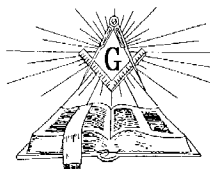


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
JULY 21ST, 2014 TRESTLEBOARD (#319)



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**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY 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 **July 21ST, 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) Widows have an open invitation to join us for dinner each month and please bring a guest.

1. **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Financial Trustees have approved the request of the Scholarship Committee for the funding of four \$1,000.00 scholarships to the following: **Ms. Joy Miller, Ms. Hunter Williams, Ms. Lauren Hadden and Mr. Hunter Boose**. These students and their families will be present at the Regular communication in July. Each will be awarded a check for \$1,000.00 each to help with their college education expenses. Scholarship Chairman, Gregory Oblak, will introduce each student and present them with their checks in the dining room following dinner.



2. **PERSONAL AND MASONIC GOALS:** Following are a few questions which I thought might stimulate each of you in your own personal lives as well as those of you who are going through the chairs in the lodge. Write a few down and then at the end of the year evaluate how many were accomplished: 1) What must I accomplish this year, professionally and personally, to consider myself successful? 2) What do I consider my greatest strength and how can I utilize it more often in my life? 3) Who have I admired for the success they have achieved and why? 4) What traits do I need to cultivate? 5) Who has admired my success and why? 6) What do I consider a successful partnership? 7) What opportunity should I consider more often this year? 8) What was my greatest achievement this year and how has it changed my life. 9) What can I do to be more satisfied with how I spend my days?



3. **THE SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY REVEALED (Bro. Stoney):** 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.



4. **BLOOD DRIVE:** Webb Lodge has collected another 242 units of blood at the Blood Drive on June 26th, 2014. Thanks to Brothers Bill Ayre, P.M., Jack Bradford, and Zachary Ansley and Brittany for their dedication of time for this effort. Brethren we have saved another 726 lives. Webb Lodge has contributed in the collection of just under 1000 units for the year. Thanks also to Steve Fishman, PM and State Director of the Grand Lodge's Blood Drive Program for instituting this worthwhile program.



5. **WHAT HAVE I LEARNED, BY ANDY ROONEY:** In reading some of Andy Rooney's wisdom, I thought several of his sayings were appropriate and applied to Masonry and several others were just amusing: 1) I've learned that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person. 2) I've learned that when you are in love, it shows. 3) I've learned that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day. 4) I've learned that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world. 5) I've learned that being kind is more important than being right. 6) I've learned that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way. 7) I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. 8) I've learned that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for. 9) I've learned that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you. 10) I've learned that love, not time, heals all wounds. 11) I've learned that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted. 12) I've learned that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them. 13) I've learned that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere. 14) I've learned that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss. 15) I've learned a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.



