

WEBB LODGE #166 F. &A.M. JUNE 18th, 2018 TRESTLEBOARD (#364)

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Happy Father's Day

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, June 18TH, 2018. Please Note the following changes: 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.



SUSPENSIONS: Just a reminder that the month of June is the month stipulated in our By-laws (Article VII, Section 1) in



which those brethren who have not paid their dues for the preceding and current year may be suspended at the regular communication by motion or resolution and without trial unless he can show just cause why he should not pay the same. Brethren please check your dues card and make sure that you are NOT in this situation and if you are please notify me or any officer of Webb Lodge and we will be happy to review your case. As of this writing there are only 2 brethren who are in this situation. Certified letters have been sent as stipulated by Grand Lodge.

Life is a compromise of what your ego wants to do, what experience tells you to do, and what your nerves let you do. (Crampton)



UPCOMING MASONIC TEMPLE FUNDRAISER: There will be another joint fundraiser of all lodges which meet in the Masonic Temple to help offset the operating expenses of the building. Another raffle is being planned and it is imperative that all members either sell or buy these tickets so that we may continue to keep **YOUR** facility open. Specifics will be communicated as soon as information is received from the Masonic Temple Trustees.

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue and excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then is not an act but a habit. (Aristotle)



One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His 3 children were outside in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard. The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house. Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel and the family room was strewn with toys. The kitchen was a disaster, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter and floor,

there was a broken glass under the table and sand by the back door. He headed upstairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes looking for his wife. He was worried she may be ill, or that something serious had happened. He found her in bed curled up in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?" She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and ask me what in the world did I do today?" "Yes" was his incredulous reply. She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

Do more than exist: Love. Do more than touch: Feel. Do more than look: Observe. Do more than read: Absorb. Do more than hear: Listen. Do more than listen: Understand.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE: Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but he with a chuckle Replied, that maybe it couldn't, but he would be one who wouldn't say so till he tried. So he buckled right in, with a trace of a grin on his face. If he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done - and he did it!! There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done. There are thousands to prophesy failure; There are thousands to point out to you, one by one, the dangers that wait to assail you; But just buckle in with a bit of a grin, then take off your coat and go to it; just start in to sing as you tackle the thing that cannot be done, and you'll do it. (Guest)



OPPONENTS, YES - ENEMIES, NEVER: Except for fundamental Masonic principles upon which there can be no



room for disagreement each Freemason in the Lodge enjoys wide latitude of interpretation and the right of expression of personal views. The suppression of individualism was never contemplated in the Masonic system. Should such a time ever come then Freemasonry will be no more. But a brother who expresses his views in Lodge should always be prepared to expect possible opposition

by a challenger who, with an entirely conflicting viewpoint, has the equal right of self-expression, the right to be heard. But the debate must be conducted in the strictest observance of Masonic principles and the fraternal etiquette peculiar to Brethren of the Mystic Tie. It matters not here which way the Master may rule or the vote of the brethren may direct; what is more important here is that neither of the opponents should consider the outcome as his victory and the other his defeat. Ideally, only the Lodge, the Craft should emerge victorious. No individual is greater than his Lodge. To engage one's Brother in Masonic debate, there is no time, no place, no occasion to disregard one's obligation to his Brother. There can be no insults, aspersions on his character or his motives, no subjecting his Brother to ridicule or holding him to scorn. There should never be a personal allusion about one's opponent. One debates on issues, not personalities. There is nothing wrong with Masonic debate or Brotherly opposition so long as we keep our passions within due bounds and never lose sight of the significance of the Trowel. Opponents? When the occasions warrants, yes. Enemies? No occasion can ever warrant this.

This explains a senior citizen's version of Facebook for those who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists. I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the

moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them thumbs up and tell them I "Like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: Two Police Officers, A Private Investigator and a Psychiatrist.

THE WILL TO CONFER: What makes the clash of opinion wholesome and constructive is the will to confer. Conference is the dynamic of democracy; there are few important differences of opinions between individuals, or between groups, or between various branches of Freemasonry which cannot be ironed out around a table. This does not mean that there will be complete mutual understanding. If this understanding is based upon a sincere respect for the opinions of others, men can agree to differ and remain friends and they can find a common program. Whatever may divide us, whether it be divergent policies, or differences between leaders, or the clash of institutional loyalties, they must give way before the overwhelming need for Masonic unity in the postwar world. No tension between corporate groups of Freemasons must be allowed to obstruct progress. After all, we are not competitors, We are Brothers. A wider use of the conference technique by which differences of opinion may be adjusted through reason and mutual understanding will do more than anything else to promote the unity of Freemasonry. Let us not deceive ourselves. If Freemasons fail to achieve this mutual understanding in spite of divergent views, if the various branches of Freemasonry do not march together in a common effort to help rebuild a broken and chaotic world, this glorious and historic Brotherhood of ours will face the sunset. (Lichliter, June 1945)





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