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HAPPY NEW YEAR

**JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017: TRESTLEBOARD  
(#128)  
LADIES & GUESTS INVITED**

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**1. DECEMBER & JANUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

December's EC meeting will meet at 6:00 PM just prior to the LOP meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. January's EC meeting will meet on the last Thursday (as usual) of January (January 26<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), [goblak@comcast.net](mailto:goblak@comcast.net).



- 2. JANUARY LOP PROGRAM:** January's LOP meeting will begin with dinner at 7:00 PM and the program beginning at 8:00 PM. The Guest Speaker for the program will be Robert "Bob" Frasier. Bob was appointed to the Chief, Voluntary Service position at Charlie Norwood VAMC effective July 15, 2012. Prior to the appointment he served as the Chief, Voluntary Service at the Shreveport, LA, VAMC for four years. Mr. Frasier's work experience includes nine years of nonprofit work where he served as Director of Marketing, Volunteer Coordinator and Case Manager. Mr. Frasier received a M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX in 1998. He completed a B.S. in Social Psychology from Park University in 1995. Mr. Frasier completed a 24 year career in the US Air Force working in personnel administration and spent five years as a recruiter.



**3. VALLEY OF AUGUSTA RITE CARE CLINIC: Location: 2315-C**

**Central Avenue, Augusta, Ga 30904. Telephone: 706-364-1672. Email: [info@tiofga.com](mailto:info@tiofga.com)** : Our clinic is equipped with individual speech and occupational therapy rooms, as well as a sensory gym. The gyms contain a giant ball pit, a variety of swings, gliders, scooter boards, weights, balls, and of course, toys and games. The speech-language pathologists are very experienced and trained in pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders, augmentative communication, articulation and



phonology disorders, receptive and expressive language disorders, sensory integration, and behavior modification approaches. All of the speech-language pathologists are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and up-to-date on the latest techniques in the field. The occupational therapists are also highly experienced and motivated to help children achieve their utmost potential. They are trained in Neurodevelopmental Techniques (NDT), sensory integration, therapeutic exercise, therapeutic massage and myofascial release. They are also experienced in placing children in the appropriate adaptive equipment for mobility. All of our occupational therapists are certified by the American Occupational Therapy Association. Our speech and occupational therapists work closely together by sharing information and treatment strategies with one another on each child. This promotes a more focused treatment session that will assist the child in gaining skills more efficiently in all areas of development.

### The Therapeutic Interventions Team



From Left to Right and Top to Bottom; Director: Dr. Jennifer Jones, Robi Kruse and Jill Painter who are the Speech-Language Pathologists. Lauren Finnegan, Mallory Lanier, and Laurie Vera who are all Occupational Therapists. Kim Hazelwood is the Officer Manager and Kim Dresser is the Billing Manager.

**If you need these type of services for you child please contact their office.**



#### 4. LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL: 1. RETIREMENT HOME TEST;

During a visit to the retirement home, I asked the director, how do you determine whether or not a person should be institutionalized?" "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, and then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

2. **WHAT IS CELIBACY?** Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances. While attending a Marriage Weekend, Frank and his wife Nancy listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He then addressed the men. Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?" Frank leaned over, touched Nancy's arm gently, and whispered, "Gold Medal-All-Purpose, isn't it?" And thus began Frank's life of celibacy. 3. A woman stopped, unannounced, at her son's house. She knocked on the door then immediately walked in. She was shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music was playing, and the aroma of perfume filled the room. "What are you doing?!" she asked. "I'm waiting for Mike to come home from work," the daughter-in-law answered. "But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed. "This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained. "Love dress? But you're naked!" "Mike loves me and wants me to wear this dress," she explained. "It excites him to no end. Every time he sees me in this dress, he instantly becomes romantic for hours on end. He can't get enough of me." The mother-in-law left. When she got home, she undressed, showered, put on her best perfume, dimmed the lights, put on a romantic CD, and laid on the couch, waiting for her husband to arrive. Finally, her husband came home. He walked in and saw her lying there so provocatively. "What are you doing?" he asked. "This is my love dress," she whispered sensually. "Needs ironing," he said. "What's for dinner?" **He never heard the gunshot!**

5. **UPCOMING ELECTIONS:** February 2017 LOP meeting is the month in which we hold our elections. If you are interested in participating in a position in one of the 4 Scottish Rite Bodies please make your interest known to the Secretary (Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665) ASAP.



6. **DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATION:** In the Scottish Rite, each state constitutes an “Orient,” and each city is known as a “Valley,” or separate Scottish Rite organization consisting of four “Bodies” – “The Lodge of Perfection,” which confers the ‘Ineffable Degrees’ (4th through 14th), the “Chapter of ‘Rose Croix’” which confers the “Historical and Religious Degrees’ (15th through 19th); the “Council of Kadosh” which confers the “Chivalric and Philosophical Degrees” (19th through 30th); and the “Consistory, “ which confers the “Official and Ceremonial Degrees” (31st and 32nd). After experiencing the Degrees, one becomes a Scottish Rite Mason or Master of the Royal Secret. Our order is more than a

fraternity of good fellows, engaged in benevolent practices of friendship and relief. It is an aggressively active or militant order, a knighthood devoted to the cause of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. To establish righteousness and ordain mercy, to protect all the weak and combat all dogmas or doctrines that would imprison the human spirit. This is the mission of Scottish Rite Masonry. The Scottish Rite seeks to cultivate in the hearts of men, personal morality and the sentiments of tolerance and fraternity. What has been said in this mission is vividly portrayed in the conferral of the Degrees, and the Scottish Rite Mason is dedicated to the effort to make the spirit of Masonry prevalent in society.

7. **NEVER TOO EARLY:** Brethren; The dates for the **Spring Reunion** will be held in mid May 2017. (Dates with be forthcoming). Now is the time to start asking members of “Your” Lodge if they would like to petition the Scottish Rite Bodies of Augusta. As new members are raised, give each one a petition for the degrees for the Scottish Rite. Take the time now and

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8. make the effort. We all are and should be participants of the “Membership Committee.” If you would like to participate in membership recruitment by visiting our Blue Lodges and showing a film or slide presentation and placing Scottish Rite Literature and Petitions in each lodge visited, please contact the Secretary. Our efforts now will ensure that we have a substantial class this spring. So Mote It Be.

9. **TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONS IN THE VALLEY OF AUGUSTA:** Brethren; I want to thank all of you who attended the Lodge of Perfection Meetings the first Thursday of each month this past year. We are trying to make the meetings more interesting and involve the spouses and families of the brethren so that they may also enjoy the fellowship. Attendance at the LOP meeting have increased, special functions such as joint meetings, Grand Lodge meetings, Dinner Theater, etc we have had numbers from 140 to over 300 in attendance. This is “**OUTSTANDING,**” and you are to be commended. We hope to continue to try to make the meetings interesting and if anyone has any suggestions I am all ears. Please drop by my office anytime and share your ideas. I really enjoy the time talking with all of you and

if I can be of service please feel free to stop by, call, or email me. *Greg Oblak, General Secretary*

*Thank You*

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