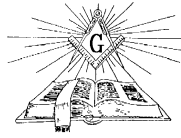


**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.**  
**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 TRESTLEBOARD (#304)**



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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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a Lodge of Master Masons will be opened at 8:00 p.m.

**Officers Meeting at 6:00 pm**

**1. SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite will be holding their Spring Reunion on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Center on Washington Road. If you would like to become a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason please contact Greg Oblak, General Secretary of the Scottish Rite at 706-829-1665 for a petition.



**2. GEORGIA MASONIC CHARITIES FOUNDATION:** It comes as no surprise that many Brothers are not familiar with GMCF. On the other hand, almost every Brother and most members of his family are very well acquainted with the Masonic Home Endowment Fund or the Higher Education Fund and more recently the Masonic Home Operating Fund. GMCF is the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation. The foundation was established to receive and distribute funds to charitable efforts in addition to those established for the Masonic Home. Funds donated to the Endowment Fund or the Higher Education Fund must be used exclusively for those purposes. The Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation was established so that donations could be made to support many other great things we do as Freemasons. GMCF currently funds the GACHIP (Georgia Child Identification Program), underwrites the costs associated with the Georgia Masonic Boy Scout Eagle Recognition Program, as well as others that may include DeMolay or Rainbow and can provide funds for the needs of the Masonic Home as well. During each of the Grand Master's Forums held during the first weeks of the year, a presentation was made reintroducing Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation to those present. Those in attendance learned that a letter from the Grand Master would be mailed to every lodge in February in order to make more brothers aware of GMCF and the work it does. The letter will be mailed along with one commemorative coin bearing the logo of Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation. It is hoped that each lodge will donate at least \$50 to Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation and keep the coin as a token of that donation. Certainly a larger donation would be highly appreciated. You, as a member of our Great Fraternity, are critically important to the growth of all of our Charitable efforts. Somewhere in your circle of acquaintances is a person that is part of a business or foundation that looks for programs like ours to make Charitable Donations. If you know such a person, tell them a little about what we do and ask if they can help us make an application to their business or foundation. Donations from all Brothers are encouraged, as well as donations from lodges. If you donate \$50 or more you will receive a GMCF Commemorative Coin along with knowledge that you are a part of great things in Georgia Freemasonry. Checks should be payable to Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation, Inc. and mailed to Grand Lodge of Georgia, 811 Mulberry St., Macon, Ga. 31201. Webb Lodge and the following brethren have donated the sum of \$50 each to the GMCF: Brothers Greg Oblak, Jim Huggins, Calop Bradford, Larry Flanagan, Bob Heishman, Tom England and Frank Valentine. If you would like to donate you can either mail to the above address or send your donation to Webb Lodge and we will submit all donations received.



**3. 2012-2013 GEORGIA LODGE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:** This information is primarily for the Worshipful Master, and Wardens in planning each of their years in the East. It is also for the membership so that they know that every person who is a member of Webb Lodge can contribute to this statewide recognition. The Grand Lodge of Georgia will present several awards to the lodges this year and are as follows: 1) One Lodge from each Sub-District will be selected from those participating and will be designated Sub-District Lodge of the Year and be awarded a special Grand Master's Citation of Excellence Certificate. 2) One Lodge from each Masonic District will be selected from those participating and will be awarded a special plaque designating that Lodge as the District Lodge of the Year. 3) One Lodge, selected from those participating, will be awarded the Georgia Masonic Lodge of the Year. The Lodge will receive a special plaque for the Lodge so designating them as the 2012-2013 Lodge of the Year as well as taking home the Grand Master's Cup to be placed in the Lodge for one year at which time it will be returned to the next session of Grand Lodge for presentation to a recipient chosen at that time.



