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LOP MEETING, JANUARY 7TH, 2016,

**TRESTLEBOARD (#116) FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS INVITED**



1. GRAND MASTER'S FORUM: When: Saturday, January 23, 2016.

Where: Scottish Rite Center, Augusta, GA. **Time:** 8:00am Coffee and Donuts, Forum at 9:00 am. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Please come out and support Grand Master F. Andrew "Drew" Lane, Jr. and his Grand Lodge Line officers. There will be a luncheon served by the 10th district officers following the forum.



2. 33° SCOTTISH RITE MASON IS HONORED: The Webb Lodge Mason of the year award has been renamed the "**Eric Fleishner Mason of the Year Award**" in honor of our oldest living member, Eric Fleishner who will be 95 years old on December 26, 2015. Eric was born in Vienna, Austria on December 26, 1920. He was initiated on June 23, 1955, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on August 23, 1955 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 27, 1955. He became a 32° Scottish Rite Mason on June 1, 1968, received his KCCH (red cap) on October 18, 1993 and his 33° (white cap) on November 15, 2003. He has been the recipient of the Ralph Studdard Scottish Rite Mason of the year twice and he also was Webb Lodge Mason of the Year twice. He was a financial trustee for Webb Lodge for many years and was presented his 60

year apron this year. Eric has been a close personal friend for many years and is definitely "**One of the Faithful Few**". Congratulations to Eric on this most prestigious honor.

3. THE ERIC FLEISHNER MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2015 (Webb Lodge), GOES TO ANOTHER 33° SCOTTISH RITE MASON: Illustrious Brother M. Steven Fishman was selected by the brethren last month to receive the "Eric Fleishner Mason of the Year Award for 2015. Steve is a Past Master of Webb Lodge and has been a member of the Building Trustees for many



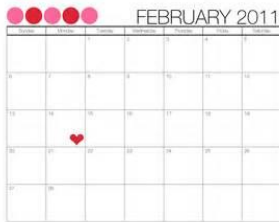
years. He is a member of the Charity Committee and also the Director of the Statewide Blood Donation Program of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. He is also the assistant director of the Georgia CHIP Program and a member of the National Sojourners. He is also an honorary member of Acacia Lodge #315, JSD Lodge #677 and Social Lodge #1. Steve has been one of the most active members in the last several years of Webb Lodge and also deserves the title of **“One of the Faithful Few.”** Congratulation Steve on this prestigious award.

4. JANUARY LOP PROGRAM; The January LOP meeting will be Hobby Night.

We are asking **YOU** to participate in the program by bringing in and displaying whatever you do as a Hobby. We want to see what you are interested in during your leisure time. Are you a collector (records, coins, stamps, baseball cards, toys, etc) an artist (paintings, sculptures, drawings, etc), musician, builder, fisherman, hunter, etc. We would like to see a variety of different interests, nothing is too unusual!!!! Call the Secretary and let him know that you would like to participate so we have some idea of how many tables to set up for this event. We can also setup outside if your item is too large such as antique cars etc. We are looking forward to this fun event.



5. FEBRUARY LOP ELECTION AND PROGRAM: Election of Officers will be

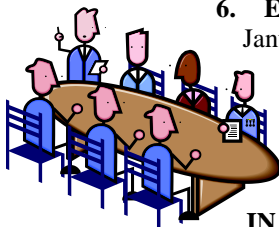


held at the Scottish Rite Center for all Bodies at the regular meeting in February. **(Thursday, February 4th)** If you have any interest in serving the fraternity please let your intentions be known to the Secretary. If you do not have any interest in going through the chairs of one of the Bodies your talents are still needed. Following the elections, the ladies and guests will be invited into the auditorium for an open



installation of all the officers. Following the installation our guest speaker for the evening will be the Director of our Rite Care Clinic, Dr. Jennifer Jones. Please come and enjoy a night of fellowship, education, election and a great meal to boot. Looking forward to greeting you all in the chow line.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Executive Meeting 6:00 PM Thursday, January 7th, 2016 just prior to the Dinner of the LOP Meeting. **Then:** Back to the regular schedule, (Last Thursday of the month), Thursday, January 28th, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM. All committee members are asked to participate, if you cannot please give the secretary a call at 706-733-5387 (office) or 706-829-1665 (Cell).



7. 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 for the last several years that I have been your secretary. 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. Yet still trying to better maintain the formal openings and ritualistic work. I have seen the attendance increasing from an average of 40 to an average of 75-125 per meeting. 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.



8. LAUGHTER; GOOD FOR THE SOUL: 1. Say What? Normal is getting dressed in clothes



that you buy for work and driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for, in order to get to the job you need to pay for the clothes and the car and the house you leave vacant all day so you can afford to live in it. 2. I saw a sign in my auto repair shop the other day which stated: "If we can't fix your brakes, we will make your horn louder." 3. For all you Golfers: A recent study found the average American golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found American golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, American golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud. 4. Age doesn't make you forgetful. Having way too many stupid things to remember makes you forgetful. 5. If your friends can accurately guess your age you need to find dumber friends. 6. On Labor Day, if one of my relatives sees a shadow, they all quit working for 6 weeks. 7. Even doctors make mistakes; Mine asked me to undress! 8. I find it helps to organize chores into categories; Things I won't do now; Things I won't do later; Things I will never do!!!!!! 8. Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips.

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9. THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF

ANOTHER: The month of December is upon us and Christmas is celebrated, we remember the special times with family and friends, sharing, giving and receiving but mostly being together and preparing for another new year. What will the new year bring to each of us? What will it bring to the Valley of Augusta? The Scottish Rite will elect and install new Valley officers, committees established, budgets approved, reunions planned, candidates searched for. We must find a meaningful area for every member who wants to be involved. We have some younger members who want more from the Scottish Rite through our educational programs and also through the knowledge of our older members who can be great mentors to these young Scottish Rite Masons. Some of these new brothers do not accept "It has always been done this way" or "we have tried that and it just doesn't work," attitude. Some of us want to know why it didn't work and why changes haven't occurred. 2016 can be an exciting year but it is up to you and me to make sure that it is. Support your family, support your Lodge, support your Scottish Rite Valley this upcoming year. Finish 2015 with a bang and pledge to yourself that that you will better yourself each day and live Freemasonry to the fullest in 2016. So Mote It Be. Thank you all for being members of the Augusta Scottish Rite.



Remember the turtle, he never makes any progress till he sticks his neck out.

Failure is frequently the path of least persistence.

The average man has five senses: Touch, Taste, Sight, Smell, and Hearing. The successful man has two more; Horse and Common.

People don't plan to fail they just fail to plan.

To be satisfied with yourself is a sure sign that your forward motion is about to stop.

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