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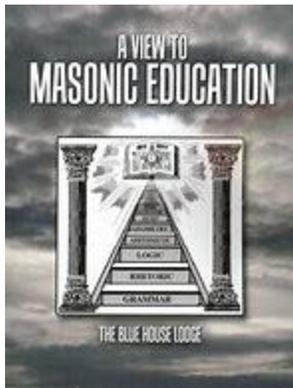
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***APRIL 5TH, 2018-----TRESTLEBOARD #143
NO DINNER OR MEETING THIS MONTH DUE TO
UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITY BY THE AUGUSTA
NATIONAL GOLF CLUB.***

The Mystery of the Yud
Bro. Stoney



Being Scottish Rite Masons we are all familiar with the *yud* (י). You know, that tiny little Hebrew symbol found inside the equilateral triangle located on our 14th Degree ring. Did you know this smallest of Hebrew letters, barely more than a dot, could change your life? It is the *yud* that begins the most sacred of Hebrew words, i.e., the Name of God, YHVH. Also of note, the land of God, *Israel*, ישראל, begins with the *yud*. The City of God, *Jerusalem*, ירושל, begins with the *yud*. And, as you might expect, the name *Jesus*, in Hebrew, begins with the *yud*. So, what does all this mean in the grand scheme of things? The greatest of words begins with the smallest of letters. In much the same way, the greatest works of God

begin with the smallest strokes. Life itself begins on a scale so small it cannot even be seen. Such is the secret of the *yud*. How then do we apply this idea to our everyday life? As you know, we are all faced from time to time with changes and new ideas. However, by nature we avoid both changes and newness. So, how do we change? How do we go from a life of mediocrity to victory? Well, we use the principal of the *yud*. We start by taking small steps, the smallest of steps but toward the greatest of changes. One does not start out with a great victory, but you take the *yud*, one small action, and one little step toward that great victory. You take that one step, that *yud* of courage, that iota of change, that smallest stroke of new beginnings, the *yud* of life you are called

to live. You begin the greatest of things with the smallest of strokes. You begin by applying the secret of the *yud*.

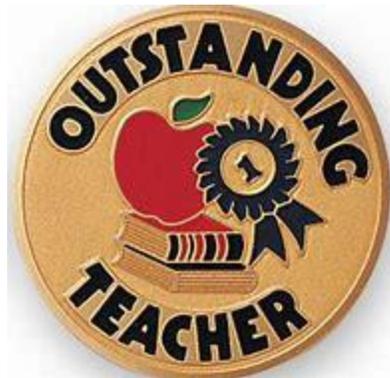
Spring Reunion 2018: If you know of a brother who is not a Scottish Rite Mason asked him WHY? Explain to him the principles of the Rite. Ask him to be a part of this great fellowship. Tell him about the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia and how we support the children in the state with annual scholarships and our Rite Care Clinics. The next Reunion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center on May 18-19th, 2018. Petitions are available at our website (which has just been rebuilt, take a look at it) or at the Center. Cost is \$200. We all are ambassadors to our lodges so get out there and talk up "Scottish Rite Freemasonry."



Tom England, 32° KCCH: The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite has lost one of its Greatest "Teachers". Brother Tom England was born April 21, 1927 and was raised a Master Mason November 22, 1966. He received his 32° on October 21, 1967 and was invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honour on October 5, 2013. Tom was one of the most active 90 year olds that I have known. He was an asset to the Valley of Augusta from the first day he affiliated from Knoxville Tennessee on August 12, 2009. He was instrumental in forming the Augusta Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew as well as writing and organizing the 29th degree which we routinely confer in all of the reunions since its inception. He loved to learn, he loved to teach, he loved Masonry and most of all he loved his brethren. The Valley of Augusta named the Educator of the Year Award after him last year. It is now known as the Thomas G. England Educator of the Year Award. Tom was a member of my lodge, (Webb #166) and he was just as active and excited about Masonic Education as he was at the Scottish Rite. Tom was my brother, Tom was my friend, Tom was "ONE OF THE FAITHFUL FEW," and I will miss him.



Always the "Teacher"



APRIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: April's EC meeting will meet on the last Thursday (as usual) of April (April 26th) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), goblak@comcast.net.



Kristen, age 10 says, "No person really decides before they grow up who they are going to marry. God decides it all way before and you get to find out later who you are STUCK with.



DOG LOGIC: 1. The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. (Anonymous) 2. There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. (Williams) 3. A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. (Billings) 4. The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. (Rooney) 5. Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. (Caras) 6. If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. (Pastoret) 7. Women and cats will do as they please. Men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.



DINNER THEATER: We have had several (I think 5)

dinner theaters over the last several years, some musical, some comedy, some magical. My question to you is would you like to have another one this year. We normally have a catered Seafood and Chicken Buffet and the Entertainment with an intermission where we give away door prizes. This is not a fundraiser, the Valley just tries to break even financially. With the cost of catering and entertainment going up every day we would need to sell tickets in the \$45-\$50

range to break even. Please email me (scottishrite2553@comcast.net) to make your feelings known. We will also need your help in selling the tickets. We would like to sell between 175-225, which is the approximate seating capacity of our dining room. Please take the time and drop me an email or call the office and leave a message (706-733-5387).

VMAP CORNER (By Brian Coffey) : Are you into Social Media? Facebook, Twitter, etc? Did you know that the Scottish Rite has our own versions of Social Media Platforms? These include the Freemasons Network where you can connect and interact with Brother Masons from around the world. You should also check out Scottish Rite Freemasonry, a mobile application that connects you with Scottish Rite Masons and SRChirp, a personal communication and messaging utility which operates as a mobile phone application and is unique to the Scottish Rite. Why is this important? To help us communicate with each other and the Valley. Go to <https://scottishrite.org/members> to learn more and access/download the applications.

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