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**FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018-----TRESTLEBOARD #141  
DINNER, PROGRAM AND ELECTIONS : FRIENDS &  
FAMILY INVITED**



**Spring Reunion 2018:** All Master Masons who desire to be a Scottish Rite Mason can do so at our Spring 2018 Reunion. The Reunion will be held here at the Scottish Rite Center on May 18-19, 2018. The class has been named in honor of James L. Huggins, Sr., 32° KCCH. You may download a petition from our website ([augustascottishrite.org](http://augustascottishrite.org)) or ask any member. They are also available in the lobby of the SRC. We are all ambassadors for the SR so let's get out to our local lodges and promote The Valley of Augusta.



**UPCOMING ELECTIONS:** February 2018 LOP meeting is the month in which we hold our elections. If you are interested in participating in a position in one of the 4 Scottish Rite Bodies please make your interest known to the Secretary (Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665)



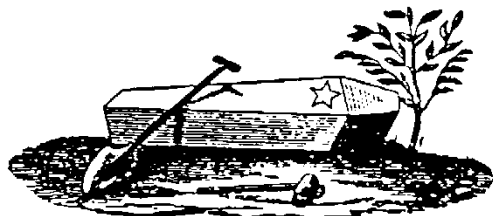
**What a wonderful life I have had! I only wish I had realized it sooner. (Colette)**

IT IS A GRAND MISTAKE TO THINK OF BEING GREAT WITHOUT GOODNESS AND I PRONOUNCE IT AS CERTAIN THAT THERE WAS NEVER A TRULY GREAT MAN THAT WAS NOT AT THE SAME TIME TRULY VIRTUOUS. (BENJAMIN FRANKLIN)

*FEBRUARY LOP DINNER AND PROGRAM: The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 PM just prior to the LOP Dinner, Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, Election and Installation of Officers at 8:00 PM. Ladies and Guests will then be invited in for the program: Our guest speaker will be Judge Danny Craig: Judge Craig went to law school at the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University. He was elected District Attorney for the Augusta Circuit in 1993 and served in that position until he was appointed Superior Court Judge for Richmond, Columbia and Burke counties by Governor Sonny Perdue to fill the term of Judge Neal Dickert who resigned before his term expired. Judge Craig was then elected on February 18, 2008, to fill that position permanently.*



**FAREWELL TO OUR BRETHERN:** The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite has worked very hard this year to try to keep suspensions for non-payment of dues down to a minimum and have contacted those brothers who were in the rears for their dues several times during the year. We only had to suspend 4 brothers this year as



compared to 15 to 20 as in the past several years. We have some control of these numbers. We also worked very hard this year to add to our roster and have 5 new brothers who were initiated during our reunions. Again we had some control of this number. However; we have no control of losses due to death. Following are the names of the 15 brethren who we have lost due to death. Please keep these brethren and their families in your prayers. **Leon Barton, Robert Cowart, Bobby Cunningham, Charles Hahn, Arthur Hogarth, James Huggins, Addison Loflin, Mason McGrew, Henry Powers, Talmadge Reed, Carlton Russell, Woodrow Sellers, Lynn Thackston, Donald Wanner and Richard Woodward.**

Masonic Funeral Service



Adopted Arizona Funeral Rite  
Paradise Valley Silver Trowel #27

*Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.*

**YHVH: (Bro. Stoney)** In the Scottish Rite degrees we learn the name of God is composed of four Hebrew letters, the yud, the heh, the vav, and the heh. It is the most sacred of names. So sacred in fact some refuse to say it. And yet, we say it all the time. You ask, "How is it I say the sacred name of God when I don't even know it?" The answer, when you speak of yourself, you say

the Name. Still confused? When you are happy you say, "I am happy." When you are sad you say, "I am sad." When you tell others who you are, you say, "I am Brother Stoney." YHVH means "I am." It's the Name of the Eternal, the Name of God. His name is *I Am*. We have always said His Name. It is woven into the fabric of existence that when you speak of yourself, you must say His Name. This is because your existence comes from His Existence. He is the *I Am* of all existence, i.e., the *I Am* of all *I am*s. Your *I am* only exists because of His *I Am*. And as you exist from Him, so it is only from Him that you can find the reason and purpose of your existence. Therefore, when you say your name, you must always speak His Name. And you must speak His Name first. That is because His existence is first and your existence flows from His. That is the flow of existence and therefore you must by necessity put His Name first. If you let everything begin with Him and flow from Him, you will have found the secret of life. To not only live for Him, but to live your life from Him, to live from His living, to move from His moving, to act from His actions, to feel from His heart, to be from His being, and to become who you are from who He is.....*I Am*. (I must give credit to Jonathan Cahn and his *Book of Mysteries* for much of the insight in this article.)

*Wisdom is born; Stupidity is learned.*



**WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT? (As seen through the eyes of a child)** Being a grandparent I can appreciate the following: 1. Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money. 2. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. 3. They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks." 4. They don't say, "Hurry up." 5. Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes. 6. They can take their teeth and gums out. 7. Grandparents don't have to be smart. They have to answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?" 8. When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again. 9. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us. 10. They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we've acted bad. 11. A 6 year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport and when we want her we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport." 12. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him! 13. It's funny when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog."

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