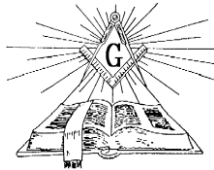


*WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
AUGUST 18TH, 2008 TRESTLEBOARD*



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BRETHREN: THE *REGULAR/JOINT COMMUNICATION* OF WEBB LODGE #166 AND FLEMING LODGE #718 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD AT FLEMING LODGE ON LUMPKIN ROAD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, ON *AUGUST 18TH 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. **JOINT COMMUNICATION:** Webb Lodge #166 and Fleming Lodge #718 will meet in a joint communication on the 3rd Monday in August. (**August 18th**) The joint communication will be held at Fleming Lodge, located on Lumpkin Road in Augusta. If you do not know how to get there please call one of the officers whose telephone numbers are located on the reverse side of this trestleboard. The dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and the communication will begin at 8:00 pm. I was asked by the Worshipful Master of Fleming Lodge #718, Gaylord Hunt, a number of months ago if I would present



a Power Point Presentation on 911 which my son and I produced several years ago, in remembrance of the 7th anniversary of that tragic event. I will give a brief background and statistics and then begin the 14 minute power point presentation which is illustrated by over 100 actual photos, sound bites and set to music. I hope this small effort will help

us remember all those people who were killed that day and all those families who were affected forever. Come join us for a good meal, fellowship and a short program.

2. **SALE OF BUILDING:** The Trustees of the Masonic Temple are entertaining the idea of selling the building in the very near future. The building is owned by Webb Lodge #166, (1/6th) Social Lodge #1, (1/6th), John S. Davidson Lodge #677, (1/6th) and the 3 Yorkrite Bodies, (1/2). All bodies have essentially agreed to sell if the appraisal is agreeable to the trustees. It is very important that all members of Webb Lodge attend the meeting in October (Monday, October 20th, 2008) to discuss this important subject and make your feelings known. Please take the time and make the effort, this is your lodge. The attendance recently has been poor at best and we would like to see all of you at this meeting to discuss and make the correct decision.
3. **2008 SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Scholarship Committee (WB Oblak, Chairman, WB Alvarez and WB Pacheco) have completed their assessment of all applications received for the \$1000.00 scholarships. They have decided, with the consent of the lodge to grant four, \$1000.00 scholarships this year to the following: Ms. Amanda Wheeler, Mr. Tristan Nall, Ms.



- Brittany Fishman and Ms Kathleen O'Shaughnessy. Congratulations to all of the above.
4. **VISITATION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:** Webb Lodge will be visiting Grovetown Lodge #730 on Thursday, September 11th, 2008. Dinner begins at 7:00 pm with the communication beginning at 8:00 pm. Please give our Visitation Chairman (Glenn Snider) a call so that he will have an accurate number of those attending so that appropriate arrangements can be made for dinner.
 5. **CREATING A RELEVANT LODGE:** What do we need to do to create a relevant lodge? We must encourage the lodge leaders to get involved with the family, in the community, and in the schools as an important step in attracting and retaining new members; particularly the more youthful men in our communities. Lodge involvement represents only one of the steps the lodge will have to take, but it is a very important one. Research conducted by the Masonic Renewal Committee and by the Shrine indicates that among men who are even somewhat interested in joining an organization, involvement in community, family, and children's issues were all important motivators. It's pretty clear that organizations that do not become involved are fighting an uphill, losing battle from which they may not recover. Webb Lodge, I believe, is one such organization. (As are other lodges in the area). Remember, it is the citizens of your community who decide whether your Masonic organization is an integral part of the community and worth joining. When they do, you can consider yourself relevant and capable of making a difference today and in the 21st century.
 6. **FROM AN ANONYMOUS CONFEDERATE SOLDIER:** I asked God for strength, that I might achieve, I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health, that I might do greater things, I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men, I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life, I was given nothing that I asked for--but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed.
 7. **THREE:** A newly initiated Mason finds himself, at the end of the ceremony, in a state of some confusion. Many things have happened in a short time and in a seemingly peculiar manner. But only through his own study, reflection and interpretation over a period of time will the Masonic Symbolism in each degree unfold to his satisfaction. With, perhaps, some prodding from his senior brethren. Masonry, the successor to the ancient mysteries, still follows the ancient manner of teaching by symbols, and each brother is urged to develop their meanings by himself, through reading about and discussing them with his brethren. The new apprentice soon notices that everything seems to be done in groups of **Three**. He hears **three** distinct knocks on the door when his guide seeks admittance to the lodge. He is asked **three** questions prior to his initiation. **Three** reasons are given for the East-West orientation of the lodge. The lodge is supported by **Three** Great Pillars symbolizing Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. The **three** steps to Masonic perfection are Faith, Hope, and Charity. The **Three** distinguishing characteristics of a Mason are Virtue, Honor, and Mercy. The **Three** fundamental principles of the Order are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The Great Architect is represented in Masonry by the equilateral triangle. Why the repeated grouping in threes? The number "**THREE**" was regarded as sacred everywhere in the ancient mysteries. Even the Chinese revered the number. In all the ancient philosophies from Egypt to Scandinavia we find a sacred regard for the number **three**. And everywhere in Masonry three is presented as a prominent symbol, not because we believe any longer in any magical or divine powers of the number, but following the ancient tradition, in accordance with Masonic Practice. (Cited from a short paper from Swift Current Lodge No. 26, A.F.&A.M.)
 8. **SHOW THAT YOU ARE PROUD TO BE A MASON:** Being a Mason in Webb Lodge #166, should mean more than just wearing a ring or a pin, It means being a little more active by attending the lodge and to fraternize with your brethren there in. It's a feeling of pride when you enter the temple, perhaps to mention how many years you are a

