

THE TRESTLE BOARD

GATE CITY LODGE NO. 2 F. & A. M.

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OFFICERS FOR 2005

Worshipful Master	Joseph W. Brooks, PM	Senior Deacon	Douglas Hrabe
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WORSHIPFUL MASTER ENVISIONS CHANGES

Our Worshipful Master, WB **Joe Brooks**, spoke on March 8 about the need for Gate City Lodge and the whole of Freemasonry to adapt to changing times. His talk, a condensed version of a paper he had presented earlier at Metro Daylight Lodge #743, evoked one of the themes of Grand Master Albert F. Garner, Jr., "A CHANGING WORLD WITH UNCHANGING PRINCIPLES", noting that while we can take much pride in our unchanging principles, we must make our way in a rapidly changing society. That means, he said, that we need to take a critical look at many of our practices and modify those that may prevent us from attracting and retaining outstanding men.

Among the theses presented by WB Brooks was the idea that, having progressed through the Iron Age, the Industrial Age, and currently the Electronic Age, we about to enter what he referred to as the Conceptual Age. This will be a time when ideas will be preeminent - and the ability of organizations to generate, communicate, and enhance concepts meaningful to the enrichment of the members' lives will determine their success or failure.

The talk was received with enthusiasm by the Brethren and it was moved, seconded, and voted that the text be made a part of the minutes. We hope to obtain a copy and present excerpts in future issues of *The Trestle Board*.

Meeting Notice

There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., on April 12, 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 April 26, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Chaplain **Harold Cox**, PM, returned to action at the March 8 meeting, saying that his foot was feeling much better. His report:

- Bro. **John Crunkleton** had suffered a broken foot, but has returned to work;
- Ruby Cresswell, Bro. **Kenny Cresswell's** four-year-old daughter is continuing to be treated for Kawasaki syndrome.
- Bro. **Bill McCullough** is still using a walker because of leg and back problems.
- Anne, the wife of MWB **Bill Hutcheson**, PGM and Past Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite, was buried on March 8.
- Bro. **Dick Jones** is home and doing well after a heart attack in January.
- Bro. **T. R. Locke** is receiving dialysis for diabetes and recovering from pneumonia.

ANNUAL CRAWFISH-LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Gate City's Third Annual Crawfish-Low Country Boil will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, from 1:00 p.m. until 11 p.m. The proceeds this year will benefit the Scottish Rite and Shrine Hospitals in the name of Ruby Cresswell. Atlanta Pro Bikes has donated his and her beach cruisers to be raffled off, and the menu keeps growing! 912 Saint Charles Avenue is the place to be on April 2nd! A great party - fun, food, beverages, music, and a great cause!

OFFICERS' CALENDAR

Every Tuesday evening is "Lodge night" for the officer line. When there is no meeting the time will be used for practice or other team activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee reports at the March 8th meeting show the breadth of fraternal work within our Lodge:

Activities – Bro. **Mike Paller** reported that we hope to have the DeMolays exemplify some of their work at one of the April meetings. He also said that there is a chance that we can get Gate City Lodge golf shirts, to be worn at events such as the up-coming Low Country Boil.

DeMolay & Rainbow Liaison – Bro. **Mike Paller**, reporting for WB **Marc Bohn**, said that Georgia DeMolay will be responsible for security and campground management at Atlanta Race Week and that help of the Masonic community is needed.

Attendance – WB **Evan Richmond** reported that e-mail notices are being sent prior to each meeting. The Committee is developing plans to call each member to obtain e-mail addresses and to urge him to attend.

Charity – Bro. **Mike Paller** reported on the Low Country Boil, to benefit the Scottish Rite and Shrine Hospitals in the name of Ruby Cresswell. *See article elsewhere, this issue.*

Website – Bro. **Richard Turner** reported that the Gate City Lodge website will be up and active as soon as Grand Lodge gives the nod.

Long Range Planning – Bro. **Don Sawyer** reviewed the scope of the committee's charge and called for far-sighted Gate City members to serve on the committee.

History – Bro. **Fred Williams** reported that he is preparing yearly synopses from the minutes to help the PMs make input to the up-dated History of the Lodge.

The Trestle Board – Bro. Williams also said that the revived *Trestle Board* has received positive feedback from several members.

WILLIAMS ATTENDS MASONIC ACADEMY

Brother **Fred Williams**, with homes in both Sylvania (Ga.) and Penn-sylvania, recently attended the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Academy of Masonic Knowledge. Bro. Fred has attended the Academy, which meets twice a year at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., since it began in 2000. The speakers for the most recent session were **William J. Mollere** (AASR Dep. for Louisiana & PGM Order of DeMolay) and **John L. Cooper, III** (Grand Secretary of California). Bro. Williams had a chance to chat with WB Mollere, who said he knew WB **Tom Perry** very well and also knows WB **Marc Bohn**, the Executive Officer of DeMolay in Georgia, but had not known they belonged to the same Lodge.

GOURMET DELIGHTS AT GATE CITY

Don't be concerned about your stomach growling for sustenance during Gate City meetings. There is always good food around 6:30 before every meeting. Come out and enjoy the fellowship!

TWO RAISED MARCH 22

The Master Mason degree was conferred on **Michael Joseph Bjelajac** and **Charles Britt Turner**, with the officer corps rendering a commendable performance. Bro. Bjelajac is a City of Atlanta policeman and Bro. Turner owns his own design firm. We welcome these two men into full membership of our Lodge and into Freemasonry. See you in Lodge, Brothers!

MARBLE TILE PLANNED FOR LODGE FLOOR

Gate City's representative on the Atlanta Masonic Center Board of Directors, WB **John Guest**, reported on March 8 that the Board has accepted Gate City's offer to replace the shag carpet in the Lodge room with black and white marble tiles. As reported in the last issue of *The Trestle Board*, the concensus of the Lodge membership was that marble tile would be much more suited to the solemn purposes of the chamber. WB Guest, SW **Beaux Pettys**, and SD **Mike Paller** have been constituted as a committee to prepare a detail plan for the project.

WB Guest also said that the AMC Board has approved Gate City's offer to assist in landscaping the grounds of the Center.

GATE CITY SCENE

WB **Mike Beaudet**, member of J. Dewey Hawkins #331, Oakland Park, Florida, was a visitor at our meeting on March 8th. Bro. Mike, an antique dealer, is a PM, PDDGM, and Past Grand Orator in Florida.

DDGM **John T. Holt**, made an "official" visit to Gate City on March 8. He spoke about the Grand Master's program for the year, including the Silent Bunny and Silent Santa programs and the need for lodges to conduct better investigations of petitioners.

GATE CITY WEB SITE

The Grand Lodge is expected to approve our new website, <http://www.gatecity2.com>, soon. Those who have seen the draft site say that it is very impressive and that Bro. **Richard Turner** is to be commended for a fine job.

Young Men, Fresh Ideas, New Leaders