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**NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2017: TRESTLEBOARD (#138)  
DINNER, GUEST SPEAKER AND SCOTTISH  
RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE  
DRAWING!!!!!!!**

**NOVEMBER LOP MEETING:** The LOP meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm, the drawing for the raffle will be at 7:30 pm with the program beginning at 8:00 pm. Come join us at the Scottish Rite Center for an evening of fellowship. The evening will begin with a delicious 5 course **Meal at 7:00 pm**. We will then have one of our Rite Care Children draw the three winners from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia Statewide **Raffle at 7:30 pm**. The first ticket drawn will be the third place prize of \$2000.00, then the next ticket will be the second place prize of \$3000.00 and the final ticket drawn will be the Grand Prize of \$10,000.00. We hoped to sell 1000 tickets but in fact just sold under 500. This has increased the odds of winning for all of you who bought a ticket. The Valley of Augusta sold the most tickets (149) of any of the 6 valleys statewide with Atlanta coming in at a close second (133). The foundation also offered a prize of \$500.00 to the individual who sold the most tickets statewide. Illustrious Brother David Canady of the Valley of Atlanta sold 30 tickets and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Illustrious Brother Ross Laver of the Valley of Atlanta sold 33 tickets and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Illustrious Brother Gregory Oblak of the Valley of Augusta sold 49 tickets and is the winner of the \$500.00 first prize. I am working with my son Todd to try and do a live broadcast of the raffle drawing as it happens so that anyone across the state can go to our web page and click on the LIVE BROADCAST LINK and view the live drawing. I believe that Atlanta meets the same night as we do and they are going to try to project the drawing to all of their members. Good Luck to everyone and thank you for supporting the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia which supports our Scholarship and Rite Care Programs. The LOP **Guest Speaker, Phil Wahl, will begin at 8:00 pm**. Phil is a 30 year veteran banker in Augusta. He is a 1987 graduate of Augusta University's Hull College of Business and served in a number of management capacities during his banking career including Branch Manager, Private Banking Manager,



Consumer Banking Manager and Market President. Phil is very active in local civic affairs. Phil will be speaking about his father, Phil Wahl Sr. who was the General Manager of the Augusta National from 1961 until his tragic death in 1978 when he was killed by a drunk driver at the gates of the Augusta National off Berkman Road. He was personally recruited by Bobby Jones and Clifford Roberts from a club in Ohio to run and manage the club. He was known by Jones and Roberts as the best GM to run the Augusta National. Phil will tell stories of living on the grounds of the AN, to meetings with the Caddies and his one on one time with Arnold Palmer. Again come join us for a great meal, hopefully winning several thousand dollars and listening to some interesting stories about the Augusta National Golf Club.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Our next executive committee meeting will be held at the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:30 PM.



**Membership Dues**

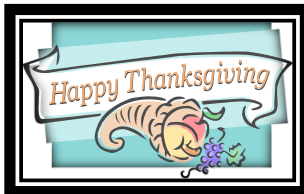
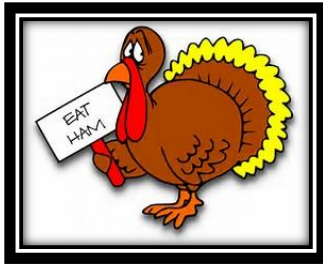
**2018 DUES:** Brethren: Dues notices have been sent to all members. Please remit the amount indicated on the notice. If you have paid your 2017 dues then you owe \$75.00 for 2018, if you have not then your notice should indicate that you owe the sum of \$150.00 for the last two years. 2018 dues are payable by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 not 2018. Brethren the current amount that we pay for dues does not even cover half of what it costs to operate **"YOUR SCOTTISH RITE CENTER"** for one year. The Executive Committee will be discussing the possibility of raising our dues. For those of you who might be interested, a Lifetime Membership is available and the cost is based on age. (See the Secretary if interested) It is very time consuming and labor intensive to send out a second and sometimes a third notice to all those who do not pay in a timely manner. Please remember your obligation. If you are having a financial problem please contact the secretary and make him aware so that you will not be suspended for non-payment of dues. So Mote It Be

**2017---33° CORONATION:** The Valley of Atlanta held the 33° Coronation for all 14 Scottish Rite members statewide who were elected to receive their 33° on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Illustrious Brothers Richard T. Williamson and Kennedy L. May were two of those recipients from the Valley of Augusta. Brother Richard is our Treasurer and Photographer and Brother Kenny is our Membership Chairman. Both of these men are vital members in the success of the Valley of Augusta. Please congratulate both Richard and Kenny when you see them.



**QUOTABLE QUOTES:** 1. A peacock that rests on his feathers is just another turkey. (Parton) 2. You can't see the world through a mirror. (Lavigne) 3. I challenge anybody in their darkest moment to write what they are grateful for, even stupid little things like friendly conversation or green grass. You start to realize how rich you are. (Carrey) 4. Anything's possible if you have got enough nerve. (Rowling).

**FREEMASONRY; IS IT TO BE PAST OR FUTURE?:** (ALLAN MILLER) FOR FREEMASONRY TO EXIST THERE IS NO WAY OF STANDING STILL. IT MUST PROGRESS OR IT MUST FALL. THIS MUST BE THE QUESTION FOR YOU TO ANSWER: IS IT TO BE PAST OR FUTURE? FREEMASONRY IS A PROGRESSIVE SCIENCE AND AS SUCH HAS MANY LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT. THE MAJORITY OF MASONS HAVE BEEN, AND ARE, CONTENT TO THINK THAT THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IS ENTIRELY MODERN. THEY HAVE NEVER STUDIED IT, HAVE NEVER THOUGHT WHAT IT WAS OR IS. IT IS SAID THAT WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST THERE CANNOT BE ANY GUIDE TO THE FUTURE. THE GOAL OF THE MASONIC RESEARCHER IS NOT JUST TO LOOK BACKWARD AT THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY BUT TO FOSTER THE INTELLECTUAL, SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL GROWTH OF THE MODERN MASONIC FRATERNITY. WE ARE ALL OF ONE BROTHERHOOD, WHICH IS BEYOND ANY WORDS TO EXPRESS. LET US REMEMBER THAT LIFE HERE IS SHORT, THE LIFE TO COME IS FOR ETERNITY. SOME MASONIC WRITERS HAVE RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY IN MODERN SOCIETY—QUESTIONS THAT STILL REQUIRE ANSWERS EVEN FROM TODAY'S LEADERS OF OUR FRATERNITY.



**10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER CELEBRATION AND PROGRAM:** Webb Lodge #166 will again be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Thanksgiving Day Celebration at the Scottish Rite Center on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and the program will begin at 8:00 pm. Masons, Spouses, Children and guests are invited. The cost is \$25 per lodge (help with cleanup etc fees) and \$10.00 per person. We would like for everyone to go through your lodge secretary for lodge reservations and payment and then the lodge would submit one check to cover all who are participating from your lodge. Reservations and questions may be made through **WM Jack Goldenberg (706-832-0339) or Steven Fishman (706-829-1155)** and mailed to the Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904 Or Webb Lodge #166, 3201 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30909. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 8, 2017.**

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