David Lewis Swain	December 10
Eddie Franklin Hearp	October 3	Eric Roland Spencer	November 6	David Andrew Cummings	December 11
Charles Ronald Smith	October 5	Alfred Kyle Tuck, Jr.	November 6	John Dickerson Nunn	December 11
Troy Gardner	October 6	Kenneth Ray Robinette	November 10	Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	December 12
Richard Arthur Mowles	October 14	Hubert Ralph Lane	November 12	Francis John Nardi	December 14
David Eugene Campbell, II	October 15	Carl Allen Balderson	November 14	Carter Whitlow Radford	December 14
Raymond Oscar Patsel	October 15	Charles Wesley Hale	November 16	Jeffrey Roy Wendell	December 16
Donn Waldron Branch	October 17	Gerald Allan Pope	November 17	Max Cameron Johnson	December 24
Jack Ford Wright, Jr.	October 19	Robert Tasker Carter, II	November 20	Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	December 27
David Isaac Bower	October 28	Adam McCulloch Williams	November 20	Kerford Aldin Key	December 29
Carl Lee Cronk	October 30	William Holcomb Jennings	November 21		
		Richard Scott Millikin	November 21		
		Taha Hasayn Bullock	November 22		
		Robert Ira Price, Jr.	November 22		
		Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	November 24		