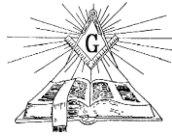


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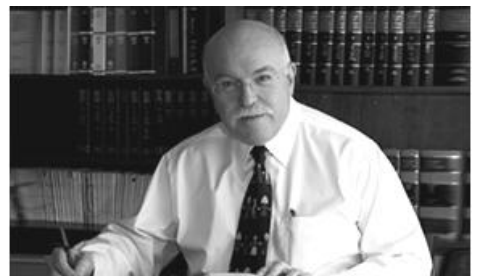
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BRETHREN: THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. WILL BE HELD AT 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, ON *APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011*. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 P.M. AND A LODGE OF MASTER MASONS WILL BE OPENED AT 8:00 P.M. 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. AN ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN PRINCE HALL MASONRY:** Who was Prince Hall and why did he start his own Masonic Organization? A leading citizen in Boston's eighteenth century black community, Prince Hall (1738-1807) was an abolitionist who petitioned the Massachusetts legislature to end slavery and a Methodist who campaigned for schools to educate the African-American children of Boston. Hall was a leather dresser by trade. Drawn to Freemasonry's values and opportunities, Hall, a former slave, tried to join Boston's Masonic lodges in the early 1770's, but was denied membership. African-American men's participation in Freemasonry is generally traced back to the March 6, 1775 initiation of Prince Hall and 14 other black men in Lodge No. 441, a British Military Lodge. A year later the military lodge was leaving Boston but gave Prince Hall the authority to meet as a lodge. With this authority Prince Hall and the brethren organized as African Lodge No. 1. Unable to obtain a charter from any Grand Lodge in the United States they were granted one by the Grand Lodge of England as African Lodge No. 459. It was later that those lodges and Grand Lodges that descended from African Lodge No. 459 chose to give their fraternity Hall's name to distinguish it from the predominantly white mainstream lodges that generally excluded blacks throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Hall served as Master of Lodge 459 for 23 years. Hall died on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1807. **WHO ARE PRINCE HALL MASONS?** In most, but not all, states in the United States, they are officially recognized as your Brothers. Ten Mainstream Grand Lodges still do not recognize their Prince Hall counterparts; Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida, West Virginia and Kentucky. The organizational structure of Prince Hall Freemasonry mirrors that of its predominantly white counterparts, and includes the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Order of Eastern Star, Shriners, and most other appendant groups. Although white men are welcome to join Prince Hall lodges (and some do) the membership of these historically black lodges is almost entirely comprised of African-American men. Prince Hall Freemasonry uses the same Masonic suppliers, has similar rituals, adheres to the same philosophy, acknowledges the same landmarks, and performs the same Masonic work. **In short, Prince Hall Freemasonry descends from the same source---the Grand Lodge of England---as most American lodges, and a visitor from a mainstream lodge would not find a Prince Hall lodge much different from his own.** As recently as 1988, no mainstream Grand Lodges recognized their Prince Hall counterparts, until the Grand Lodge of Connecticut voted to recognize its Prince Hall counterpart in October 1989. Today 41 out of the 51 mainstream U.S. Grand Lodges have adopted resolutions stating that Prince Hall Masonry is "Regular." Today, Prince Hall is honored in Cambridge, MA, as a Freemason, a civil rights leader, and a Founding Father with a Prince Hall Memorial in Cambridge Common and stands only a few feet away from a monument honoring another great American Freemason, George Washington.



- 2. AGING:** 1. None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm. (Thoreau) 2. In youth the days are short and the years are long. In old age, the years are short and days long. (Pope Paul VI) 3. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. (Ullman) 4. Bill Cosby said the best thing about old age is that when you become senile you won't know it. **Be happy, love deeply, live long.**
- 3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Life Memberships are still available in Webb Lodge for a cost of 10 Times the annual dues which are \$50.00, thus a life membership would cost \$500.00. This is especially beneficial to our younger members or even our older members who want their money to benefit the lodge even after death. Webb Lodge has a walnut Life Membership plaque hanging in the Secretary's office with all Life Members' names engraved on brass plates to ever remain there. If you are interested, please see the Secretary.
- 4. ANOTHER MEMBER RECOGNIZED:** Another one of the Fishman family has been recognized for his contributions to the community. **A. Jack Fishman**, the older (but better looking) of the Fishman brothers, (Steve is our current Junior Warden and Steve's son Alexander is also a member of Webb Lodge) has been recognized by the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Jack has contributed over 1425 hours of volunteer service over the last 8 years to that organization and will be recognized in a ceremony to be held in Atlanta on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Congratulations Jack on this award and also for your contributions to the fraternity and community.



