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THE APRIL 7th, 2016 LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO USAGE OF THE BUILDING FOR THE “2016 MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT.”



- 1. SCOTTISH RITE REUNION; LAST CHANCE:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite will be holding their Spring Reunion; (**The Paul Spohn Class**)
When: Friday and Saturday, May 13-14th, 2016. **Where:** Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904. **Cost:** \$200.00 . Moneys and Petition deadline is May 4th, 2016. **Who is eligible:** All Master Masons.



Petitions are available at the Center or online: (augustascottishrite.org) You may also call the General Secretary, (Gregory Oblak, 706-829-1665 cell, or 706-733-5387 office) The candidates are asked to report to the Center around 4:00 PM, Friday for registration; sandwiches and light refreshments will be served to all beginning around 4:30 PM. The conferral will begin following dinner.



- 2. UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND GUEST SPEAKERS:** Our next LOP meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016. Our guest speaker will be Greg Bearden from the Shepard Blood Center. In addition to our guest speaker the officers of the Augusta Chapter Rose Croix, headed up by Wise Master Thomas England, 32° KCCH, will present a Maundy Thursday Program. The June LOP be our Flag day program and our guest speaker will be Chuck Morgan from the Supreme Council.

July's LOP meeting will be dark and August is our Annual Awards Night. September's Guest Speaker is Tom Roberts a retired US Marshall and our October LOP meeting will consist of our annual "Feast of Tishri" ceremony presented by the officers of the LOP and the guest speaker for the evening will be Rabi Shai Beloesky. November 2016-February 2017 programs are still being developed. (Suggestions are gladly accepted).

3. **MASTER'S PARKING 2016: (HOSPITALITY GROUP NEEDED)** If you are available any day between Monday, April 4th, 2016 and Sunday April 10th, 2016 and would like to help with Master's parking and various other duties around the Scottish Rite Center please give me a call or drop me an email. (Secretary Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665 or goblak@comcast.net). The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite is currently trying to replace our Corporate Hospitality Group which we have had the last 9 years. If anyone may know of another company who might be interested in private hospitality or an individual, such as a caterer who needs a facility to either host a group or for food preparation, please let me know asap. We have a committee of three working on this for next years tournament and would like to finalize this as soon as possible. These funds have allowed us to start and support our Rite Care Clinic for the last 6 years, contribute to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital as well as several local charities and families and has allowed us to do needed renovations to the building. Please help us locate a replacement so that we may continue to do the work which we have begun. The best advertisement is word of mouth so get the word out and hopefully we will be able to continue to do the Great things that Masons do.



LITTLE THINGS: Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. **The Pulitzer, The Nobel, The Oscars, Tonys or Emmys. But we are all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back, A kiss behind the ear, A four pound bass, A full moon, An empty parking space, A crackling fire, A great meal, A glorious sunset, Hot soup, Cold beer. Don't fret about copping life's grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delights. There are plenty for all of us.**

4. **OH; I AM SO CLOSE TO THE FOLLOWING:** A Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure..' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks. 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks. Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 40 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs....She stares at the plate for a moment. Looks at him with a questioning face and says, '**Where's my toast ?**'
5. **SCOTTISH RITE DINNER THEATER (MUSICAL/COMEDY):** A musical dinner theater is planned for the membership, their friends and family for Saturday, September 17, 2016. Dinner (Fish Fry and Baked Chicken Buffet) will be served beginning at 6:00 P.M. The Musical/Comedy Program will begin at 7:30 P.M. The cost will be \$35.00 per person or Reserve a Table for Eight for \$280.00. This is not a fundraiser for the Scottish Rite but is geared for the pleasure of the membership. There will also be a few door prizes given away that evening during the intermission. The tickets will be limited to 225 (which is the capacity of the dining area) on a first come first serve basis. Tickets will go on sale April 1, 2016. However; If you want to send in a check ahead of time to the following address: Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904, I will reserve your tickets for you and then you can either pick them up, I will send to you or I will hold them for you on "Will Call" at the SR Center for you to pick up the night of the performance. The Music and Comedy will be performed by Aaron Wilburn. Hope to see all of you there.





6. SCHOLARSHIPS: The Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia, Inc. was founded Aug 26, 1980. Its purpose is to give financial aid to gifted Georgia students, who are legal residents of Georgia, are U.S. citizens, and plan to or are attending universities or colleges in the state of Georgia. Undergraduate scholarships only are available for deserving Georgia young men and women seeking higher education in Georgia colleges. No graduate scholarships are available at this time. The Foundation grants a maximum of \$1000 a year to qualified Georgia students who seek help for their careers. The maximum of scholarships that will be given this year is 60. Thus we activate the words of Albert Pike, "**What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal**". We want to help the young students of Georgia, for they are our country's future. Completed applications must be received in the Foundation's office on or before April 15th of each year. Original transcripts and report card complete through the spring term must be submitted no later than April 15th. This program is offered annually. Apply online: www.augustascottishrite.org Click on the link for Scholarship Application and Qualifications.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Executive committee will meet on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Scottish Rite Center. Hope to see all the members in attendance. If you cannot attend please give the Secretary a call. (Greg Oblak: 706-829-1665)



I LOVE MAXINE:



Men are always whining about how we're suffocating them.

Personally, I think if you can hear them whining you're not pressing hard enough on the pillow!



The Scottish Rite Creed: Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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