



2005 No. 12 ~ DECEMBER 2005

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION TO BE HELD

The Annual Communication of Gate City Lodge No. 2 will be held on December 13. All members of the Lodge are urged to be present to take part in the balloting for Worshipful Master and Wardens for 2006, to see the installation of the new officers, and to be a part of the time immemorial ceremonies and tradition that make up such an important element of our brotherhood and craft. The Annual Communication is always a festive event, a good opportunity to renew ties with the fraternity and the brethren.

*Just wondering – which Annual Communication will this be? The most recent minutes of which I have notes of a Annual Communication is that of December 12, 2000, which was referred to as the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual communication – makes sense: we were organized in 1887, and 2000 is 113 years later. But is that correct? So far as your Editor knows, there are no minutes from 1887 extant, but it was the custom for each Lodge to hold a banquet in December, and our Lodge undoubtedly did so in 1887 to observe a very successful year from April to December; that would have been the 1st Annual Communication. The 2nd Annual communication would have been in 1888, the 3rd in 1889 ... and on to the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication in 2000. If I'm right, we will celebrate at our 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication this month. (The error, if it is an error, dates back to atleast December, 19929, when the minutes noted the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication.) The number is unimportant – what is important that you be there! - Editor*

**Young Men, Fresh Ideas, New Leaders**

Gate City Lodge in 2005!

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CALLED MEETING ON NOV. 29

WM **Joseph W. Brooks** has announced that a called meeting of gate City Lodge will be held on November 29, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of conferring the Fellowcraft Degree.\_

MASONIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

The Lodge of Instruction will be held on the last three Wednesdays of January and the first of February, January 11, 18, and 25, and February 1, 2006.

GATE CITY ON LINE

Brother **Brit Turner**, in an effort to promote <http://www.gatecity2.com> has printed 5000 full color business cards with the url on one side and the square and compasses and eye on the other. He invites everyone to come by 1129-A Euclid Avenue, in the Little Five Points area, to grab a handful. He plans to bring some of the attractive cards to the next Lodge meeting. He can be contacted 404-872-0506 or at [brit.one3.com](mailto:brit.one3.com).

Have you checked out [www.gatecity2.com](http://www.gatecity2.com) recently? It's terrific and worth your time.

**Meeting Notice**

The Annual Communication, a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on December 13, 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 January 10, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

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GATE CITY SCENE

Bro. **Matt Paller** has been absent from Lodge meetings recently, studying for the GMAT exam in December – Bro. Matt plans to attend Georgia State in their Executive MBA program (after the GMAT, he promises to report to us on the more humorous incidents within the walls of our venerable Lodge) ... Bro. **Don Sawyer** is passing his first anniversary as a Financial Consultant with A.G. Edwards – he offers investment accounts and writes life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term care insurance, and would be pleased to work with and advise all members of Gate City Lodge ... some Lodge members are sporting the color red on Fridays as a dignified and respectful symbol of solidarity with and support for our armed services troops; they urge all to join them in letting our troops know we support them ... Bro. **Fred Williams** reports that he is still gainfully employed in Lake Mary, Florida, but misses the meetings and brethren of Gate City; it looks like he will continue to down there until the coming Spring or Summer.

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DANIEL FIELD

Do you ever get over to Augusta? As you drive along the Bobby Jones Expressway there is a sign for the exit to Daniel Field, Augusta's general aviation airport. You may not realize it as you pass by at 55 MPH, but Daniel Field is named for a member of Gate City Lodge. **Raleigh Hightower Daniel**, born (probably) in 1877, was raised in Gate City on July 30, 1909, and dimitted around 1920. He was the brother of two Past masters of our Lodge, Royal Daniel (WM the year Raleigh was raised) and Raymund Daniel (WM in 1912, founder of *The Trestle Board* (as we are fond of pointing out), and Grand Master in 1928 and '29).

Bro. Raleigh left Atlanta and became Mayor of Augusta. He took the lead in bringing aviation to Augusta with the purchase, in 1927, of the field that bears his name today. Bro. Raleigh died in 1964.

*There may be something about our Lodge and aviation – Atlanta's airport, the busiest in the nation, is named for our Brother William Hartsfield (Secretary of the Lodge in 1922, and Bro. Harvey Christen (1910-1993), raised in Gate City in 1953, Director of Quality Control of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., was known as Lockheed's "First Employee" and was a recognized aviation expert (called on to*

*consult in the Amelia Earhart investigations). - Editor*

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

It was reported at the November 22 meeting that –

- WB **John Guest**'s brother is ill with cancer
- Bro. SS **Walter Bishop**'s daughter was in a vehicle accident, but we have no information on her condition.
- Bro. **Sonny Childress** is having a heart valve replacement.

On behalf of all the members of the Lodge we wish each of them a speedy recovery!

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100 YEARS AGO

In December, 2005, a hundred years ago, Gate City Lodge, under the leadership of WM **Charles E. Hall**, held five meetings, three called meetings for degree work and the two stated meetings required in the By-Laws of the time. The called meetings were on the 1st, to raise five Fellowcrafts to the Degree of a Master Mason (including **F. Raymund Daniel**, destined to become WM in 1912 and grand Master in 1928 and '29); on the 15<sup>th</sup>, to raise five more, including one courtesy candidate; and on the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> to raise three more! Just imagine, they raised 13 men in one month! And in those days the raisings included the full dramatization of Hiram Legend – three times in 26 days!

Your correspondent has no notes for the stated meeting of December 12, but the Annual Communication was held on the evening of December 26 (the day after Christmas), following the called meeting in the afternoon. Installation of the WM for 1906, **Robert A. Henderson**, was conducted by **Thomas H. Jeffries**, WM 1892 and '93 and Grand Master in 1908 and '09.

The minutes noted that since construction of a new Temple was being considered, the Finance Committee called for funds to be "husbanded in the most economic manner possible." The minutes also noted that the meeting marked the close of "one of the most successful years in the history of the lodge."