

**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.**  
**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 TRESTLEBOARD (#284)**



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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 15<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. **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 dinner will be catered and consist of fried catfish, fried 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, Motown and Country genres. 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. Make your reservation as soon as possible so that if needed we can purchase another table. This will be on a first come, first served basis.



2. **DEATH OF ANOTHER BROTHER:** Webb Lodge has lost another member. Brother **Sherman O. Coan** died on April 1, 2011. Brother Coan's family just notified the lodge of his passing. Brother Coan was born on 09/26/1920, initiated on 01/19/1949, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on 07/01/1949 and was raised a Master Mason on 07/26/1949. Please remember Brother Coan and his family in your prayers.



3. **SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED:** Webb Lodge would like to congratulate the following recipients who will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship at the August 15th, 2011 meeting. They are: Joy I. Miller who attended Richmond Academy High School and will be attending Anderson University, Brandon Whisman who attended Greenbrier High School and will be attending Augusta State University, and Jake Sandlin who attended Greenbrier High School and will be attending Georgia College and State University.



4. **SHOW THAT YOU ARE PROUD TO BE A MASON:** Being a Mason in Webb Lodge #166, should mean more than just wearing a ring or a pin; it means being a little more active by attending the lodge and to fraternize with your brethren there in. It's a feeling of pride when you enter the temple, perhaps to mention how many years you are a member, see friends and an acquaintance that you most likely met at the lodge, and bring back pleasant thoughts to remember. So attend a few meetings brethren of mine and make up your mind that you'll hasten to say "Hi Ya Fellows," It's good to see you again and once more, deep in your heart, feel like a really True Mason! P.S. The food here is still tops, it's true; looking forward to seeing you soon. Brethren: If you haven't been to Webb Lodge recently you would not have noticed that the number of members attending have decreased to just about no one except the officers (and several of those chairs have had to be filled by others recently). We need you to **Attend**, We need you to **Participate**, We need for you to **Contribute**, We need you to be "**One of the Faithful Few.**" If you do not, then Webb Lodge will soon die and you can say that you were one of the reasons for that death. **PLEASE COME BACK TO THE LODGE, REMEMBER YOUR OBLIGATIONS, GET BACK INTO THE HABIT AND BE ONE OF THOSE WHO REVITALIZE WEBB LODGE. SO MOTE IT BE.**



*He is a wise Brother who knows how to conclude a speech when he has said  
all that is pertinent to the subject. (Rev. George Oliver)*

5. **CREATING A RELEVANT LODGE:** What do we need to do to create a relevant lodge? We must encourage the lodge leaders to get involved with the family, in the community, and in the schools as an important step in attracting and retaining new members; particularly the more youthful men in our communities. Lodge involvement represents only one of the steps the lodge will have to take, but it is a very important one. Research conducted by the Masonic Renewal Committee and by the Shrine indicates that among men who are even somewhat interested in joining an organization, involvement in community, family, and children's issues were all important motivators. It's pretty clear that organizations that do not become involved are fighting an uphill, losing battle from which they may not recover. Webb Lodge, I believe, is one such organization (as are other lodges in the area). Remember, it is the citizens of your community who decide whether your Masonic organization is an integral part of the community and worth joining. When they do, you can consider yourself relevant and capable of making a difference today and in the 21st century.



*A Good Habit-----Attend Your Lodge.*

**6. LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR YOU:** a) An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know....the one that is red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. Then he turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "ROSE, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?" b) A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



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**7. LIVING MASONRY:** His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-Shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire 4 years of college. He was the top academic individual in his class. Kind of esoteric and very, very, bright. He became a Mason while attending college. After moving to his new residence he finds that down the street is a well dressed, very conservative Lodge. One day John decides to go there after work. He walks in with shoes, jeans, work shirt and long hair. The Lodge has already started and so John starts looking for a seat. The lodge is completely packed and he can't find a seat anywhere. By now the brethren are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the East and when he realizes there are no seats he squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this Lodge before!) By now the brethren are really uptight and the tension in the air is thick. About this time the Secretary realizes that from the back of the lodge a Past Master is slowly making his way toward John. Now the Past Master is in his eighties, has silver gray hair and has on a three piece suit. A good man, very elegant, very dignified and very courtly. He walks with a cane and as he starts walking toward this boy everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he is going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid in the Lodge? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The Lodge is silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The Secretary can't even continue with the "Minutes" until the Past Master does what he has to do. Now the lodge watches as this elderly man drops his cane on the floor. With great difficulty he lowers himself and sits down next to John and welcomes him so he won't be alone. When the Secretary gains control, he says, **"What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."** Brethren; when we have visitors, or newly raised Master Masons, welcome them to the lodge, sit with them during dinner and make them feel like they are a part of the lodge even if you sit with the same brothers every month. Make the effort to make them feel at home, at ease, and comfortable and that you appreciate that they have decided to attend Lodge.



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