# Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M. January 15, 2007 Trestleboard



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BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F.& A.M. WILL BE HELD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GA ON **JANUARY 15**<sup>TH</sup>, **2007.** DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 P.M. AND A LODGE OF MASTER MASONS WILL BE OPENED AT 8:00 P.M. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL A BROTHER OR WIDOW AND INVITE THEM TO COME AND

SHARE AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP WITH US ON THAT DATE. IF YOU, ANOTHER BROTHER OR WIDOW NEED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE LODGE PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE OFFICERS. (TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE LOCATED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS

NEWSLETTER) Congratulations to the new slate of officers, elected or appointed at our annual communication. Names and Telephone Numbers on the Reverse side of this newsletter.

### **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:**

The School of Instruction for 2007 will be held at the Masonic Temple at 3201 Wrightsboro Road on the following dates: every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. for 6 consecutive weeks: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. All officers of Webb Lodge should attend, and any other Master Mason will increase their Masonic Knowledge if they can attend. Please come out and support your 10<sup>th</sup> District Custodian, Rudolph Dixon.

# UPCOMING UNITY MEETING/GRAND MASTER'S FORUM:

Attention all Master Masons: the Unity Meeting/Grand Masters Forum for the 10<sup>th</sup> District will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. with the program to follow. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Grand Master Eli A. Stafford. All the Masters should be prepared to give a brief synopsis of their program for 2007. Come share an evening of information and fellowship.

### LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE:

1. "Do you have any openings?" A man asked the circus manager. "I need an assistant tamer," he said. Just then, the head tamer, a beautiful woman, ran into the lion cage flashing him an eyeful of her spandex body-suit. The big cat slunk to the ground, licked her ankles and rested his head at her feet. "Can you do that?" the manager asked the man. "Sure," he said. "Just get that lion out of the way." 2. Car-Pooling to work, a man got increasingly stressed with each trip. After a week of panic attacks, he went to the doctor. "I am fine on the bridges, in traffic, and even in the dark after a long day," the man explained. "But when I go through tunnels with those four other guys, I feel like I am going to explode. Am I crazy?" "Not at all," the doctor said. "You just have Carpool Tunnel Syndrome." 3. The topic of the day at Army Airborne School was what you should do if your parachute malfunctions. We had just gotten to the part about reserve parachutes when another student raised his hand. "If the main parachute malfunctions," he asked, "How long do we have to deploy the reserve?" Looking the trooper square in the eye, the instructor replied, "The rest of your life!!"

# 2007 VISITATION SCHEDULE:

Webb Lodge will again be visiting several lodges in the area this year. Following is a schedule of upcoming visitations:

January.....(No Visitation Scheduled)

February 13th......Social Lodge #1

March 15<sup>th</sup>.....Lincolnton Lodge #354

April 12<sup>th</sup>.....Grovetown Lodge #730

May 5<sup>th</sup>.....Clarence Cohen Daylight Lodge #749

June 1<sup>st</sup> ......Acacia Lodge #315

July 12th......George Walton Lodge #699
August 9<sup>th</sup>.....John S. Davidson Lodge #677
September 20<sup>th</sup>.....Lincolnton Lodge #354 October 16<sup>th</sup>.....Harlem Lodge #276 November 5<sup>th</sup>.....Martinez Lodge #710

December.....(No Visitation Scheduled)



All officers and members of Webb Lodge should try to make these visitations if you can. I believe it promotes visitations to our lodge and promotes fellowship between all the lodges. So Mote It Be.

#### TENTH DISTRICT'S GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE:

The 10<sup>th</sup> District's George Washington's Birthday Celebration has been set for Friday, February 2, 2007. It will be held a little early this year due to the fact that the 10<sup>th</sup> District wanted to have the Grand Master, Eli A. Stafford, as guest speaker, and this was the only open date in the month of February on his schedule. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, with dinner beginning at 7:00 P.M. and the program at 8:00 P.M. Please put this date on your calendar and come join the Grand Master and your brethren for an evening of fellowship.

## **QUOTES TO REMEMBER:**

1. The finish line is just the beginning of a whole new race. (James) 2. A life of unremitting caution, without the carefree or even, occasionally, the careless - may turn out to be half a life. (Quindlen) 3. Self-delusion is pulling in your stomach when you step on the scale. (Sweeny) 4. Be open to learning new lessons even if they contradict the lessons you learned yesterday. (Degeneres) 5. It's a whole lot more satisfying to reach for the stars, even if you end up landing only on the moon. (Frog) 6. Temptation usually comes in through a door that has been deliberately left open. (Glasow) 7. Success is falling nine times and getting up ten.

# CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Bob Heishman and Butch Reese on receiving their 50 year and 25 year awards respectively from the Grand Master. (From **Left to Right:** Bob's wife, the Grand Master, Bob; Butch's wife, Butch, the Grand Master)





# **READY FOR MY LAST DEGREE:**

An old man lay sick in the Masonic Home, his face was as wan as the white sea foam. His eyes were dim, his hair was gray, his back was bent with the trials of the way. He flattering spoke but I heard him say, "I'm ready for my last degree. I have come to the end of the level time, that leads us all to the Grand Lodge Sublime. From whose borne none ever return. More light in Masonry there I shall learn, by an Altar where light shall evermore shine. I am ready for my last degree. With the Apprentice's gauge, I have divided my time into three equal parts since life's early prime. And this I have found amidst life's turmoil. My wages are due me, in Corn, Wine, and Oil. I am ready for my last degree. I have squared each stone by the virtue square, and plumbed them all true, as I shipped them there. With the compass I have measured the Master's designs and kept within due bounds, with his points and his signs. My blue prints are folded: I have answered his signs. I am ready for my last degree. The mortar I have made, from friendship and love, to be spread with the Master's trowel up above. My apron is worn, but its surface is white, my working tools now will be cold and quiet. My trestleboard's bare and I'm going tonight. I am ready for my last degree." A few moments later the old man was dead, and I fancy that I could see his soul as it fled. Upward and onward to the great door, where he gave an alarm and a voice did implore. The old man gave his answer with these words once more. "I am ready for my last degree." That night in a lodge, free from all strife and storm, he took that degree his last in due form. So may I live like he did: to build day by day, a spiritual house, in that land far away. So I, when I meet my Grand Master I can say, "I am ready for my last degree." (author unknown)

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