

**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
MAY 18th, 2009 TRESTLEBOARD**



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BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD ON **MAY 18th, 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 Clarence Cohen Daylight Lodge #749 on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. Breakfast begins at 9:00 A.M. with the communication beginning at 10:00 A.M. We will also be visiting Acacia Lodge #315 in North Augusta on Friday, June 5th, 2009. Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M. and the communication at 8:00 P.M. Call Visitation Chairman, WB Glenn Snider for reservations.

2. UPCOMING 25 AND 50 YEAR AWARDS: 50 & 25 Year Awards will be presented to the following individuals. 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**. These presentations will take place at our regular communication June 15th, 2009. Please make the effort to attend and congratulate these members. The Grand Senior Warden, B. Palmer Mills has agreed to join us that evening to present the awards.



3. SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION: The Scottish Rite will be holding its Spring Reunion on May 15-16th, 2009. If you are not a Scottish Rite member and would like to become one, please consider attending this Spring Reunion. It is the largest in the last several years; as of this writing we have **20 candidates**. Please see me for an application or give me a call and I will send you one in the mail. Deadline is May 7th, 2009. (Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665)

4. 10TH MASONIC DISTRICT CONVENTION: The 10th Masonic District Convention will be held at John S. Davidson Lodge #677 on Saturday, June 13th, 2009, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The Delegates are T. Gregory Oblak, P.M. and James L. Huggins, Sr., P.M. The Alternates are Glenn F. Snider, P.M. and Frank J. Valentine, Jr.



5. FLAG DAY AT THE SCOTTISH RITE CENTER: Flag Day is Saturday, June 20th. The Scottish Rite Bodies of Augusta will be hosting the event this year at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA. 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 by the Fort Gordon Band. Media from TV, Radio and Newspaper will be covering this event. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Plan to attend and bring your family, neighbors and friends (especially the children).



6. DUES: Brethren: Please check your dues card and make sure you have a current 2009 Dues card in your possession. If you are in the rears for two years, you are in jeopardy of being suspended. Certified letters will be sent out this month to those members. Dues are \$50.00 per year. If either your dues or a letter explaining your financial situation have not been received by the June communication, you will be suspended for non-payment of dues according to our by-laws. Take the time and inform the lodge of your specific situation. We will act accordingly. We are here to help if needed. So Mote It Be.



*THE OFFICERS OF WEBB LODGE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE MOTHERS A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ON **MAY 10TH** AND ALSO WOULD ASK YOU TO REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THIS COUNTRY ON MEMORIAL DAY, **MAY 25TH**.*



7. CONSIDER THIS: 1. The words information and communication are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through (Sydney Harris) 2. Fear of failure will absolutely destroy you. You walk down the middle of the street. You never take chances. You never go down the little side streets that you look at and say "That looks interesting. But I don't know that street. I'll stay right here and just walk this straight line." (J. Lemmon). 3. Regardless of how you feel inside, always try to look like a winner. Even if you are behind, a sustained look of control and confidence can give you a mental edge that results in victory. (Arthur Ashe)



8. LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU: A) Bill Kirby writes a column in the Augusta Chronicle and had a collection of classified personal ads published the other day that I thought you might enjoy. 1. **Foxy Lady:** Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4", (used to be 5'6") searching for

sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus. 2. **Long-Term Commitment:** Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband, and am looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot; dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem. 3. **Serenity Now:** I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times. 4. **Mint Condition:** Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Not in running condition, but walks well. **B)** The following is a few of our favorite bumper stickers. 1. If you can read this, I've lost my trailer. 2. This would be really funny if it weren't happening to me. 3. So Many Pedestrians, So Little Time. 4. If we quit voting, will they all go away? 5. Eat Right, Exercise, Die Anyway!! **C)** One of the girls at the office said her husband bought her a mood ring for their anniversary. When she is in a good mood it turns green. When she is in a bad mood, it leaves a red mark on her husband's forehead.



9. THE COST OF FREEDOM (By Howard Coop, 32°): Brethren: As you know Memorial Day is just around the corner. It is sad that many of our younger generation only think of Memorial Day as another holiday which allows us a day off from either work or school. I just recently read an article which I would like to reprint (not in its entirety) by Brother Coop in the Scottish Rite Journal. He states that most Americans observe Memorial Day in one way or another. While some individuals see only an extra three day weekend, many citizens are more perceptive. They recognize that the purpose of the observance is noble and has remained unchanged through the years. Since it began in 1868, Memorial Day has been set aside to honor the memory of those patriots who served their country in time of need, some of whom gave the full measure of devotion. From Bunker Hill in 1775 to Baghdad in 2009 and on numerous occasions between, those significant places and dates, men and women, have answered when the call came to serve their country. As true patriots always do, they made personal sacrifices involving themselves and their families. Their courageous efforts protected our land and preserved the freedoms we cherish. Lest we forget, those flags waving in the spring breeze in the cemeteries on Memorial Day are silent reminders of the cost of the freedom which we too often take for granted. The flags mark the resting places of a host of courageous men and women who served their country faithfully. **To them, we owe a debt that can never be repaid.**

10. AGE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP: I read an interesting fact in the Masonic Messenger last month that broke out the membership in Georgia by age. Here is the summary in 10 year increments of the 47,000 members in Georgia. 21-30 years of age=1,324, 30-40 years old=3,620, 40-50 years old=5,488, 50-60 years old =7,602, 60-70 years old =11,323, 70-80 years old =10,008, 80-90 years old =6,398, 90-100 years old=1,128 and 100+ years old=56. **Over half of the membership is 60-80 years old.** We need more quality young men in the fraternity or we will continue to die a slow death. So Mote it Be.

11. TOP TEN INDICATORS THAT YOUR EMPLOYER HAS CHANGED TO A CHEAPER HEALTH CARE PLAN:
 (10) Your annual breast exam is done at Hooters. (9) Directions to your doctor's office include "Take a left when you enter the trailer park." (8) The tongue depressors taste faintly of Fudgesicles. (7) The only proctologist in the plan is "Gus" from Roto-Rooter. (6) The only item listed under Preventive Care Coverage is "an apple a day..." (5) Your primary care physician is wearing the pants you gave to Goodwill last month. (4) "The patient is responsible for 200% of out-of-network charges" is not a typographical error. (3) The only expense covered 100% is embalming. (2) Your Prozac comes in different colors with little M's on them. **AND THE NUMBER ONE SIGN YOU HAVE JOINED A VERY CHEAP HEALTH CARE PLAN** (1) You ask for Viagra and they give you a Popsicle stick and a piece of duct tape.



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