

DEGREE WORK

Several Gate City men are progressing on the path toward becoming Master Masons.

At the last meeting in March, Entered Apprentice Brother **Jeremy Brandon Fish** was examined on his proficiency for the first degree of Freemasonry. He did an outstanding job and demonstrated that he has grasped the material. WM **Beaux Pettys** announced that Bro. Fish would be passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft at a called communication within the next week and be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at the second communication in April.

Fellowcraft Brother **Frank Fowler** has returned to complete his Masonic journey. As some of you may recall, Bro. Fowler lost his brother in a freak car accident in July last year. Although his brother died, Frank's parents, who had taken their son to see a doctor, were virtually unharmed in the same accident. Bro. Frank memorized his Fellowcraft catechism in about an hour-and-a-half on March 12, 2006, and stood his examination on it in the Lodge at the March 14 communication.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

We must have unusually fine health within Gate City right now because your Editor was not notified of any sickness or distress this month.

FIREARMS TRAINING TO BE OFFERED

WB **Dan Gensen**, a City of Atlanta police officer, has volunteered to provide firearms safety and accuracy instruction to interested Gate City men. WM **Beaux Pettys** says the date and time will be established in the near future and the membership will be notified.

DUES NOTICES BEING PREPARED

JW **Doug Hrabe**, JD **Chris Wilson**, JS **Donald Hall**, SD **Mike Bjelajac**, and WM **Beaux Pettys** gathered on Saturday, March 19, to assist Secretary **Tom Lawrence** in getting the dues notices out. A similar work group will be scheduled for the first week of October so that the dues notices will be out earlier.

Meeting Notice

There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on April 11, 2006, 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 25, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

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Next time you're on line take the opportunity to visit www.gatecity2.com. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Bros. Britt and Richard Turner, we have a great website!

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MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS TO VISIT

Mark your calendars for May 9, the first regular Communication of the Lodge next month! It will be a memorable session, with two Masonic youth organizations visiting our Lodge. We will play host to the young women of the Order of the Rainbow and the young men of the Order of DeMolay. These two outstanding groups will conduct some of their public work, and all Freemasons will be impressed with their proficiency. This meeting will be open to wives, friends, and family members.

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100 YEARS AGO

On April 19, 1906, **John Parks**, Worshipful Master of Gate City Lodge in 1889, 1890, and 1891, died. It was noted with sorrow in the minutes of the called meeting the next day that the chain of Past Masters of the Lodge was, for the first time, broken. WB Parks was the first of the sixteen men who had served in the East to pass away.

John Summerfield Parks was born in Atlanta on September 29, 1856. He was raised in Fulton Lodge No. 216, Atlanta, on November 15, 1883, then became a Charter Member of Gate City when it organized in 1887 Under Dispensation. John Parks and **Dan Gensen** are the only men to have served three years as Gate City's Worshipful Master.

On April 24, 2006, Gate City Lodge voted to send \$25 for the "relief of Masons in San Francisco." Six days earlier, at 5:12 a.m., April 18, the Great San Francisco Earthquake had devastated that city. The earthquake stands today as one of the great tragedies of American history, with more than 3,000 people killed and at least 225,000 – over half of the population - left homeless. About 28,000 buildings were destroyed, primarily in fires which burned out of control for three days following the 'quake. Gate City's donation was part of a great outpouring of assistance to the Brothers by the Bay.

GATE CITY PARTICIPATES IN MASONIC FUNDRAISER

Gate City Lodge sold 120 tickets to the All Ford South Classic, which was a fundraiser for the Masons of Georgia. In addition, WM **Beaux Pettys** asked a friend (with a website that gets fourteen million hits a month!) to design a banner for his website (designed by Bros. **Richard and Britt Turner**), which was expected to translate into measurable results at the gate, in walk up business for the show.

The Classic, held at the Fairgrounds in Cumming, Georgia, from March 31 through April 2, 2006. covered 40 acres and featured fifty-six inside booths.

Gate City Lodge salutes Bro. **Dallas Johnson** of Alpharetta Lodge No. 235 for all of his great work in putting together this wonderful car show as a fundraiser for Georgia Masons.

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GATE CITY SEES THE TRASHERS

On the evening of March 20th, eight Gate City Lodge members, prospective members, family members, and friends, went to Phillips Arena to see the Atlanta Thrashers take on the Buffalo Sabres in a National

Hockey League match.

The outing, organized and hosted by JW **Doug Hrabe**, was a great success for both the Gate City contingent and the Thrashers. The Gate City group thoroughly enjoyed their outing, and the home team turned in an outstanding performance, thrashing the visitors, 5-0. The victory was the Thrashers' thirty-third of the current campaign, tying the franchise record for most wins in a season. In addition, it was their nineteenth home victory of the season, which established a new franchise record.

WM **Beaux Pettys** so enjoyed the evening he has begun to ask about when the Lodge will be going to see the Braves. Any takers?
