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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, September 18th, 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. MASONIC LEADERSHIP: Many of you will serve your Masonic lodge in a leadership role. The opportunity to serve includes the responsibility to make a difference for your lodge and our Masonic fraternity. The development of solid Masonic leadership is important. In order to continue the success of an organization, one of the prime focuses must be on the leaders of tomorrow. We must continue to share the qualities of leadership with young Masons and Demolay to shape our future positively. Leadership is a quality that can be taught. Although men often resist changing the way things have been done in the past, we must consider change as beneficial for our organization. Negative comments often come about when a new idea or a different approach is suggested, but Freemasonry needs to generate a culture that is receptive to changes that are innovative and utilize creative imagination. This new environment instills enthusiasm for interesting programs, and enables us to think and plan better. With those changes, we can move forward and motivate men through effective Masonic leadership. Questions like: Where do we want to be in five years? How will we get there? How are we going to mobilize our resources and talents to make a difference? The future revolves around leadership. A leader takes the initiative to get the job done and is one who plans, organizes, and implements. A good leader must have the right vision to succeed. Caring for our members must be our top priority so they will want to follow our lead, thus becoming good leaders themselves. A leader must be able to educate and mentor those you lead. Learning is always an investment. A leader must be held accountable and take the responsibility for his own actions. It is a privilege, not a right, to lead others. A leader must be able to direct the organization in a positive manner. As a leader, you set a standard of behavior that is beyond reproach by being fair and honest. You must set a good example for others to follow. A leader must make everyone feel valued and appreciated by recognizing their contributions. He must be respectful, honest, fair and impartial. He must be inspiring so that others will reach for excellence. By inspiring others, each member will accomplish more and succeed as a team. Planning is an important characteristic of leadership. Plan the future so it will be one we can all be proud of. If we share responsibilities, those who follow will become the best leaders they can be. Through our younger Masons and our youth organizations, we can create future leaders around the world.



Leadership isn't easy. Being a leader is not a responsibility one should take lightly as it offers many challenges. Those challenges are often rewarded with opportunity. Implement these traits to serve the entire Masonic fraternity. Learn from the past, live in the present, and build a better future by exhibiting effective leadership so Freemasonry will make a difference in the world.

(Excerpts from "The Short Talk Bulletin" from the Masonic Service Association of North America.)

2. QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. Nothing ages so quickly as yesterday's vision of the future. (Richard Corliss) 2. Remember one thing about democracy. We can have anything we want and at the same time, we always end up with exactly what we deserve. (Edward Albee) 3. Knowledge is the frontier of tomorrow. (Denis Waitley) 4. To achieve the marvelous, it is precisely the unthinkable that must be thought. (Tom Robbins) 5. Each of us is given a pocketful of time to spend however we may. We use what we will. We waste what we will. But we can never get back a day. (Roger Wilcox) 6. Procrastination is like a credit card; it's a lot of fun until you get the bill. (Christopher Parker) 7. We are never prepared for what we expect. (James Michener)



3. LAUGHTER IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEDICINE: This one is for a couple of Webb Lodge golfers who might have had this happen a time or two. Don't worry Eric and Dan I won't mention any names!!! 1. It was a sunny Saturday morning and Murray was beginning his pre-shot routine, visualizing his upcoming shot when a voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker, "Would the gentleman on the ladies tee back up to the men's tee, please! Murray was still deep in this routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement---"Would the MAN on the WOMEN's tee kindly back up to the men's tee!" Murray had enough. He straightens up and shouts, "Would the announcer in the club-house kindly shut up and let me play my "Second" shot. 2. While visiting a newly initiated Brother at home one day, his wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining. I inquired in what way? He locks himself in the bathroom for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book. As the evening proceeded I turned the talk to the lodge, and asked him how he was getting on. Oh fine was his reply. I asked him about his



behavior and was there anything wrong. No was his reply. So why read the book there? Well he said, "It's the only TYLED room in the house." 2. A man was walking through the recreation area of his local park when he notices a huge fight in full fury on the football field. "What's going on?" he asks a spectator watching from the side-lines. "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus." "What's the score?" asks the first man. "I don't know, it's a Secret."

- 4. DAD'S SURVIVAL TIPS:** To My Kids who have left home and are on their own in college I pass on a list of life's lessons; 1. Don't sweat your every mistake. They make up for the things you got away with that nobody knows about. 2. Avoid marrying anyone who deliberately flushes the toilet when you are taking a shower. 3. When someone tells you that what he's about to say is "for your own good," expect the worst. 4. If you are lavishly praised, enjoy the taste but don't swallow it whole. 5. If someone says, "I know what I mean, but I just can't put it into words," he doesn't know what he means. 6. Two people cannot operate a TV remote control in the same room at the same time. 7. Don't waste time trying to be your own best friend. You can't pat yourself on the back, and it's unsatisfying to cry on your own shoulder. Find a real friend instead.



My Wife shared these Words of Wisdom: Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

- 5. VALLEY OF AUGUSTA SCOTTISH RITE REUNION:** The Augusta Scottish Rite will be holding their next reunion on October 21-22, 2017. If you would like to become a 32° Scottish Rite Mason please contact the Secretary (Me, 706-829-1665) or visit our website at www.augustascottishrite.org and download a petition and present it to any Scottish Rite Mason prior to October 5, 2017. Petition must be accompanied with a \$200.00 check.



- 6. MASONIC TEMPLE FUNDRAISING RAFFLE:** The Masonic Temple trustees are selling raffle tickets for a temple fundraiser. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. A Franchi Shotgun and a new golf club are being given away. Tickets are available from any member of Webb, JSD, and Social Lodge. Please support this fundraiser if you can. For those of you who are out of town, just drop me a check earmarked for "temple fundraiser" and I will send you your tickets.

- 7. SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE TICKETS:** The valley of Augusta Scottish Rite is selling raffle tickets to support our Rite Care and Scholarship Programs. The cost is \$100 per ticket with prizes of \$10,000.00---\$3000.00---and \$2000.00 respectively. Please see any Scottish Rite Mason for tickets.



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