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**AUGUST 4th, 2016: TRESTLEBOARD (#123)
AWARDS NIGHT
LADIES & GUESTS INVITED**

1. **AUGUST LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETING:** The Valley of Augusta Lodge of Perfection will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on Thursday, August 4th, 2016. This is our Annual Awards Night which will consist of the following;

First on the Agenda: Three ---50 Year Scottish Rite Awards: (Blue Caps, Pins and Certificates) Brothers: Alexander Loo, Robert L. Rodgers and Danny H. Feagin will receive their 50 year awards. Presented by Illustrious Brother Ronny Lanham.



Second on the Agenda: The Ralph Studdard Award will be given to the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year for 2015. Plaque to be presented by Illustrious Brother Ronny Lanham. (It's a surprise, who will it be ???)

Third on the Agenda: Four \$1000.00 Scholarships will be given to those students who have met all the criteria. Presented by Illustrious Brother Gregory Oblak, 33°, General Secretary. The following will each receive a \$1000.00 scholarship: Tori Langham, Chelsea Stewart, Megan Flink and Emily Harrison. Congratulations to these fine students.



The Scottish Rite Foundation awarded 60 scholarships this year across the state of Georgia

Fourth on the Agenda: Ring and Capping Ceremony for all 9 who attended our 2016 Statewide Spring Reunion: Brothers: Samuel Budenstein, Daniel Burnfield, Ronnie Caudle, John Dickson, Christopher Miller, Jonathan Mintz, Edwin Presnell, Roy Stampely III, and James Tyler. Rings, caps & cases, dues cards, patents and photographic CD's will be presented by Venerable Master, Jimmie Kirkland, 32° KCCH, Senior Warden, Richard Lamarre, 32° KCCH and Junior Warden, Charles Gay, 32°.



Fifth on the Agenda: The awards for the **Knight of the Double Eagle** will be presented to those who have acquired enough points over the last year for their contributions to the fraternity. Brother Kenny May (Director of the Program) will make the presentations. I believe 34 members will be receiving an award.



Sixth on the Agenda: Educator Award: Illustrious Brother John Eckenroth will present the annual Educator Award this year to one of our own. Who will it be?



Seventh on the Agenda: Master Craftsman I, II & III Awards: The Master Craftsman awards will be presented by Illustrious Brother Eric Milk, 33°. **Come**

join us for one of the best meetings of the year where we highlight those Scottish Rite Masons and others who have made a difference and contributed to the fraternity and community.



2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Executive committee will meet on Thursday, August 25th, 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)



3. **SCOTTISH RITE DINNER THEATER (MUSICAL/COMEDY):** A musical



/comedy 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 are now on sale. If you want to send in a check 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.

4. **DUES REMINDER:** Brethren; There are over 100 members who have not paid their 2016 dues. (They were to be paid by December 31, 2015) There are over 50 members who have not paid for the last 2 years. (According to the statutes are to be suspended on December 31, 2016). Please check your dues card and make sure you are not one of these brethren. If you need financial assistance please call the secretary (number at the top of this newsletter) and advise him of your situation. We do not want to suspend any brother. If you are one of these brothers please remit your dues to the above address. As Soon As Possible. (\$75 per year)



Good Deeds: A man makes no noise over a good deed, but passes on to another as a vine to bear grapes again in season. (Aurelius)

5. **THE OLD MASTERS WAGES:** I met a dear old man today, who wore a Masonic pin, It was old and faded like the man, It's edges were worn quite thin. I approached the park bench where he sat, To give the old brother his due, I said, "I see you've traveled east," He said, "I have, have you." I said, "I have, and in my day Before the all seeing sun, I played in the rubble, with Jubala, Jubalo and Jubalum." He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son, It's good and sweet and true, And if you've traveled as you said, You should give these things their due. "The word, the sign the token, The sweet Masonic prayer, The vow that all have taken, Who've climbed the inner stair. The wages of a Mason, are never paid in gold, but the gain comes from contentment, when you're weak and growing old. You see, I've carried my obligations, For almost fifty years, It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears. Now I'm losing my mind and body, Death is near but I don't despair, I've lived my life upon the level, And I'm dying upon the square. Sometimes the greatest lesson, Are those that are learned anew, And the old man in the park today has changed my point of view. To all Masonic brothers, The only secret is to care, May you live your life upon the level, May you part upon the square.



Good Works are seeds that, after sowing, return to us a continual harvest; and memory of noble actions is more enduring than monuments of marble. (Albert Pike)

Poverty: It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor.



6. RETIREMENT BANQUET: A Retirement Banquet honoring our Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Georgia, Illustrious Brother Leonard Buffington, 33°, will take place on October 1, 2016. Please join us in a celebration of 14 years of service as SGIG to the Orient of Georgia Scottish Rite. Location is the Petite Auberge Restaurant, in the Toco Hills Shopping Plaza, 2935 N Druid Hills road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Dinner tickets are \$100.00 per person. Each ticket holder will receive a commemorative coin. Attire is Coat and Tie. The cost of the ticket is also benefitting the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia, Inc. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED:** Dinner Reservations can be made by telephone , 404-873-3659, using a credit card or a check payable to Scottish Rite foundation of Georgia can be mailed to Scottish Rite Foundation of GA, Attention: Banquet Committee, 1690 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. If you would like to spend the night arrangements have been made with the Atlanta Marriott Century Center at a rate of \$94 plus taxes. Telephone number is 800-228-9290 prior to the cutoff date of September 9, 2016. Refer to the Scottish Rite Room Block. Address is 2000 Century Boulevard, NE, Atlanta, GA 30345. This is located close to the above restaurant. Lets try to have a good showing from Augusta in support of our SGIG. Hope to see you all there.....

7. UPCOMING PROGRAMS: September LOP program would be guest speaker, Tom Roberts, US retired Marshall and the KSA will conduct a knighting ceremony. October would be the feast of Tishri will guest speaker, Rabi Booeslesky, November will see a guest speaker from Safe Homes of Augusta, December will be a musical program and January would be a local musical talent show. Please contact the Secretary or Venerable Master if you or a friend or family member has a musical, comedy or other talent that they can contribute to the show.



8. KSA FUNDRAISER: The Knights of Saint Andrew will be selling tickets for a Pork Butt fundraiser which will take place during the second week of October. (No date set at this time). The Tickets are \$30.00 per butt. Please support this fundraiser. See any member for tickets.



9. NEW AWNING INSTALLATION: FYI: A new front entrance awning has been installed. The 9 year old one was faded and worn. I would also like to thank **Brother Steve Purvis** for power washing all the remaining window awnings on the building. They were dirty but not as faded as the front one which receives most of the sun rays each day. Thank you Steve for all the time and hard work cleaning those , they **look great.**

10. HOSPITALITY GROUP NEEDED: If any brother knows of a company, sports group, caterer, or anyone who might be interested in leasing the Scottish Rite Center during the upcoming Master's Golf Tournament please notify the Secretary. After 9 years we have lost the company which leased our facility and the moneys which it generated. Those moneys supported our Rite Care Clinic which was established several years ago, our many charities to include the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital and many local charities, help renovate many of the areas of our facility and helped offset the declining membership dues for monthly operation. We also decided to start renting the facility for weddings, business meetings, birthday parties, rehearsal dinners etc during the year. We are working on specifics and trying to find a member who has this type of experience to manage and oversee these rentals. If you are interested please notify the secretary.



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