

BRETHREN: THE $\mathcal{REGULAR}$ COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F.& A.M. WILL BE HELD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GA ON $\mathcal{MARCH} 17^{TH}$, 2008

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)

1. GRAND MASTER'S FIRST VISIT TO WEBB LODGE///PRESENTATION OF 25 & 50 YEAR AWARDS///ALL LODGES IN THE 10^{TH} DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO



PARTICIPATE; Grand Master Ted Collins will visit Webb Lodge #166 on March 17, 2008 for the purpose of presenting 25 & 50 Year awards to all brethren who qualify for the same. Webb Lodge is inviting all lodges in the 10th District to participate. We would ask that each lodge secretary please review their records and contact their members who qualify for either their 25, 50, 60, 65 etc year awards and then contact Secretary Greg Oblak of Webb Lodge to make their reservations for all their members who will attend. Reservations will be needed in order to make preparations for dinner. The deadline for Reservations is March 7th, 2008.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. (\$7.00 per person) with the communication beginning at 8:00 P.M. Webb Lodge would like to see each lodge represented and welcome our Grand Master to the 10th District. Spouses, Friends and Relatives are invited.

- VISITATION SCHEDULE: Webb Lodge will be visiting Grovetown Lodge on Thursday, March 13th, 2008. The Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M. with the communication beginning at 8:00 P.M. Again please advise our visitation chairman for dinner reservations.
- 3. WEBB LODGE TRESTLEBOARD: It looks as if the brethren have spoken. The Webb Lodge Trestleboard will continue as usual. I have heard from many brethren on this subject and all responses have been positive. I am glad to hear that most of the brethren are actually reading the newsletter and use it to keep in contact with what Webb Lodge is doing. I want to thank all the brethren who have emailed, called or snail mailed me their opinions. I will continue to write and distribute the news as it happens.
- 4. GEORGIA CHIP ID PROGRAM: GACHIP----Georgia Child Identification Program. Is one of the most comprehensive child recovery, identification, and abduction awareness





Do you have your child's current information immediately available ? programs ever to be offered to parents in the state of Georgia. Full color photographs are taken of the child, a complete set of digital fingerprints, information about the child to include distinguishing features, hair and eve color, scars etc, a DNA sample is obtained from the cheek cells in the saliva as well as a complete set of dental impressions. This is some of the information gathered from each child at no cost to the parents. The mission of the GACHIP program is to raise public awareness concerning the risk of abduction or exploitation that our children now face in today's society. Webb Lodge will contacting all 21 lodges in the 10th district to ask for donations (Approximately \$119.00 per lodge) to buy all the necessary equipment to support one set for this area. The approximate cost of the equipment is \$2500.00. Webb Lodge will

donate the balance of the money (if needed) after the collection time is completed. If anyone wishes to contribute to this endeavor please make your check payable to Webb Lodge #166 and indicate that you want it to be used for the GACHIP Program. All donations will be accepted. We will be accepting donations until June 9th, 2008. At this time we will present a check to Grand Master Ted Collins who will be visiting Webb Lodge for the 2nd annual Past Masters Night for all Past Masters and Master Masons in the 10th District on June 9th, 2008 which will be held again at the Scottish Rite Center. More information concerning Past Master's Night with be forthcoming. **WHY MEN ARE NEVER DEPRESSED:** Men Are Just Happier People-- What do you

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expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be President. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut

on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. ! Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hair style lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. Your belly usually hides your big hips. One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier.

6. STONE: Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt but without saying anything, wrote in the sand; Today my best friend

slapped me in the face. They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning he wrote on a STONE; Today my best friend saved my life. The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone, Why? The friend replied; when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it. Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Take the time to live! Do not value the things you have in your life but value who you have in your life.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting Some kind of battle.

7. THE DEATH OF "ONE OF THE FAITHFUL FEW": I am sad to announce that Brother



Dick Edenfield passed away on Sunday, March 2nd, 2008. Dick was one of the most dedicated Masons in Webb Lodge, a life member and a financial trustee for decades. Brother Dick was born March 3, 1918 and died one day before his 90th birthday. Dick was Initiated on February 22, 1960, Passed on March 31, 1960 and was raised a Master Mason on April 28,

1960. He is one of the reasons that Webb Lodge has been able to financially support so many local charities and give out annual scholarships. He kept a close eye, a very close eye on our monies and investments over the years. Over the last 20 years Dick and I had become close friends and talked several times a week. I will miss our conversations, I will miss our visits with each other, I will miss him and so will the members of Webb Lodge.

- 8. HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP? This is a list of 10 core values from 202 lodges in the state of Virginia when they were asked to respond to the question: What should be a freemasons core values? Read the list and see how you measure up!
 - 1. A Mason believes in a Supreme Being.
 - 2. A Mason has an understanding of moral values.
 - 3. A Mason exemplifies honor and integrity.
 - 4. A Mason believes in the brotherhood of man.
 - 5. A Mason is moved to fulfill his Masonic Obligations.
 - 6. A Mason practices Charity in his daily living.
 - 7. A Mason exercises Brotherly Love.
 - 8. A Mason is committed to Family.
 - 9. A Mason demonstrates Patriotism.
 - 10. A Mason supports Widows and Orphans.

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