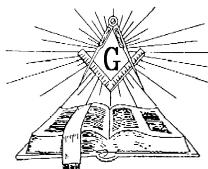


**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
JUNE 20TH, 2016 TRESTLEBOARD (#342)**



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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, June 20, 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. SCHOLARSHIPS: Webb Lodge has awarded three \$1000.00 scholarships this year to the following recipients: Renewals from last year to Aaron Rheins and Hunter Williams and a new scholarship to Ashley Roberts. The presentations will occur at our communication this month following dinner in the dining room. Congratulations to the above students for being selected this year.



2. SUSPENSIONS: Just a reminder that the month of June is the month stipulated in our By-laws (Article VII, Section 1) in which those brethren who have not paid their dues for the preceding and current year may be suspended at the regular communication by motion or resolution and without trial unless he can show just cause why he should not pay the same. Brethren please check your dues card and make sure that you are NOT in this situation and if you are please notify me or any officer of Webb Lodge and we will be happy to review your case. As of this writing there are 3 brethren who are in this situation. So Mote It Be.



3. GEORGIA CAPITOL CORNERSTONE EXHIBIT: Reprint from 2002 newsletter as information for our newly raised brethren: Below is the Cornerstone Exhibit which Webb Lodge contributed to. The Collar and Apron of Past Grand Master John S. Davidson, who was a member of Webb Lodge, is displayed in this exhibit. He wore this collar and apron during the laying of the cornerstone of the Georgia Capitol Building in the late 1800's. The Georgia Capitol Restoration Committee requested that Webb Lodge let them display this Original Collar and Apron and they have been on display since 1999. The contract has been renewed each year so that the thousands of visitors each year to the museum can see these artifacts.



4. HUMOR IS THE BEST MEDICINE: (Jeff Foxworthy) If plastic water bottles are okay, but plastic bags are banned...you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for entering and remaining in the country illegally...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or to take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If you MUST show your identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor, or check out a library book and rent a video, but not to vote for who runs the government...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If the government wants to prevent stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines that hold more than ten rounds, but gives twenty F-16 fighter jets to the crazy new leaders in Egypt...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If, in the nation's largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not one 24-ounce soda, because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If an 80-year-old woman who is confined to a wheelchair or a three-year-old girl can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If a seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is "cute" but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion while not working is rewarded with Food Stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing, and free cell phones...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If you pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big-screen TV, while your neighbor buys iPhones, time shares, a wall-sized do-it-all plasma screen TV and new cars, and the government forgives his debt when he defaults on his mortgage...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

4. I SEE YOU HAVE TRAVELED SOME: (By Hal Lasky, a 90 year old past member of Webb Lodge who had a way with words). Whenever you may by chance to be, wherever you may roam, Far away in foreign lands, or just at "Home Sweet Home". It always gives you pleasure, It makes your heart strings hum, Just to hear the words of cheer, "I see you've traveled some." When you get a Brother's greeting, when he takes you by the hand, It thrills you with a feeling, which you don't fully understand. You feel the bond of Brotherhood, that tie that's sure to come, when you hear the brother say



in a friendly way, "I see you've traveled some." When you are a stranger, in strange lands all alone, when fate has left you stranded, dead broke and far from home, It thrills you and makes you numb, when the brother says with a grip of fellowship, "I see you've traveled some." Then when your final summons comes, to take one last long trip, adorned with Lambskin Apron White, along with gems of fellowship, the Tiler at the Golden Gate, with Square, Rule and Plumb, Will size up your pin and say, walk in; "I see you've traveled some."

5. **QUICK QUOTES:** 1. Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. (Borge) 2. Life is a compromise of what your ego wants to do, what experience tells you to do, and what your nerves let you do. (Crampton) 3. To live for some future goal is shallow. It is the sides of the mountain that sustain life, not the top. (Pirsig) 4. There's myth that time is money. In fact, time is more precious than money. It is a non-renewable resource. Once you have spent it, and if you have spent it badly, it's gone forever. (Fiore) 5. Many of the things you can count don't count. Many of the things you can't count, really count. (Einstein) 6. Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning, stays young. (Ford) 7. People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. (Asimov) 8. Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind. (Ingersoll) 9. We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it. (Lincoln) 10. Life is simple. You do some stuff. Most fails. Some works. You do more of what works. If it works big, others quickly copy it. Then you do something else. The trick is the doing something else. (Peters)

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6. **OPPONENTS, YES - ENEMIES, NEVER:** (An opinion by the editor) Except for fundamental Masonic principles upon which there can be no room for disagreement each Freemason in the Lodge enjoys wide latitude of interpretation and the right of expression of personal views. The suppression of individualism was never contemplated in the Masonic system. Should such a time ever come then Freemasonry will be no more. But a brother who expresses his views in Lodge should always be prepared to expect possible opposition by a challenger who, with an entirely conflicting viewpoint, has the equal right of self-expression, the right to be heard. But the debate must be conducted in the strictest observance of Masonic principles and the fraternal etiquette peculiar to Brethren of the Mystic Tie. It matters not here which way the Master may rule or the vote of the brethren may direct; what is more important here is that neither of the opponents should consider the outcome as his victory and the other his defeat. Ideally, only the Lodge, the Craft should emerge victorious. **No individual is greater than his Lodge.** To engage one's Brother in Masonic debate, there is no time, no place, no occasion to disregard one's obligation to his Brother. There can be no insults, aspersions on his character or his motives, no subjecting his Brother to ridicule or holding him to scorn. There should never be a personal allusion about one's opponent. One debates on issues, not personalities. There is nothing wrong with Masonic debate or Brotherly opposition so long as we keep our passions within due bounds and never lose sight of the significance of the Trowel. **Opponents? When the occasions warrants, yes. Enemies? No occasion can ever warrant this.**



We'll be friends
until we are old and senile.
Then, we'll be
NEW friends.

Light travels
faster than
sound. This
is why some
people appear
bright until
you hear
them speak.



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