

GATE CITY TO HOST

5TH DISTRICT WORKSHOP

WM **Joseph W. Brooks**, informs us that our Lodge has been selected to host the annual Fifth District Workshop and Forum. We will be welcoming Fifth District Worshipful Master **Robert Young** and representatives of the Lodges of the District on January 14, 2006.

The District Secretary will be forwarding information about the time and place, and about the duties of the Host Lodge. As information becomes available we will provide more details.

BLACKBERRY SMOKE IN NASHVILLE

Bros. **Britt** and **Richard Turner** are just back from Nashville where their band Blackberry Smoke performed for record executives. We understand they showed very well and expect to have a recording contract in the works very shortly.

Blackberry Smoke will be playing at the Alley-Cat in Undergroud Atlanta, on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at 12 p.m.

DEGREE WORK ON THE HORIZON

Our acting Senior Warden, **Beaux Pettys**, reports that we have received four more petitions for the degrees of Freemasonry and will commence the investigation process shortly. The Entered Apprentice degree will quite likely be conferred at a called meeting in December.

Young Men, Fresh Ideas, New Leaders

Gate City Lodge in 2005!

PHONE COMMITTEE GOES TO WORK

The telephone numbers of sixty-four members of Gate City Lodge have been given to six volunteers who have pledged to contact the members a few days prior to meetings of the Lodge.

There are several purposes to the calls. The primary purpose is to check up on some of our members who have been missing and assure they are okay. The second purpose is to increase participation at Lodge meetings, by encouraging members to attend and to ascertain if they need transportation. A tertiary purpose is to update our database with as many e-mail addresses and other information as possible.

One of the weaknesses of *The Trestle Board* in its current format [see other article elsewhere in this issue] has been the difficulty of determining e-mail addresses for absent and out-of-town members, so the Editor eagerly awaits more addresses to enable us to increase circulation. Beyond that, however, we appreciate the resolve to communicate with our brethren, which, as stated elsewhere, we hold to be at the essence of fraternity.

Meeting Notice

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

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GATE CITY SCENE

Bro. **Chris Wilson** and his wife Amanda are the parents of a baby girl, Emily Anastasia, who arrived on October 21, 2005. The proud papa says his daughter was born at 8:39 in the morning, weighing in at 7.5 pounds and stretching out to a length of 20.5 inches. He reports that their son Adam is coping well and wants to help take care of his new little sister.

OFFICERS' RETREAT

Officers for 2006 will attend a retreat at Big Canoe the weekend of December 9-12, 2005. Acting Senior Warden Beaux Pettys says each officer is expected to have their Opening and Closing parts memorized by the time of the gathering. The retreat will focus solely on the Lodge Opening and Closing ceremonies, with regard to floorwork, sequencing, and uniformity. The instruction will be given by four of the Lodge's outstanding ritualists, Worshipful Brothers **David Johnston**, **Jeff Hodges**, **Tom Lawrence**, and **Joe Brooks**.

RUBY CRESSWELL ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

We are pleased to report that Ruby Cresswell, the four-year-old daughter of Gate City member **Kenny Cresswell** and his wife Kim, is doing very well. Ruby's doctors have pronounced her well on the way to recovery and have given her the okay to play! Due to her condition (Kawasaki's Disease) she was unable to play as a child her age is wont to do. But now, as long as she is moderately cautious, she may participate in whatever activities she wishes for six to eight hours a day. Kenny and Kim were so elated at the news that they have decided to take a week long trip to Disneyworld.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Members of Gate City Lodge are reminded of the up-coming Annual Communication, December 13, 2005. The Annual Communication is always a festive event, filled with ancient ceremony and good old-fashioned fraternalism. Officers for the up-coming year will be elected, appointed, and installed. Each member should attend, both to participate in the election of leaders for 2006 and to renew ties with their Lodge and their brothers.

THE TRESTLE BOARD

REACHES A MILESTONE

It is with some pride that we note that this issue of Gate City Lodge's newsletter, *The Trestle Board*, complete its first year of monthly publication in its revived format. After many years of sporadic publication as a mailed hard-copy publication, it was determined that we should try an electronic version. It was recognized that not all members of the Lodge could be reached by e-mail, but it was also known that relying on expensive mailings meant that, in effect, no members were being reached on a timely and regular basis – so, under the leadership of WM **Dan Gensen** and the Wardens, **Joe Brooks** and **Tom Lawrence**, it was decided to try an electronic version. The first issue, for December, 2004, was received enthusiastically, and subsequent issues have gotten expressions of thanks and encouragement.

It seems to us that communications is at the heart of brotherhood, and to the extent that our modest publication can promote brotherhood within our Lodge we intend to continue to bring to our members the news of their brothers.

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100 YEARS AGO

The minutes of Gate City Lodge show that one hundred years ago, in November, 1905, on the 14th of the month, **F. Raymund Daniel** and three other men were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. Bro. Raymund Daniel, initiated on October 24, 1905, and raised December 1, 1905, became one of Gate City Lodge's most distinguished members, serving as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1912, and Grand Master of Georgia in 1928 and 1929, the last Grand Master to serve more than one term. He was the Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Georgia for thirty-two years, from 1916 until his death, and was Editor of the *Masonic Home Messenger* (predecessor to today's *Masonic Messenger*) 1928-30, 1935-38, and 1940, and the author of two chapters in the book *Leaves from Georgia Masonry*. He was awarded the Grand Lodge Distinguished Service Medal in 1936.

We are especially indebted to MWB Daniel for founding *The Trestle Board* in 1915. The masthead we use today appeared on the first issue.

Raymund Daniel, a native of Atlanta and a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn), died March 2, 1948, 67 years of age.