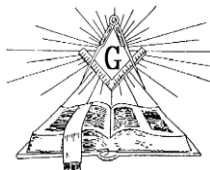


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
MARCH 16TH, 2009 TRESTLEBOARD



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BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F.& A.M. WILL BE HELD ON **MARCH 16th, 2009**. 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 REMINDER: Webb Lodge will be visiting Grovetown Lodge #730 on Thursday, March 12th, 2009, Dinner at 7:00 P.M. Communication will be at 8:00 P.M. Webb Lodge will be visiting Lincolnton Lodge #354 on Thursday, April 16th, 2009. Dinner begins at 6:30 P.M. with the communication beginning at 7:30 P.M. Call Visitation Chairman, WB Glenn Snider for reservations.

2. UPCOMING 25 AND 50 YEAR AWARDS: 50 Year & 25 Year Awards will be presented to the following individuals. The recipients are being contacted as you read this and a date will be set in the next month or so. Congratulations are in order for the following brethren who have reached that Masonic Milestone of 50 Years: Brothers **GEORGE A. HUNTINGTON JR., CLARENCE J. NYLUND, WALTER H. GRANT, JR., HOMER MCGRAW AND JACK L. HIXON**. Webb Lodge will also present one 25 year award this year to **WB JOHN A. SEARS**. Congratulations to the above brethren for achieving these Masonic Milestones.



*"HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL YOU IRISHMEN
FROM THE OFFICERS & LEPRECHAUNS OF WEBB LODGE #166.*

3. QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. Not all those who wander are lost. (Tolkien) 2. I have always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, "Ain't that the truth." (Jones) 3. It's innocence when it charms us, ignorance when it doesn't. (Mclaughlin) 4. The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. (Lombardi) 5. When the heart speaks, the mind finds it indecent to object. (Kundera) 6. **The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good. (Landers)** 7. The greatest conflicts are not between two people but between one person and himself. (Brooks) 8. You cannot be really first-rate at your work if your work is all you are. (Quindlen) 9. Comedy is nothing more than tragedy deferred. (Lyer) 10. You've got to be original, because if you are like someone else, what do they need you for? (Peters)



4. LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE: You know you drink too much coffee when....A) Juan Valdez named his donkey after you. B) You answer the door before people knock. C) You chew other people's fingernails. D) You can type sixty words per minute with your feet. E) You help your dog chase its tail. F) You introduce your spouse as your "Coffeemate." 2. Ad found in the classifieds of a local newspaper: For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain. 3. Poland's Worst Air Disaster occurred today when a small two-seater Cessna 152 plane crashed into a cemetery early this afternoon in central Poland. Polish search and rescue workers have recovered 326 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the evening. 4. Clem and Lem were on an overnight trip to Hephzibah at the height of a multimillion-dollar lottery fever. They stopped at a convenience store to try their luck but found that the ticket line wrapped around the side of the building. Clem spotted a much smaller line inside the store where people were calling out "\$5.00 on No. 3 and \$20.00 on No. 4, etc." He quickly advanced to the front of that line and asked how the game was played. "It's simple sir," the clerk said, pointing outside. "First you pump your gas, then you come tell me how much you got." 5. David Cross's travel agent said to David "I can get you four days and three nights in Las Vegas for \$25.00. David: "How come so cheap?" Travel Agent: "The days are July 11, 12, 13 and 14. The nights are July 18, 19 and 20." 6. Overheard: "We call our three children Eenie, Meenie and Miney, and we don't expect no Mo." 12. A man walked into a second-story bar and ordered a drink. The man next to him began a conversation about wind currents in the area. The first man said he did not understand what was so special about the wind, so the second man said "Let me demonstrate." With that, he went to the window, jumped out, did a little spin in midair and came back. "See how great the currents are? You can do it, too! After a few more drinks and much prodding, the first man decided to test the currents. He went to the window, jumped out and fell to the ground. The bartender looked at the other man and said "Superman, you're mean when you get drunk."



