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JANUARY 3RD, 2019-----TRESTLEBOARD #152
DINNER, AND PROGRAM
FRIENDS AND FAMILY INVITED



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, 6:00 PM, just prior to our January LOP dinner (This will actually be for the month of December). We also will have our regular EC meeting on the last Thursday of the month January 31st, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM. (For the month of January)



JANUARY 3rd, 2019, LOP MEETING: Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Our program will begin at 8:00 pm. Our Guest Speaker this month is **Eric Toler, Executive Director of the Georgia Cyber Center**. Eric Toler joined Augusta University in 2018 as Executive Director of the Georgia Cyber Center. Mr. Toler previously served in the U.S. Army as a Military Intelligence Officer, retiring with over 27 years of leadership and national security experience. During his military career, he was a pioneer in leading and developing cyberspace operations capabilities for the Army and Department of Defense, serving in key positions within Army Cyber Command, U.S. Cyber Command, and the National Security Agency. In his role as Executive Director of the Georgia Cyber Center, Mr. Toler is responsible for fulfilling the mission of the Georgia Cyber Center, which is to create an ecosystem of collaboration that helps solve our state's and our nation's most challenging cybersecurity problems through innovative education, training, research, and practical applications

between private and public industries. He works with a multitude of partners from government, academia, and private industry to help develop the professional workforce required to secure our state and our nation in cyberspace. In addition to numerous military schools and training, Mr. Toler holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Henderson State University, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from National Defense University. He has numerous military awards and decorations, to include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and two Bronze Star Medals. Join us in welcoming Eric to Augusta.

AUGUSTA THERAPY ACADEMY FORMATION: Our rite care clinic on Central Avenue will be sold in the next several months and a new Augusta Therapy Academy will be **opened in August of 2019** at 3104 Skinner Mill Road , Augusta, GA 30909. The building was purchased on November 19th, 2018, renovations to the building will occur November 2018-February 2019, renovations to the Playground will occur January-March of 2019 and the Opening for the Augusta School of Integrated Learning will be on August of 2019. Dr. Jennifer Jones is the Executive Director and Founder. Many generous donors have given or pledged over \$255,000.00 to help establish the school, including a recent \$100,000.00 grant from the Knox Foundation. Donations continue to be accepted so please consider giving to this worthwhile cause. This new mission has a **three-pronged approach:**

1. Continue to provide outpatient therapy funding to families with children with special needs. 2. Launch the Augusta School of Integrated Learning with an integrated and inclusive approach that teaches all children. 3. Initiate the Training Institute to educate families on navigating the educational and medical systems and to provide quality continuing education courses for teachers and therapists. **Who can attend the School?** All children 6 weeks to 6 years of age, medically fragile through typically developing children. **How can I help?** Become a monthly donor, Consider a one- time gift, Volunteer your talents or time, and Tell others and spread the word. Every donation is a blessing. **Donate and Give a Child a Chance.** The mailing address is : Augusta Therapy Academy, PO Box 3421, Augusta, GA 30914-3421: Telephone 706-564-6172.



Upcoming Scottish Rite Philanthropic Workshop: This is a Scottish Rite Philanthropies and Planned Giving Vehicles Workshop. The Workshop is sponsored by the Supreme Council's Development Office for members of the South Georgia Valleys and Valleys of South Carolina and will be presented by Brothers Chuck Morgan, 33°, the Major Donor Officer for the Gulf Coast Orients of the Southern Jurisdiction, AASR, and Tom Broderick, 32°, the Major Donor Officer for the Mid-Atlantic Orients of the Southern Jurisdiction, AASR. Brothers



Tom and Chuck will explore Proper Philanthropic Giving with emphasis on the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, the Scottish Rite Foundation, and the Scottish Rite Foundations of Georgia and South Carolina. The workshop is designed to give the Brethren information on how planned giving can be of financial benefit to themselves and their families, as well as, enhancing their desire to

fulfill their Masonic Legacy and further their Brotherly Relief obligation for those in need. **The Augusta Scottish Rite Center will be the host Valley.** The Date is **February 23, 2019.** Location is 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, GA. 30904. **Time is :** 9:30 am until 2:30 pm with a light lunch break around noon. **Cost:** There is no charge for this workshop. The following Valleys are invited: **In Georgia:** Valleys of Augusta, Middle Georgia and Savannah. **In South Carolina:** Valleys of Aiken, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Rock Hill and Spartanburg. **To Register:** Send you name, Address, Email, and Daytime Phone Number and Indicate which Valley you are a member and send this information to the following address: **(Do Not Send to the Valley of Augusta)**

Address for all Georgia Valleys: Chuck Morgan, Major Donor Officer, 18147 Green Lakes Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 or send to the following **Address**

for all South Carolina Valleys: Tom Broderick, Major Donor Officer, 36 St.

Simons Drive, Bluffton, SC 29910. **Deadline for registration is February 15, 2019.** A block of Rooms have been reserved at the Marriott Courtyard on Stevens Creek Road, Augusta at a cost of \$94.00 per night for those who are

interested in arriving early on Friday Night. Also a dinner will be planned for those early arriving brothers at one of the local restaurants. For further questions please contact Gregory Oblak, General Secretary, Valley of Augusta. Telephone 706-829-1665 or Email: scottishrite2553@comcast.net.



FEBRUARY LOP ELECTIONS AND PROGRAM: Election of Officers



will be held at the Scottish Rite Center for all Bodies at the regular meeting in February. **(Thursday, February 7th)** If you have any interest in serving the fraternity

please let your intentions be known to the Secretary. If you do not have any interest in going through the chairs of one of the Bodies your talents are

still needed on one of the many committees. Following the elections, the ladies and guests will be invited into the auditorium for an open installation of all the officers. Following the

elections we will continue with our program which will be announced in the next newsletter.



MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE VALLEY OF ALBANY: The Valley of Albany, Orient of Georgia has sustained major damage to their facility. In the past two years, Albany has thrice been hit with devastation: First, a tornado ripped through the city in January 2017 while on a 70 mile path that left parts of the city smashed and five people dead. Then, eight months later, Hurricane Irma scarred the region's crops after it meandered up from the Florida Gulf Coast. And October 2018 Hurricane Michael tore through the Gulf Coast as a massive Category 4 storm and reached Georgia still a Category 3 storm and was still packing Category 2 winds as it reached Albany. The Valley of Albany Scottish Rite Facility was severely damaged, estimates range in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$40,000.00. The Insurance which covers each valley has a clause the reads that for major storms there is a \$50,000.00 deductible. Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Illustrious Brother Ted Collins is asking each of the remaining 5 valleys in Georgia to help if they can. Please send your monetary contributions, payable to the Augusta Scottish Rite Center and Earmarked for The Valley of Albany Fund, to Augusta Scottish Rite Center, 2553 Washington Road, Augusta, Ga 30904. We will then add our donation to those collected and send to the Valley of Albany.



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