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GATE CITY MEN ACTIVE IN OTHER BODIES

At the February 8 meeting several of the brethren spoke about their involvement in other Masonic organizations, particularly those of the York Rite and Scottish Rite. DDGM **John Holt** mentioned the support of the York Rite bodies to provide eye surgery and research, and WB **Jeff Hodges**, PM, spoke about his experiences in York Rite, noting that while the Commandery is Christian in nature, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council of Royal and Select Masters offer further light to Masons of all faiths. WB Jeff is currently Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Georgia.

WB **Tom Lawrence**, PM, spoke briefly on the Scottish Rite, particularly the opportunity to participate in the rich degree work. He noted that the Valley of Atlanta will hold its next reunion on April 9. Several Gate City men are involved in the work of the Scottish Rite.

WB **Evan Richmond**, PM, mentioned the good times he has had as a member of the Yaarab Shrine Motor Corps, which was holding a "Bring Your Masonic Brother Night" on February 10.

Meeting Notice

There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., on March 8, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., on March 22, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

GATE CITY WEB SITE COMING SOON

Gate City Web Master Richard Turner reports that the Lodge web site, <http://www.gatecity2.com>, is established and will be up and running as soon as Grand Lodge gives the OK.



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BROOKS HONORED FOR 50 YEARS – AGAIN!

As a sort of "chapter two" of WM **Joe Brooks'** receipt of the Fifty Year pin, apron, and certificate from the Grand Lodge of Georgia on January 11 of this year, he was similarly honored at the meeting on February 8. WB **Jeff Hodges** rose and asked for permission to speak, then proceeded to present a certificate to WB Brooks, recognizing his fifty years of membership in the Grand Lodge of Texas (WB Brooks is a plural member of Gate City, Daylight # 743 of Georgia, and J. H. Gurley #337, Waco, Texas). WB Jeff, who also hails from Texas, said that he felt qualified by birth and raising (in J. D. Giddings #280, Giddings, Texas) to note that even though the Lone Star State brags about how big it is, their certificate is considerably smaller than the one from Georgia.

Gate City's involvement with the great state of Texas goes way back. In fact, one of the most eminent of all Texas Masons came from our Lodge. **Albert Ellis**, raised in Gate City in 1914, moved to Wichita Falls, Texas, where he joined Faith Lodge #1158, and went on to become a Past Master, a District Deputy Grand Master, and Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He led numerous other bodies, but his greatest accomplishments were in the Shrine; he was Recorder of Muskat Shrine from 1922 until 1958, was Secretary-Treasurer of the Shrine Recorders Association of North America for over 20 years, and was an honorary member of 117 Shrine Temples.

OFFICERS' CALENDAR

Officers, remember "every Tuesday evening is Lodge night." Non-meeting Tuesdays will be devoted to practice or to team-building activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Things are moving in Gate City! The following committees reported on progress at the Feb. 8 meeting:

Activities – Bro. **Jay Schleusener** said that local DeMolays would like to exemplify their degree work at Gate City. WB **Marc Bohn**, our Youth Program Coordinator, will work with the Activities Committee to find the best time for the program.

Attendance – WB **Evan Richmond** reported that a notice was sent to all known e-mail addresses for this meeting. This Committee plans to call each member to urge him to attend and to get his e-mail address.

Charity – Bro. **Mike Paller** reported that an event this spring is being considered and that they are identifying a charity to support. It was suggested they might choose to support the Scottish Rite Hospital, where Ruby Cresswell has been treated.

Website – Bro. **Richard Turner** reported that he is working on the Gate City Lodge website.

History – Bro. **Fred Williams** reported progress on reviewing the minutes and in formatting the up-dated History of the Lodge.

The Trestle Board – Bro. Williams also noted that the February issue was e-mailed to approximately 34 members.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Chaplain **Harold Cox**, PM, was again absent at the February 8 meeting. It was reported that his foot, while better, is still giving him problems.

It was reported at the February 8 meeting that Ruby, the four-year-old daughter of Bro. **Kenny Cresswell**, has been quite ill with Kawasaki syndrome. We understand that she has received treatment at Children's Health Care of Atlanta at Scottish Rite.

It was reported at the February 8 meeting that Bro. **T. E. Locke** was hospitalized with pneumonia.

WB JOHN HOLT, DDGM

District Deputy Grand Master **John T. Holt** has become a frequent and welcome visitor at Gate City. WB Holt, PM of Palestine No. 486, is in his sixth year of service as DDGM. On Feb. 8 WB Holt spoke on Masonic Education and Leadership Development.

Gate City's Theme for 2005 -
Young Men, Fresh Ideas, New Leaders.

NEW CARPET FOR THE LOBBY

It was noted with some satisfaction on February 8 that the carpet outside the Lodge room has been replaced and the shag carpet in the Lodge room has been cleaned, at the request of WM Brooks.

This led to a discussion about possibly having the shag carpet replaced with black and white marble tiles, a material more suited to the solemn purposes of the chamber. WB **David Johnston** noted that if that were to happen we might lose the “tessellated” floor, which has happened elsewhere. The marble pattern that was discussed, however, would retain the tessellated motif.

GATE CITY SCENE

Bro. **Jay Schleusener** was at the February 8th meeting, just back from a month on the road, traveling with bands, keeping the guitars sounding good. He said that he now had a month off and would spend it at his home at Montezuma, Costa Rica, located on the tip of a peninsula into the Pacific Ocean.

We were pleased to have WB **Robert Waldron**, a Past Master of Sam Davis Lodge No. 661, Smyrna, Tennessee, visit us at the February 8th meeting. WB Waldron, in the Atlanta area with his employment, has become involved with the local York Rite bodies.

There was some amusement at the February 8th meeting when WM **Joe Brooks** had to suddenly take the Lodge from labor to refreshment because one of the brethren was without an apron. WB **John Holt** observed that this is not an unusual event early in the term of an *inexperienced* Worshipful Master.

ANNUAL CRAWFISH-LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Mark April 2 on your calendar! That’s the date of Gate City’s Third Annual Crawfish-Low Country Boil. The proceeds this year will benefit the Scottish Rite and Shrine Hospitals in the name of Ruby Cresswell. Ruby, the daughter of Bro. Kenny Cresswell, is, as noted elsewhere, is being treated for Kawasaki syndrome.

The event will be held at 912 Saint Charles Avenue, and it is expected more than 250 people will be there to enjoy all the trapping of a true Low Country Boil - beer, sangria, gumbo, crawfish, salad, music, and fun! Make plans to attend with your family and friends!

There’s always good food before Gate City meetings.