

WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
AUGUST 16th, 2010 TRESTLEBOARD (#272)



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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 16th, 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. **JUST A THOUGHT:** I have seen several publications recently refer to Freemasonry as a sleeping giant. Freemasonry is referred to as a giant because it began to build the human soul and spirit using man's hunger for knowledge, truth and goodness, a love of God and loyalty to his fellow man..and thus began our Masonic heritage. As this potential evolved, it moved across our earth gaining in strength and influence and created this GIANT. The sleeping aspect is readily comprehensible when we consider the relative quiescence of Freemasonry today as compared to our past. My Brothers, the potential to wake what we have chosen to term a sleeping giant is in our hands. If the giant sleeps too long, it may change from a sleeping giant to a dying giant. I constantly hear that Freemasonry is in a rut and it would behoove us to remember that the only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth of the hole. Freemasonry is too important to me to sleep and it is certainly too important to die. But "WE" are the only ones who can awaken it.



2. **DEATH OF ANOTHER BROTHER:** Webb Lodge has lost another Brother this month, Brother **Frank Douglas Guthrie**. Brother Guthrie was born 7/28/1914, was Initiated on 2/5/1947, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on 5/5/1947 and was Raised a Master Mason on 5/26/1947 and Died on July 16, 2010. Please remember Brother Guthrie and his family in your prayers.

3. **QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. Life is too short to drink the house wine. (Thomas) 2. Your imperfections are what make you beautiful. (Bullock) 3. Silly is you in a natural state and serious is something you have to do until you can get silly again. (Myers) 4. Fishing is worth any amount of effort and any amount of expense to people who love it, because in the end you get such a large number of dreams per fish. (Frazier) (The feelings I'm sure of Sid Putnam, the Bassmaster.) 5. If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck? (Ellerbe) 6. Graduation speeches were invented largely in the belief that college students should never be released into the world until they have been properly sedated. (Trudeau) 7. Whenever you see darkness, there is extraordinary opportunity for the light to burn brighter. (Bono)



4. **TEST FOR DEMENTIA:** Below are four questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time; answer all of them immediately. Let's find out just how clever you really are: **Question 1:** You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in? **Answer:** If you answered that you are first, you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second! Try not to screw up next time. Now answer the 2nd question, but answer quicker, OK? **Question 2:** If you overtake the last person, then you are?? **Answer:** If you answered that you are second to last, you are wrong again. You can't overtake the LAST person? You are not very good at this, are you? This next one is tricky, do the math in your head! **Question 3:** Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the Total?? Did you get 5000? The **Answer** is actually 4100. If you do not believe it, check it with a calculator!! Today is definitely not your day, is it? Maybe you will get the last question right. **Question 4:** Mary's father has five daughters; 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?? Did you answer Nunu? No!! Of course it isn't. **Answer:** Her name is MARY!! Read the question again!! **OK, BONUS ROUND:** A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses. How does he indicate what he wants? **Answer:** He just has to open his mouth and ask. It is really very simple.....Like you!! When would you like your appointment to be picked up and taken to Funny Farm????



5. **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Scholarship Committee has selected two recipients this year for our scholarship program. Two grandchildren of one of our own, Sid Putnam, will each be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship. Congratulations to Ms. Morgan Putnam and Ms. Kathleen O'Shaughnessy. Since both of these students are out of state, their awards will be sent to them rather than having a formal presentation ceremony.



6. **UPCOMING DEGREE WORK:** Webb Lodge has been asked by the Grand Lodge of Texas to confer courtesy work to one of their newly raised EA Masons. We also have one new petition for the degrees which is under investigation as you read this newsletter. The Lodge has set the following dates for practice for these degrees, August 1st, 8th and 15th beginning at 7:00 pm at the lodge. Director of Work, WB Jim Huggins, will oversee these practices but we must have all the officers present. Please make every effort to attend all of these practices. If you cannot attend please notify Brother Huggins. So Mote It Be.



