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***APRIL 4TH, 2019-----TRESTLEBOARD #155
LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETING FOR APRIL (April 4, 2019) HAS
BEEN "RELOCATED"***



APRIL LOP DINNER AND MEETING (RELOCATED): THE AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB WILL BE UTILIZING THE SCOTTISH RITE CENTER FOR SEVERAL WEEKS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL FOR TRAINING PURPOSES FOR THE UPCOMING 2019, MASTER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS USAGE THE APRIL (April 4, 2019) LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETING HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 3201 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD, AUGUSTA, GA 30909. DINNER AT 7:00 PM, MEETING AT 8:00 PM.

The Mystery of the Caps: Who? Why? How Many? The answers to these and other



questions are revealed in the following article by **Ill. Michael Kessler, 33°**. Pay careful attention to the comment about "Asking to be Honored". *It is the season to award red caps, Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH), and white caps, 33° Inspector General Honorary (IGH). Brethren often ask how this process works and why some receive these honors while others do not. The answers can be found in the Statutes of the Supreme Council and it is primarily a matter of numbers, or the lack thereof. The Supreme Council awards red caps and white caps every two years, in odd numbered years. That is because the Supreme Council meets in its Biannual Session in odd numbered years and election by the Supreme Council is required. The process*



starts around the first of the year when nominations are requested. KCCH members can nominate a brother to receive a red cap who has been a Master of the Royal Secret for 44 months prior to the Supreme Council session at which he will be elected. An IGH can nominate brothers for both red caps and white caps and a brother nominated for a white cap must have been invested with the rank of KCCH at least 44 months prior to the session where he will be elected. Nominations must show that a brother qualifies for the honor and include a brief explanation as to why he should be considered. Once the nominations are submitted the SGIG has to select those who will receive caps based upon the nominations and the number of caps grant to the Orient by Supreme Council. This can be a very difficult process as there may be many qualified brethren. The numbers are determined by a formula based on total membership and the number of new Masters of the Royal Secret. This formula is set out in the Statutes of the Supreme Council and the SGIG is bound by those numbers. The number of white caps available is determined by the membership of the Orient as of December 31st. There are two factors. Six white caps are allowed for every 2,500 members of the Orient (or less) and two more are allowed for the next 2,500 members. If an Orient has more than 2,500 members but less than 5,000 the number above 2,500 is carried forward for two years and counted as an additional credit towards white capes in that cycle. In addition, the SGIG can nominate two additional white caps for the first one hundred new Masters of the Royal Secret and two for each additional two hundred created in the Orient since the last session. The Sovereign Grand Commander can nominate ten white caps jurisdiction wide and those have no impact on the Orient's numbers. KCCH honors are based upon the number of white caps awarded to the Orient. Two red caps are available for each white cap awarded. The SGIG can also nominate two addition red caps for each 50 new Masters of the Royal Secret created since the last session. Again, the Sovereign Grand Commander can also award ten red caps Jurisdiction wide. Obviously, membership activity has a direct impact on the number of honourmen who will be crated every two years. When a member brings in a petition for a new candidate who becomes a Master of the Royal Secret the new brother receives more light, but that candidate also has a direct impact on how many brethren, who deserve these honors, will receive them. With a reunion coming up it is important not only to honor MWB and Ill. Bro. Albert F. Garner, Jr. but to also honor your brethren who will be eligible in the next cycle by bringing in as many petitions as possible. Honors are awarded to Scottish Rite brethren in good standing who have provided outstanding service not only to the Rite but also to those brethren who provide outstanding service to Free Masonary in general, their communities, or all of these. **Honors are never asked or applied for and one who asks for these honors shall be denied.**



SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION: The Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite, 2553 Washington Road, will be holding their Spring Reunion on May 3rd and 4th 2019. Any Master Mason who is interested in becoming a 32^o

Scottish Rite Mason can do so by submitting a petition for the degrees. You may obtain a petition by asking any Scottish Rite Mason, go to the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite's Website (augustascottishrite.org) and click on the Reunions Link, or call or email me (Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665, goblak@comcast.net) and I will be happy to send you one. The cost is \$200.00 (unless you are under the age of 31 or over the age of 65, then the cost is \$100.00).



April LOP Dinner and Guest Speaker: Our Guest Speaker this month will be one of our own; Worshipful Brother Jack Goldenberg, 32° KCCH. Jack currently serves the Valley of Augusta as our Director of Work. He was the 2012 recipient of the Ralph N. Studdard Award as well as a Charter member and Past Commander of the Knights of Saint Andrew. He is a multiple Past Master of Webb Lodge #166 as well the Education Chair and Director of Work. He is serving as Assistant Custodian for the Tenth Masonic District of Georgia. Brother Goldenberg is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society, The Philaethes Society, Georgia Lodge of Research and Past Master of the Augusta Lodge of Research. Professionally he has worked in the Nuclear Industry for 50 years and is currently the Manager of Special Projects for the Chief Operating Officer, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the M&O contractor for the Savannah River Site. Jack's topic this month will be **"The Reunion Experience."**

Scottish Rite ROTC/JROTC Program: Did you know that the Scottish Rite recognizes outstanding Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) and Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) with an award? This initiative recognizes youth enrolled in the unit for their scholastic excellence and patriotic Americanism efforts. The award consists of a medal, a ribbon and a certificate suitable for framing. This is another opportunity for you to serve your Valley, community and our best young people by attending their award ceremonies and presenting this highly-valued award. Contact Thom Davies, moht2053@bellsouth.net, Brian Coffey, 706-910-4560, coffeybr@gmail.com, or our General Secretary, III. Greg Oblak, 706-829-1665, scottishrite2553@comcast.net for more information.



Our Creed and Mission: (Brian Coffey, 32° KCCH)

How many of us have studied the Scottish Rite Creed and Mission Statement? How many of us are not very familiar with these statements? The Creed is our foundational statement; it is why we exist. The Mission Statement is how we are to carry out that Creed. We need to know and understand these, we should discuss and plan how we can accomplish our Mission as individuals and as a Valley.



Here is the Scottish Rite Creed: *Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.* Break this down and think about what each section

means. What do we mean by human progress; how do we support liberty of thought and freedom of conscience? What are we doing to help ensure the guarantee of equal rights? These are not easy questions to answer, nor should they be. This Creed spells out the duty of Man.

Our Mission Statement: *It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.* Again, break this down and consider what are we doing to teach the principles listed here; how do we reinforce these values among our Brethren and our communities? The first thing to do is to think about what these things



mean to you; then study how the philosophies in the degrees of the Scottish Rite addresses them and teaches us how to live by these values and principles. I challenge the Valley and the Brethren to actively pursue the actions spelled out by these foundational statements.

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