

WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
MARCH 17TH, 2014 TRESTLEBOARD (#315)



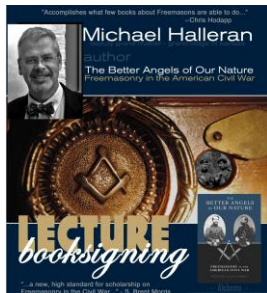
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Brethren: The **Regular Communication** of Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M. will be held at 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia, on **March 17th, 2014**. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a Lodge of Master Masons will be opened at 8:00 p.m. Please remember to call a brother or widow and invite them share an evening of fellowship with us. 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. SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION 2014:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite will hold its 2014 Spring Reunion at the Scottish Rite Center on May 16th and 17th, 2014. If you are or know a Master Mason who is not a Scottish Rite Mason and desires to become one please contact either Kenny May, Membership Chairman (706-699-6785) or General Secretary, Greg Oblak (706-829-1665 cell, 706-733-5387 office) for a petition.



- 2. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT!** Upcoming Event – June 28, 2014, **Michael A. Halleran**,



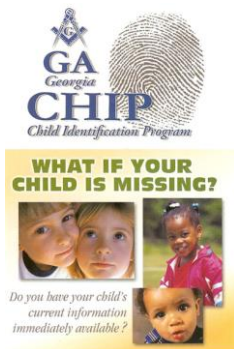
Masonic Author and Speaker, Grand Lodge of Kansas. We are pleased to announce that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Augusta and the Lodge of Research No. 6 at Augusta are proud to jointly sponsor a very special event on Saturday June 28, 2014. Masonic author, RWB Michael A. Halleran will speak concerning Freemasonry in the American Civil War. Michael A. Halleran is a freelance writer and a practicing attorney in the Flint Hills of East-Central Kansas. He has lectured in both the United States and Great Britain on Masonic activity occurring in the military during the 1800s. In 2006, he was awarded the Scottish Rite Research Society's Albert G. Mackey Award for Excellence in Masonic Scholarship for his article on Masonic courtesy in the American Civil War. In 2008, he received the Nova Award from Internet Lodge No. 9659. Brother Halleran is the author of numerous

articles and a book on Masons in the Civil War. His book, *The Better Angels of our Nature*, is distributed by McCoy Publishing. In addition, Brother Halleran writes a regular column in the *Scottish Rite Journal* recounting the colorful adventures of Bro. Hiram Brother, i.e. Brother Brother, a late 19th Century Mason. Limited seating of only 230 tickets will be sold at \$20 each. Please secure your reservation by June 13, 2014 by making checks payable to the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite and mail to: Greg Oblak, General Secretary, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904-3103.

- 3. 10 ADVANTAGES TO GROWING OLD:** 1. Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service. 2. Sexual harassment charges against you just don't stick. 3. Folks no longer think you are a hypochondriac. 4. Kidnappers ignore you. 5. Your secrets are now safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. 6. You are no longer expected to run into a burning building to save a damsel in distress. 7. Whatever you buy now won't wear out. 8. Your eyes won't get much worse. 9. You don't have to pay attention to what people are saying because you can't hear them anyway. 10. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.



- 4. GEORGIA CHIP ID PROGRAM:** GACHIP----Georgia Child Identification Program is one of the most comprehensive child recovery, identification, and abduction awareness programs ever to be offered to parents in the state of Georgia. Full color photographs are taken of the child, a complete set of digital fingerprints, information about the child to include distinguishing features, hair and eye color, scars etc, a DNA sample is obtained from the cheek cells in the saliva as well as a complete set of dental impressions. This is some of the information gathered from each child at no cost to the parents. The mission of the GACHIP program is to raise public awareness concerning the risk of abduction or exploitation that our children now face in today's society. Webb Lodge has not organized one of these events in the last several years. Do we want to take the time, make the effort and contribute to the safety of our children and our children's children? Are we willing to expend the energy and financial obligations to sponsor one of these events? Will **YOU** contribute your time? Let talk about it and try to get involved in the community again!! So Mote It Be.



Attend Lodge, Be One of the Faithful Few.

- 5. THE STONE:** Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt but without saying anything, wrote in the sand "today my best friend slapped me in the face." They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mud and started drowning but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning he wrote on a stone "today my best friend saved my life." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him "after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone, why?" The friend replied "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." Learn to write your hurts in the sand but carve your benefits in stone. It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them. Take the time to live! Do not value the THINGS in your life but WHO you have in your life!



- 6. HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?** This is a list of 10 core values from 202 lodges in the state of Virginia when they were asked to respond to the question: What should be a freemasons core values? **Read the list and see how you measure up!** 1. A Mason believes in a Supreme Being. 2. A Mason has an understanding of moral values. 3. A Mason

exemplifies honor and integrity. 4. A Mason believes in the brotherhood of man. 5. A Mason is moved to fulfill his Masonic Obligations. 6. A Mason practices Charity in his daily living. 7. A Mason exercises Brotherly Love. 8. A Mason is committed to Family. 9. A Mason demonstrates Patriotism. 10. A Mason supports Widows and Orphans. How did you do??

7. AGING; WE ALL HAVE TO GO THROUGH IT: It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker. Also, it seems these days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "**For Fast Relief.**"



8. WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?: I can now relate since I have become a grandfather (POPPA). These are excerpts from papers written by a class of 8 year old children: 1. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. 2. They don't say hurry up! 3. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us. 4. They know we should have snacks before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we have acted bad. 5. When asked where his grandma lived: "Oh, she lives at the airport and when we want her we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back home." 6. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him! 7. It's funny when they bend over and you hear gas leaks and they blame the dog.

9. THOUGHTS FOR 2014: 1. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism. 2. Life is sexually transmitted. 3. Give a person a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks. 4. Health nuts are going to feel stupid some day, lying in the hospital dying of nothing. 5. Good health is merely the slowest rate at which one can die. 6. In the 60's people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal. 7. We know exactly where one cow with mad cow disease is located among the millions and millions of cows in America, but we haven't a clue as to where thousands of illegal immigrants and terrorists are located. Maybe we should put the Department of Agriculture in charge of immigration!

10. SPECULATION ON THE ORIGINS OF FREEMASONRY:



Operative Masonry was created the instant man first decided he needed shelter from the elements and placed one stone upon another. Just when speculative Masonry began is the subject of much conjecture, and in some cases, pure fiction. I would submit, as operative Masonry developed over time, a class of craftsman formed who would be called architects and artists today. The architects drew the plans for various building projects and the artists lent their talents to the finished product. We first see them taking form as an organization during the Roman Empire. The Collegia were a series of Roman guilds of which the architects and artists were members. They would travel throughout the Roman Empire building roads, aqueducts, chapels, government building, etc. At the fall of the Roman Empire, "the Comacine Masters formed in Lombardy preserving the Roman secrets of masonry construction which were never utterly lost in Italy but were passed on by the mason brotherhoods, which were supposed to be among the numerous documented Collegia which workingmen joined together for mutual protection, fraternal banqueting and eventual support of their widows throughout the Roman Empire, sometimes associated together as masters of the *arcana* or "mysteries" of their craft". The Comacine Masters were able to travel throughout Europe and England with relative freedom overseeing the construction of the great building for which both continents are famous. Since the members of this exclusive group were at the top of the philosophic and artistic ladder, it is an easy step to see how they could have easily gravitated with the help of the Hermetics and Rosicrucians to what we know of today as Speculative Freemasonry. Is this theory possible or even realistic? You decide with your research and agree or disagree with facts you discover.



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