

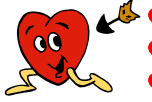
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Happy Valentine's Day from the Officers of Webb Lodge #166



Brethren: The **Regular Communication** of Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M. will be held at 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia, on **February 20th, 2012**. 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. LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL: 1. A man went to a brain store to get some brains for dinner.

He saw a sign "Professional brains available". "How much is an engineer's brain?" "\$3.00 for 100 grams." "How much is a doctor's brain?" "\$4.00 per 100 grams." "How much for a lawyer's brain?" "\$100.00 for 50 grams." "Why are lawyer brains so expensive?" "Do you know how many lawyers you



need to kill to get one ounce of brains?" Sorry about that! 2. The Redneck's Medical Dictionary: Artery: the study of painting. Rectum: Dang near killed them. Pelvis: a cousin to Elvis. Pap Smear: a fatherhood test. Fester: Quicker. Dilate: to live long. Cauterize: made eye contact with her. Bacteria: the back door to the cafeteria. Barium: what the doctors do when patients die. Caesarian Section: a neighborhood in Rome. Cat Scan: searching for a kitty. Impotent: distinguished, well known. Nitrates: cheaper than day rates.

2. QUOTABLE QUOTES FOR VALENTINES DAY: 1. Absence may or may not make the heart grow fonder, but it certainly freshens the eye. (King) 2. I really do believe if you can live through remodeling a home, you can live the rest of your lives together. (Aniston) 3. Love is never as



ferocious as when you think it's going to leave you. (Shreve) 4. A long marriage is two people trying to dance a duet and two solos at the same time. (Fleming) 5. If grass can grow through cement, love can find you at every time in your life. (Cher) 6. A happy heart comes first, then the happy face. (Twain) 7. Men want the same thing from their underwear that they want from women: a little bit of support and a little bit of freedom. (Seinfeld)

3. GROWING YOUR LODGE: Past Editor of the Masonic Messenger, Fred Lamar Pearson, Jr. wrote an article in the February 2003 Issue and I would like to summarize his article on how many ways to make a Lodge grow. The most obvious is to keep the membership numbers, as well as the finances of the lodge, in the black. Keep your lodge building and grounds attractive to you and the community.



We cannot ask people to join our ranks but we can act in such a way that some will want to petition our lodge. According to Brother Pearson one of the most effective tools is a good newsletter. Keep the brethren informed and entertained. Webb Lodge has tried to do this for the past 25 years and have had several positive comments from the membership (and also some criticisms). Experienced Masons can make a difference by responding to a young mason's questions and taking one of them under their wing. Lodge officers should meet on a regular basis and formulate plans. There should always be Masonic Education, good fellowship, and fraternalism at every meeting. Study the opening and closing ceremonies, be proficient in the conferral of degrees and make certain that the coaches know the catechism, not just the words but more importantly what they mean. Attend the Schools of Instruction and give the brethren as much responsibility as they can handle. These are some things one might consider to help your lodge. Webb Lodge is on the **RIGHT TRACK** so far this year, we have a Worshipful Master who I have a lot of faith in and who hopefully has some new ideas, we have a good group of officers, and the membership who attend are very Faithful. We need to continue what we have started throughout the year, keep up our enthusiasm and our lodge **WILL GROW**. So mote it be.



4. IDEAS WANTED: Brethren, if you have any ideas which you would like to see incorporated into this newsletter please drop me a line or give me a call. I would be interested in hearing what you have to say. If you have any Masonic or Non-Masonic related articles which you feel would be noteworthy please send them to me or bring them to the lodge for publication.



5. SUCCESSORIES: 1. **The Power of One:** it takes only a single idea, a single action to move the world. 2. **Thinking Out of the Box:** only those who see the invisible can do the impossible. 3. **Cutting Edge:** the best way to predict the future is to create it. 4. **The Essence of Destiny:** watch your thoughts, for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions. Understand your actions, for they become habits. Study your habits, for they will become your character. Develop your character, for it becomes your Destiny.



If You Don't Risk Anything, You Risk Even More!

Joy Is Not In Things – It Is In Us!

Knowing What's Right Doesn't Mean Much Unless You Do What's Right!



6. 10TH DISTRICT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: CANCELLED FOR 2012

7. MEMBERSHIP: Who is responsible for the declining membership in most lodges today? Who is responsible for the declining attendance each month in Webb Lodge? What should we be doing to increase membership & attendance? The answer is "You." You are responsible if you do not attend several of the communications each year. We do not ask that you attend each and every meeting but if you took the same obligation which I did and you are in the local area and you are physically able, why do you not attend some of the communications and support Webb Lodge? You are the responsible one. Have You recommended anyone to be part of our fraternity? Have You even made the effort? Then You are responsible. Have You called a brother who You have not seen in lodge for several months (or years)? Do You know a brother who recently received the degrees but for some reason has not returned? Have You called him or talked to him to see why? Then You have not helped increase membership and attendance. Do You want this fraternity to die? Then continue what You are doing!!! So Mote It Be.

8. THOUGHTS WHILE SHAVING: 1. If you have a tendency to brag, remember it's not the whistle that pulls the train. 2. Everyone has feelings of inferiority; the one who hides them best is the one on top. 3. There are three ways to get something done: do it yourself, hire someone, or forbid the kids to do it. 4. Some dream of being something, others stay awake and are. (Pasadena Bulletin)

9. FOR ALL YOU GOLFERS OUT THERE: 1. Willie Nelson on what's par on his Texas golf course: "Anything I want it to be. For instance, the hole right here is a par 47 and yesterday I birdied the sucker." 2. Craig Stadler stated "Why am I using a new putter? Because the last one didn't float too well." 3. Chi Chi Rodriguez said "I have heard people say putting is 50% technique and 50% mental. I really believe it is 50% technique and 90% positive thinking but that adds up to 140%, which is why nobody is 100% sure how to putt." 4. Billy Graham once said "The only time my prayers go unanswered is on the golf course."



10. A Little Lodge Of Long Ago (By Brother Douglas Mallock) The Little Lodge of long ago, it wasn't very much for show. Men met above the village store and cotton more than satin wore. And sometimes stumbled on a word, but no one cared, or no one heard. Then tin reflectors threw the light of kerosene across the night, and down the highway served to call the faithful to Masonic Hall. It wasn't very much I know, the little lodge of long ago. But men who meet in finer halls, forgive me if the mind recalls, with love, not laughter, doors of pine, and smoky lamps that dimly shine. Regalia tarnished, garments frayed, or cheaply bought or simply made. And floors uncarpeted, and men whose grammar falters now and then. For Craft or Creed, or God Himself, is not a book upon a shelf. They have a splendor that will touch, a Lodge that isn't very much. It isn't very much and yet, and, if a handful or a host, this made it great: there Masons met. That always matters, matters most. The beauty of the meeting hour, is not a thing of robe or flow'r. However beautiful they seem, the greatest beauty is the gleam, of sympathy in honest eyes, a Lodge is not a thing of size. It is a thing of Brotherhood, and that alone can make it good.



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