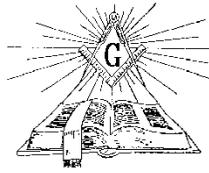


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
JANUARY 18TH, 2016 TRESTLEBOARD (#337)



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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 Monday, January 18th, 2016. 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. 2016 ELECTION RESULTS AND APPOINTMENTS: Webb Lodge had a great turnout for our annual communication with 46 attending dinner and 41 attending the annual communication. The following are the results of the election of officers, their appointees and committees: PGM Ray Knittel conducted the elections with Worshipful Brothers Richard Pacheco and Jarrod Coffey as runners and WB Gregory Oblak as the counter of the votes. The following is a list of officers who were elected and appointed and then installed by PGM Ray Knittel. The Marshall was Steven Fishman and the Grand Chaplain was Gary Leazer, Deputy Grand Master.

WM:	RICHARD T. WILLIAMSON, P.M.	SD:	JONATHAN S. MINTZ
SW:	JACK P. GOLDENBERG, P.M.	JD:	DALLAS C. SIMON III
JW:	JASON W. BUTLER	SS:	SAM ARAZIE
TREASURER:	RICHARD T. PACHECO, P.M.	JS:	MIKELL T. STEWART
SECRETARY:	T. GREGORY OBLAK, P.M.	TY:	DANIEL L. BURNFIELD
CHAPLAIN:	TERRY M. DEWITT, P.M.		



Other appointments and committees:

DOW: JL Huggins, PM (AD: J Goldenberg, PM)	Masonic Home Ambassador: S Arazie
DOME: J Goldenberg, PM (AD: EP Milks, PM)	Investigation Committee Coordinator: J Goldenberg, PM
Blood Drive Coordinator: S Fishman, PM	Charity Com: TG Oblak, PM; S Fishman, PM; R Elliott
Widows Com: F Valentine, PM; D Burnfield; J Mintz	Audit Com: F Valentine, PM; J Goldenberg, PM; S Putnam, PM
Scholarship Com: TG Oblak, PM; J Butler; M Stewart	Veterans Com: F Valentine, PM; S Fishman, PM; H Rodriguez
Financial Trustees: R Williamson (2016); T Pacheco (2017); E Presnell (2018)	
Building Trustees: J Goldenberg (2016); S Fishman (2017); AT LARGE (to be elected by the trustees)	
Coaching and Proficiency Team: J Huggins, PM; F Valentine, PM; J Goldenberg, PM; J Mintz	

Congratulations to all above for being elected or appointed to serve as the leadership of Webb Lodge 166 for 2016!

2. Why Symbols in Masonry? (Bro. Stoney) The common definition of Masonry is “a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” The definition begs the question to me of why it is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It would seem more instructional just to speak the plain truth about our philosophies and principals. The answer is perhaps best summed up by this quote from a philosopher who was asked “Do you believe in God?” He answered “Define what you mean by God and when you have arrived at your definition, I shall reply ‘No, I do not believe in God because a God defined is a God limited and a limited God is no God.’” Let’s study symbolism a bit more and see if we can get a better understanding of what symbols really represent and how they are used. Take for example a blank check. Such a document could symbolize a new gun, car, boat, house, etc. Fill in the amount line with \$100 and what the check symbolizes changes significantly. As you can readily see, the definition of a symbol limits its scope. By not explicitly defining Masonic symbols, each man is left with his own definition of the truth behind our symbols and thus Masonry becomes a great “system of morality” as the mind of him who attempts to understand it may admit. Albert Pike is quoted as saying “he who would become an accomplished Mason must not be content merely to hear or even to understand the lectures, but must, aided by them, and they having as it were marked out the way for him to study, interpret and develop the symbols for himself.” Man has three basic attributes of his nature; body, brain and soul. The soul comprehends a language which the brain does not understand. By way of explanation, when you hear music it can make you happy, sad, grief stricken or any number of other emotions that your brain does not understand or is able to define. In another example, how does one define love of mother, wife, child or



friend? All are felt with your soul because the language of love is not the language of the tongue. A symbol is a word in the language of the soul. If everything about Masonry were to be written on paper it would leave out entirely the spirit of the Order. Depending on words or ideas would severely limit the universality of Masonry. The truths we express appeal to all regardless of religious, political or national beliefs. When Masons communicate via the Mystic Tie, it is through the language of the soul, even though words may be used. That our symbols have multiple interpretations does not mean they contradict one another; rather they serve to amplify each other. Ten brothers may read ten different meanings into the square yet each meaning fits with and belongs to the other meanings. Masonry without symbols would not be Masonry; it would be dogmatic and therefore limited in its universal appeal. By not boxing in our symbols we are able to allow them to evolve over time. A good example of symbolic evolution would be the cross. What is now a universal symbol of Christianity was once a symbol of life for the Egyptians but was also a symbol of torture to ancient people crucified thereon. In summation, the symbol is as broad in meaning as the mind and heart can understand whereas the defined truth is no broader than its words.



3. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REMINDER: The School of Instruction for 2016 will be held at Martinez Lodge #710 on January 6, 13, 20 and 27 and also February 3 and 10, 2016. All officers of Webb Lodge are encouraged to attend. Also any Master Mason may who desires more knowledge may attend. The School begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm with refreshments served at 6:00 pm.



4. GRAND MASTER'S FORUM: When: Saturday, January 23, 2016. **Where:** Scottish Rite Center, Augusta, GA. **Time:** 8:00am Coffee & Donuts; Forum @ 9:00 am. All officers of Webb Lodge please attend if you can.

5. LAUGHTER IS DEFINITELY THE BEST MEDICINE: SEVEN THINGS THAT CONFUSIOUS SAYS: 1. Crowded elevator smells different to midget. 2. War doesn't determine who is right, war determines who is left. 3. Man with one chopstick go hungry. 4. Man who run in front of car get tired. 5. Man who run behind car get exhausted. 6. Man who eat many prunes get good run for money. 7. Man who stand on toilet is high on pot. 2. Things you will never hear a Redneck say: A) "I'll take Shakespeare for \$1000, Alex." B) "Duct tape won't fix that." C) "Checkmate." Even my three grandchildren thought those were funny!!!! Yes, I'm a proud Poppa!



6. A MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Dear Brethren: I thank you for the privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master again in 2016. 2015 was a great year for our Lodge and I am looking forward to the opportunities we will have together to make 2016 a great year as well. We have begun the initial efforts to create a restricted membership Facebook Page for the Lodge which I hope will become a great avenue of communication. This Facebook Page will be restricted (at least initially) to the members of Webb Lodge No. 166. I am confident that we have elected and appointed a great lineup of number one draft choices to serve the Lodge as officers for 2016. Several of the officers for 2016 are relatively new Master Masons and I hope we can show our support by participating in Lodge Meetings and events in the future. If you have not attended Lodge in recent years, please make it a priority to do so in 2016. If you feel uncomfortable with gaining entrance to our meetings since you haven't been attending for some time, please let us know and we will work with you to refresh your memory. We need everyone to be a part of what is going on at the Lodge. Sincerely and Fraternally, Richard Williamson, 2016 Worshipful Master.



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