

THE COLUMNS

PLEASANTS LODGE #63 AF & AM

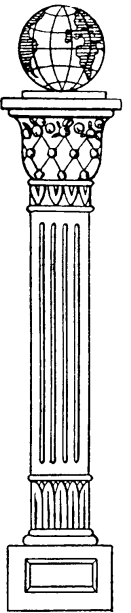
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Stated Meeting, Third Monday of each Month

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November 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

November is here! Our event calendars fill up quickly this time of year. As we dive into the hustle and bustle of holiday season with Thanksgiving this month and Christmas soon to follow, I hope you will take the opportunity to step back and pause to give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy: family, friends, brethren, country, freedoms, and the list goes on and on. I am thankful for the opportunity you bestowed upon me to serve you this year, and I look forward to many more years of faithful service and involvement in Pleasants Lodge. I pray this year is the beginning of a rebuilding time in Pleasants. In addition to our Masonic veterans and the "choir" (a term we use to refer to our regular attendees), I am thankful for every brother we raise and would like to encourage them to assist our officers and to play an active role in the process of rebuilding our lodge! There is room for all to be active.

I am also thankful for the dedication, service, and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. November is the month we celebrate "Veterans Day." Generation after generation of veterans stood up to protect and defend *your* country, *your* freedoms, *your* liberties, and *your* way of life. Please take some time this month to reflect and pray for our veterans and military. At our stated communication this month, our program will be about the how the institutions of freemasonry and our military have intertwined over the years. I hope you will join us, and I look forward to recognizing and thanking our veterans.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to please ensure your dues are sent to the lodge as soon as you are able! If you are having difficulty meeting your financial obligations to the lodge, please contact the lodge (or me personally) to make arrangements.

Stuart M. Bain
Worshipful Master 2011

Lodge Statistics as of October 24, 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 (12 in arrears for 2011 dues, 4 also in arrears for 2010 dues)					
Master Mason Working: 1 Entered Apprentice working: Petitioners: 1					
Attendance at Stated Meetings: 9 (Average) Pleasants Lodge Members Present (6.66%)					

Brothers all, and not just the choir but all of us, attendance is down and we need to work to improve it. I know Monday night football is now going on but Freemasonry is 1 night a month for Stated and 3 Mondays for school (school optional). So get off the sofa or lounge chair and join the choir and meet old friends and perhaps make a new friend.

Just because we are getting older dose not mean that these new masons can't use our help and knowledge. My year begins Dec 19 2011 and following me are younger men (under 40 years of age) and need your help. Brothers, if the trend continues, in five to ten years there might be no Pleasants Lodge and perhaps some others in our District. **SUPPORT YOUR LODGE - ATTEND THE MEETINGS, PARTICIPATE.** There is no need for this trend to continue. Lets all step up and attend Lodge.

We have great plans for next year, 3 Ladies Nights, a picnic, the past couple of years Bro Bill Seymour has been showing us his culinary skills and is a great cook and we plan on continuing this. This is just a sample of what's coming.

Blood Report: We had another District Blood Drive and had 16 donors come with 4 from Pleasant, 1 from Williamson Road and 9 from Melrose. I am awaiting a count from Vinton that had a drive on the October 15.

Sid Bush
Senior Warden

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 16, 2011	Masons and Veterans
December 19, 2011	Election of Officers Open Installation

Birthdays

Thomas Edward Purves	November 3	David Lewis Swain	December 10	Christopher Scott St. Clair	January 3
Eric Roland Spencer	November 6	David Andrew Cummings	December 11	James Luther Craft	January 7
Alfred Kyle Tuck, Jr.	November 6	John Dickerson Nunn	December 11	James Richard Meredith	January 9
Kenneth Ray Robinette	November 10	Paul Thomas Smith, Jr.	December 12	Joseph Frank Huddleston, III	January 12
Hubert Ralph Lane	November 12	Francis John Nardi	December 14	Charles Dunmore Fox, IV	January 12
Carl Allen Balderson	November 14	Carter Whitlow Radford	December 14	Michael Lynn Johnson	January 13
Charles Wesley Hale	November 16	Jeffrey Roy Wendell	December 16	Clive Elvyn Rice	January 17
Gerald Allan Pope	November 17	Max Cameron Johnson	December 24	Michael Fries	January 17
Robert Tasker Carter, II	November 20	Edward Lee Jewell, Jr.	December 27	Timothy Arnold Fitzgerald	January 17
Adam McCulloch Williams	November 20	Kerford Aldin Key	December 29	Jeffrey Lynn Butler	January 19
William Holcomb Jennings	November 21			Daniel Gilbert Oakey	January 21
Richard Scott Millikin	November 21			Harry Robert Deaton, Jr.	January 29
Taha Hasayn Bullock	November 22				
Robert Ira Price, Jr.	November 22				
Sidney Warren Bush, Sr.	November 24				