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**MAY 4th, 2017: TRESTLEBOARD (#132)
LODGE OF PERFECTION DINNER AND PROGRAM**

1. **MAY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The May EC meeting will meet on the last Thursday (as usual) of May (May 25th) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), goblak@comcast.net.



2. **MAY 4TH, LOP MEETING AND GUEST SPEAKERS:** Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the program beginning at 8:00 PM.. We will have a short business meeting prior to the program to vote on the petitions for the upcoming Spring Reunion. Following the program we will have a guest speaker from the Deomolay, Remington Bridgeman who will be presenting the Flower Talk and that will be followed by Grand Master Gary Leazer whose talk will be a surprise to us all. Join us for dinner, fellowship and an interesting program.

3. **SPRING REUNION 2017:** The Spring Reunion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on May 19th and 20th. We are in need of petitions for this the Eric Fleishner Class. Please ask all non-Scottish Rite Masons in your lodge if they would like to become a 32° Mason. Cost is \$200.00 If you are interested in participating in the ritualistic work please contact the Director of Work ,Jack Goldenberg.(706-832-0339) If you are willing to help in another capacity please contact the Secretary, Greg Oblak (706-829-1665). We need help with



the stage crew, kitchen crew, cleanup, etc. The class will assemble at 4:00-5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 19th, light refreshments (sandwiches etc) will be served from 5:00-6:00 P.M. with the degree work to follow. The Class will reassemble at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 20th, donuts and coffee will be available with the degree work beginning at 8:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. with the conclusion of the degree work at (hopefully) 5:00 P.M. All candidates and participants should wear a coat and tie (or suit) on Saturday for the Class Photo. Brethren; please try to attend, at least one of the days, and support the candidates and your officers. **DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS IS MAY 4TH, 2017.**

4. **CELEBRATING THE CRAFT (CTC):** Watch Celebrating the Craft LIVE via scottishrite.org on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 6 pm to Midnight (ET). About CTC. The CTC is an evening of entertainment and fellowship that is webcast live from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, to



raise money for the [Rebuilding the Temple Campaign](#) and Orient charities. Our 2016 event focused on our [Rite Care SRCLP](#). Music, comedy, celebrities, never-before-seen video content from the House of the Temple and Valleys across the country, and so much more are included in the webcast. Each year, the George Washington Banquet Hall at the House of the Temple is converted into a television studio and becomes the stage for this Masonic extravaganza. During the evening, viewers learn more about the Scottish Rite and the importance of the House of the Temple, its artifacts, museum, and library. We build upon our previous successes to make each subsequent CTC the most exciting yet. You can make a donation via phone or online. Your donation may be split between the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and the Scottish Rite charities in your Orient as directed by your SGIG or Deputy.

5. **MEMORIAL DAY:** Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer. Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, [New York](#), the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.



6. 2017 : MASTER'S PARKING

FUNDRAISER; We had another record setting Master's Parking Fundraiser this year. I would like to thank the following individuals for helping with this year's fundraiser. Brothers Sid Putnam (the gas man for the golf carts), Brother's Pete Coffield and Kenny May (The Executive Parking Crew of Two who did the majority of parking the cars), Brother Andy Andert (Head Flagman, promoted this year and did a great job) who persuaded the cars to come to our lot along with WB Jimmie Kirkland (Breakfast Man) who also helped flag cars from Washington Road and brought us our nourishment every morning so we could make it through the 12 hours days, Brother's Greg Oblak and Steve Purvis, (NASCAR Golf Cart

Drivers) who carried many patrons from our lot to Gate A1 and raised additional moneys. I would also like to thank Luis Arocho, Gerald Wuchte, Roy Stampley, Bob Elliott, Pete Knox, Billy Childress, Richard Lamarre, and Richard Williamson for their contributions to the effort. We had a great time but was glad it was over after 7 long days.

7. **SCHOLARSHIPS 2017:** The Scholarship Portal has been closed for 2017. There were 90 plus applications this year for only 50-\$1000.00 scholarships. The scholarships will now go to the valley evaluators and decisions will be made in the upcoming weeks. I will notify all those in our valley as soon as information is available.





- SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE:** There will be an Orient wide (State of Georgia) Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia Raffle beginning on May 1, 2017 with the drawing on November 2, 2017. What is the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia? A non-profit 501c3 organization which raises moneys for Scholarships for those students who attend an undergraduate college in the state of Georgia and for Speech Therapy through our Rite Care Clinics for those children and families who cannot afford it. The foundation has awarded 50-100, \$1000.00 scholarships each year for the last several years and has contributed tens of thousands of dollars each year in support of the 5 Rite Care Clinics in Georgia. The foundation is supported by Scottish Rite Valleys in Augusta, Albany, Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Columbus. This will be the first raffle and we will sell a maximum of 1000 tickets at a cost of \$100 per ticket. **First prize will be \$10,000.00, Second place will be \$3000.00 and Third Place will be \$2000.00.** The raffle is headquartered this year in the Valley of Augusta. We will hold the drawing at our regular LOP meeting on November 2, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Center on Washington Road. Please support this worthy cause if you can. If you would like more information on the Augusta Scottish Rite or how to become a member please visit our website: www.augustascottishrite.org. See below sample ticket.



No. 0001 Name: _____ Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____	No. 0001
	FIRST SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE
	Cost: \$100.00 per ticket; (Maximum tickets sold 1000)
	Drawing: November 2, 2017, 7:30 pm at the Augusta Scottish Rite Center
	First Prize: \$10,000.00 Second Prize: \$3000.00 Third Prize: \$2000.00
	  
	The cost of this ticket is not deductible as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes.

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