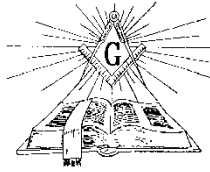


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Brethren: The Regular Communication of Webb Lodge #166 F. & A.M. will be held at the Masonic Temple, 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia, on Monday, April 17th, 2017. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and a Lodge of Master Masons will be opened 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. IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY: "I had no shoes and complained, until I met a man who had no feet", so goes the ancient



Persian saying. How fortunate you and I are! We live free to guide our own destinies! Individually we accept those responsibilities we choose. Sometimes we must make sacrifices to achieve our goals or to accept the responsibilities we choose. God gives every man the same twenty-four hour day. Most of us have limitations placed upon us. Eight hours for work, eight hours for refreshment and repose and eight hours for service to God and a distressed worthy brother. How many times have we said "I don't have time," when we are really saying "I'd rather spend my time on something else?" We know from our own experience that participation is rewarding. Yet we too often forget this and choose to cheat ourselves and our friends of this wonderful feeling of fellowship in service. You have many opportunities to serve. You are needed. And if you are like most of us, you do really have the time. Isn't that what Masonry is all about, working together to help mankind? Each in his own small way, doing his small part of the big picture? The Masonic organizations to which you belong all need your talents. They will be pleased to help you achieve this wonderful feeling of harmony and service with your brothers. Be one of the "FAITHFUL FEW."

Anger must be the energy that has not yet found its right channel. (Maxwell)

2. TOO MUCH ME AND NOT ENOUGH WE: Too much me and not enough we is a dead-end

street. But a caring concern for others is an open boulevard on which we can all get to where we are going together. Isn't that what Masonry is supposed to be all about? Caring for the less fortunate, helping those in need? Charity is the final and greatest guide to our actions. Our real duty as Masons is to act in accordance with what we believe; the great principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. If we do, then we will find no place for envy and jealousy. Let us try to accomplish this, our greatest principle "Charity," and give to those in need as we have in the past. If we need additional moneys for Temple Expenses this year let us "Cut Our Costs," not those moneys earmarked for Charity. Too Much Me and not enough We: So Mote It Be.



3. TAKING INVENTORY: (Excerpts taken from a 1979 Edition of the Masonic Messenger). Is Webb Lodge



accomplishing what it should? It is indeed appropriate that we pause and take "Inventory". Businesses think it highly important to take stock inventory; I think it is highly important, indeed critical, for Lodge brethren to do the same. Were brethren delegated to visit those brethren who are in danger of suspension for non-payment of dues? How many of you have visited a lodge other than your own? Have you encouraged brethren in other lodges to visit yours? How many charitable acts has our lodge performed this year? Have you inquired about the welfare of the aged, or the infirmed? Have you visited a Mason who can no longer come to the Lodge? Have you been solicitous about the welfare of his widow and his children if any? Has our Lodge visited a church in the character of Masons? And importantly, do you offer up your devotions on a regular and sincere basis? Do you seek always to conduct your life according to the requirements of the level, plumb and square? I have asked you, along with myself, many questions indeed. But I am convinced that answering honestly these questions is a positive step toward healthy and vigorous Lodges where men of good, will seek to establish more fully the principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

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 down load a petition. www.augustascottishrite.org.



5. SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE: There will be an Orient wide (State of Georgia) Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia Raffle beginning on May 1, 2017 with the drawing on November 2, 2017. What is the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia? A non-profit 501c3 organization which raises moneys for Scholarships for those students who attend an undergraduate college in the state of Georgia and for Speech Therapy through our Rite Care Clinics for those children and families who cannot afford it. The foundation has awarded between 50-100 \$1,000 scholarships each year for the last several years and has contributed tens of thousands of dollars each year in support of the 5 Rite Care Clinics in Georgia. The foundation is supported by Scottish Rite Valleys in Augusta, Albany,



Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Columbus. This will be the first raffle and we will sell a maximum of 1000 tickets at a cost of \$100 per ticket. **First prize will be \$10,000; Second place will be \$3,000 and Third Place will be \$2,000.** The raffle is headquartered this year in the Valley of Augusta. We will hold the drawing at our regular LOP meeting on November 2, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Center on Washington Road. Many members of Webb Lodge are also members of the Augusta Scottish Rite and will be selling tickets in the upcoming months. Please support this worthy cause if you can. If you would like more information on the Augusta Scottish Rite or how to become a member please visit our website: www.augustascottishrite.org. See below sample ticket.



Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected.

6. **LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE, EVEN AT 30,000 FEET:** While I was in the service, I decided that I would like to pursue my pilots license. Thanks to the GI Bill I was able to earn my Private Pilots License, Commercial License and Instrument Rating. Having flown several hundred hours in the 70's and 80's I met several pilots who have gone on and became Air Transport Pilots for Commercial Airlines. One of these recently e-mailed me a few examples of announcements, attendant lectures and funnies heard on several of his flights. I thought you might enjoy a few. **1.** From a Southwest Airlines employee: "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane. **2.** After Landing: "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride." **3.** An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight, he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile and give them a, "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, did we land or were we shot down? **4.** "As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses." **5.** From the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately none of them are on this flight." **6.** After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the flight attendant got on the PA and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we will open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal." **7.** Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."



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