

**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
FEBRUARY 15TH, 2010 TRESTLEBOARD (#266)**



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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 **FEBRUARY 15TH, 2010**. 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. **REINSTATEMENT:** Webb Lodge would like to welcome back W. Lawrence Ogletree who has recently restored his membership. Welcome back, Larry!!!!!!

2. **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** 1. The 10th Masonic District will host the 2010 George Washington's Birthday Celebration on Saturday, February 20th, 2010, beginning at 10:30 A.M. The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, Georgia, 30904. It is open to all members, spouses and their friends. Part of the program will be a presentation of 25, 50 & 60 Year Awards. Webb Lodge has four brethren who have attained the 50 Year Masonic Milestone: Brothers **Charlie C. Sheffield, Jr., Huston L. Roberson, William C. Byrd, and William M. Evans**. Brother **Roy White** will be presented his 25 year award. Worshipful Brother **Baum Wilkes** has completed 60 years in Masonry and will be given a 60 year apron by Webb Lodge. Baum has been Worshipful Master of Webb Lodge twice and has been a coach for many years. Baum is a "**MASON**", not just a member of a Masonic Lodge. He is definitely "**One of the Faithful Few.**" Congratulations to all 6 of the above brethren for attaining these Masonic Milestones. There will also be a program and a light lunch following all of the festivities. Webb Lodge would like to see all the officers in attendance, as well as the membership.



**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
FROM THE OFFICERS OF WEBB LODGE #166**



3. **LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE BODY AND SOUL:** 1. SIGN LANGUAGE: A). Sign seen on a local tire store; "invite us to your next blowout." B). Sign seen on an Albuquerque, N.M., motel: "We're as cheap as you are." C). Sign on the door of the post office in Grovetown, Georgia; "PULL. If that doesn't work, PUSH. If that doesn't work, we are closed. Come again." 2. Quote by Brooke Shields; "Smoking kills. If you're killed, you have lost a very important part of your life." 3. Two little girls, ages 5 and 6 were playing wedding. Their mother overheard the vows: "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be held against you. You have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride." 4. Vegetarian is an old Indian word, meaning "doesn't hunt well."

4. **VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR 2010:** The following is a list of lodges provided by our Visitation Chairman which Webb Lodge will be visiting this year. Please call Glenn Snider, Visitation Chairman (706-667-6555) prior to each visitation so that he can call to make dinner reservations.

February 9.....Social Lodge #1
March 11.....Grovetown Lodge #730
April 15.....Lincolnton Lodge #354
May 1.....Clarence Cohen Daylight Lodge #749
June 4.....Acacia Lodge #315

July 8.....George Walton Lodge #699
August 12.....John S. Davidson Lodge #677
September 9.....Grovetown Lodge #730
October 19.....Harlem Lodge #276
November 1.....Martinez Lodge #710

5. **SPECIAL ONE DAY SCOTTISH RITE REUNION:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite will be participating in a special one day reunion with all the other valleys in the state of Georgia. This Reunion will be held at the Atlanta Masonic Center in Atlanta, Georgia on May 15th, 2010. This class will be named after our SGIG of Georgia, Illustrious Brother Leonard Buffington, who is also the Grand Master of all Georgia Masons this year. If you are interested in joining the Scottish Rite, this would be an excellent time to do so. This will be one of the largest reunions with all 6 valleys participating (Augusta, Atlanta, Albany, Macon, Columbus and Savannah). If you are interested, please contact the General Secretary of the Scottish Rite and Secretary of Webb Lodge #166, Gregory Oblak, for a petition (706-829-1665). The cost of the reunion will be \$200.00. If you are under the age of 31 or over the age of 65, reduced rates may apply. Additional information will be available in upcoming issues.





6. **IT'S LOVE:** The Washington Post asked readers to come up with inept romantic sentiments for Valentine's Day: **A).** Your kisses are sweeter than wine, but without the paper bag. **B).** I am irrationally exuberant for you in the third quarter of my fiscal life, with rising indicators. **C).** My love for you runs hotter than a 1974 Nova with a V-8 engine and a busted water pump. **D).** You're really somethin', and that ain't just the beer talkin'. **E).** If we were cockroaches, I'd want to have all 456,938 of your children. **F).** Darling, you make me as hot as those hand dryers in a turnpike restroom.
7. **GROWING YOUR LODGE:** Last month WB Huggins brought up the subject of trying to make that extra effort to "**Grow Our Lodge.**" Why is it that several lodges in the area are raising 6-10 candidates every year but Webb Lodge's average is significantly less? We, the members of Webb Lodge need to make an effort, take the time, talk about what we do in our lodge to those non Masons we know who would make a good Mason. A Past Editor of the Masonic Messenger, Fred Lamar Pearson, Jr. wrote an article in the February 2003 Issue and I would like to summarize his article on how to grow a Lodge. The most obvious is to keep the membership numbers in the black, as well as the finances of the lodge. Keep your lodge **building and grounds attractive** to you and the community (something which hasn't been done for several years). We cannot ask people to join our ranks, but we can act in such a way that some will want to petition our lodge. According to Brother Pearson, one of the most effective tools is a **good newsletter.** Keep the brethren informed and entertained. Webb Lodge has tried to do this for the past 22 years and have had several positive comments from the membership (and also some criticisms). Experienced Masons can make a difference by responding to a young Mason's questions and **taking one of them under his wing.** **Lodge officers should meet on a regular basis and formulate plans.** There should always be **Masonic Education,** good fellowship and fraternalism at every meeting. Study the opening and closing ceremonies, **be proficient in the conferral of degrees** and make certain that the coaches know the catechism; not just the words, but more importantly what they mean. **Attend the School of Instruction** and give the brethren as much responsibility as they can handle. These are some things one might consider to help your lodge. Webb Lodge is on the RIGHT TRACK so far this year, we have a Worshipful Master who I have a lot of faith in and who hopefully has some new ideas, we have a good group of officers, and the membership which attend are very Faithful. We need to continue what we have started throughout the year, keep up our enthusiasm and our **Lodge WILL GROW.** So mote it be.
8. **GLOSSARY OF TOOLS:** For all you members out there who try to do it all yourself, here are my definitions of specific tools which you might have used in the past: **1. DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room. **2. SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short. **3. PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters. **4. BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs. **5. TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. **6. BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheets into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge. **7. PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt, but can also be used (as the name implies) to strip out Phillips screw heads. **8. STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms. **9. HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object you are trying to hit. **10. SON OF A B***H TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "SON OF A B***H!" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



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