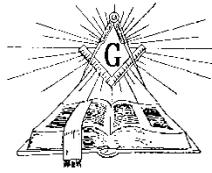


WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
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Brethren: The Regular Communication of Webb Lodge #166 F.& A.M. will be held at the Masonic Temple, 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia, on Monday, February 20th, 2017. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a Lodge of 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. GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: The 10th Masonic District Convention Officers will be hosting a George Washington's Birthday Celebration on February 25th, 2017 at Harlem Lodge #276 beginning at 9:00 am. My understanding, although not confirmed by the Master of the 10th District is either a FC degree or the Rusty Nail Degree would be conferred. This was originally scheduled for Feb 18th at the Scottish Rite Center but has been cancelled for this site and date.



G. WASHINGTON

2. LAUGHTER IS STILL THE BEST MEDICINE: 1. Will a Secretary go to Heaven??? If a Secretary writes a letter, it's too long, if he sends a postal, it's too short, if he doesn't send a notice he is lazy. If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in, if he stays away, he is a shirker. If he duns the members for dues, he is insulting, if he fails to collect the dues he is slipping. If he asks for advice, he is incompetent, if he does not he is bull-headed. If he writes his reports complete, they are too long, if he condenses them they are incomplete. If he talks on a subject in Lodge, he is trying to run things and if he remains quiet he has lost interest in the meeting. Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust, If others won't do it, The Secretary must!!! 2. Football combines two grim features of American life: violence and committee meetings. 3. Some signs I have seen around town: **A loan company:** "Now you can borrow enough money to get completely out of debt. **In an office:** "We shoot every third salesman, and the second one just left." **Scientist's office:** "Gone Fission." **Bowling Alley:** "Please be quiet, We need to hear a pin drop." **Garbage truck:** "We've got what it takes to take what you've got." 4. A letter that I received from my son at college and my response: Dear Dad, School I\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. Love, Your \$on. Dear Son, I kNOW that astroNomy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOough to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOT forget that the pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh. Love, Dad.



3. QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. When you relinquish the desire to control your future, you can have more happiness. (Kidman) 2. The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want. (Stein) 3. " " People always call it luck when you have acted more sensibly than they have. (Tyler) 4. Humor is a rubber sword, it allows you to make a point without drawing blood. (Hirsch) 5. When you win, say nothing. When you lose, say less. (P.Brown) 6. The reward for conformity was that everyone liked you except yourself. (R. Brown) 7. Assumptions are the termites of relationships. (Winkler) 8. Concentration comes out of a combination of confidence and hunger. (Palmer) 9. Anonymity is the truest expression of altruism. (Gibson)

For two people in a marriage to live together day after day is unquestionable the one miracle the Vatican has overlooked.

4. NEWEST MASTER MASON IN WEBB LODGE: Webb Lodge would like to congratulate and welcome Michael Trapp on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason into Webb Lodge #166. Congratulations Michael on reaching this Masonic Milestone.



5. SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION: The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite, 2553 Washington Road, will be holding their Spring Reunion on May 19th and 20th. Any Master Mason who is interested in becoming a 32^o Scottish Rite Mason can do so by submitting a petition of the degrees. You may obtain a petition by asking any Scottish Rite Mason, go to the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite's Website (augustascottishrite.org) and click on the link reunions, or call or email me (Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665, goblak@comcast.net) and I will be happy to send you one. The cost is \$200.00 (unless you are under the age of 31 or over the age of 65, then the cost is \$100.00).



6. THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP: Who is responsible for the declining membership in most lodges today? Who is responsible for the declining attendance each month in Webb Lodge? What should we be doing to increase membership & attendance? The answer is "You." You are responsible if you



do not attend several of the communications each year. We do not ask that you attend each and every meeting but if you took the same obligation which I did and you are in the local area and you are physically able why do you not attend some of the communications and support Webb Lodge. **You** are the responsible one. Have **you** recommended anyone to be part of our fraternity? Have **you** even made the effort? Then **You** are responsible. Have **you** called a brother who you have not seen in lodge for several months (or years)? Do **you** know a brother who recently received the degrees but for some reason has not returned? Have **you** called him or talked to him to see Why? Then **You** have not helped increase membership and attendance. Do **You** want this fraternity to die? Then continue what **You** are doing!!!

7. **IT'S LOVE:** The Washington Post asked readers to come up with inept romantic sentiments for Valentine's Day; A. Your kisses are sweeter than wine, but without the paper bag. B. I am irrationally exuberant for you in the third quarter of my fiscal life, with rising indicators. C. My love for you runs hotter than a 1974 Nova with a V-8 engine and a busted water pump. D. You're really somethin', and that ain't just the beer talkin. E. If we were cockroaches, I'd want to have all 456, 938 of your children. F. Darling, you make me as hot as those hand dryers in a turnpike restroom.



8. **GLOSSARY OF TOOLS:** For all you members out there who try to do it all yourself. Here are my definitions of specific tools which you might have used in the past; 1. **DRILL PRESS;** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room. 2. **SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short. 3. **PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters 4. **BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs. 5. **TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. 6. **BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheets into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge. 7. **PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads. 8. **STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms. 9. **HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object you are trying to hit. 10. **SON OF A B__ _H TOOL:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling "Son of a b__ _h" at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need. (Sorry about that last one guys, but I know you all have one of those tools, I do.)



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