

WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
July 18TH, 2011 TRESTLEBOARD (#283)



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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 **July 18th, 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.

THE OFFICERS OF WEBB LODGE #166 WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY!



1. **CONGRATULATIONS:** Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M. would like to congratulate one of their own, **WB James L. Huggins, Sr., P.M.** who was awarded the 2011 E. Alton Rodgers Award for outstanding Mason in the 10th Masonic District at the 2011 10th Masonic District Convention on Saturday, June 11th. Jim is a Past Master of Webb Lodge and currently serving as the Senior Warden and Director of Work. He also is the Junior Warden of the 10th Masonic District. Jim has served the fraternity tirelessly for many years and continues to do so. Jim is definitely **"ONE OF THE FAITHFUL FEW."** Congratulations Jim on this prestigious award!

2. **WIDOWS/LADIES NIGHT:** Webb Lodge has reserved two tables of 8 for our annual widows/ladies night at the Scottish Rite Center for the Musical Dinner Theater on September 17, 2011. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:00 P.M. and the Musical Performance will begin at 7:30 P.M. The catered dinner will consist of fried catfish & shrimp, baked chicken, potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hush puppies, dessert, coffee and iced tea. The musical performance will consist of 4-6 singers performing music from the Big Band Era, Motown and Country. Door prizes and centerpieces will also be given away. Please notify the secretary for your reservations. The widows and one friend will be our guests for the evening everyone else will purchase a ticket for \$30.00 per person on a first come, first served basis. Make your reservation as soon as possible so we can purchase another table, if needed.



3. **GET WELL:** The officers of Webb Lodge and the membership would like to wish our **Worshipful Master, David Cross** a speedy recovery from back surgery. David is at home and doing well. We hope that he continues to improve and gets his butt back to the lodge ☺.



4. **LAUGHTER IS STILL THE BEST MEDICINE:** 1. Signs you won't be qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team: a) You keep accidentally burning your wrestling opponents with your cigarette. b) You can't fit your thighs between the parallel bars. c) When you hear the starter's pistol, you ball up like a frightened armadillo. d) Whenever you enter a locker room, people automatically hand you their towels. e) The only aspect of weightlifting you have any talent for is the grunting. f) Duck, Duck, Goose is not yet an Olympic event. g) When you get out of bed in the morning, you have trouble nailing the dismount. 3. This one is for Brothers Steve Fishman and Eric Fleishner: The phone rings at the synagogue office. "Hello, is this Rabbi Schwartz?" the caller asks. It is. This is the Internal Revenue Service. We wonder if you can help us. I'll try. Do you know a Herman Cohen? I do. Is this man a member of your congregation? He is. Did he donate \$10,000? HE WILL. 4. **Eric Fleishner** always loves to drive fast. Taking advantage of the empty roads one morning he accelerated down a wide open stretch. Unfortunately, a young police officer was waiting at the other end and Eric was flagged down. He greeted the officer with a cheery "Good Morning." "And a good morning to you, **Wind Commander**," replied the officer. "**Having trouble with lift off?**" Sorry Eric but I had to use your name after you lost me following you the other day in your neighborhood.

5. **QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. Walking is a form of exercise that loses some appeal when it's done behind a lawn mower. (Fletcher) 2. Students are often in no position to judge "relevance" until long after the fact. (Sowell) 3. The stories that you tell about your past shape your future. (Ransdell) 4. Opportunity dances with those already on the dance floor. (Brown) 5. If you don't know history, you don't know anything. You're a leaf that doesn't know it's part of a tree. (Crighton) 6. Guilt is glorious when it's well earned. (Mcdermott) 7. Developing the mind is important, but developing a conscience is the most precious gift parents can give to their children. (Gray) 8. The trick in eating crow is to pretend it tastes good. (Safire)



6. **WHO PACKED YOUR PARACHUTE?** Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. Charles Plumb was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions his plane was destroyed by a surface to air missile. Mr. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy lands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience. One day, when Mr. Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Mr. Plumb. I packed your parachute, the man replied. Mr. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him,



"It sure did." If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today. Mr. Plumb couldn't sleep that night thinking about that man. Plumb says I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said good morning, how are you or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot, and he was just a sailor. Mr. Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know. Now Mr. Plumb asks his audience, "WHO'S PACKING YOUR PARACHUTE? Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Mr. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory; he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. His experience reminds us all to prepare ourselves to weather whatever storms lie ahead. As you go through this week, this month, this year; recognize people who PACK YOUR PARACHUTE!!!

7. **HOW TO PLANT A MASONIC GARDEN:** This was taken out of the Scottish Rite Journal and was written by Joseph W. MacIntyre: First plant four rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness. Next plant three rows of squash: Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference. Then plant four rows of lettuce: Let us be Truthful, Let us be Unselfish, Let us be Loyal, Let us be Thankful. No garden is complete without turnips: Turn up for Volunteer Work, Turn up with a Smile, Turn up with Determination. **Let's all get to work on our garden!!**

8. **THE HISTORY OF THE GRAND MASTER'S PENNY:** A parable in the Bible indicates that the wages of a laborer in the vineyards is a penny a day (of course this is the English translation). Drawing from that parable, Grand Master Harris Bullock first struck a "**Grand Master's Penny**" as a recognition for those who labored at a clean-up day for the Masonic Children's Home in 1975. At the end of a day of labor, each of those present received his "wages" directly from the Grand Master. The "Penny" was a 1.5-inch diameter bronze coin with symbols special to the Grand Master on the obverse and the Grand Master's Seal on the reverse. He also used it as a recognition (wages) for craftsmen who had made significant contributions in the vineyards of Freemasonry during his term as Grand Master. In 1978-79 Grand Master J. Kirk Nicholson* struck the second "Grand Master's Penny" for similar purposes. Following a ten-year hiatus (in which various Grand Masters used lapel buttons to recognize outstanding members of the Craft), the Grand Master's Penny was reintroduced in the 1988-89 year. Each Grand Master since that time has designed his own obverse (which many times symbolized his emphasis for the year) and struck the coin, which has been presented for the original purposes. A few have struck the coin in different finishes for presentation to special groups (i.e., several have used a nickel finish coin to present to the sitting Worshipful Masters, others have struck silver coins to present to special individuals, etc.). A most popular item with the Craft, the Grand Master's Penny has become one of the most sought-after recognitions in the fraternity.



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