WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M. JUNE 16TH, 2014 TRESTLEBOARD (#318)



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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 **June 16th**, **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 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. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT: Upcoming Event June 28, 2014, Michael A. Halleran, Masonic Author and Speaker, Grand Lodge of Kansas at the Scottish Rite Center has been cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales. All reservation money will be returned.
- 2. 10th MASONIC DISTRICT CONVENTION: When: June 14th, 2014. Where: Webb Lodge #166, 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30909. Time: 10:00 am. District Master is our own Worshipful Brother James Huggins. Please attend if you can and support Jim and his District Officers. Building cleanup will be held at the Temple at 12:30 PM on May 31st, 2014. There will also be a workday on Thursday, June 12th, 2014 beginning at 10:00 AM for the outside of the building. Bring your mowers, trimmers, blowers, edgers, and any other hand tools which you may have.
- 3. DINNER THEATER 2014: The Dinner Theater for 2014 has been finalized: WHERE: Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road. WHEN: Saturday, September 20, 2014. WHAT: A night of music. WHO: The program will begin with the 8th Regiment Band (15 piece band) from Rome Georgia, dressed in authentic period uniforms, playing 150 year old instruments and music of the time. They will play for about 1 hour, then a 15 minute intermission. The second half of the evening will begin with the giveaway of door prizes and then the Acappella group Augusta Bel Canto (12 musicians) will then sing big band and contemporary music for us for the next hour. MEAL: Dinner will be a seafood & chicken buffet (all you can eat): Fried Catfish, Flounder & Shrimp, Baked Chicken, Hushpuppies, potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler, ice tea and coffee. COST: \$35.00 per person or reserve a table of eight for you and your friends, family, lodge etc for \$280.00. LIMITATIONS: Seating will be limited to the first 230 people. This is open to the public. Tickets will go on sale March 1, 2014. Your check is your reservation. No verbal reservations. Tickets can be mailed, picked up at the Scottish Rite Center or held at "Will Call" until the night of the performance. This is not a fundraiser but

for the pleasure of the membership. Ticket cost just covers the cost of the meal, entertainment and door prizes. Your blue lodge may also wish to use this evening as your Ladies Night, Past Master's Night, or Widows Night entertainment. Please purchase your tickets early as the past 4 Dinner Theaters have been sellouts.

4. SUSPENSIONS: Just a reminder that the month of June is the month stipulated in our By-laws (Article VII, Section 1) in which those brethren who have not paid their dues for the preceding and current year may be suspended at the regular communication by motion or resolution and without trial unless he can show just cause why he should not pay the same. Brethren please check your dues card and make sure that you are NOT in this situation. If you are, please notify me or any officer of Webb Lodge and we will be happy to review your case. So Mote It Be.

Do more than exist: Love. Do more than touch: Feel. Do more than look: Observe. Do more than read: Absorb. Do more than hear: Listen. Do more than listen: Understand.



- 5. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: The Scholarship Committee received 4 scholarship requests this year and, with a unanimous decision, recommended that all be approved by the membership, so long as the financial trustees confirm that it will not compromise both operating expenses and charity for the remaining year. Their findings will be reported at the regular communication this month.
- 6. ARE YOU IN YOUR "MIDDLE" AGE? 1. Middle age is having a choice of 2 temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier. 2. During middle age, "getting a little action" means you do not need to take a laxative. 3. You're reaching middle age when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot. 4. The cardiologist's diet for the middle aged: If it tastes good, spit it out. 5. You're reaching middle age when your wife gives up sex for Lent and you do not know until the 4th of July. (Sorry about that)
- 7. THE SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY REVEALED! (By Eric Milks) Since the inception of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1717, there has been a concentrated effort on the part of individuals, the press, various religious organizations, disgruntled brothers and others to expose the secrets of the fraternity. In fact, if memory serves me, the first expose' following the formation of the UGLE was written in 1724. The amount of material written for and against Freemasonry over the past nearly 300 years is staggering. So, what has been exposed? The world outside Freemasonry thinks of our "secrets" as the catechism, grips, words, signs, and tokens of our degrees. If that is the case, a casual review of books in the public realm and the Internet will quickly dispel any notion of those elements of the Craft being secret. And for what reason do we even have grips, words, signs, and tokens if not to be able to identify a brother in both darkness

and light and gain admission to a lodge? Determining a man to be a brother is occasion for joy because we have found a man who is of the same moral fiber as ourselves and someone to whom we have a mystic tie that readily encourages us to render any aid required. It also provides an immediate assessment as to his character. However, being the kind of men we are, would we not be naturally disposed to render aid in any case? I contend that the real secrets of Freemasonry are contained within the heart of each Mason as he builds his individual temple to the Grand Architect of the Universe using the tools he has been given during his Masonic journey. Each man's temple is unique to him and serves the greater purposes of Him to whom we make our vows and pledge obedience.

Happy Father's Day To All Dads From The Officers Of Webb Lodge #166

- 8. THE FAITHFUL FEW: Brethren, this verse is for you. You know who you are! I wrote this back in 2004 and thought you might enjoy reading it again. It still applies. When the meeting's called to order and you look about the room; You're sure to see some faces, that from out the shadows loom; that are always at the meeting and stay till it's through; The ones that I would mention are always "The Faithful Few." They fill the vacant offices as they are always on the spot; No matter what the weather is even though it may be awful hot; It may be dark and rainy but they are tried and true; The ones that you rely on are always "The Faithful Few." There are lots of worthy members, who will come when in the mood; when everything's convenient, they can do a little good. They are a factor in the Order, and are necessary too, but the ones who never fail us are always "The Faithful Few." If it were not these faithful whose shoulders at the wheel keep the Order true, without a halt or rule? What would be the fate of Orders who have so much to do? They surely would go under but for "The Faithful Few." This sure applies to Webb Lodge and I would like to thank those who have contributed in one way or another to make Webb Lodge one of the best and active lodges in the area.
- 9. YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLDER WHEN: 1) The little old lady you help across the street is your wife. 2) Your children begin to look middle-aged. 3) You find a person attractive because they can get three cups of tea from the same tea bag. 4) You can remember what you did yesterday by what hurts today. 5) You remember when you didn't need help to carry home five dollars' worth of groceries. 6) You bend down to tie your shoes and look around to see if there is anything else to do while you are down there. 7) Your kids and clothes are the same age.
- 10. YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM GEORGIA IF: 1. You measure distance in minutes. 2. You use "fix" as a verb. Ex: I'm fixin' to go to the store. 3. You only own four spices: salt, pepper, chili powder, and catsup. No genuine Georgian ever called it "Catsup" it's "Ketchup" and don't forget pepper sauce for the greens! 4. The local papers cover national and international news on one page but require 6 pages for sports. 5. You think that the first day of deer season should be a

national holiday. (**SID AGREES WITH THIS ONE**) 6. You know all four seasons: Almost summer, summer, still summer and Christmas. 7. Visiting Wal-Mart is a favorite pastime known as "going to town." 8. You describe the first cool snap (below 60 degrees) as good chili weather. 9. A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola or pop... it's a Coke, regardless of brand or flavor.

11. EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, NOBODY AND ANYBODY: I read this the other day in the Augusta Chronicle and thought that sometimes it applies to our fraternity. Once upon a time, there were four people; Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Somebody's job. So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.





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