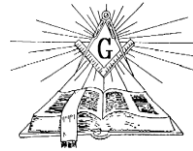


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
MARCH 19th, 2012 TRESTLEBOARD (#291)



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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 19th, 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. FROM THE EAST:** Brethren All: A belated "Happy New Year." Here is hoping that we as a Lodge can rebound this year with better attendance, increased petitions for membership, both new and affiliations. I do, on behalf of Webb Lodge want to extend our sincere condolences to WB Greg Oblak and family on the loss of his father. I had intended this article to go in the January Trestleboard but due to circumstances beyond our control here it is in March. The first two training sessions were conducted on meeting nights in January and February and was well received by all. Brother Jack Goldenberg did a good job in opening the Lodge, calling down to the EA and getting through part of that degree. I plan to do the same routine this month starting at 6 pm and will eventually move on to the FC and MM degree. Thanks to all who came and participated. We must have better participation if we are to meet the goals set forth for the year. The District Custodians' school of instruction went well, although the attendance was a bit sparse. I do thank the members of Webb Lodge who came and participated in the Blue Card and/or White Card programs. We have one candidate in training at this time with one possible new candidate and two affiliates waiting in the wings. Let us welcome these brethren with open arms and provide all the assistance in training and raising them to Master Mason. The 10th District Traveling Gavel has been located and is now in possession of Webb Lodge. We will travel to Louisville in early March to present the gavel to the WM of Stonewall Lodge, who in turn will present it to Franklin Lodge in April. From there it will go to Social Lodge, who will present it to the 10th District Master at this year's convention in June. I have spent considerable time in learning the catechisms and lectures for the degrees of Masonry. I expect each of you to be proficient in your position and the next chair before the end of this year. I remain available to assist when help is needed. Respectively, Jim Huggins Sr., P.M., Worshipful Master.
- 2. 10TH DISTRICT CONVENTION:** When: Saturday, June 9th, 2012. Time: 10:00 A.M. Where: Richmond Lodge #412, Hephzibah, Georgia. 10th District Worshipful Master: Luis Arocho. All Master Masons are invited.
- 3. HUMOR IS GREAT FOR THE SOUL:** I have been asked again to reprint some of Red Skeleton's jokes which I printed a number of years ago. Brother Skeleton was a member of Vincennes Lodge #1 in Indiana, he was in the York Rite, the Shrine and a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason. These are some tips from Brother Skeleton for a "**Happy Marriage.**" 1) Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, then comes good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays. 2) We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Ontario and mine is in Tucson. 3) I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back. 4) I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen. 5) We always hold hands. If I let go she shops. 6) She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. Then she said, "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair. 7) My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was, she told me "In the Lake." 8) She got a mudpack and looked great for 2 days. Then the mud fell off. 9) She ran after the garbage truck yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said "No jump in." 10) Remember. Marriage is the number one cause of divorce. 11) Statistically, 100% of all divorces start with marriage. 12) I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always. 13) I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her. 14) The last fight was my fault. My wife asked "What's on TV?" I said "Dust."
- 4. SPRING REUNION FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE:** Brethren, if you are a Master Mason and are not a Scottish Rite Mason, here is your chance. The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite would like to invite you to become a member. The Spring Reunion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, Georgia, 30904, on May 11th & 12th, 2012. It will begin around 4:30 P.M. on Friday evening with a light dinner to be followed by the conferring and communicating of the 4th through the 17th degrees. The journey will continue on Saturday the 12th with a continental breakfast at 7:00 A.M., conferring and communicating of degrees 18 through 32. There will be a break for a great lunch prepared by our Executive Chef Paul Spohn and his Kitchen Crew. If you would like a petition please call the General Secretary, Greg Oblak, 33^o. Office: 706-733-5387, Cell: 706-829-1665, Email: goblak@comcast.net or scottishrite2553@comcast.net, Mailing address: 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904. You may also contact the Membership Chairman, Kenny May at 706-595-3841 or 706-699-6785. I would like to invite anyone who is interested in seeing our beautiful facility to stop by or give me a call and I would be happy to show you around. The Scottish Rite offers many opportunities, to include increasing your Masonic Knowledge (we hold Master Craftsman I & II courses on a regular basis), meet new brethren in the jurisdiction who are really interested in Masonry, participate in our monthly meetings (Lodge Of Perfection meetings are normally open to the spouses and friends of the membership and have interesting guest speakers and programs and our Scottish Rite Guard meetings once a month for the brethren), take your spouse out for a



great meal prepared by our chefs, other social events (to include a Dinner Theater, Honors Night, etc.), host many of the local Masonic Functions (to include the Grand Lodge of Georgia Workshops, Exchange Nights, the 10th District Meetings, George Washington's Birthday Celebrations, Rite Care Conferences, Eastern Star Functions, and support the Rainbow Girls and Demolay Boys). You will not be disappointed. Hope to see you at our next Reunion.

5. A SQUARE AND COMPASS SET IN GOLD: Those men who help my dad each day, they wear those Mason pins and rings. A square and compass set in gold, the praise of which I sing. My dad, he hurt his back you know, one cold winter day. He slipped and fell upon the ice, the insurance would not pay. And since that time those pins and rings I see, on lapels and on hands that help us much. With mowing lawns and hauling trash, each day my heart they touch. They even built a house for me, amid our backyard tree. Where all the neighborhood kids would play with laughter full of glee. My mom she cries from happiness, the time the Masons came. To aid our family in distress, without a thought of gain. And when I'm big, just like my dad, of this it must be told. I want to wear a pin and ring like his, a square and compass of gold. Long years have passed since when my dad was in the plaster cast. And since I swore that solemn oath, which unites us to the last. But more than that I'm proud to say, I wear his Mason pin and ring. The ones dad wore for many years each day, until his death this spring. And one last time his comrades came, to aid my weeping mother. They praised and bid a fond farewell, to our fallen Brother. And after which my son did ask, about their aprons white. And of the pins upon their lapel, and the rings upon their hands, of gold so shiny bright. With tearful eyes I said with pride, they are men of spirit pure, those men who wear those Mason pins and rings, of that you can be sure. And before he went to bed that night, the family he foretold, someday I'll wear a pin and ring like Dad's, **A square and compass of Gold.** (Author unknown)



Attend Lodge, Be One of the Faithful Few.

6. Father's Lodge (By Bro. Douglas Malloch): Father's lodge, I well remember, wasn't large as lodges go, There was trouble in December getting to it through the snow. But he seldom missed a meeting; drifts or blossoms in the lane. Still the Tyler heard his greeting, winter ice or summer rain. Father's lodge thought nothing of it: mid their labors and their cares. Those old Masons learned to love it, that fraternity of theirs. What's a bit of stormy weather, when a little down the road, Men are gathering together, helping bear each other's load? Father's lodge had made a village: men of father's sturdy brawn Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag, and carried on, Made a village, built a city, shaped a country, formed a state, Simple men, not wise nor witty- humble men, and yet how great! Father's lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past; Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last. Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand building for the great forever, first a village then a land. Father's lodge no temple built, shaped of steel and carved of stone; marble columns, ceilings gilded, father's lodge has never known. But a heritage of glory they have left, the humble ones- They have left their mighty story in the keeping of their sons.



Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.



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