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MAY 2ND, 2019-----TRESTLEBOARD #156
LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETING & DINNER



*Happy
Mothers
Day*



MAY LOP DINNER AND MEETING : The May Lodge of Perfection Dinner and Meeting will return to our regular location at 2553 Washington Road. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting beginning at 8:00 PM. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Dr. Jim Garvey**. Dr. Garvey taught English and Journalism for almost 40 years, first at the State University of New York at Geneseo and since 1979 at Augusta University, where he was also Director of the Honors Program and Founding Chair of the Department of Communication. He retired in 2009. He has written nine plays based on local history, served as writing coach at the Augusta Chronicle for 20 years and still writes for Augusta Magazine----most recently on Rudy Volkmann's documentation of historic bells in Augusta. He was editor-author of "In Their Own Words": Augusta and Aiken Area Veterans Remember World War II (2017) and with Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell wrote "Augusta" a history of the city illustrated with beautiful full color photographs of historic home and structures (2018). He is married to musician Jamie Council Garvey.

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° 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). As of this date we have 3 petitions.

University of Freemasonry : (By Brian Coffey, 32° KCCH) I have often heard the Scottish Rite called the **“University of Freemasonry.”** We are to attend the functions of this organization to further our studies in the philosophies and moral lessons of Freemasonry. There are libraries of books dedicated to this purpose, many of these are available in various libraries in our area as well as in online bookstores and the Supreme Council. As with many other **“Universities”** has ours devolved into a **“party school”**? Are we more focused on the pleasures of the association with our Brethren than we are of the hard study and challenging discussions about meaningful and profound lessons taught in our degrees? When was the last time you sat in deep conversation with a Brother discussing the lessons of the 22nd Degree which tells us that **“if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well.”**? Or the lesson of the 32nd Degree, that, **“genuine brotherhood requires mutual regard, opinion, esteem and charity”**? It is time to return to the study of the incredible lessons of our degrees. This can be done informally, by studying on your own and perhaps having these discussions with your well-informed brethren. It can also be done corporately with Master Craftsman Classes and other Masonic



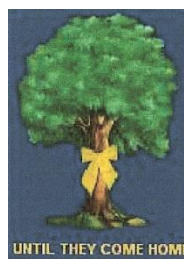
Education initiatives that are on the horizon. Contact the Valley for more information on our educational opportunities. Please accept this letter of Welcome to our university:

Welcome! I am excited to welcome you to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (the University) of Freemasonry for lifelong learning! You are part of an exceptionally talented body of Brothers that is recognized for its academic abilities, energy and creativity; and I am proud that you chose the Valley of Augusta. The Scottish Rite offers

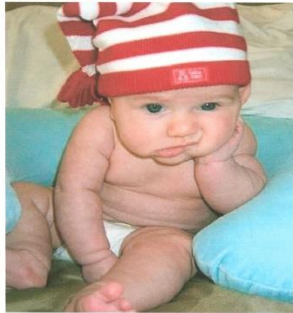
exceptional opportunities to participate in activities outside the regular meetings that add value to your time inside the Lodge. Whether you participate in the educational programs, masonic research, community service, or take time to study outside the Rite with your Symbolic Lodge, a Lodge of Research, the York Rite or even visit other Valleys, the Valley of Augusta has something for everyone to make your experience more fulfilling and more fun. Thank you for choosing the Scottish Rite. I hope your lifetime of learning ahead is both challenging and successful.

IT'S THE SOLDIER WHO SALUTES THE FLAG, WHO SERVES BENEATH THE FLAG AND WHOSE COFFIN IS DRAPED BY THE FLAG.

*PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED
OUR COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DO SO ON
“MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27TH, 2019*



Don't you just feel this way
sometimes????



Me Too

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY: 1. Forget health food; I am at an age where I need all the preservatives I can get. 2. If there's no chocolate in heaven, I'm not going. 3. As you get older, your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. 4. I would be unstoppable. If I could just get started. 5. The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention....is to sit down and look comfortable. 6. My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran. 7. You can't stay young forever. But you can be immature for the rest of your life. 8. Gone crazy. Back Soon. 9. I live in my own little world. But it's okay they know me here. 10. If you leave me can I come too?

INTRODUCTION TO A VALLEY OF AUGUSTA "FRIENDS

DINNER": A SRFD (Scottish Rite Friends Dinner) is a local event that features an evening of fun and fellowship with an opportunity to raise money for our valley and the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. The program encourages member involvement and provides funding for Scottish Rite charities at the Supreme Council, Orient and Valley level. A Friends Dinner raise funds for our charities, supports the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign, engages and involves valley membership and promotes positive public relations. The main purpose of the SRFD event is to promote local philanthropy and to gain publicity by reaching out to both Scottish Rite Masons and others in the community and then providing them with an entertaining and fruitful fundraising event. SRFD's can empower our valley to raise funds for our Rite Care Clinic and our Scholarship Program. Two thirds of the net profit stays in the Valley and one-third is contributed to the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. for the care and upkeep of our historic headquarters and museum, the House of the Temple in Washington, DC. Many things need to happen for a successful Friends Dinner: Need to **Create a timetable** to make sure all aspects come together in a timely manner; **Form Committees, Teams and Budgets** for each; **Book the venue**; Begin **Soliciting Donations** for both a Silent and Active Auctions; Design, Printing and Distribution of **Tickets**; Public **Promotion** of the Event; Printing **Programs** and Bid Sheets; Booking a **Caterer**. A Successful Friends Dinner takes 6-9 months of preparation and the help of the membership. This is not an easy task. *We need Your Help to Accomplish This Event. If you cannot physically participate will you consider making either a material donation for the silent and active auctions or send a contribution so that we may purchase items for the fundraiser?* Look for and update and more information on this event in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

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