

*WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
AUGUST 17TH, 2009 TRESTLEBOARD*



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BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD AT 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, ON AUGUST 17TH 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) WIDOWS HAVE AN OPEN INVITATION TO COME JOIN US FOR DINNER EACH MONTH AND PLEASE BRING A GUEST.

- 1. VISITATION REMINDER:** Webb Lodge will be visiting John S. Davidson Lodge #677 on Thursday, August 13th, 2009 and Grovetown Lodge #730 on September 10th, 2009. Our visitation committee has dwindled lately from 8-10 members to just 4. Brothers Heishman, Fleishner, Snider and Oblak have continued each and every month, but we need to get everyone to participate (especially all 11 officers). Please try to take the time and make the effort to call WB Snider and let him know that you will be attending the above visitations so that he can inform the visiting lodge for dinner purposes.



- 2. WIDOWS/LADIES NIGHT; SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2009:** Anyone interested in attending the Widows/Ladies Night at the Scottish Rite Center on Friday, September 25th, 2009 needs to contact the secretary and pick up your tickets for you and your spouse. Your spouse's ticket is free but you must pay \$25.00 for yours. We have reserved 3 tables for Webb Lodge that evening and have only 25 tickets available. Please contact the Secretary as soon as possible to get your tickets so if we need more he can purchase the same before the performance is sold out. Randy Riggle, who is a professional comedian and impersonator will be entertaining us with his new show "**Christmas in September.**" The dinner will be a seafood and chicken buffet, all you can eat. Call Secretary, Greg Oblak (706-829-1665) to pick up your tickets.

- 3. WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MASTER MASON:** Webb Lodge would like to congratulate and welcome **Jack Phillip Goldenberg** into the fraternity. Jack was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 27th, 2009. We hope Jack will attend and contribute in the upcoming months. Please take the time and welcome him into Webb Lodge when you see him.



- 4. GRAND LODGE 2009 IS MOVING ITS LOCATION:** For a number of years, the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia has been held in the Macon City Auditorium. With the construction of a new Marriott Hotel next door to the Centreplex, it is now timely that they are moving the meeting to the Centreplex Convention Center. On September 1, 2009 the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel will open its doors. The Grand Lodge has signed a contract with the Marriott for a large number of rooms to coincide with the Grand Lodge sessions. As of yet the Marriott is not in a position to accept reservations so do not call until about mid-August. More information will follow next month.

- 5. GRAND SECRETARY IS RETIRING:** Webb Lodge would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to WB Don DeKalb for a job well done. WB DeKalb is retiring at the end of this month as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia after 7 years. I called Brother DeKalb and wished him well and told him that Webb Lodge appreciated his contribution of time and his efforts to further the fraternity. He told me that he appreciated my call and was looking forward to spending more time with his family. We wish him well.

- 6. GRANDMA'S HOUSEHOLD TIPS:** 1. Whenever I purchase a box of SOS pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad in half. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused smelly pads I finally decide that this would be much more economical and now a box of SOS pads lasts me indefinitely! In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get sharpened this way! 2. Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood, works every time! 3. Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak. 4. Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on. Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come; you can also do this with towels and linens. 5. To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously as the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your flowers looking like new! 6. Spray your Tupperware with non-stick cooking spray before pouring in tomato sauces and there won't be any stains. 7. Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks. 8. Cure for headaches; Take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away. 9. Use air freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and



better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine. 10. When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before using tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter and pull it off. Easy and painless. 11. To unclog a drain: Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar, wait a few minutes then run hot water.

7. **“ONCE A MASON, ALWAYS A MASON”**: I was reading an article published in the Masonic Messenger in 1973 and it asked the question: “Once you become a Mason are you always a Mason?” First of all what is a Mason? If we give it some thought most of us will realize that to be a **“Mason”** is not the same as being a member of a Masonic Lodge. Before a man can be made a Master Mason, the basic qualifications must be in his heart. In initiating, passing and raising a candidate we confer on him only an outward rank and privilege and we do indeed show him the way to become and be a **“Mason.”** But neither we, nor any mortal other than himself, can make him a **“Mason.”** The true Mason will be a Mason until he is told to lay down his working tools for good and go to the Celestial Lodge on High. To be a **“Mason”** is a much bigger, much more difficult task than to pay a few dollars for degrees and annual dues. Therefore, comparatively few members of our lodges are willing to make this great effort and fewer yet have the persistence to succeed. Some do drop out of the fraternity every year and are no longer Masons. With very few exceptions none of them ever knew what it really meant to be a Fellowcraft, let alone a Master Mason. A man once made a Mason, in his heart, cannot turn back, nor can he be turned back. No misfortune, no mistake on his part can unmake him. Even loss of membership in the fraternity will not deprive him of his knowledge of Masonic Ethics, nor of his study of his own trestleboard for the designs made on it. So, the question becomes one of definition. But if we apply the yardsticks given us in the three degrees, if we refer to a brother’s heart and not to his wallet when we call him a **“Mason”**, then I do not doubt that **“Once a Mason, Always a Mason”** indeed.



*He is a wise Brother who knows how to conclude a speech when he has said all that is pertinent to the subject.
(Rev. George Oliver)*

Better were it to be unborn than to be ill bred. (Sir Walter Raleigh)

8. **HUMOR IS ALWAYS GOOD FOR THE SOUL**: The older my wife, Carma, and I get, the harder it is to maintain our weight. We eat less but the doctors tell us that we should also exercise. Here are some of her excuses and mine too. 1. My wife started walking five miles a day when she was 50. She’s 60 now and we don’t know where the heck she is. 2. The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again. 3. I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I’m doing. 4. Carma doesn’t exercise at all. She says that if God meant for us to touch our toes, he would have put them on our knees. 5. I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them. 6. If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country. 7. We don’t jog. It makes the ice jump right out of our glasses.

A Master of a Lodge should be courteous, but firm; Earnest, but decided. The chair is a test which few pass with entire satisfaction. It is an important criterion of prudence, discretion and judgment. (Rev. George Oliver)

A Good Habit - Attend Your Lodge.

The Gentleman - No man is a true gentleman who does not inspire the affection and devotion of his peers.



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