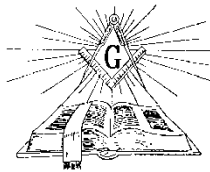


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A. M.
JULY 18TH, 2016 TRESTLEBOARD (#343)



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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, JULY 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. **SCHOLARSHIP AND MELD AWARDS:** The Scholarship Committee presented three \$1000.00 scholarships following dinner at the regular communication in June and WB Brian Coffey, MELD Director, presented several certificates during the regular communication. Photo below left: (from right to left) Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, WB Greg Oblak; Jason Butler, member of the committee; recipient Ashley Roberts; recipient Aaron Rheins; recipient Hunter Williams; Mikell Stewart, member of the committee. Photo below right: (from right to left) WB Steve Fishman; Brother Dan Burnfield; Brother Jon Mintz; Brother Ed Presnell (all members of Webb Lodge #166); MELD Director, WB Brian Coffey, who presented these brethren with several certificates of completion for the MELD courses. Congratulations are in order for all of our scholarship recipients and below members of Webb Lodge for a job well done!





2. **LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE:**  A. Growing up in Ohio I recently picked up a copy of the "Worst" Country Song Titles listed there. Since country music is so popular here in the South (especially in Grovetown, Ga where one of my Masonic friends live; don't worry Billy Bob, I won't mention any names) I thought you all might enjoy the following list: 1. "How can I miss you if you won't go away?" 2. "If the phone doesn't ring, it's me." 3. "My wife ran off with my best friend (I sure do miss him)." 4. I keep forgettin' I forgot about you." 5. Thank God and Greyhound she's gone." 6. "The man that came between us was me." 7. I got you on my conscience, but at least you're off my back." B. A Stock Tip for all you investors: We recommend the following actions for appropriate stock holdings in the face of the current markets: American Can Co., Interstate Water Co., National Gas Co., and Northern Tissue Co. In these uncertain market conditions, we recommend you sit tight on your American Can, hold your Water, and let go your Gas. You may interested to know that Northern Tissue touched a new bottom today and millions were wiped clean.




**Happy 4th of July from the
Officers of Webb Lodge #166**



3. **QUOTABLE QUOTES:**  1. You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them. (Ray Bradbury) 2. Flattery is counterfeit money which, but for vanity, would have no circulation. (La Rochefoucauld) 3. Now and then an innocent man is sent to the legislature. (Kim Hubbard) 4. Truth hurts, not the searching after; the running from! (John Eyberg) 5. Foolproof systems don't take into account the ingenuity of fools. (Gene Brown)

4. **A POINT TO PONDER:** If I hadn't had children, I probably would have had more money and material things. I probably would have gone more places, gotten more sleep, and pampered myself more. My life would have been much more boring and predictable. As a result of being a parent (and now a grandparent), I have laughed harder, cried more often. I have worried more and hurried more. I've had less sleep, but somehow I've had more fun. I've learned more, grown more. My heart has ached harder and I've loved to a capacity beyond my imagination. I have given more of myself, but I have derived more meaning from life. Was it worth it? **"ABSOLUTELY YES" !!!** 

5. **SOME WORDS OF WISDOM:**  1. Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue. 2. I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow isn't looking good either. 3. On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key. 4. There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved through a suitable application of high explosives. 5. Good news is just life's way of keeping you off balance. 6. Politicians and diapers have one thing in common, they should both be changed regularly and for the same reason. 7. In two days, tomorrow will be yesterday. 8. I plan on living forever. So far, so good. 9. A day without sunshine is like night. 10. I'm not afraid of heights, I'm afraid of widths.

6. **A BIT OF MASONIC HISTORY FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS IN THE FRATERNITY**(And also for some of us who are a bit older and have forgotten): **THE HISTORY OF THE GRAND MASTER'S PENNY:** A parable in the Bible indicates that the wages of a laborer in the vineyards is a penny a day (of course this is the English translation). Drawing from that parable, Grand Master Harris Bullock first struck a "Grand Master's Penny" as a recognition for those who labored at a clean-up day for the Masonic Children's Home in 1975. At the end of a day of labor, each of those present received his "wages" directly from the Grand Master. The "Penny" was a 1.5-inch diameter bronze coin with symbols special to the Grand Master on the obverse and the Grand Master's Seal on the reverse. He also used it as a recognition (wages) for craftsmen who had made significant contributions in the vineyards of Freemasonry during his term as Grand Master. In 1978-79 Grand Master J. Kirk Nicholson* struck the second "Grand Master's Penny" for similar purposes. Following a ten-year hiatus (in which various Grand Masters used lapel buttons to recognize outstanding members of the Craft), the Grand Master's Penny was reintroduced in the 1988-89 year. Each Grand Master since that time has designed his own obverse (which many times symbolized his emphasis for the year) and struck the coin, which has been presented for the original purposes. A few have struck the coin in different finishes for presentation to special groups (i.e., several have used a nickel finish coin to present to the sitting Worshipful Masters, others have struck silver coins to present to special individuals, etc.). A most popular item with the Craft, the Grand Master's Penny has become one of the most sought-after recognition in the Jurisdiction.



7. **MASONIC TEMPLE RAFFLE:** The trustees of the Masonic Temple are holding a raffle (Yes a raffle which has been approved by the Grand Lodge of Georgia) to help offset operating expenses for all of the owner bodies of the Temple. The trustees are selling tickets, \$10 each or 3 for \$25, for two shotguns and a yeti cooler. The drawing is not until December 15, 2016 (a perfect time to give your prize as a Christmas gift). Contact any of the trustees or a member of Webb, Social, or John S. Davidson Lodge for information on obtaining a ticket (or several). Each year it is more expensive to operate our beautiful building and the dues obtained from a declining membership pool does not always cover all these expenses. Make an effort and purchase as many tickets as you can afford to help defray these costs. So Mote It Be.



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