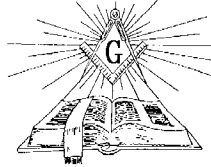


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SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2014 TRESTLEBOARD (#321)



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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 **September 15th, 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. **MASONRY IN GEORGIA: (Bro. Stoney)** Ever wonder where Masonry got its start in Georgia? Here is a brief synopsis as found in the book titled *The Grand Lodge of Georgia Free and Accepted Masons 1786 - 1980* written by William Henry Rosier and Fred Lamar Pearson, Jr. There are many traditions concerning how Masonry began in Georgia. Unfortunately, the facts in many instances were not recorded until many years after they occurred. Therefore, while not always supported by documentary evidence, the traditions nonetheless have stood the test of time and examination. Tradition has it Brother James Oglethorpe on January 26, 1733 or 1734, was exploring south of Savannah along the coast and went ashore at Medway River. There, under a spreading live oak tree Brother Oglethorpe opened the first Masonic Lodge in Georgia¹. This site later came to be known as the town of Sunbury. However, there was never any mention in the history of Sunbury of any such event occurring. The meeting could in fact have been held at the site indicated above or any number of places in the Medway District. The account of Oglethorpe's travels does not indicate the exact date of his return, but it is thought to be February 8, 1733 or 1734. Tradition further states the first lodge, which was later named Solomon's Lodge, was organized in Savannah on February 10, 1733 or 1734. Beyond tradition, we are able to actually review the minutes of Solomon's Lodge dated December 21, 1858 wherein the following is recorded: "That as tradition has informed us that a Masonic Lodge (now Solomon's) was first organized in this city by General Oglethorpe, February 10th 1733, we do dedicate Solomon's Lodge's new hall on the 10th of February, next, being the 127th anniversary of the organizing of Masonry in Georgia." Undoubtedly, the date referenced in the minutes was in accordance with the old calendar. However, that would be February 21, 1734 according to our present calendar. The 127th anniversary was probably a slip of the pen, as it does not agree with the date given. This date was a few days after General Oglethorpe's return from his trip down the coast and is generally accepted as the beginning of organized Freemasonry in Georgia.

3. **GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION:** Grand Lodge will meet on October 27th, 28th and 29th, 2014 at the Macon Marriott City Center Hotel, Macon, Georgia. Phone number is 478-621-5300 for reservations. Cost is \$109.00 per night. Must identify yourself as a member of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. You may pre-register by email for the session. Monday Night is the Grand Masters Banquet, Reservations are necessary and the cost is \$40.00 per person. Tuesday morning is the Honors Breakfast and all honor men and guests may attend. Cost is \$20.00. Tuesday is the Veterans luncheon at the Scottish Rite Center, cost is free but you must request a ticket to attend. Ladies Luncheon is also Tuesday and the cost is \$25.00. Tuesday night is the Farmer's Market Cookout, cost is \$5.00 and a ticket is also necessary for entrance. All the above can be requested and paid for when you pre-register. You must your ID number to pre-register and you must have a current dues card to attend the Grand Lodge Sessions.



4. **QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in the library? (Tomlin) 2. Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes. (Carrey) 3. I am always relieved when someone delivers a eulogy and I realize I'm listening to it. (Carlin) 4. People say New Yorkers can't get along. Not true! I saw two New Yorkers, complete strangers, sharing a cab. One guy took the tires and the radio; the other guy took the engine. (Letterman) 5. Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance? (Diloler)



5. **WIDOWS—LADIES---OFFICERS NIGHT:** Don't forget the upcoming widows, ladies, officers, night on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Scottish Rite Center. Webb Lodge has bought 3 plus tables for all to attend the Scottish Rite Dinner Theater that night. Dinner begins at 8:00 PM, with the program beginning at 7:30 PM. Tickets will be available at the Center; see Secretary Greg Oblak for your ticket.

6. **LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE:** 1. You know you are from Georgia if: a. You can properly pronounce Chickamauga, DeKalb, Dahlonga, and Smyrna. b. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but by the availability of shade. c. You have seen people wear bib overalls at weddings and funerals. d. You know cow pies are not made of beef. e. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date. f. A Mercedes Benz isn't a status symbol; a Ford F350 Crew Cab is. 2. A redneck took his car

¹ Rev. George White, *Statistics of the State of Georgia* (Savannah: 1849), p. 373

to his auto mechanic and explained that the car made a clunking noise when it turned corners. The mechanic took the car out for a test drive and made two right turns, each time hearing a loud clunk. Back at the shop he returned the car to the Service Manager with a note "removed bowling ball from trunk."

7. **DUES:** Brethren, please check your dues card and make sure that it is current. (2014) If not, please remit the sum of \$50.00 for 2014 or \$100.00 if you still owe for 2013. If you cannot afford to pay your dues please notify me; we do not want to suspend anyone if they have a legitimate reason. So Mote It Be.



8. **MASONRY:** Masonry is designed to affect our life and conduct, to help regulate our actions in the performance of all that is right. It should enable us to establish standards of moral excellence. As masons, our best asset is the exemplary life of the practicing individual mason with his knowledge of our craft and the willingness to diffuse that light to all who are interested in the promotion of our great fraternity. To this end, is the challenge that we have before us.



9. **WHY IS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE LODGE?** The 21st century role for a Masonic Lodge differs significantly from the past. There was a time when Masons could meet in their lodge without regard for what was happening in their community. For one thing, the lodge was the community because most of the important and influential men in the community were also members of the lodge. Towns were smaller and competition for men and for events was not as great. Today, any lodge that is not connected with its community needs to consider becoming involved for the following reasons: 1. Future members are in the community and when the lodge is involved, they will discover what Masonry is all about. 2. Future members demand that any organization they join be active in community outreach. 3.



The community is the responsibility of everyone; including Masons. 4. The lodge is the perfect community-service organization. 5. Masons will be proud of their role in the community. 6. Any organization, to grow, needs to be able to involve all its members in some way. Community involvement is one way to do this. Brethren: If we do something for the community (scholarships) or in the community (blood drives) I think we should have a contact person in the lodge to inform the public via the newspaper, radio or TV what we are, what we stand for and what we are doing in and about the community. What do you think? Bring it up in the lodge and let's get our name out there!

"I can make a lord, but only the Almighty can make a gentleman." – King James II

10. **DAD'S SURVIVAL TIPS:** To My Kids who have left home and are on their own, I pass on a list of life's lessons; 1. Don't sweat your every mistake. They make up for the things you got away with that nobody knows about. 2. Avoid marrying anyone who deliberately flushes the toilet when you are taking a shower. 3. When someone tells you that what he's about to say is "for your own good," expect the worst. 4. If you are lavishly praised, enjoy the taste but don't swallow it whole. 5. If someone says, "I know what I mean, but I just can't put it into words," he doesn't know what he means. 6. Two people cannot operate a TV remote control in the same room at the same time.



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