

BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F.& A.M. WILL BE HELD AT 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, ON **JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**, **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. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP: Dear Webb Lodge Member; Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M. is requesting your assistance. As we all know the economy is affecting all of us to include Webb Lodge and our ability to continue to donate monies to our local and regional charities as well as continuing our scholarship program. In the past we have had annual fundraisers to raise monies for these charities. However; with the average membership age increasing and the number of new candidates decreasing, we do not always

have the manpower to complete several fundraisers. The active members will be bagging groceries on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Fort Gordon Commissary with all tips going to our charity fund. We support 14 local charities to include; The Fisher House, Children's Medical Center, Safe Homes of Augusta, Friendship Community Center, Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, Widows of Deceased Members, Make A Wish Foundation, Golden Harvest and Columbia Cares Food Banks to name a few, as well as "The Children's Masonic Home" in Macon, Georgia. We would like to give each member the opportunity to contribute to "Your Blue Lodge," and in turn help support these charities. Please help with your donation of \$16.00 for two tickets, which you will find in this month's newsletter, to a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser which will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 7:30 to 10:00 A.M. at Fatz Café, 464 North Belair Road, Evans, GA 30809. 50% of all ticket sales will be paid to Fatz for food and preparation and the remaining 50% will be earmarked for our charity fund. Also, please feel free to donate any additional amount that you deem appropriate. We would like to have all donations in hand by October 1, 2010. Please send your donation to Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M., 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30909. Please call either Worshipful Master Frank Valentine at 706-868-9186 or Secretary Gregory Oblak at 706-829-1665 if you have any questions. I would like to thank you in advance for your donation and hope that you will continue to support "Your Lodge."

2. DUES AND ADDRESS CHANGE REMINDER: Brethren, please check your dues card and make sure that you are up to date. If you have a financial burden, please notify the lodge and I am sure that the problem can be resolved. Also, several brethren move each year and do not notify the lodge. Please take the time to do this so that I can continue to get the newsletter and your dues notices to you on time and also so that I can notify the Grand Lodge to keep their records accurate and you can continue to receive the "Masonic Messenger." So mote it be!!

## 12 THINGS IT TOOK ME 50 YEARS TO LEARN: 3.

- Never take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night. 1
- 2. There can be a fine line between a "Hobby" and "Mental Illness."
- 3. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
- 4. You should never confuse your career with your life.
- 5. No matter what happens in life, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. 6.
- 7. Never lick a steak knife!
- The most destructive force in the universe is gossip. 8.
- 9. Take out the fortune before you eat the cookie.
- 10. Nobody can give me a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight-savings time.
- 11. A person who is nice to you but rude to the waiter is not a nice person.
- 12. Your friends love you, no matter what!

VISITATION: Webb Lodge will be visiting John S. Davidson Lodge #677 on August 12th, 2010. Please call WB Glenn Snider, our visitation chairman, for your reservation.



5. QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. No one else, ever, will think you are great the way your mother does. (Matalin) 2. Fear cripples the soul, so you just have to fight it. (Keaton) 3. The true friend is the one that's coming in the door while everyone else is going out. (McGraw) 4. Never take a step backward, not even to gain momentum. (Garcia) 5. A perfect parent is a person with excellent child-rearing theories and no actual children. (Barry) 6. You're not famous until my Mother has heard of you. (Leno)







LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE: 1. I was talking on the phone with my son who was 6. stationed in Hawaii with the Air Force. He was explaining how the troops were learning to scuba dive. They used the buddy system, he said, and occasionally dived into shark-infested waters. Listening on the extension, my daughter asked, "What do you do when you see a shark?" Said my son, "Swim faster than your buddy." 2. According to legend, a man was going to bed when his wife noticed that the light in their garden shed was on. When he opened the back door to go turn off the light, he saw people stealing things from the shed. He quickly phoned the police and was asked, "Is someone in your house?" The man said no, and the dispatcher replied that all patrols were busy. They should simply lock the doors and an officer would be along when available. The irate homeowner counted to 30 and dialed the police again and stated that I just called because there were people in my shed and you don't have to worry now because I have shot them all. Then he hung up. Within five minutes, three police cars, an armed response unit and an ambulance screeched to a halt in front of the house. The police caught the burglars red-handed. "I thought you said that you had shot all of them?" one officer said sternly. "I thought you said there was nobody available," the man replied. 3. GREAT REASONS TO BE A MAN: Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds; a five day vacation requires only one suitcase; you can kill your own food; your underwear is \$7.00 for a three-pack; you are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes; your belly usually hides your big hips; one wallet and one pair of shoes, one color for all seasons; you can do your nails with a pocketknife; you don't have to shave below your neck; Christmas shopping can be accomplished for 25 relatives on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**7. 50 YEAR AWARD:** Brother Charlie Sheffield was not available last year to receive his 50 year award (50 year apron, pin and certificate). Webb Lodge will be presenting this award to Brother Sheffield on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Awards Night at the Scottish Rite Center. The Chairman of the District Deputies of the 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District, Robbie Thomas will present this Grand Lodge Award. Please be sure to attend and support Brother Sheffield. All attending will be served a Steak Dinner and enjoy a night of fellowship.

**8.** WEBB LODGE FUNDRAISER: Webb Lodge will be trying to raise funds for our charity program on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. We will be bagging groceries at the Fort Gordon Commissary from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please participate if you can. We are trying to form several teams so that each team will only have to work for a few hours each. Call the Secretary at 706-829-1665 if you can help.



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**DEATH OF A BROTHER:** Webb Lodge has lost another brother, **JAMES D. RABUN.** Brother Rabun was Born on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1926; was Initiated: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1952; Passed: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1952; Raised: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1952; Died: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please remember Brother Rabun and his family in your prayers.

**10. OHIO INGENUITY:** It seems three contractors are bidding to repair a fence around the Masonic Temple in Augusta and our Worshipful Master, Frank Valentine, is accepting bids for the job. One is from Georgia, one from South Carolina and one from the great state of Ohio. They all go down to the Masonic Temple to examine the fence. The South Carolina contractor takes out a tape and measures the fence, works some figures and says the job should cost about \$900.00; \$400.00 for materials, \$400.00 for the crew and \$100.00 profit. The Georgia contractor does some measuring and figuring and says he can do the job for \$700.00, \$300.00 for materials, \$300.00 for the crew and \$100.00 profit. The Ohio contractor doesn't measure or figure but leans over to Frank and says, I can do the job for \$2700.00. Frank says "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?" Well, he answers, \$1000.00 for me, \$1000.00 for you and we hire the guy from Georgia!!! Frank awarded the contractor from Ohio the bid. (Sorry guys!!!)



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