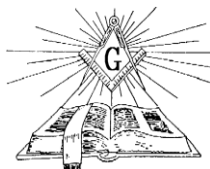


**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
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BRETHREN: THE **REGULAR COMMUNICATION** OF WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD AT 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA ON **MARCH 21ST, 2011**. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 P.M. AND A LODGE OF MASTER MASONS WILL BE 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. PLEA TO THE "LOCAL MEMBERSHIP": Brethren, I do not want to print names in this column because I know you know who I am talking about. If you are a member of Webb Lodge and you live in the area (radius of 50 miles or less) I want to make a desperate plea to you to attend our regular meetings as often as you can. For the first time ever I am scared, frightened, afraid, terrified, petrified, worried that **"YOUR LODGE" (WEBB LODGE #166)** is one of those lodges who are dying a slow death. The Roster is down to 97 members. However, there are at least 60 members in the area and at least half of those are 65 years old or younger. Where are you? Why do you not attend any of the regular communications? What have we done wrong? Have you forgotten the obligation you took during the degrees? I have talked to many of you and you promise to attend but I have not seen you. Webb Lodge needs your help. We have had an average attendance of only about 12-15 members each meeting and 11 of those are the officers. It is hard to get back into the **"HABIT"** of attending but please try. Set a goal for yourself and try to attend at least half of the communications. In the past we normally have had a good turnout of the Past Masters, but that has decreased also. The only time I hear from you is when I receive your checks for the dues each year. Why belong to any organization just to say you are a member. I have a saying that **"There are many members of Masonic Lodges but only a handful of Masons."** Please try to be one of those Masons, Be **"One of the Faithful Few."** So Mote It Be.



2. CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations are in order for one of our Life Members, Dr. Charlie Freeman. Brother Freeman received his 50 year Scottish Rite Patent, Pin and Blue Cap during a ceremony held on March 3rd at the Scottish Rite Center. He was presented this award by our Junior Past Grand Master and The Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Georgia, Illustrious Brother Leonard Buffington. Congratulations Charlie on reaching this Masonic Milestone.



3. A POINT TO PONDER: There is nothing higher and stronger and more wholesome and useful for life in later years than some good memory, especially a memory connected with childhood; with home. If a man carries many such memories with him into life, he is safe to the end of his days and if we have only one good memory left in our hearts, even that may sometime be the means of saving us. Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows that it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows that it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle, **WHEN THE SUN COMES UP YOU'D BETTER BE RUNNING!**

4. QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. Not all those who wander are lost. (Tolkien) 2. I have always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, "Ain't that the truth." (Jones) 3. It's innocence when it charms us, ignorance when it doesn't. (McLaughlin) 4. The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. (Lombardi) 5. When the heart speaks, the mind finds it indecent to object. (Kundera) 6. The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good. (Landers) 7. The greatest conflicts are not between two people but between one person and himself. (Brooks) 8. You cannot be really first rate at your work if your work is all you are. (Quindlen) 9. Comedy is nothing more than tragedy deferred. (Iyer) 10. You've got to be original, because if you are like someone else, what do they need you for? (Peters)

5. A LITTLE PHILOSOPHICAL HUMOR: There are 10 advantages in growing old: 1. Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service. 2. Sexual harassment charges against you just don't stick. 3. Folks no longer think you are a hypochondriac. 4. Kidnappers ignore you. 5. Your secrets are now safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. 6. You are no longer expected to run into a burning building to save a damsel in distress. 7. Whatever you buy now won't wear out. 8. Your eyes won't get much worse. 9. You don't have to pay attention to what people are saying because you can't hear them anyway. 10. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.



6. WEBB LODGE MEMBER CHAIRS GRAND LODGE PROGRAM: Webb Lodge's Junior Warden, **M. Steven Fishman**, has been named chairman of the Georgia Masonic Blood Drive Program by Most Worshipful Brother B. Palmer Mills, Grand Master of all Masons in Georgia. Steve has traveled the state and spoke at the Grand Master's Forums during the months of January and February. Steve is a long time blood donor, contributing 29 ½ gallons (not units) of blood. He states that the ultimate Charity would be where the donor gives freely, not



knowing the end user and the patient would not know the donor, meaning the gift of life was of a pure nature without prejudice or reward other than the feeling in your heart that a life was saved. Webb Lodge has participated in one blood drive this year collecting 210 units of blood to start the year. The next blood drive in the area will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA on May 21st. Please help Steve and Grand Master Palmer Mills with these efforts and contribute your blood or your time to this endeavor.

7. MORE HUMOR FOR US OLDER KIDS: 1. Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age, how do you feel?" Slim says "I feel just like a newborn baby." "Really!? Like a newborn baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants." 2. Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown." 3. Three old guys are out walking. First one says "Windy, isn't it?" Second one says "No, it's Thursday!" Third one says "So am I. Let's go get a beer." 4. Just one more and I will apologize in advance for this last joke but I'm sorry, I thought it was hilarious and couldn't stop laughing. Some may think it is a bit delicate to print to the membership. I am taking a chance and would not want to offend anyone, especially my brothers, so here goes: A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly "Crushed nuts?" "No," he replied "Arthritis." Sorry again, but as Larry the Cable Guy says: "I don't care who you are, that's funny!!!"



8. GUMPTION: Gary Leazer is the Second Grand Steward and also the Editor of the "Masonic Messenger," the official publication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Brother Gary was guest speaker at the Scottish Rite during the month of January 2011 and spoke about "Gumption." On page 2 of the February 2011 Masonic Messenger he wrote an article entitled "**It Takes Gumption.**" It is one of the best articles I have read recently in the Masonic Messenger or in any other publication. He defines Gumption as "the character to commit and complete." He goes on to say that it takes gumption to commit to a task and then complete it. Being successful requires gumption; being a successful Lodge requires gumption on the part of each of its members. I would like to tie this in with the first article of this newsletter; Plea To The Local Membership. Each one of us took an obligation to attend our Lodge, participate and help each other flourish; to help Webb Lodge flourish. If you do not attend, you cannot help Webb Lodge grow. If you do not attend, you cannot help your brothers. If you do not attend, you are not fulfilling your obligation. If you do not attend, how can we help you? I understand that the age of some of the brothers prohibits their attendance as well as some of their commitments. We cannot always be there; I know that. But with a little "**Gumption**" we sure can try to be at the monthly communications on the Third Monday of each month or attend one of the degrees when we take the time and make the effort. Gary ends his article this way: "**Gumption!!! Do you have it? Georgia Masons need gumption; gumption to rise above what we are today, to soar like eagles and reach the highest potential we can be as Masons. Commit and Complete! That's the secret to success.**"



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