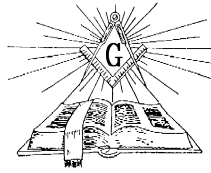


**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.**  
**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 TRESTLEBOARD (#332)**



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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 **August 17<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. THOUGHTS FROM A 92 YEAR OLD BROTHER:** I was reading an old newsletter that I wrote 20 years ago and came upon this note given to me by 92 year old Brother Hal Lasky about the ten ways each of us should practice our lives. Here is a reprint of his list: 1. Don't drink (too heavy). 2. Don't smoke (at all). 3. Attend church (regularly). 4. Teach your family love (always). 5. Remember the value of time. 6. Live a "clean" life. 7. Respect your neighbors (it's worth it). 8. Volunteer (when you can). 9. Set a good example for your children. 10. Believe in God (but lock your car).



- 2. DEFINITIONS:** 1. Newtrons - the magnetized particles that amazingly hold some fig newtons together. 2. Snackmosphere - the 95% air inside bags of potato chips. 3. Hawaska - in an atlas, the rectangular box which contains Hawaii and Alaska and is located just off the coast of Arizona. 4. Irritating Habit - what the endearing little qualities that initially attract two people to each other turn into after a few months together. 5. Ambrewdextrous - able to dance and hold a cup of beer without spilling a drop.
- 3. 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.) 5. If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck? (Ellerbee) 6. Graduation speeches were invented largely in the belief that college students should never be released into the world until they have been properly sedated. (Trudeau) 7. Whenever you see darkness, there is extraordinary opportunity for the light to burn brighter. (Bono).

- 4. YOU KNOW YOU'RE A REDNECK IF:** (This is intended for humor only and not to offend anyone). You know you're a redneck if: 1) The Halloween pumpkin on your front porch has more teeth than your spouse. 2) You let your twelve-year-old daughter smoke at the dinner table in front of her kids. 3) You have been married three times and still have the same in-laws. 4) Anyone in your family ever died right after saying "Hey, y'all watch this!" 5) You have more than one brother named "Daryl." 6) Your Junior/Senior Prom had a Daycare. 7) You think the last words to the Star Spangled Banner are, "Gentlemen Start Your Engines." 8) You think loading the dishwasher means getting your wife drunk.



- 5. FALL REUNION DATE SET:** The 2015 Fall Reunion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on September 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. If you know a brother Master Mason who is interested in becoming a 32<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason please invite him to join us on that date. A petition for the degrees can be obtained online at our website: [www.augustascottishrite.org](http://www.augustascottishrite.org) or at the Scottish Rite Center. Cost is \$200.00.

*The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way you choose to use them. (Unknown)*

- 6. SCOTTISH RITE HONOURS:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite jurisdiction is composed of approximately 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the state of Georgia. Every two years the Supreme Council usually awards 30-38 red caps (Knight Commander of the Court of Honour) and 12-15 white caps (33<sup>o</sup>) to the entire state of Georgia as honors to be awarded. The Valley of Augusta usually gets 4-6 of those red caps and 1-3 white caps. There are approximately 6000 Scottish Rite Masons in the state and 500 in the Valley of Augusta and remember that this occurs only once every two years (not every year). The odds of receiving one of these honors are very low. This year 2 white caps and 3 red caps were given to the Valley of Augusta and two of those 5 recipients came from Webb Lodge #166. Congratulations to Worshipful Brother **Steve Fishman** who will receive his white cap on October 17, 2015 in Atlanta and to Worshipful Brother **Jack Goldenberg** who will receive his red cap on October 3, 2015 here at the Augusta Scottish Rite. (The other white cap was awarded to WB Eric Milks, of George Walton Lodge #699 and the two other red caps were awarded to WB Will Dozier of John S. Davidson Lodge #677 and to WB Chuck Riggan from Richmond Lodge #412.) Congratulations again Brothers Steve and Jack on attaining this Milestone in their Masonic Careers.

