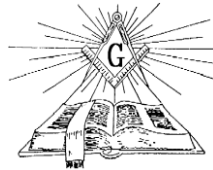


*WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 TRESTLEBOARD*



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BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD ON *SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 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. 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, (1/6<sup>th</sup>) Social Lodge #1, (1/6<sup>th</sup>), John S. Davidson Lodge #677, (1/6<sup>th</sup>) 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 September 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.
- 2. VISITATION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:** Webb Lodge will be visiting Grovetown Lodge #730 on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



- 3. GRAND LODGE 2008:** The 222<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia will take place on October 28-29 (Tues and Wed), 2008 and will be held at the City Auditorium in Macon, Georgia. The Headquarters Hotel is the Ramada Plaza. For reservations call 478-746-1461, rates will be \$77.00 plus tax. Honors Breakfast Buffet at the Ramada will begin at 6:45 am on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$15.00 per person. The

Ladies Luncheon at the Idle Hour Country Club will be held Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$30.00 per person. The Family Night Cookout at the Farmer's Market is also Tuesday and will begin at 6:00 pm, the cost is \$5.00 per person. Anyone interested in attending this year please contact the Secretary so that he may get you Pre-Registered.

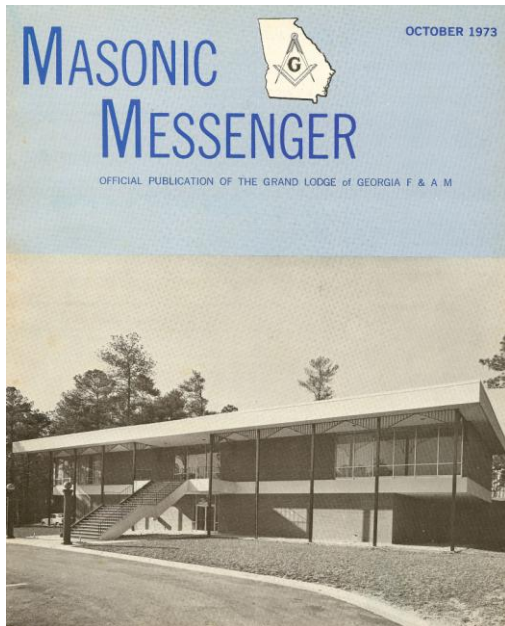


- 4. QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. Nothing ages so quickly as yesterday's vision of the future. (Richard Corliss) 2. Remember one thing about democracy. We can have anything we want and at the same time, we always end up with exactly what we deserve. (Edward Albee) 3. Knowledge is the frontier of tomorrow. (Denis Waitley) 4. To achieve the marvelous, it is precisely the unthinkable that must be thought. (Tom Robbins) 5. Each of us is given a pocketful of time to spend however we

may. We use what we will. We waste what we will. But we can never get back a day. (Roger Wilcox) 6. Procrastination is like a credit card; it's a lot of fun until you get the bill. (Christopher Parker) 7. We are never prepared for what we expect. (James Michener)



