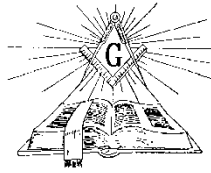


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St. Patrick's Day



Friendship is when people know all about you...but like you anyway.

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, March 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. **WORSHIPFUL MASTER INSTALLATION:** Webb Lodge would like to welcome back our newly elected, yet to be installed Worshipful Master Jack Goldenberg. Jack has been working out in New Mexico for the last several months and has returned to Augusta. Since he was elected in December and never installed the DDGM, Richard Williamson will install him at our regular communication this month. We are glad to have you back Jack, as I am sure your wife Cathy is also. We are looking forward to a productive year under your guidance.



I don't think before I speak, I like to be just as surprised as everyone else about what I say.

2. **TRUE MASONIC STORIES:**
 - A. THE CUP OF BROTHERLY LOVE:** On September 7, 1929, after raising his son Brother Norman B. Hickox, Master of Events Lodge No. 524, Illinois, formally presented a beautiful silver cup to the lodge. He also presented a book of travel and a specially prepared carrying case. The cup was to be sent on a journey, traveling always from West to East by land, sea or air, and always in the custody of a Master Mason. On November 19, 1929, the book and cup were taken to Ashlar Lodge No. 308 in Chicago to start the journey. The book recorded the places and circumstances of each visit of the cup. On the journey the cup was received by more than 150 host lodges. It touched places all over the world. On May 24, 1958, a homecoming celebration was held at Evans Lodge to commemorate the return of the cup to the lodge. The Cup of Brotherly Love, an illustrated account of this odyssey, was published by the Masonic Service Association in 1959.
 - B. LODGE IN TWO COUNTRIES:** At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.
 - C. THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY:** The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.
 - D. FREEMASONS IN THE AIR:** On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927 Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh wore the square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem. He was a Mason at the time. When Bernt Balchen, explorer and air pioneer, flew over the North Pole and the South Pole with Brother Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both Poles. In the 1933-35 expedition over the South Pole, Brother Balchen also tossed his Shrine fez on the Pole. Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., astronaut, on his 22 orbit flight carried a Masonic coin in his pocket as well as a blue Masonic flag which he later presented to his mother lodge, Carbondale No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado. On August 23, 1879, Lodge No. 239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a Brother was initiated. The inventors of the first balloon were Joseph Montgolfier, Michel Montgolfier, and Jacques Etienne; all were members of the Nine Sisters Lodge in France. Brother Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I air ace, was a devoted Mason for many years.



*The Secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending...
and to have the two as close together as possible.*

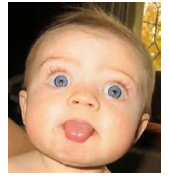
3. **QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. Not all those who wander are lost. (Tolkien) 2. I have always thought that a big laugh is a really loud noise from the soul saying, "Ain't that the truth." (Jones) 3. It's innocence when it charms us, ignorance when it doesn't. (McLaughlin) 4. The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. (Lombardi) 5. When the heart speaks, the mind finds it indecent to object. (Kundera) 6. The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good. (Landers) 7. The greatest conflicts are not between two people but between one person and himself. (Brooks) 8. You cannot be really first-rate at your work if your work is all you are. (Quindlen) 9. Comedy is nothing more than tragedy deferred. (Iyer) 10. You've got to be original, because if you are like someone else, what do they need you for? (Peters)



4. SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION: The Scottish Rite will be conferring the degrees during their spring reunion on May 19th and 20th, 2017. If you are interested in becoming a 32° Mason please inform the secretary and he will send you a petition or you may send your request to The Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904 or call the Center at 706-733-5387. You may also go to the Scottish Rite Website and download a petition. www.augustascottishrite.org.



5. LAUGHTER IS STILL AND ALWAYS WILL BE THE BEST MEDICINE: A brother of mine sent this to me because he said that we are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South and we challenge any so-called "Smart" Yankee to take this exam: **(Again, this is all in fun!!)** 1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10 lb possum. 2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? (A) '65 Ford Fairlane (B) '69 Chevrolet Chevelle (C) '64 Pontiac GTO. 3. If your uncle builds a still, which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of 'shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product? 4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 rpm. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many 12 oz Budweisers will be finished before the trees are cut down? 5. A front porch is constructed of 2X8 pine on 24 inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is one inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many dogs will be killed? I betcha ya thought that there test was gonna be an easy one, didn't ya? Well there's a whole heap of things that big city book-learning don't prepare ya for in this life. As an added bonus, here's a southern "life hack" that may come in handy down the road: Next time you are too drunk to drive, walk to the pizza place, order delivery then catch a ride home with them.



6. MASONIC TEMPLE FUNDRAISER: The first fundraiser for the Masonic Temple last year was a gun raffle which did very well considering it was the first and many of the kinks had to be worked out. This year we would like to have a fundraising committee consisting of 2 members from each of the three lodges. They would do the planning, get the prizes, have the tickets printed, distribute them to as many of the members as possible to include hopefully counting on you who cannot attend because you are out of town or cannot get out for health reasons and then oversee the selling of these tickets as well as planning the an event which would take place for the drawing. If any of the members of Webb Lodge would like to contribute to this event please notify the secretary and you will be notified as soon as it is planned. Since the York Rite Bodies have not paid their assessment for the last several years the trustees will have to assess the 3 lodges twice a year if moneys are not raised to offset the operating expenses involved. Please do what you can to help.



This is the 350th monthly issue of this newsletter which I have produced since being elected Secretary 30 years ago. Over the years I hope I have communicated to you what Webb Lodge #166 has contributed to Masonry, the community and you, the membership. I also hope I have brought a smile to your face with the humor sections of this newsletter, as well as some interesting (and probably not so interesting) Masonic stories. I have enjoyed writing this monthly newsletter (and will continue to do so as long as I can) but would also entertain the idea of anyone else who wishes to take this endeavor over. So Mote It Be.



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