WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2009 TRESTLEBOARD (#264)

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BRETHREN: THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD AT 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA ON  $DECEMBER 21^{ST}$ , 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. WEBB LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION: Brethren, the annual communication this year will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Please put this important date on your calendar NOW so that you may participate in the election of your officers for the ensuing year. We need your help in the chairs and to serve on a number of important committees. Corinthians 12:14-20 states that "Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. The same is true for our great Fraternity. You see we are not members of the fraternity but WE ARE THE FRATERNITY!!! Just as the body requires many different parts to function, so does Masonry. Each one of us has a role and part to play in Masonry and just because one is not an officer or on a committee does not mean he is any less a part of our fraternity. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please attend Lodge and be "ONE OF THE FAITHFUL FEW."
- 2. MASON OF THE YEAR: Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Jim Huggins on being elected "Mason of the Year" for 2009. Jim has been our Director of Work for the last several years and is our current Senior Deacon. He is one of our coaches for the degrees and can always be counted on if needed. Jim is definitely "One of the Faithful Few." Since Jim has won this award before, he will be given a check for \$150.00 at our annual communication. Please congratulate Jim when you see him.
- FROM SANTA'S WORKSHOP: This is from Santa's Workshop to both young and old. "Daddy," she said, her eyes full of tears, will you talk to me and quiet my fears? Those bad boys at school are spreading a lie about the impossibility of reindeer that fly. There is no Santa Claus, they say with a grin. There is not one now and there never has been. How can one man take all of those toys to thousands of girls and boys? But I told them Daddy that they were not right, that I would come home and find out tonight. Mama said wait until you come home. Please tell me now that I was not wrong. Her Daddy looked at her questioning face and puffed his pipe while his frantic mind raced. He had put this off as long as he could, he had to think fast and it better be good. Whispering a prayer, he began with a smile. "Well climb on my lap, dear, let's talk awhile. Remember at church how we learned to pray, asking God to take care of us each day? And you know how we say grace before each meal? To this same God whom we know to be real. Though we never see him, we know he is there, watching his children with such loving care. God started Christmas a long time ago when he gave us his son to love and to know. A spirit of giving came with that birth and God's generosity filled the whole earth. Man had to name this spirit of giving just as he names all things that are living. The name Santa Claus came to someone's mind, probably the best name of any to find. There is, you can see, and I think quite clear, truly a Santa who visits each year. A spirit like God, whom we never see, he enters the hearts of your mother and me. Each year at Christmas for one special night we become him and make everything right. But the REAL spirit of Christmas is in you and me and I hope you are old enough now to see that as we believe and continue to give, our friend Santa Claus will continue to live. HUGS AND KISSES, SANTA CLAUS
  - **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:** 1. Falling in love is easy but staying in love is something very special. 2. The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is to know that you are the reason behind it. 3. To have joy one must share it. 4. Friends have a way of speaking without words. 5. The one thing children wear out faster than shoes are parents. 6. Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. 7. Love doesn't make the world go round, but it makes the ride worthwhile. 8. It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. 9. Laughter is the shortest distance between friends. 10. Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional. 11. Wherever you are it is your friends who make your world. 12. You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old. 13. A friend is, as it were, a second self.



**THE MASONIC RING:** Brethren: If you have access to the Internet please take the time and go to the Grand Lodge of Georgia Website (<u>www.glofga.org</u>) and click on the link which says; The Masonic Ring. This is a musical rendition by a brother named Howie Damron who plays the guitar and sings. It is only 3 minutes and 15 seconds, but worth listening to. I hope you enjoy it.

**50 Year, 25 Year and Emeritus Membership for 2009:** The lodge has applied for confirmation from Grand Lodge for the following awards. If approved, the following brothers would be eligible for the following:

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50 Year Grand Lodge Awards	Raised
Charlie C. Sheffield, Jr.	04-27-1959
Huston L. Roberson	03-31-1959
William M. Evans	03-31-1959
William C. Byrd	05-23-1959
25 Year Award	
Roy L. White	11-28-1984
Emeritus Membership	
James L. Huggins, Sr.	05-15-1973

LET'S PUT THIS OFF: Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine. I got to thinking one day about all those people on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible. How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word "refrigeration" mean nothing to you? How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television? I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, "How about going to lunch in a half hour?" She would gas up and stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain." And my personal favorite: "It's Monday." She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together. Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect! We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college. Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on," and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit." When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord. My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a tripledecker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy. Now go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to, not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting? Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over. "Life may not be the party we hoped for... but while we are here, we might as well dance!

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:** Rudy Dixon will be conducting the School of Instruction for this area at Martinez #710. The School will begin at 7:00 pm and will end sharply at 9:00 pm. The dates are as follows: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. All officers should attend and any interested Master Masons may attend to further your education. Please support brother Dixon and your Lodge by attending and learning the work correctly. Hope to see you there. As a side note the brethren of Martinez Lodge always have refreshments (if not a full blown dinner) each day of instruction for those who do not have time to eat dinner.

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