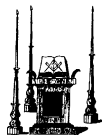
5. MASONRY AT THE CROSSROADS: I am also a member of the Scottish Rite and recently read a copy of the Scottish Rite Journal. In it I found an article related to what I have believed and written about in several of my newsletters over the past several years. This article was written by Norman Cohen, 32nd degree Mason from Beaver Creek, Ohio. I would like to take excerpts from it and relate to you Brother Cohen's concerns and what should be the concerns of **EVERY MASON**. In this article it first states that the Scottish Rite membership losses and the lack of attendance at meetings have been on the increase. He stated that we can no longer afford the luxury of basking in the greatness of accomplishments long since forgotten and the cradle of Freemasonry is the Symbolic Lodge. It must survive and prosper for Masonry to succeed. All

appendant bodies look to Blue Lodges for candidates. The naked fact is that most Grand Lodges are dying, membership is declining rapidly and attendance is mostly dismal. Some may read these words and consider me an alarmist and an extreme pessimist. I have stated in the past that when I entered Masonry in 1982, we had a membership of 337 in Webb Lodge and today it is 108. A couple of Grand Lodges have made videos and placed advertisements in local newspapers. This might cause some Brethren to throw up their hands in horror. Masonry does not advertise, we present "information." Call it what you will, but we do and **should advertise our "Wares"** as stated by Brother Cohen. We have an excellent fraternity and should not hesitate to proclaim it. Yet we are reluctant to depart from the old taboos and traditions that are hindering our progress. If we are to survive we must attract new members. Some Grand Lodges are contemplating changes which are considered drastic and not in order with tradition. What is important is that serious and concrete actions are being taken to stem the hemorrhaging in our roles. Long ago we should have eschewed tradition and created a whole new way of Masonic thinking and conduct. As stated by Brother Cohen "Yes, I must assault the mindset of some of my colleagues who are traditionalists and protectors of the status quo. We must look to bringing Masonry into the 21st century immediately and plan on needed changes to perpetuate our Fraternity in the future. I believe as Brother Cohen does that, the articulate leaders of our various Masonic Bodies should make every effort to seek invitations and appear on talk shows, give interviews to newspapers and counter all derogatory and libelous comments by Masonry's enemies. One point made by Brother Cohen which I support and have supported for many years is that while the Rites and Temples can solicit Masons to join their ranks, Blue Lodges are not sanctioned to directly invite quality candidates from the general public. We have to make Masonry more visible to our community and be able to invite those who fulfill our qualifications. Brother Cohen summarizes this by saying "we have troubles." No one individual, group of individuals or single Masonic organization can solve our problems. It will require the cooperation of Masonry as an aggregate. We must overcome divisions and work together. The alternatives are not promising. We need to start somewhere, why not in Webb Lodge #166. Why not carry our concerns to the Grand Lodge of Georgia and it's officers. I have personally written to four Past Grand Masters with these concerns, to no avail. Again, one individual cannot move a mountain, but together we may be able to. What is your opinion on this subject?? Do you care enough about Masonry and it's survival??? I would like to state that this is only **"MY OPINION"** and does not necessary reflect the overall opinion of the officers or members of Webb Lodge.



6. SCOTTISH RITE REUNION: If any member of Webb Lodge is not already a Scottish Rite Mason and would like to become one, the next Reunion is scheduled for May 15th & 16th, 2009. Please contact Gregory Oblak at 706-829-1665 for a petition. For all of you who are Scottish Rite Masons, please get back in the habit of attending the Lodge of Perfection Meetings on the first Thursday of every month, except July. Webb Lodge for many months had at least 10 brethren at each meeting, but that number has declined over the last year. Come join us for a great dinner, great guest speakers and great fellowship.

7. WEBB LODGE #166 ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CONFERRAL: Webb Lodge will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on Monday, April 13, 2009. The Degree will begin at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served between sections. Our Junior Warden, David Cross will do the conferral. Come out and support our new candidate and the officers who have practiced for this degree.



8. "THE SLEEPING FOX CATCHES NO POULTRY." We didn't write that headline, Ben Franklin did. "Get out of that bed and get cracking," he was saying. Set your alarm for six, not seven. If you think you do well after a two martini lunch, see what you do after a two orange juice breakfast. Ben Franklin didn't spend a lot of time snoozing. Starting at age 13, with no formal education, he accomplished more than almost any other American since. **"Plow deep while sluggards sleep,"** he also said. So hop out of the sack. Get up and go. The fox is wide awake. He'll grab all the chickens if you snooze.

9. THE MOST CREATIVE JOB IN THE WORLD: It involves taste, fashion, decorating, recreation, education, transportation, psychology, romance, cuisine, medicine, art, economics, pediatrics, geriatrics, entertainment, maintenance, purchasing, law, accounting and management. Anyone who can handle all of that has to be somebody special. She is. **She's the Homemaker.**

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