7. **SOUTHERN WOMEN:** Appreciate their natural assets: Clean skin, a winning smile, that unforgettable Southern drawl. Southern women know their manners: 'Yes, ma'am.' 'Yes, sir.' 'Why, no, Billy!' Southern women know their vacation spots: the beach, the rivuh, the crick. Southern women know everybody's first name: Honey, Darlin' or Shugah. Southern women know their religions: Baptist, Methodist, Football. Southern women know their country breakfasts: red-eye gravy, grits, eggs, country ham. Southern women know their cities dripping with Southern charm: Chawl'stn, S'vanah, Foat Wuth, N'awlins, Addlandta. **MORE**



SUTHENISM'S: Only a Southerner knows the difference between a hissy fit and a conniption fit and that you don't 'HAVE' them, you 'PITCH' them. Only a Southerner knows how many fish, collard greens, turnip greens, peas, beans, etc., make up 'a mess.' Only a Southerner can show or point out to you the general direction of 'yonder.' Only a Southerner knows exactly how long 'directly' is, as in: 'Going to town, be back directly.' Even Southern babies know that 'Gimme some sugar' is not a request for the white, granular sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl in the middle of the table. Only Southerners grow up knowing the difference between 'right near' and 'a right far piece.' They also know that 'just down the road' can be 1 mile or 20. A Southerner knows that 'fixin' can be used as a noun, a verb or an adverb. Put 100 Southerners in a room and half of them will discover they're related, even if only by marriage. In the South, y'all is singular, all y'all is plural. When you hear someone say, 'Well, I caught myself lookin', you know you are in the presence of a genuine Southerner! Only true Southerners say 'sweet tea,' 'sweet milk' and 'light bread'. Sweet tea indicates the need for sugar and lots of it; we do not like our tea unsweetened. 'Sweet milk' means you don't want buttermilk. And 'Light bread' is white bread. To those of you who are still a little embarrassed by your Southernness, take two tent revivals and a dose of sausage gravy and call me in the morning. Bless your heart! And to those of you who are still having a hard time understanding all this Southern stuff, bless your hearts, I hear they are fixin' to have classes on Southernness as a second language! And for those that are not from the South but have lived here for a long time, all y'all need a sign to hang on y'all's front porch that reads 'I ain't from the South, but I got here as fast as I could.' Southern girls know men may come and go, but friends are fahevah!

8. **FORGETTER BE FORGOTTEN:** My forgetter's getting better but my rememberer is broke. To you that may seem funny, but to me that is not a joke. For when I am here I am wondering if I really should be there. And when I try to think it through, I haven't got a prayer! Often times I walk into a room and say what am I here for? I wrack my brain but all in vain, a zero is my score!! At times I put something away where it is safe, but gee! The person it is safest from is generally me!! When shopping I may see someone, say Hi and have a chat. Then when the person walks away, I ask myself, "Who in the world was that?" Yes my forgetter's getting better while my rememberer is broke, and it's driving me plumb crazy and that just ain't no joke. Can you relate??
9. **GOSH, I'M RICH!:** Silver in the Hair, Gold in the Teeth, Stones in the Kidneys, Sugar in the Blood, Lead in the Butt, Iron in the Arteries and an unending supply of Natural Gas. I never thought I would accumulate such wealth.
10. **VISITATION:** Webb Lodge will be visiting John S. Davidson Lodge #677 on Thursday, August 12th, 2010. Please call Glenn Snider for your reservation for dinner. After receiving your call, Glenn will be able to call the Secretary of JSD Lodge and inform him how many brethren will be attending so that they can make dinner arrangements. So Mote It Be.
11. **ATTENTION BRETHREN:** Please make the effort to attend our monthly meetings. It is easy to get out of the "HABIT". Attendance is at an all time low and we need **YOU**. We also need your support at our upcoming degrees. We especially need the dedication of the officers to help our Worshipful Master complete his goals for the year and to attend practices for these degrees. We are a team, we have to practice, meet and contribute our time as a team. So Mote It Be.



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