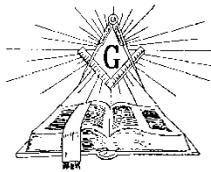


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
JANUARY 16TH, 2017 TRESTLEBOARD (#348)



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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 16th, 2017. 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. WEBB LODGE #166 OFFICERS FOR 2017:

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| Senior Warden: Jason Butler | Building Trustees: Steve Fishman, Jack Goldenberg |
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| Coaching/Proficiency Team: Jim Huggins, Frank Valentine, Jack Goldenberg, Jonathan Mintz | |

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2. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION REMINDER: The School of Instruction for 2017 will be held at Martinez Lodge #710 on January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1 and 8. All officers are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the instruction so that you will be proficient in your responsibilities. Also any Master Mason who desires more knowledge may also attend. There usually are refreshments beginning at 6:00 PM with the School of Instruction beginning sharply at 7:00 PM and ending at 9:00 PM.



3. LAUGHTER: STILL THE BEST MEDICINE: LIFE LESSONS - 1. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is Stop digging. 2. Never kick a cow pie on a hot day. 3. When you have raised your children, stop raising them! 4. Never fry bacon in the nude. 5. Need rain? Wash and wax your car! 6. Never watch television on a first date. There is nothing like talk of yeast infections and erectile dysfunction to add awkwardness to an evening.

4. GRAND MASTER'S WORKSHOP: Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Leazer will be holding his workshop for this area on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, at the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA. The workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 am. There will be a lunch served following the workshop prepared by the 10th District Officers. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Let's try and have a great turnout for Gary, who is life member of our Scottish Rite and attends regularly.



5. QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. Map out your future, but do it in pencil. (Jovi) 2. It doesn't take a lot of strength to hang on. It takes a lot of strength to let go. (Watts) 3. Women pack but they don't carry. (Cosby) 4. Power is nothing unless you can turn it into influence. (Rice) 5. Anybody who is really successful has doubts. (Bruckheimer) 6. You can get old pretty young if you don't take care of yourself. (Berra) 7. The most important part of a story is the ending. No one reads a book to get to the middle. (Crisp) 8. When you have no one in your life who you can call and say, "I'm scared," then your life is uninteresting, unfulfilling and superficial. You need somebody you can trust enough to say, "I need your help." (Soderbergh)



Marriage is nature's way of preventing people from fighting with strangers.

6. IT IS FOOTBALL SEASON: I decided to take my wife to her first football game. We had great seats right behind the bench. After the game I asked her how she liked the experience. Oh, I really liked it, she said, especially the tight pants and all the big muscles. But I just can't understand why they were fighting over 25 cents. Dumbfounded, I asked, What do you mean? Well she replied I saw them flip a coin and one team got it. For the rest of the game all they kept screaming was "Get the quarter back!! Get the quarter back!!"



The finish line is just the beginning of a whole new race.

7. **READY FOR MY LAST DEGREE:** An old man lay sick in the Masonic Home, his face was as wan as the white sea foam. His eyes were dim, his hair was gray, his back was bent with the trials of the way. He flattered spoke but I heard him say, **I'm ready for my last degree.** I have come to the end of the level time, that us all to the Grand Lodge Sublime. From whose borne none ever return. More light in Masonry there I shall learn, by an Altar where light shall evermore shine. **I am ready my last degree.** With the Apprentice's gauge, I have divided my time into three equal since life's early prime. And this I have found amidst life's turmoil. My wages are due Corn, Wine, and Oil. **I am ready for my last degree.** I have squared each stone by the square, and plumbed them all true, as I shipped them there. With the compass I have measured the Master's designs and kept within due bounds, with his points and his signs. blue prints are folded: I have answered his signs. **I am ready for my last degree.** The mortar I have made, from friendship and love, to be spread with the Master's trowel up above. My apron is worn, but its surface is white, my working tools now will be cold and quiet. My trestleboard's bare and I'm going tonight. **I am ready for my last degree.** A few moments later the old man was dead, and I fancy that I could see his soul as it fled. Upward and onward to the great door, where he gave an alarm and a voice did implore. The old man gave his answer with these words once more. **I am ready for my last degree.** That night in a lodge, free from all strife and storm, he took that degree his last in due form. So may I live like he did: to build day by day, a spiritual house, in that land far away. So I, when I meet my Grand Master I can say, **I am ready for my last degree.** (author unknown).



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Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

New Year's Resolution: Attend Lodge; So Mote It Be.

8. **THE CANDIDATE:** (RW Alan R. Heath, Grand Lodge of Maine) It was his dream to become a Mason, though he wasn't sure quite why. So he made an application, then waited months for a reply. No committee came to pay a call, to meet him and his wife, no invitation to Mason's hall; Nor offer of advice. Finally a postcard in the mail, Said, "come Monday night at six, and bring us twenty dollars, if you want to see our tricks." He made that solitary journey, and entered by the door, but not one hand was offered, as he slowly crossed the floor. They fed him beans and hot dogs, and a piece of apple pie, then lead him to a little room, With no explanation why. The work was done with care and skill, No one could argue that. But, the candidate was forgotten, as they patted themselves on the back. He came to the lodge hall two more times, and was raised to the third degree. That was the last time they saw him. What could the trouble be? They scratched their heads and wondered, as again they cried and moaned, "Our time has all been wasted!" "We should have stayed at home." It seems to me that they've missed the point, but they need to understand. It's not just how well you do the work; it's how you treat the man. Because you can only be a Mason, when you're a Mason in your heart; And along with his jacket seams, they had burst his dream apart. So, if you get an application, please, call on that man at once. Invite him and his family, to tour your hall and share some lunch. Answer all his questions, let him share your pride. A Mason's work, is honest work; That's not a secret to hide. And when it's time to present him, with the gift of a degree, Remember, genuine friendship is, The true gift of masonry. Pick him up and take him home. Isn't he worth the trip? No candidate should come alone. Please, don't ignore this tip. All should rush to greet him, as he enters by your door. Extend your hand in friendship, that's what a Mason's grip is for. Remember your obligation, as you lead him to the gate. It's up to you to guide him through, not to hurt or humiliate. Now armed with proper instruction, Masonry's door will open wide, Thanks to you, his best example, of what a Mason should be inside and thank him sincerely for coming. Invite him back to his new home, for a brother will not be a brother, if he feels unwelcome and alone.



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