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MAY 5TH, 2016, LOP OF PERFECTION MEETING. TRESTLEBOARD (#120), FAMILY AND FRIENDS INVITED TO DINNER (7:00 pm) AND THE PROGRAM (8:00 pm)

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. **MESSAGE FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER: (Jimmie Kirkland)**

I would like to announce the first Valley of Augusta Entertainment Night. By the Scottish Rite, For the Scottish Rite. Do you or any family member play a musical instrument, dance, do stand-up comedy, magic, or have any talent which would be entertaining to the membership? If so please call me (Jimmie Kirkland at 706-830-7698 or Secretary, Greg Oblak, at 706-829-1665 cell, or 706-733-5387, office.) A date is being scheduled but has not been set, probably near the end of the year. I know that you, your wife, children or grand-children have many hidden talents. Start practicing now and I know that this will be a fun night for all.



3. **MAY 5TH, PROGRAM 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^o KCCH, will present a Maundy Thursday Program.



**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY ON
"MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30TH, 2016**

4. **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.



5. **MASTER'S PARKING 2016:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite had one of its most successful years parking cars during the 2016 Master's Golf Tournament. It took several members of our valley to accomplish this task. I would like to recognize those who contributed a day or two or several who contributed their time for the entire week. I would like to thank **Richard Williamson** for helping me set everything up and keeping the snack table supplied as well as taking photos. The morning crew consisted of Brothers **Kenny May and Pete Coffield** were the first ones on the premises every day to setup and were the major players parking the majority of the cars, Brother **Jerry Willgus** for being there every day to persuade the cars to come into our lot with his superior art of flagging and his trainee, Brother **Andy Andert** who was also there every day learning the art. I believe that after 3 years of training Andy is ready to sprout his wings go out on his own. **Brother Jimmie Kirkland**, Venerable Master of the LOP, was there every day with our breakfast. He generously brought us biscuits to help us start the day. **Pete Knox** also contributed to the morning breakfasts. Brother **Sid Putnam** was also there and kept our golf carts filled with gas which was our shuttle system of having two golf carts carry our patrons to and from the course. Drivers consisted of Brothers **Oblak, Purvis, Durham, and Wuchte**. Brothers **Stampley, Wuchte, Elliott, and Smith** were the afternoon crew to help with the parking. I would also like to thank **Vivian Stampley** for helping cook our Sunday Lunch and do some general cleanup of the premises. She is always at our dinners helping to serve and cleanup as well. I would be remiss if I did not mention a visit one day from the Dean of our Parking Program, Illustrious Brother **Eric Fleishner** who stopped by to see that we were doing it RIGHT and to talk to the ladies on the premises. Eric is 95 years young and continues to be an inspiration to us all. I hope I have not excluded anyone but if I have I apologize and it was not intentional. Thanks again to everyone for making this a very profitable event for "YOUR" Valley.



6. **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.

7. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Executive committee will meet on Thursday, May 26, 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)



8. **SCHOLARSHIPS 2016:** The Scholarship Portal has been closed for 2016. There were 90 plus applications this year for only 60-\$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.

9. **JUNE LOP MEETING AND PROGRAM:** Our June LOP meeting will be our Flag Day Program and our guest speaker will be Chuck Morgan from the Supreme Council who will present a DVD and program on the House of the Temple.



Mother's Day

THE SCOTTISH RITE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MOTHERS A

10. **FOR ALL YOU MILITARY MEN OUT THERE: WISDOM FROM MILITARY MANUALS:** 1.



Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons. (MacArthur) 2. Any ship can be a mine sweeper-----ONCE. 3. If you see a bomb technician running, keep up with him (USAF Ammo Troop) 4. You have never been lost until you have been lost at Mach 3. (Crickmore, test pilot) 5. What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots. When pilots make a mistake the pilot dies. When the air traffic controller makes a mistake the -----Pilot dies. 6. Never trade luck for skill. 7. When one engine fails on a twin engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash. 8. The three most common expressions in aviation are: 1. Why is it doing that? Where are we? And "Oh Crap". 9. You know your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal. 10. From the US Army Ordinance Manual: Five second fuses only last three seconds.!!!!!!!

AIM SO HIGH YOU WILL NEVER BE BORED: *The greatest waste of our natural resources is the number of people who never reach their potential . Get out of the slow lane. Switch to the fast lane. If you think you can't you won't. If you think you can there is a chance you will. Even making the effort will make you feel like a new person. Reputations are made by searching for things that cannot be done and doing them. Aim low: Boring Aim high: Soaring.*

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