**The Grand Master's Cup was started in 1951. Webb Lodge #166 has won it only once, 1971. John S. Davidson Lodge #677 has won it three times, 1974, 1975 and 2000. Augusta Lodge # 737 (no longer in existence) won it in 1979. No other lodges in the 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District have won it to my knowledge. Requirements: In order to participate in the selection process for the Lodge of the Year Program, a lodge must select and complete a minimum of 6 of the possible programs from the list in Group A and a minimum of 6 from the list in Group B. and are awarded points based on their participation. These are spelled out in detail at the Grand Lodge Website and are summarized here:**

Group A: 1) At least three members including 2 officers to attend the Masonic Education class in your sub-district. 2) Sponsor a Blood Drive or co-sponsor an event with another Lodge. 3) Sponsor a GA Chip Event or co-sponsor an event with another Lodge. 4) Hold as least one fundraising project with part or all proceeds going to the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation. 5) Your lodge maintains contact with widows during the year. (Cards, Baskets, Visit etc) 6) Three officers including the WM to attend Lodge Officer's Association meetings in your Sub-District. 7) Have an informed Brother present a program on Perpetual Membership. 8) WM to send welcome letter to all newly initiated Entered Apprentice Masons as soon as possible following the Degree. 9) 4 members including the WM and Wardens to attend GM Forum. 10) Invite a speaker of your choice to at least 2 of your regular tiled communications. 11) Secretaries Monthly Reports and Lodge Annual Report completed and filed with the Grand Secretaries Office on time. 12) Have a Paint up and Fix up and Clean up day at your Lodge.

Group B: 1) Exchange meetings with a Lodge that meets on the same night. 2) Establish a Lodge budget and present it to the Lodge. 3) At least 2 members and 2 officers to visit at least 3 tiled meetings of other lodges. 4) At least 2 members and 2 officers attend Masonic Home Workdays. 5) Have at least one special meeting to honor members (Veterans, Past Masters, 25 & 50 Year members). 6) Have a Family Night. 7) Assist a shut-in or widow during the year (yard work, mow grass etc). 8) At least 2 members and 2 officers attend the District Convention. 9) At least 2 members and 2 officers attend the County or Tri-County Convention. 10) At least 2 members and 2 officers attend the District Custodian's School of Instruction. 11) Lodge members and their wives to attend a Church Service as a group. 12) Sponsor a "Teacher of the Year" Award. 13) Sponsor a "Civil Servant of the Year" Award (Fire, Police, Nurse, Doctor, etc). 14) At least 2 delegates from the Lodge to attend Grand Lodge.

**I believe that in the next three years we have the potential of winning one of the above district awards and would love to see the effort to win the Grand Master's Cup as Lodge of the Year in the State of Georgia.**

*Let's make the effort and take the time. If we all pull together, if we all contribute, if we all work hard, we can be a Grand Master's Cup Winner again. So Mote It Be.*



**4. LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE:** 1. Here are a few new definitions to add to your vocabulary: Arbitrator: A cook who leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds. Bernadette: The act of torching your mortgage. Parasites: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Primate: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV. Subdued: A guy who works on submarines. Newtrons: The magnetized particles that amazingly hold some fig newtons together. Snackmosphere: The 95% air inside bags of potato chips. Hawaska: In an atlas, the rectangular box which contains Hawaii and Alaska and is located just off the coast of Arizona. 4. The difference between a smart and wise is that a smart man knows what to say but a wise man knows whether or not to say it. 5. The difference between adults and children is that adult toys require monthly payments.

**5. FEEL LIKE AN APRIL FOOL:** Answers below: 1. Where can anybody but you sit? 2. How can you throw a ball so it will reverse direction and return to you without the ball bouncing against or touching any solid object? 3. Rusty's Montana cabin is almost buried in snow, and the temperature is 25 below zero. Rusty's eyes move from the single match he has in his hand to a candle, an oil lamp and a fireplace with kindling, all ready to be lit. Which does he light first? 4. What common mechanized transports in New York City (120,000 of them) carry three times as many passengers daily as all the city's subways, trains, buses cars and taxis combined? 5. What is cowhide chiefly used for?



**1. Your Lap. 2. Straight up in the air. 3. The match. 4. Elevators. 5. To hold cows together.**

**6. MASONIC TRIVIA:** 1. Masonic dates are written "A.L." for "Anno Lucis" or "In the year of Light," which is 4000 years plus the current year, i.e. the year 2004 written Masonically would be 6004. This is because the practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created when God said "Let there be light," 4000 years before Christ. 2. The two structures in the U.S. that have elevators which move sideways, in addition to up and down, are the Arch in St. Louis and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria. 3. Why do we use "So Mote It Be" instead of "Amen?" "So mote it be" are the final words in the Regius Poem. Mote is old English for "May." Masons have used the phrase since the beginning of the written history of the Craft. Freemasonry includes many other words, now obsolete, which bring the sanctity of age and the continuity of ritual from ancient days to modern times.



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