



**WEBB LODGE #166 F. & A.M.
APRIL 16th, 2018 TRESTLEBOARD (#362)**

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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 16th, 2018. **Please Note the following changes: The officers are trying to begin earlier so that we will not finish so late: The officers will open the lodge at 6:30 PM, Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM, Masonic Education will be held at 7:30 Pm and Business will begin at 8:00 PM.** Please remember to call a brother or widow and invite them to come and share an evening of fellowship.

MASONIC HOME OF GEORGIA REPORT: As of April 1 there are 10 Boys (age range is 9-19) and 18 girls (age range is 8-22) at the Masonic Home. It is expected that 2 additional boys will be added this month. The School Breakdown is that there are 12 attending Tattnall Square Academy, 3 attending Windsor Academy, 4 attending Woodfield Academy, 2 are being Home Schooled, 1 is attending Rosa Taylor Elementary School, 1 attending Wesleyan College, 1 at Middle Georgia State University and 4 attending Central Georgia Technical College. The Children are involved in the following extra-curricular activities: 1 child playing varsity soccer, 4 on the middle school track team, 1 playing golf, 3 playing middle school soccer, 2 learning Tae Kwan Doo and 1 playing Disc Golf. Following is a summary of the March Activities at the Home: March 2-3 was the Masonic Home Workday at the Camp at Shellman's Bluff. Philadelphia #73 cooked breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday and Live Oak #137 did a Fish Cookout on Friday night. On March 17th, Benevolent #3 took the kids bowling and for pizza in Milledgeville. They also gave the kids and staff a green shirt for Saint Patrick's Day. On March 18, Stockbridge #691 came to the home for a movie and pizza party in the dining room. On March 23- April 1 the kids went home or to host families for Spring Break. The Home is looking for a lifeguard/volunteer for the summer. It will be a paid position working about 25 hours a week and providing housing for the summer is possible for this individual. It would be ideal for a college student who is home for the summer. If interested contact Chris Babcock at the home (478-743-5154 or email at babcock.chris@masonichomeofgeorgia.com .



Not Your Normal Masons - Bro. Stoney

We are always being told about the famous Masons down through history and their great accomplishments. Well, I thought it would be fun to see if I could track down a few who might not have been quite so notable. The first is a person of French origin. Chevalier Charles D'Eon was born October 5, 1728. He had a much longer given name but we can just call him Bro. Charles. He joined Immortality Lodge 376 in London England. He had many talents; he was an expert fencer and soldier, and an able diplomat who successfully negotiated the Treaty of 1763, ending the Seven Years War. So what, you say? Nothing strange about him so far. Well, let's look a bit further. He unfortunately had an effeminate appearance, and occasionally masqueraded as a woman. His enemies in France accused him of being a woman masquerading as a man. Masons wondered whether a woman had been initiated into the Craft. The controversy about his sex caused considerable gambling, and speculation got out of hand. Finally an insurance company filed a petition to have the matter adjudicated. Witnesses testified that he was a woman. About this time he accepted an offer of Louis XVI to receive a generous pension, on condition that he return to France, and resume the garb of a woman. From this time on, with rare exceptions, he wore women's clothes. When he died on May 21 1810, a competent physician performed an autopsy and clearly proved that D'Eon was a man after all. Now let's return to England and an English Reverend named William Dodd. Bro. William was born in 1729 and died in 1777. He was the first Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, in the year 1775. He delivered the oration at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall in London in 1776. He was also the author of many books and literary papers including "Beauties of Shakespeare." Weakness of character in money matters caused him to be tried for the crime of forgery. He had the effrontery to sign the name of the Earl of Chesterfield, in the matter of 4200 pounds sterling. He was convicted of forgery and executed. The affair created great public commotion and attempts were made both by the City of London, and by 30,000 people who signed petitions to the King to commute the sentence. But [to show how severe English Criminal law was at the time] the sentence was carried out. It was one of the last public hanging in England. Not a good ending for a man of God and a Mason. OK, now we look to a Scottish American Mathew McBlain Thompson who was born in Scotland. Bro. Thompson was a member of two Scottish lodges and a Past Master of one of them. He also affiliated with King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, in Montpelier, Idaho when he settled there in 1881. He later demitted from this lodge. He returned to Scotland, but in 1898 he came back to the United States, where he created the "American Masonic Federation." He promoted the sale of all sorts of "Masonic" degrees by mail, and through paid solicitors or salesmen; they were sent out to organize lodges and grant degrees throughout the United States. [By the way, reduced rates were given for large groups and many joined his special Craft.] In 1915 one of his salesmen was arrested in St. Louis, Missouri, and the postal inspector there decided that it was time to break up the gang. He assigned inspector M. G. Price to the case; he spent two



years gathering evidence in the United States and also far off in foreign lands. Judge Wade of the United States District Court for Iowa, a non-Mason, presided, and none of the jurors was a Mason. Matthew McBlain Thompson and two others were found guilty of using the U.S. Mails to defraud the public, and were sentenced to serve penitentiary terms of two years and to pay a fine of five thousand dollars each. In those days this was a lot of money. I will end with a Scottish Canadian named Miles McGuigan. Bro. McGuigan was a member of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, in St. Lawrence District in Ontario. When he died, it was his last wish that his body be dissected, and then placed in the Merrickville Lodge for future work in the Third Degree. His wishes were carried out, and his bones remained in the Merrickville Lodge until the Lodge Room and building were gutted by fire in 1959. I wish to thank Bro. Nelson King, FPS of phoenixmasonry.org for the ideas and material.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. **The Bitterness of Poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten. (Tom)** 2. **I never liked anyone who didn't have a temper. If you don't have a temper, you don't have any passion. (Bloomberg)** 3. **Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected. (Safire)** 4. **God answers all the prayers. Sometimes he answers "yes", sometimes he answers "no", and sometimes the answer is "you gotta be kidding." (Carter)** 5. **Why leave the nut you got for one you don't know? (Lynn)** 6. **When Love is your greatest weakness, you will be the strongest person in the world. (Wold)** 7. **If you can see a bandwagon, it's too late to get on it. (Goldsmith)**

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL: This is for all you computer nerds out there, and especially for the ladies of our members. This is an email from one lady trying to install software on her computer. Dear Tech Support: Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance—particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5 and then installed undesirable programs such as NFL 5.0, NBA 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do??????? Signed, Desperate. Dear Desperate: First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System. Please enter the command: "http: I Thought You Loved Me. Html" and try to download Tears 6.2 and don't forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. But remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta. Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-in-law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources). Also, do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, we suggest waiting 5 years for the 1.5 upgrade, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Food 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7. Good Luck, Tech Support.



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