- 7. WHO WAS THOMAS SMITH WEBB?? (Brother Stoney)** Thomas Smith Webb was born in Boston on October 13, 1771 and died in Cleveland, Ohio on July 6, 1819. He was 47 years old at the time of his death. Bro. Webb was made a Mason in 1792 at the age of 21 in the Rising Sun Lodge located in Keene, New Hampshire. He is best known for his publication, *Freemason's Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry*, copyrighted September 14, 1797, when he was 26 years old. Even though it was a small volume, the publication had a significant impact on the development of Masonic ritual in America. In fact, Webb is credited with being the inventor and founder of the system of work, which under the



appropriate name of the American Rite, is universally practiced in the United States. The Freemason's Monitor consists of two parts, with the first part being the ritual. The second part contains an account of the Ineffable Degrees of Masonry along with several Masonic songs written by Bro. Webb. The book continued to be improved and enlarged even after his death. The year 1797 also marked the period Bro. Webb presided over a convention of committees in Boston for the formation of a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. At a subsequent meeting in Providence, Rhode Island on January 1799, a constitution he prepared was adopted. The formation of the Grand Encampment of the United States was the result of his Masonic efforts. In 1813 when Bro. Webb was 42, he served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. In addition to his Blue Lodge accomplishments, Bro. Webb was responsible, as indicated previously, for much of what we know today as the York Rites. In fact, it was on a trip out West in 1819 to promote the York Rites that he died of apoplexy. The date was July 6, 1819, and the location was Cleveland, Ohio. He was buried the next day with full Masonic honors. His body was subsequently disinterred and moved to Providence, Rhode Island where on November 8, 1819 the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island reinterred his body. In summary, it must be said, and is attested to by many; Bro. Webb was an accomplished ritualist. Having said that, the American Rite he developed would have been a more perfect system had he possessed a deeper understanding of the philosophy and symbolism of Freemasonry. However, even with its imperfections, Bro. Webb's work still stands as a monument to his ritualistic skill, devotion and persevering labor as one of early Masonry devoted disciples. Those who claim membership in the lodge that bears his name have ample reason to feel a true sense of pride in knowing Bro. Webb was without a doubt, one of the faithful few.

**8. EMAIL ADDRESSES AND CURRENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:** Brethren: I am trying to update our list of telephone numbers and email addresses for **ALL MEMBERS**. Take the time and send me your current telephone number and email address if you have one. You can call me with this information at 706-829-1665, mail it to the lodge at: Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M., 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30909 or send it electronically to my email address: [goblak@comcast.net](mailto:goblak@comcast.net). Please take the time and make the effort. Thank you for your support on this matter.



**MEMBERSHIP DUES** **JUST FOR INFORMATION:** Most of the Brethren pay their dues on time, some do not. Some think that the dues are too high and they do not understand the financial situation of their lodges. In my opinion Masonry is a bargain, in fact I believe that Webb Lodge should have and increase in our dues. Let me explain. Webb Lodge supports 3-6, \$1000.00 scholarships a year, spends approximately \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 on charity during the holiday season, supports brethren who need temporary financial relief, and supports several other charitable causes during the year. The dues are \$50.00 per year. What most brethren do not know is that \$30.00 of that \$50.00 has to be sent each year as the per capita assessment to Grand Lodge. Just about every year the per capita is increased to cover the expenses of Grand Lodge. That leaves only \$20.00 per member (Webb Lodge had 337 members when I began as Secretary in 1988, we now have 101 members) to run the lodge. (\$20.00 X 101 = \$2020.00). Without investments we could no longer support the above charities. Yet we do not even hesitate to pay such things as HOA fees of \$500 plus per year, club fees of several hundred dollars a year, support our church at 5-10% of our annual salary, spend several thousand dollars per year on entertainment etc. but many of us complain when the lodge decides to raise the dues. So try to understand when the lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Amarenth, etc. raise their dues so that they can operate and do charitable work. So Mote It Be.



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