member, see friends and an acquaintance that you most likely met at the lodge, and bring back pleasant thoughts to remember. So attend a few meetings brethren of mine and make up your mind that you'll hasten to say "Hi Ya Fellows," Its good to see you again and once more, deep in your heart, feel like a really True Mason! P.S. The food here is still tops it's true, looking forward to seeing you soon, from all your brethren and "Hal Lasy Too." (Author Hal Lasky). Brethren: If you haven't been to Webb Lodge recently you would not have noticed that the number of members attending have decreased to just about no one except the officers (and several of those chairs have had to be filled by others recently) Brother Hal Lasky, who many of you knew, was very wise for his age. (94) Just as he said many years ago, we need you to **Attend**, We need you to **Participate**, We need for you to **Contribute**, We need you to be "**One of the Faithful Few.**" If you do not then Webb Lodge will die and you can say that I was one of the reasons for that death. **PLEASE COME BACK TO THE LODGE, REMEMBER YOUR OBLIGATIONS, GET BACK INTO THE HABIT AND BE ONE OF THOSE WHO REVITALIZE WEBB LODGE. SO MOTE IT BE.**



9. LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE: 1. A recording heard on an answering machine; There's nobody home now to answer the phone, So please leave a message when you hear the tone.

But if you are a burglar, we are not gone at all, We are cleaning our shotguns while screening your call. 2. Signs you are watching a low budget movie: A. The word weekend, beach, party, or naked is in the title. B. Something tells you that

Star Wars Episode II, Porky's Revenge isn't a George Lucas production. C. During the dramatic scene of an ocean liner sinking, you notice a gigantic bar of Ivory Soap floating in the background. D. When Godzilla jumps up, you can see his Beanie Babies label. E. Credits reveal that the movie's director is also the gaffer, grip, hairstylist and caterer. 3. Jealous of our Stealth bombers, Russia has plans to develop one of its own. It will be called the "**Optical Ilyushin**". 4. My Uncle was a flight surgeon in the Air Force Reserve. Part of his training included practice runs with jet-fighter pilots. Sometimes they would have fun at his expense, performing aerial maneuvers in an attempt to make him sick. In the middle of one hair-raising turn, the pilot asked him how he was handling all of the flips and twists. "I'm fine," replied my uncle calmly. "Just don't forget, your physical is tomorrow." 5. This man and woman got up for work one morning and the woman said, "Honey, the refrigerator needs fixing". The man said, "Do I look like the Maytag repair man?" Then she said, The car also needs fixing. Do I look like Mr. Goodwrench? So the man went on to work, and when he finally got home, the woman said, Oh I got the car and the refrigerator fixed. The man next door fixed them. The husband said, Well how much did he charge? Well, she said, He said I can either sleep with him or bake him a cake. Did you bake him a cake, asked her husband? Do I look like Betty Crocker replied his wife????

ATTEND LODGE: YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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