5. **QUOTABLES:** 1. Good ideas are not adopted automatically; they must be driven into practice with courageous patience. (Rickover) 2. Intuition will tell the thinking mind where to look next. (Salk) 3. Unless a commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes, no plans. (Drucker)
6. **COLONOSCOPY; WHAT YOU YOUNG FOLKS HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO:** I recently went through this procedure and thought Dave Barry's description was on the mark and very funny: "I called my friend Andy Sable, a gastroenterologist, to make an appointment for a colonoscopy. A few days later, in his office, Andy showed me a color diagram of the colon, a lengthy organ that appears to go all over the place, at one point passing briefly through Minneapolis. Then Andy explained the colonoscopy procedure to me in a thorough, reassuring and patient manner. I nodded thoughtfully, but I didn't really hear anything he said, because my brain was shrieking 'HE'S GOING TO STICK A TUBE 17,000 FEET UP YOUR BEHIND!' I left Andy's office with some instructions and a product called 'MoviPrep,' which comes in a box large enough to hold a microwave oven. I will discuss MoviPrep in detail later; for now suffice it to say that we must never allow it to fall into the hands of America's enemies. In accordance with my instructions, I didn't eat any solid food the day before the procedure; all I had was chicken broth (which is basically water with less flavor) and later, I took the MoviPrep. You mix 2 packets of powder together in a 1L plastic jug and fill it with lukewarm water. (For those unfamiliar with the metric system, a liter is about 32 gallons.) Then you have to drink the whole jug, which takes about an hour, because it tastes (and I'm being kind) like a mixture of goat spit and urinal cleanser, with just a hint of lemon. The instructions for MoviPrep, clearly written by somebody with a great sense of humor, state that after you drink it, 'a loose, watery bowel movement may result' which is like saying that after you jump off your roof, you may experience contact with the ground. I don't want to be too graphic, here, but...have you ever seen a space shuttle launch? This is pretty much the MoviPrep experience, with you as the shuttle. There are times when you wish the commode had a seat belt. You spend several hours pretty much confined to the bathroom, spurting violently. You eliminate everything. And when you figure you must be totally empty, you have to drink another liter of MoviPrep, at which point, as far as I can tell, your bowels travel into the future and start eliminating food that you have not even eaten yet. The next morning, I was very nervous because I had occasional return bouts of MoviPrep spurtague. I was thinking, 'What if I spurt on Andy?' How do you apologize to a friend for something like that? Flowers would not be enough. At the clinic I had to sign many forms acknowledging that I understood and totally agreed with whatever the heck the forms said. Then I went behind a curtain and had to put on one of those hospital garments that had to be designed by sadist perverts because they make you feel even more naked than when you are actually naked. Then a nurse named Eddie put a little needle in a vein in my left hand and also told me that some people put vodka in their MoviPrep. At first I was ticked off that I hadn't thought of this but then I wondered what would happen if you got too tipsy to make it to the bathroom, so you were staggering around in full Fire Hose Mode. You would have no choice but to burn your house. In the procedure room, Andy was waiting with a nurse and an anesthesiologist. I did not see the 17,000-foot tube, but I knew it was there somewhere. I also realized that the song playing was 'Dancing Queen' by ABBA. I said to Andy that, of all the songs that could be playing now, 'Dancing Queen' had to be the least appropriate. Finally, it was time, the moment I had been dreading for more than a decade. If you are squeamish, prepare yourself, because I am going to tell you, in explicit detail, exactly what it was like. I have no idea. Really, I slept through it. One moment, ABBA was yelling 'Dancing Queen' and the next I was waking up in a very mellow mood. Andy was looking down at me and asking me how I felt. I felt excellent, even more so when Andy told me that it was all over, and that my colon had passed with flying colors." - Dave Barry



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