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**THE VALLEY OF AUGUSTA SCOTTISH RITE IS DARK THIS MONTH:
NO DINNER OR MEETING. SEE YOU ALL ON AUGUST 4TH, 2016,
FOR AWARDS NIGHT**



1. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Executive committee will meet on Thursday, JULY 28th, 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)



2. **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.



3. FIFTY BUCKS IS FIFTY BUCKS: Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied, "I know Morris but the helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks." One year Esther and Morris went to the fair and Morris said, "Esther, I am 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." To this Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter ride is fifty bucks and fifty bucks is fifty bucks." The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I will make you a deal. I will take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word it will be fifty bucks. Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again but still not a word. When they landed the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out but you didn't. I am impressed! Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, **FIFTY BUCKS IS FIFTY BUCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**"

4. YOUR HIGHER DUTY: (Taken from the book, "ABC's of Freemasonry, published in 1915): Do not imagine that your full Masonic duty ends with attending lodge and paying your dues. There are many little duties imposed upon you as a Mason and concerning which you can inform yourself by rehearsing your obligations. But there are other ways that you can distinguish yourself as a Mason. It is your fraternal duty to visit the sick. In the early period of the fraternity it was the custom of Masons to nurse the sick and Masons would take turns in going to the home of an afflicted brother and look after him. But in this day of hospitals and



trained nurses that service is not now required. It is expected, however, that Masons will call upon their brethren who are sick and look after their welfare. Do not wait for the Master to call you up and tell you to go and see a sick brother, but whenever you hear of one who is confined to his bed it is your duty to call and see him. Again do not fail to attend the funerals of your deceased brethren. **This is a sacred Masonic duty and in this busy age Masons are too fast forgetting it.** If there is a time on earth when a Mason's family needs the warmth and sympathy of the fraternity it is in the trying hour when the head of the family has been called to his final rest. It is true that it requires some sacrifice from your business to attend a funeral but there will come a time, and the wisest knows not how soon, when your Masonic brethren may be called upon to assemble about your body. The example you have set in attending Masonic funerals will have a strong influence upon others. **To visit the sick and bury the dead are sacred Masonic duties.** It takes very little time to perform them, but the acts in themselves will distinguish any brother and mark him as a Mason in heart and worthy of our highest esteem. So mote it be.



5. "CLIMB TIL YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE": Often your tasks will be many, and more than you think you can do. Often the road is rugged and the hills insurmountable, too. But always remember, the hills ahead are never as steep as they seem, and with Faith in your heart start upward and climb til you reach your dream. For nothing in life that is worthy is ever too hard to achieve, if you have the Faith to believe. For Faith is a force that is greater than knowledge or power or skill, and many defeats turn to triumph if you trust in God's wisdom and will, for Faith is a mover of



mountains, There's nothing that God cannot do, So start out today with Faith in your heart, "And climb til your dream comes true"! (Author unknown)

UNITY and LOVE, combined with HUMILITY, are the safeguard of a Lodge; and if any one opposes them, account him as an ENEMY. (Rev. George Oliver, Book of the Lodge 1849)

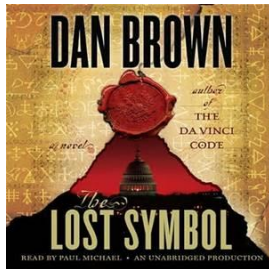
6. **WEBSITE REMINDER:** The monthly newsletter is available (IN COLOR) at our website for those of you who prefer to get their information in this manner. The address is www.augustascottishrite.org Once you get to the site click on the newsletter link. (if you are really bored there are usually several past issues of the newsletter for your perusal).



7. **AWARDS NIGHT:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite will hold their awards night on Thursday, August 4th, 2016. Dinner will begin at 7:00 P.M. with the ceremonies beginning at 8:00 P.M. Spouses, family and friends are invited. Our Spring Reunion members will receive their the Rings, Caps, Patents, Dues Cards, Photo CD etc. We will also present Double Eagle Awards, The Ralph Studdard Scottish Rite Mason of the Year Award, 50 year awards, Master Craftsman Awards, Scholarships to our 3 recipients this year and other miscellaneous awards. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship and congratulate those brothers receiving these awards.



8. **THE LOST SYMBOL:** "Professor Langdon,' called a young man with curly hair in the back row, 'if Masonry is not a secret society, not a corporation, and not a religion, then what is it?' 'Well, if you were to ask a Mason, he would offer the following definition: Masonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.' 'Sounds to me like a euphemism for "freaky cult." ' 'Freaky, you say?' 'Hell yes!' the kid said, standing up. 'I heard what they do inside those secret buildings! Weird candlelight rituals with coffins, and nooses, and drinking wine out of skulls. Now that's freaky!' Langdon scanned the class. 'Does that sound freaky to anyone else?' 'Yes!' they all chimed in. Langdon feigned a sad sigh. 'Too bad. If that's too freaky for you, then I know you'll never want to join my cult.' Silence settled over the room. The student from the



Women's Center looked uneasy. 'You're in a cult?' Langdon nodded and lowered his voice to a conspiratorial whisper. 'Don't tell anyone, but on the pagan day of the sun god Ra, I kneel at the foot of an ancient instrument of torture and consume ritualistic symbols of blood and flesh .' The class looked horrified. Langdon shrugged. 'And if any of you care to join me, come to the Harvard chapel on Sunday, kneel beneath the crucifix, and take Holy Communion.' The classroom remained silent. Langdon winked. 'Open your minds, my friends. We all fear what we do not understand.'"

Dan Brown, The Lost Symbol . Brethren: This is a very entertaining novel. Pick up a copy if you haven't already read it. So Mote It Be.

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