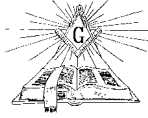


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AUGUST 18TH, 2014 TRESTLEBOARD (#320)



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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 **August 18, 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. **SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION: WHEN:** October 10th & 11th, 2014. **WHERE:** Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904. **WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** All Master Masons from recognized Blue Lodges. **COST:** \$200.00, which covers the costs of your books, patents, two meals, photo CD of the Reunion and 14th degree ring pyramid. See General Secretary Greg Oblak or any Scottish Rite Mason for a Petition.



2. **WHAT KIND OF MASON ARE YOU?** Many Masons are like wheelbarrows, no good unless pushed. Some are like trailers, they have to be pulled. Some are like kites, if you don't keep them on a string, they fly away. Some are like balloons, full of wind and ready to blow up. Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they will bounce. Then there are some who are like a good watch; OPEN FACE, PURE GOLD, QUIETLY BUSY AND FULL OF GOOD WORKS. Which of these describes you???



He is a wise Brother who knows how to conclude a speech when he has said all that is pertinent to the subject.
(Rev. George Oliver)



3. **BROTHERLY LOVE:** Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren will give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort. (Carl H. Claudy)



4. **LIVING MASONRY:** His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-Shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire 4 years of college. He was the top academic individual in his class. Kind of esoteric and very, very, bright. He became a Mason while attending college. After moving to his new residence he finds that down the street is a well-dressed, very conservative Lodge. One day John decides to go there after work. He walks in with shoes, jeans, work shirt and long hair. The Lodge has already started and so John starts looking for a seat. The lodge is completely packed and he can't find a seat anywhere. By now the brethren are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the East and when he realizes there are no seats he squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this Lodge before!) By now the brethren are really uptight and the tension in the air is thick. About this time the Secretary realizes that from the back of the lodge a Past Master is slowly making his way toward John. Now the Past Master is in his eighties, has silver gray hair and has on a three piece suit. A good man, very elegant, very dignified and very courtly. He walks with a cane and as he starts walking toward this boy everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he is going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid in the Lodge? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The Lodge is silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The Secretary can't even continue with the "Minutes" until the Past Master does what he has to do. Now the lodge watches as this elderly man drops his cane on the floor. With great difficulty he lowers himself and sits down next to John and welcomes him so he won't be alone. When the Secretary gains control, he says, **"What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."**

Brethren: When we have visitors, or newly raised Master Masons, welcome them to the lodge, sit with them during dinner and make them feel like they are a part of the lodge even if you sit with the same brothers every month. Make the effort to make them feel at home, at ease, and comfortable and that you appreciate that they have decided to attend Lodge.

5. **QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. Life is too short to drink the house wine. (Thomas) 2. Your imperfections are what make you beautiful. (Bullock) 3. Silly is you in a natural state, and serious is something you have to do until you can get silly again. (Myers) 4. Fishing is worth any amount of effort and any amount of expense to people who love it, because in the end you get such a large number of dreams per fish. (Frazier) (And the feelings I'm sure of Sid Putnam, the Bassmaster.)



6. **TEST FOR DEMENTIA:** Below are four questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time; answer all of them immediately. Let's find out just how clever you really are: **First Question:** You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in? **Answer:** If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second! Try not to screw up next time! Do not take as much time as you took for the first question, OK? **Second Question:** If you overtake the last, person, then you are??? **Answer:** If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST person? You are not very good at this, are you? **Third Question:** Note: This must be done in your head only...no cheating! Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add



another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the Total?
Answer: Did you get 5000? The correct answer is actually 4100. If you do not believe it, check it with a calculator!
 Today is definitely not your day, is it? Maybe you will get the last question right... **Fourth Question:** Mary's father has five daughters; 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?? **Answer:** Did you answer Nunu? No! Of course it isn't. Her name is MARY!!! Read the question again!!! Okay, now the bonus round: A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses; how does he indicate what he wants? He just has to open his mouth and ask....It is really very simple.....Like you!!! When would you like your appointment to be picked up and taken to the Funny Farm??



7. **SOUTHERN WOMEN:** Appreciate their natural assets: clean skin, a winning smile, that unforgettable Southern drawl. Southern women know their manners: 'Yes, ma'am.' 'Yes, sir.' 'Why, no, Billy!' They know everybody's first name; Honey, Darlin or Shugah. They know their religions: Baptist, Methodist, Football. And they know their cities dripping with Southern charm: Chawl'stn, S'vanah, Foat Wuth, N'awlins, Addlandta.
8. **ATTENTION BRETHREN:** Please make the effort to attend our monthly meetings. It is easy to get out of the "HABIT". Attendance is at an all-time low and we need "YOU". We also need your support at our upcoming degrees. We especially need the dedication of the officers to help our Worshipful Master complete his goals for the year and to attend practices for these degrees. We are a team, we have to practice as a team, meet as a team and contribute our time as a team. So Mote It Be.
9. **RITE OF DESTITUTION: By Eric Milks, (Brother Stoney)** As I have said before, Joseph Fort Newton is without a doubt one of my favorite Masonic authors and it is from one of his lectures that the notes for this short article are drawn. Have any of us ever been truly destitute? I would suggest that in America a completely destitute man would be hard to find. Yes, there are the poor in our country, but in comparison to the rest of the world, our poor are wealthy. So, for probably the first time in a man's life he is confronted with the idea of being destitute during the Entered Apprentice degree. He is bewildered, if not humiliated and forced to look outside his own resources for aid. Fortunately the rite requires that we aid "All Poor and Distressed, Worthy Masons, their Widows and Orphans" (old ritual); that is, those who are destitute through no fault of their own but because of untoward circumstances. The duty of a Mason to render aid is only limited to the extent it does no injury to those nearest him. Since the Craft is composed of "picked men," none should be allowed to enter unless equal to the financial, mental and time demands. However, life often times delivers to even the most prepared, vicissitudes and tragedies. It is for such a plight that the Rite of Destitution refers. Our aid should be not only financial but also include companionship, sympathy, and love. As the Apostle Paul said in First Corinthians chapter 13, "although I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing," and as Muhammad long ago said, "The end of the world has come when a man will not help another man." In both situations, neither man indicated charity and money are synonymous. Charity is best summed up by a quote from *The Vision of Sir Launfal* by James Russell Lowell, "For the gift without the giver is bare; Who bestows himself with his alms feeds three, Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me!"

A Master of a Lodge should be courteous, but firm; earnest, but decided. The chair is a test which few pass with entire satisfaction. It is an important criterion of prudence, discretion and judgment. (Rev. George Oliver)
A Good Habit - Attend Your Lodge.



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