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**DECEMBER 7, 2017: TRESTLEBOARD (#139)
CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DESSERT RECEPTION
(NO DINNER)**



DECEMBER LOP CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT & DESSERT RECEPTION: The Valley of Augusta will be the host for a public concert by the Columbia County Orchestra on Thursday, December 7th, 2017 beginning at 7:00 PM. The Columbia County Orchestra (CCO) was founded in February 2008, by Rob Nordan, our Music Director, who is an area music educator, free-lance musician, and church musician. The purpose of the CCO is to promote the musical arts and foster music appreciation, while also providing an outlet for amateur and professional musicians to express their musical talents in and around the CSRA. The CCO is the parent organization of the overall association of Columbia County Orchestras and the Columbia County Youth Orchestra (CCYO). Our Instrumentalists come from across the area including the following counties: Columbia, Richmond, Aiken, Emanuel and Toombs. Our current groups do over 15 concerts annually. The CCO has a board of directors, which administrates our non-profit 501c3, IRS approved organization. Charitable contributions can be made to the CCO annually, with the donor receiving federal tax deductible credit. Future plans include; Exploring the possibilities of establishing the ARC (Arts & Resource Center) of Columbia County accessible to the whole CSRA and expanding outreach/educational musical offerings in our area.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Our next executive committee meeting will be held at the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite on Thursday, January 4th, 2018, 6:30 PM. Just prior to our January LOP meeting.



ONE FOR THE LADIES / ONE FOR THE MEN; Ladies first: 1. A couple is lying in bed. The man says, "I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world." The woman replies, "I'll miss you." 2. Why is a Laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman? Because a woman who can't afford a washing machine will probably never be able to support you. 3. Dear Lord, I pray for Wisdom to understand my man, Love to forgive him, and Patience for his moods. Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death. Amen. 4. In the beginning, God created the earth and rested. Then God created Man and rested. Then God created Woman. Since then neither God or Man has rested. 5. What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name? You did not hold the pillow down on his face long enough. 6. Her job is to complain...Mine is to give her a reason!!!!!! 7. "It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack says as he stepped out of the shower. "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied. 8. How many men does it take to open a beer? None, It should be opened when she brings it to you. (These are not meant to offend anyone and the editor takes no responsibility and claims temporary insanity.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: 1. Falling in love is easy but staying in love is something very special. 2. The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is to know that you are the reason behind it. 3. Love doesn't make the world go round, but it makes the ride worthwhile. 4. It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. 5. Laughter is the shortest distance between friends. 6. wherever you are it is your friends who make your world. 7. A friend is, as it were, a second self.

Andy Rooney: What I have Learned: The following were written by Andy Rooney, a man who has the gift of saying so much with so few words. 1. I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows. 2. I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

LESSONS LEARNED

3. I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world. 4. I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right. 5. I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child. 6. I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way. 7. I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with. 8. I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand. 9. I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult. 10. I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for. 11. I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular. 12. I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

January 2018 LOP Meeting: The January LOP meeting will be held on January 4th, 2018. Guest speaker will be Andy King, 32° and his topic for the evening will be the **Convention of States**. What is the Convention of States: **THE PROBLEM:** The Federal Government has overreached its constitutionally established boundaries and has its hands in almost all areas of our lives. Our children and grandchildren will inherit a bankrupt nation run by an unaccountable bureaucracy. **THE SOLUTION:** Article V of the United States Constitution allows us to call a Convention of States to restrict the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, effectively returning the citizens rightful power over the ruling elite. **THE STRATEGY:** Working together, state legislators and American citizens can restore the checks and balances on federal power which were put in place by our founding fathers to protect our liberty from the abuses in Washington, D.C.



May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessings all year through



Spring Reunion 2018: Its not to early to be thinking about our Spring Reunion which will probably be held in the month of May (Date has not been established yet) All Scottish Rite Masons should be ambassadors for our Valley in getting the word out to all of our Blue Lodges in this jurisdiction. Ask all brothers who are not Scottish Rite Masons, especially those new brothers who were just initiated into the Craft if they would like to be part of this class. Also it is never too early for the Degree Masters to get their cast ready and practice several times prior to the Reunion.

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