

**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
AUGUST 20TH, 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

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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)

VISITATION SCHEDULE:

Brethren: Webb Lodge will be visiting the following lodges in the upcoming months, please put these dates on your calendar and join us if you can

August 9th..... John S. Davidson Lodge #677.....7:00 P.M.
September 20th.....Lincolnton Lodge #354.....6:30 P.M.

LESSONS IN LIFE: I was reading the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper the other day and one of the columnists, Regina Brett, just turned 50 years old and wrote 50 lessons life has taught her over those years. I thought some of them were worth passing along to you; 1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good. 2. When in doubt, just take the next small step. 3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. 4. Don't take yourself so seriously, No one else does. 5. Cry with someone, It's more healing than crying alone. 6. It's OK to get angry with God, He can take it. 7. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present. 8. It's OK to let your children see you cry. 9. Don't compare your life to others', You have no idea what their journey is all about. 10. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it. 11. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks. 12. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying. 13. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer. 14. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion, Today is special. 15. No one is in charge of happiness except you.

SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION:

The Augusta Scottish Rite will be holding their Fall Reunion on Friday and Saturday, September 14th & 15th, 2007 at the Scottish Rite Center on Washington Road. If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason and would like information and a petition, please call me (Gregory Oblak, 706-829-1665) and I will be happy to provide you with the same. Feel free to join us for dinner on the first Thursday of each month at the above location and meet the brethren and see our facility. If you are already a Scottish Rite Mason and know of a brother who is interested, please invite them to join.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU:

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know....the one that is red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. Then he turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "ROSE, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?" 2. A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a Minute."

SPECIAL LODGE PROGRAM:

Harry Bruno, who is chaplain of Cochran Lodge #217 and Master of the 12th District, has just been recently contacted by Sue Brandt, who is the Masonic Liaison to the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Hospital. She states that they have a new speaker's bureau with 6 children's staff people who are available to speak at any Lodge meeting or Family Nights etc. They have already spoken to 10 lodges across the state and I have scheduled them to speak to the Lodge of Perfection Membership at the Scottish Rite Center on September 6th. She is asking the Worshipful Masters or Secretaries to email her to setup a date, time and place. Also they will be hosting a Masonic Homecoming event on October 14th, Sunday, from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm (National Children's Day). All Masons in the state of Georgia are invited to come up to the Scottish Rite Hospital for music, BBQ and tours of the facilities. Please attend if you can.

Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort. (Carl H. Claudy)

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A PLEA FOR YOUR TIME:

Brethren: I know you have heard this a thousand times but I feel that I need to say it again. Webb Lodge, as well as other lodges and Masonic bodies, are going through a time of decreasing attendance. It seems as though many of us who took the same obligations are not living up to those obligations. I know we are all busy, we have many things in our life to do and we just can't seem to get them all done. Being a dues paying member of Webb Lodge is not enough. We need **YOU** to attend lodge as often as you can. Some of us try to make every meeting (once a month), others because of their vocation cannot attend every month so we see them occasionally. I know others who are retired, Past Master's, Newly raised members who live in the local area and **NEVER** attend. Why is that? Have you forgotten your obligation? Why can't you make the time (everyone can if they really want too) and contribute to **YOUR** lodge. We need **YOUR** help. To say you are a Mason just does not get it done. You have to Be a Mason. Please take the time and make the effort to try and get to our regular communications on the third Monday of each month and ask what you can do for your lodge. **SO MOTE IT BE.**

CAN YOU RELATE?

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. They had been driving for about 30 minutes when her husband asked her to check their map. That's when the elderly woman realized she had unknowingly left her bifocal glasses on the table. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a longer distance before they could find a place to turn around in order to return to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return trip. The more he chided her, the more agitated he would become. He just would not let up for one minute. To her relief, they finally arrived back at the restaurant. And as the berated woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her eyeglasses the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

LIVING MASONRY: His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-Shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire 4 years of college. He was the top academic individual in his class. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Mason while attending college. After moving to his new residence he finds that down the street is a well dressed, very conservative Lodge. One day John decides to go there after work. He walks in with shoes, jeans, work shirt and long hair. The Lodge has already started and so John starts looking for a seat. The lodge is completely packed and he can't find a seat anywhere. By now the brethren are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the East and when he realizes there are no seats he squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this Lodge before!) By now the brethren are really uptight and the tension in the air is thick. About this time the Secretary realizes that from the back of the lodge a Past Master is slowly making his way toward John. Now the Past Master is in his eighties, has silver gray hair and has on a three piece suit. A good man, very elegant, very dignified and very courtly. He walks with a cane and as he starts walking toward this boy everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he is going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid in the Lodge? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The Lodge is silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The Secretary can't even continue with the "Minutes" until the Past Master does what he has to do. Now the lodge watches as this elderly man drops his cane on the floor. With great difficulty he lowers himself and sits down next to John and welcomes him so he won't be alone. When the Secretary gains control, he says, "**What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget.**" **SO MOTE IT BE.**

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