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**NOVEMBER 1ST, 2018-----TRESTLEBOARD #150
SPOUSES AND FRIENDS INVITED TO THE DINNER
AND PROGRAM.**

NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: The November EC meeting is scheduled for the last Thursday (as usual) of November (November 29th) at 6:30 PM. If you cannot attend please call or email the Secretary. (706-829-1665), goblak@comcast.net.



**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**

2ND ANNUAL SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA RAFFLE—
Brethren: The 2nd annual Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia Raffle is officially closed as of October 27th, 2018. The drawing will be held in Savannah on November 6th, 2018. Good luck and thank you to those who supported this worthwhile cause. Winners and specifics will follow in the December newsletter.

DUES WILL BE INCREASING AFTER 9 YEARS: Brethren: The Executive Committee is discussing the possibility of increasing the dues for the Valley of Augusta beginning in 2020. A thorough explanation will be outlined in the upcoming newsletters to explain why this is necessary. The valley has not increased dues since 2009 (which probably was a mistake on our part) but because of increasing per capita by the Supreme Council, the decrease in investment income, the loss of moneys from hospitality during the Masters Golf tournament the increase in the cost of doing business and the loss of membership, these are the reasons for this increase. I will do the best I can in explaining where each dollar of your dues is used and what we need to do to continue as a charitable fraternity.

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
DUES**



A peacock that rests on his feathers is just another turkey.



10th DISTRICT THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

CELEBRATION AND PROGRAM: Webb Lodge #166 will again be hosting the 6th annual 10th Masonic District Thanksgiving Day Celebration at the Scottish Rite Center on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and the program will begin at 8:00 pm. Masons, Spouses, Children and guests are invited. The cost is \$25 per lodge (help with cleanup etc fees) and \$10.00 per person. We would like for everyone to go through your lodge secretary for lodge reservations and payment and then the lodge would submit one

check to cover all who are participating from your lodge. Reservations and questions may be made through **WM Jack Goldenberg (706-832-0339)** or **Steven Fishman (706-829-1155)**.

JUST A BIT OF HUMOR: THE BROKEN LAWN MOWER: When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, watching a college football game (**Ohio State Buckeyes** of course), always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day I found her seated in the tall grass busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again but I will always have a limp. The moral to this story is that **Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right and the other is the Husband. So Mote It Be.** (Sorry Ladies, the devil made me do it.)



THE MEASURE OF A MAN: (Reprinted from Oregon Lodge #84 Trestleboard)

How can you measure the value of a man? The measure of a man is not found in the things he owns, what he has saved for retirement, or even his accomplishments. The true measure of a man is found in his faith and in his heart. It's found in the friends who stand by him, the strength he displays under pressure, the sensitivity he unashamedly expresses, and his willingness to reveal vulnerability, even at the risk of being hurt. It's found in his words, the genuineness of his life, his unselfish actions and the values by which he lives.

WHAT IS A VETERAN? November 11th is **Veterans Day** and I thought a reprint of the following by Father Dennis E. O'Brien, USMC would be appropriate. Some veterans bear visible signs of their service; a



missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in their eye. Others may carry the evidence inside them; a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg or perhaps another sort of inner steel; the soul's all forged in the refinery of adversity. Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking. What is a vet? He is the cop on the beat who spent 6 months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel. He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel. She or he is the nurse who fought against futility and went to



sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang. He is the POW who went away one person and came back another or didn't come back at all. He is the parade riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand. He is the three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep. He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, palsied now and aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi Death Camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come. He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs. He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known. **So remember each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.**

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. (Plato)

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME: If any brother has any information which they would like to disseminate to the membership and if it is found appropriate, I will do my best to see that it gets published in this monthly newsletter. Please email me your input to (goblak@comcast.net) or send it to me via snail mail. I would love to have the membership contribute to this newsletter each month.



NOVEMBER LOP MEETING: *Dinner will begin as always at 7:00 PM with our program beginning at 8:00 PM. Our Guest Speaker for the evening will be Judge Douglas J. Flanagan. Judge Flanagan was appointed to the Juvenile Court Bench in October 2000. We welcome back Judge Flanagan and look forward to his presentation.*

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