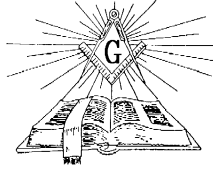


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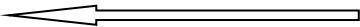
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Brethren: The **Regular Communication** of Webb Lodge #166 F.& A.M. will be held at the Masonic Temple, 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia, on **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a Lodge of Master Masons will 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. Ladies are invited. (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. GEORGIA/SOUTH CAROLINA EXCHANGE NIGHT:** The Grand Lodge Officers of Georgia and South Carolina will come together on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, at the Scottish Rite Center to hold their annual exchange night. The dinner will begin at 6:00 P.M. with the Program to follow at 7:00 P.M. I understand that this year there will be a program and not just a meeting which consists of introductions, pats on the butt and exchange of gifts. Hopefully there will be a message for all Master Masons. Please come out to this event and support your Grand Master.



**Grand Master of Masons in Georgia**  
**MWB Douglas W. McDonald**



**Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina**  
**MWB William B. Rodgers**



- 2. 10<sup>th</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT CONVENTION:** When: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Where: Tennille Lodge #256, Time: 10:00 am. District Master is Tom Bell. Please attend if you can and support Tom and his District Officers.

- 3. DEFINITIONS OF STRENGTH:** 1. When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid. (Lorde) 2. Vigor is contagious, and whatever makes us either think or feel strongly adds to our power and enlarges our field of action. (Emerson) 3. Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. (Lamott) 6. The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. (King) 7. Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world...it is the only thing that ever has.(Meade)



- 4. HOW MANY HAVE WE LOST?** Brethren this was handed to me by another well respected Mason who thought that his lodge here locally has incurred the following problem and I thought it might be some "Food for Thought." The article states that the Grand Master of Missouri had recently received a letter from a distressed "Young Brother." This young brother known as "Joe" was excited about being a Freemason if only for a very short time and wanted to take a very active role in the lodge. Brother Joe did everything we asked of him. He listened to our lectures, he searched for Masonic Light, he tried to incorporate the Great Moral Lessons into his personal life, he read Masonic Literature to learn what he could, and even joined many of the appendant organizations when we asked him. However; Brother Joe is becoming disenchanted and discouraged. When he does attend Lodge, he runs into one of the most serious problems that can affect any organization - **THE CLIQUE**. This is an excerpt from that letter to the Grand Master; During the entire time I was at Lodge not one word was directed to me except for the brief "Hello." The older members sat in their cliques of friends and talked about the weather, family, work, etc. Although I tried to join the conversation from time to time, I was politely ignored. Brethren, if those of us that have been in the fraternity for a number of years have allowed this to happen then shame on us!!!!!! We enjoined him to attend Lodge, to take an active part in the Fraternity. Then, to our discredit, we ignored him and perhaps a great many other brethren as well. Somewhere along the way we have forgotten that the principal working tool of a Master Mason, the Trowel, is to be used to spread Brotherly Love and Affection that unites us into a society of friends and brothers. Have we become complacent, insensitive, smug or even worse---Arrogant--- in our attitudes and actions toward our new members?? To restate the title of this article—how many have we lost? How many more are we prepared to lose? If we are not prepared and willing to do what is required to ensure that our younger members like Brother Joe carry the "Shining Light of Freemasonry," to future generations, then we will take Freemasonry to our graves with us. The choice is ours, Brethren. I know for a fact that this has occurred in the past in Webb Lodge, although I have not seen this in recent years. Let us keep our younger brethren interested in Webb Lodge for as long as we can, take an interest in them and encourage them to seek our help and experience. So Mote It Be.

**Brotherly  
love**

**5. YANKEE SURVIVAL TIPS:** 1. If you run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in the cab of a four wheel drive with a 12 pack of beer and a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them. Just stay out of their way. This is what they live for. 2. Remember: "Y'all" is singular. "All y'all" is plural. "All y'all's" is plural possessive. 3. There is nothing sillier than a Northerner imitating a southern accent, unless it is a Southerner imitating a Boston accent. 4. Be advised; The "he needed killin'" defense is valid here. 5. Florida is not considered a southern state. There are more Yankees than Southerners living there. 6. If you curse the person driving 15 mph in a 55 mph zone, directly in the middle of the road, remember, many folks learned to drive on a JOHN DEERE and this is the proper speed and lane position for it.



**6. GIVE OF YOURSELF:** The author of the following was a member of Webb Lodge and wrote this while recuperating from a fractured hip in 1995. I believe that we all can learn a lesson from his writing. I hope that I will have the ability and the energy that Brother HAL LASKY had at 87 years old when and if I reach this age. Hal was one of the "Faithful Few." You don't have to be a Doctor, Lawyer or a Judge, you see, To let someone know you're here. There's the Senior Citizens Council, the Hospitals or the Veterans Hospitals. Where you can readily volunteer. To show your willingness and readiness, And to be helpful whenever you can, Will not only fill yourself with pride, But enhance yourself to your fellow man. To show everyone that you're ready, No matter what the task might be, To help where you can, and be ready to show that you'd like to help your community. The Volunteer who visited me shortly, And the nice things she had to say, Made me feel better for quite awhile, Than all the get well cards that I received today. So do your bit, no matter how small, For others who are down or blue, Believe me, my friends, the rewards are great. The good Lord will look out for you! Brethren: We would like to see you in lodge, contributing in your own way no matter how small. Take the time to be an integral part of "YOUR LODGE" and become one of the "FAITHFUL FEW."



**7. WHO SHOULD BE A MASON?** ( Bro. Stoney) Recent events have made me ponder the question of who should and should not consider Freemasonry. A good starting point would be to look at what Masonry is and tries to achieve. Masonry was originally conceived as a fraternal order where men could come to discuss universal truths and gain the tools with which to build internal spiritual temples that are able to withstand the scrutiny of a Divine Being. In the process of becoming a Mason and laying the foundation stones for their internal temples, a bond develops among the brothers sometimes referred to as the Mystic Tie. Much could be said about the Mystic Tie but I will leave that for a later discussion. So, having a brief foundation of what Masonry is, let's explore what it is not. It is not a religious organization, as has been said many times. However, a man of necessity must subscribe to a belief system that incorporates a Supreme Being and the concept of an afterlife. It is not a philanthropic organization, although more than \$2 million dollars are contributed every day by Masons to various charitable enterprises. It is not a rehabilitation center where broken men can come and be healed. It does however take good men and make them better. That being said, integrity, ethics, honor, honesty, faith, etc. all must be in place before a man should be allowed to enter the Craft. Those principles can only be built upon, not instilled. If you are a Mason who does not possess those virtues described above, why would you want to continue to associate with those who do and thereby be constantly reminded of your shortcoming? Masonry calls upon each of us to act and such a way as to bring pride and honor to the Craft. If you do not possess the virtues with which to do that, you will taint the Order and bring much discredit to yourself. A man without honor cannot be comfortable within the confines of Masonic brotherhood and will soon come to hate those whose very hearts are what he should be seeking to emulate. I ask simply, why do this to yourself? To my brothers, I say, guard well your inner door. Do not put men in a position to do that which they are not prepared.



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