



**WEBB LODGE #166 F. &A.M.
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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 17th, 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.

“ ” QUOTABLE QUOTES: 1. To fear is one thing. To let fear grab you by the tail and swing you around is another. (Paterson) 2. It takes no more time to see the good side of life than to see the bad. (Buffett) 3. Courage is nine-tenths context. What is courageous in one setting can be foolhardy in another and even cowardly in a third. (Epstein) 4. Smoking means always having to say you're sorry. (Ferguson) 5. Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders. (Peters) 6. If you don't have a leg to stand on, you can't put your foot down. (Weinbaum) 7. When we criticize another person, it says nothing about that person; it merely says something about our own need to be critical. (Carlson)

GRAND LODGE 2018: The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia will take place in Macon on October 22-24, 2018. Webb Lodge representatives this year will be WB's Leazer, Oblak, Williamson, Goldenberg and Fishman. If you are interested in attending please contact either the WM or Secretary for details. The hotel again this year is the Macon City Center Marriott and you can now pre-register online. **GRAND LODGE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:** I have just received the proposed bills and resolutions for this year's Grand Lodge. Anyone wishing to read them please either drop by my office at the lodge or let me know and I will make you a copy.



A NOTE TO ALL TRANSPLANTED BROTHERS: Sometimes we forget to write and see how some of our brothers who attended Webb Lodge regularly when they resided in the local area are doing, myself included. I would like to say hello to Brothers, **Klingenfus, Buxbaum, Carter, A. Fishman, Grant, Hamilton, Hill, Hixon, Jakubowski, Johnson, Olin, Rodriquez, Torres, Ross and Vandiver.** I would also like for each of you to drop us a line and let us know how you and your family are doing. We hope this newsletter finds you in good health.



SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION: The Executive Committee of the Scottish Rite has set September 28th and 29th, 2018 as the date for this year's fall reunion (class). If you are a blue lodge mason and desire to join the Scottish Rite please go to our website augustascottishrite.org or see any Scottish Rite Mason for a petition. You may also give me a call and I will make sure to get one for you in time for this class in September.

A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study **"DUH"**.



My wife says housework can't kill you, but why take the chance?

WHY IS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE LODGE? The 21st century role for a Masonic Lodge differs significantly from the past. There was a time when Masons could meet in their lodge without regard for what was happening in their community. For one thing, the lodge was the community because most of the important and influential men in the community were also members of the lodge. Towns were smaller and competition for men and for events was not as great. Today, any lodge that is not connected with its community needs to consider becoming involved for the following reasons:



1. Future members are in the community and when the lodge is involved, they will discover what Masonry is all about.
2. Future members demand that any organization they join be active in community outreach.
3. The community is the responsibility of everyone; including Masons.
4. The lodge is the perfect community-service organization.
5. Masons will be proud of their role in the community.
6. Any organization, to grow, needs to be able to involve all its members in some way. Community involvement is one way to do this.

Why did the cowboy buy a dachshund? Someone told him to get a long little doggy.

CHARITY: Brethren: That time of the year is approaching when Webb Lodge supports about 10-12 different charities. We usually give most of our donations during the months of October, November and December (During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays). If you would like to donate a new toy or a monetary gift please consider doing so in the next 2 months. If you cannot drop either donation by the lodge please let me know and I will make arrangements to have it picked up. For all you out of town members feel free to mail your gift to the lodge. Any amount would be appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your kindness.



You know you are from Georgia if: a. You can properly pronounce Chickamauga, DeKalb, Dahlonega, and Smyrna. b. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but by the availability of shade. c. You have seen people wear overalls to weddings and funerals. d. You know cowpies are not made of beef. e. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date. f. A Mercedes Benz isn't a status symbol; a Ford F350 Crew Cab is.

MY RESUME: 1. My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned...I couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it so they gave me the axe. After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it mainly because it was a sew-sew job. Next, I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting. Then I tried to be a chef, figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme. I attempted to be a deli worker but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard. I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience. I became a professional fisherman but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income. My last job was working at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind. **SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND FOUND THAT I AM PERFECT FOR THE JOB!!!**



THREE: A newly initiated Mason finds himself, at the end of the ceremony, in a state of some confusion. Many things have happened in a short time and in a seemingly peculiar manner. But only through his own study, reflection and interpretation over a period of time will the Masonic Symbolism in each degree unfold to his satisfaction. With, perhaps, some prodding from his senior brethren. Masonry, the successor to the ancient mysteries, still follows the ancient manner of teaching by symbols, and each brother is urged to develop their meanings by himself, through reading about and discussing them with his brethren. The new apprentice soon notices that everything seems to be done in groups of Three. He hears three distinct knocks on the door when his guide seeks admittance to the lodge. He is asked three questions prior to his initiation. Three reasons are given for the East-West orientation of the lodge. The lodge is supported by Three Great Pillars symbolizing Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. The three steps to Masonic perfection are Faith, Hope, and Charity. The Three distinguishing characteristics of a Mason are Virtue, Honor, and Mercy. The Three fundamental principles of the Order are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The Great Architect is represented in Masonry by the equilateral triangle. Why the repeated grouping in threes? The number "THREE" was regarded as sacred everywhere in the ancient mysteries. Even the Chinese revered the number. In all the ancient philosophies from Egypt to Scandinavia we find a sacred regard for the number three. And everywhere in Masonry three is presented as a prominent symbol, not because we believe any longer in any magical or divine powers of the number, but following the ancient tradition, in accordance with Masonic Practice. (Cited from Swift Current Lodge No. 26, A.F.&A.M.)



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