- 5. MOMS SURVIVAL TIPS:** To My Kids who have left home and are on their own, I pass on a list of life lessons; 1. Don't sweat your every mistake. They make up for the things you got away with that nobody knows about. 2. Avoid marrying anyone who deliberately flushes the toilet when you are taking a shower. 3. When someone tells you that what he's about to say is "for your own good," expect the worst. 4. If you are lavishly praised, enjoy the taste but don't swallow it whole. 5. If someone says, "I know what I mean, but I just can't put it into words," he doesn't know what he means." 6. Two people cannot operate a TV remote control in the same room at the same time. 7. Don't waste time trying to be your own best friend. You can't pat yourself on the back, and it's unsatisfying to cry on your own shoulder. Find a real friend instead. (Charlotte Johnstone)
- 6. DUES: Brethren:** If you haven't paid your dues for 2008, you are 9 months delinquent. Please check your dues card and confirm that you are current, if not please remit such (\$50.00) as soon as possible.
- 7. FREEMASONRY AND WOMEN:** In Freemasonry, as in all other areas of life, women play an important role. The opportunities for women to participate in Freemasonry are widespread and meet a variety of needs, from social interaction in the Orders for both men and women, to the unique needs met in the "women only" Masonic-related organizations. The moral and ethical values that Freemasonry encourages are universal and not gender-based. Masonic Lodges maintain today a long-standing tradition of restricting membership in Freemasonry to men. This tradition is based on the historical all male membership of stonemasons guilds. During the Middle Ages, men traveled far from home and lived in lodges while constructing great cathedrals throughout Europe. However, in the middle 1800s the fraternity took the progressive step, for that time, of creating organizations that included women, so that men and women could share Masonic fraternalism. The Order of the Eastern Star (the largest of these Masonic-related groups) was established in 1855, the Order of the Amaranth in 1873, and the White Shrine of Jerusalem in 1894. Two national Masonic-related youth organizations are for young women: the International Order of Job's Daughters, founded in 1920, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, founded in 1922. Rainbow and Job's Daughters are involved with local charities, community services, and educational programs. Other Masonic-related organizations limit their membership to women only, such as the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Daughters of the Nile, the Daughters of Mokanna, and the Social Order of Beauceant. These Masonic-related organizations, like many organizations in North America, both social and professional, base their membership on gender. Junior League, P.E.O., National Association of Female Executives, and Girl Scouts, for instance, are organizations created exclusively for women, established to fulfill their unique interests and specific needs.
- 8. LADIES/WIDOWS NIGHT:** Ladies/Widows Night has been scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We will be attending the Fort Gordon Dinner Theater on Friday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> of September to enjoy a buffet dinner and a performance by the Fort Gordon Players. Bob Heishman will be contacting all the widows for reservations. Webb Lodge will again be paying for the spouses or lady friends of the membership as well as the widows and one guest. The cost to the members will be \$37.00 each. Please contact the Secretary for reservations, Tickets are limited to 30. Join us for an evening of fellowship.
- 9. MASONIC TEMPLE MAKES COVER:** I was researching old copies of the Masonic Messenger and found a copy from October 1973. The cover of the magazine was a photo of the Masonic Temple in Augusta (1/6<sup>th</sup> owned by Webb Lodge). Thought all the brethren might enjoy seeing it:



Inside of the Messenger was an article entitled: **“Freemasonry in Augusta.”** The cornerstone and dedication ceremonies were conducted by the late M.W. Brother Raymond B. Muse, Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, before a large assemblage on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1968. This will be a series of articles in the next few months explaining in detail how the formation of the Masonic Temple occurred. Some of the information will be summarized by me due to its length. In the early 1820’s Freemasonry was progressing to such a point that the members felt that a Masonic Hall should be erected in Augusta as a permanent meeting place for the several Masonic Institutions. In 1824 a group of the brethren petitioned the General Assembly of Georgia for permission to hold a Masonic Lottery in Augusta for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to erect a Masonic Hall. This petition was granted and the lottery was held in 1825. When the necessary funds were raised, the Lottery Commissioners petitioned the General Assembly of Georgia to create a

corporation to be know as **“The Trustees of the Masonic Hall in the City of Augusta”** and charged the corporation with the responsibility of providing a suitable and convenient meeting place for the several Masonic Institutions existing in Augusta at that time to include: **Social Lodge No. 18, Webb’s Lodge No. 19, Georgia Encampment No. 1, R.A.M.; Adoniram Council No. 1, R.&S.M. and The Consistory of the Sublime Degrees.** The cornerstone of the first Masonic Hall in Augusta was laid on June 2, 1828, with Grand Master William Schley presiding. Several sentiments were given, and the following I thought was one that was appropriate at the time and I wish that it was still appropriate but unfortunately it is not and is the reason for the why the trustees are investigating the sale of the building: **To the Masonic Hall of Augusta----May it long be the abode of “friendship, morality, and brotherly love.”** In the early 1830’s the result of the Morgan incident caused the loss of membership in Social and Webb’s Lodge and the few remaining members of Webb’s decided to give up their charter and affiliate with Social Lodge, it being the oldest. In the late 1840’s Social Lodge began to increase in membership and decided to appeal to the Grand Lodge of Georgia to revive the late Webb’s Lodge #19 in 1851. It was not approved so in late 1851 several members petitioned to form a new lodge to be known as Webb’s Lodge #166 which was granted in 1852. For some reason not known the apostrophe was dropped from the name in the 1890’s and was known as Webb Lodge #166. (To be continued next month)

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