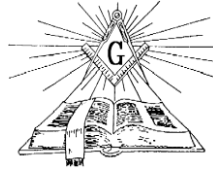


**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
MAY 19TH , 2008 TRESTLEBOARD**



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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

MAY 19TH , 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. VISITATION SCHEDULE:** Webb Lodge will be visiting **Acacia Lodge #315** on Friday, June 6th, 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.
- 2. GRAND MASTER'S SECOND VISIT TO WEBB LODGE///PAST MASTER'S NIGHT///ALL LODGES IN THE 10TH DISTRICT ARE INVITED;** Grand Master Ted C. Collins will make his second visit to Webb Lodge on June 9th, 2008 for the purpose of honoring all the Past Master's in the 10th District. Webb Lodge will be inviting all Master Masons in the 10th District to attend and honor their Past Masters. Last year we had 85 Past Masters in attendance and a total of 154 Master Masons. This event will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904. The dinner (\$7.00 per person) will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the communication will begin at 8:00 P.M. (\$10.00 per gift for each Past Master honored). We hope that all 21 lodges in the 10th District will participate and honor their Past Masters.



- 3. THE SILENT SUMMONS:** A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a

comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. His host watched all of this in a quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with all

the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting." **If any of you know of a brother who has not been to lodge in a number of months (or years) please take the time and make the effort to visit or at least call him and tell him that HIS LODGE misses his presence. So Mote It Be.**



4. **JUNE 14TH, 2008:** Saturday, June 14th, 2008, put it on your calendar **NOW**. The 10th Masonic District Convention will be held at Grovetown Lodge #730 on Saturday, June 14th, beginning at 10:00 am and will conclude around 1:00 pm. Please plan to attend and represent Webb Lodge. Flag Day is Saturday, June 14th. The Scottish Rite Bodies of Augusta will be hosting this event this year at the Scottish Rite Center. The program will begin at 7:00 pm and is open to the public. There will be a parade of 15

flags with explanations of each, we will have a guest speaker, video presentation and music. Media from TV, Radio and Newspaper will be covering this event. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Plan to attend these two great Masonic Events that day.

5. **HUMOR FOR LEXOPHILES (Lover of Words):** 1. I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me. 2. Police were called to a day care where a three year old was resisting a rest. 3. Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now. 4. The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work. 5. To write with a broken pencil is pointless. 6. When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate. 7. The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large. 8. We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply. 9. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A. 10. The dead batteries were given out free of charge. 11. A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail. 12. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes. 13. A chicken crossing the road; poultry in motion. 14. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress. 15. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I will show you A-flat miner. 16. A calendar's days are numbered. 17. A lot of money is tainted: Taint your and taint mine. 18. A boiled egg is hard to beat. 19. He had a photographic memory which was never developed. 20. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
6. **OLD AGE IS A GIFT:** The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed but I explained that it was an interesting question and I would ponder it and let her know. **Old age, I decided, is a gift.** I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long. I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I have aged, I have become more kind to myself and less critical of myself. I have become my own friend. I do not chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 am and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love....I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to despite the pitying glances from the jet set. Sure, over the years my heart has been

broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect. I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I have earned the right to be wrong. So to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free and I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever but while I am still here I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day if I feel like it. May our friendship never come apart especially when it's straight from the heart! May you always have a rainbow of smiles on your face and in your heart forever and ever.



7. HELPFUL HINTS: #1. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from

a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: it is a built in security alarm system you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it by pushing the panic button, but make sure you know how to turn it off first!!!! It will go off from most everywhere inside your house. It could also be used in an emergency such as a heart attack where you can't reach a phone. #2. Auto Safety Tip; Never drive in the rain with your cruise control on. Most people think that they are being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But if the cruise control is on when your car begins to hydroplane and your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an airplane. Never use the cruise control when the pavement is wet or icy.

THE OFFICERS OF WEBB LODGE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE MOTHER'S A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 11TH AND ALSO WOULD ASK YOU TO REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THIS COUNTRY ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26TH.



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