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MASTER MASON DEGREE

At the meeting on April 25, Gate City conferred the degree of a Master Mason to three candidates. This Degree Team raised Gate City Fellowcrafts **William Frank Fowler** and **Jeremy Brandon Fish**, as well as **Timothy Jordan Bennet**, a courtesy candidate from Palestine Lodge.

The degree was performed by candlelight in flawless form. Bros. **Nick Hayes, Richard Turner, Donald Hall, Mike Bjelajac, Dan Genson, Doug Hrabe,** and **Beaux Pettys** delivered a stellar first part of the degree. **Brit Turner, Don Sawyer,** and **Sam Fish** escorted the class. Not to be outdone, **Joe Brooks, Dan Genson, David Johnston,** and **Tom Lawrence** made us all very proud in the second section.

We were honored to welcome the Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge, WB **Joe Upshaw**, their Director of Work **George Bowen**, and District Deputy to the Grand Master **John Holt**.

The three candidates were raised simultaneously. Brother Brandon Fish was raised by his father, Sam Fish. Brother Frank Fowler was raised by our Past Master and Treasurer, David Johnston. Brother Timothy Bennett was raised by WB John Holt, a fellow member of Palestine Lodge.

Our members will recall that it was Palestine Lodge that brought in the Indian Degree Team last March. Gate City has had a close working relationship with Palestine Lodge for many

years and we are pleased to continue that tradition.

The Gate City Degree Team beamed when, at the conclusion of the work, WB George Bowen, a ritualist of great renown, exclaimed, "You guys do great work! Really great!" High praise, indeed!

FIREARMS TRAINING

On Saturday, June 24, WB **Dan Genson**, a City of Atlanta police officer, will be giving basic marksmanship and self defense instruction. The event will be held on private property an hour north of Atlanta. We will also have other officers and ex-military personnel along to assist Bro. Dan. As a number of wives and girlfriends have expressed interest in this event, it is open to the public. Interested parties should contact Bro. **Chris Wilson** at chris.wilson@suntrust.com.

We will meet the morning of the June 24th at 9:00 at the Lodge and leave from there. We expect to return no later than 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Notice

There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on May 9, 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 May 23, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

RAINBOW AND DeMOLAY

Gate City Lodge will be pleased to welcome the Masonic youth groups, the Order of the Rainbow and the Order of DeMolay, at our first meeting in May, May 9. The meeting will be open to families, wives, children, parents, and friends. The evening will begin at 6:30 with a catered dinner.

The two groups will exemplify some of their work, and all Masons will be impressed by the solemnity and proficiency of their presentation.

TESSALATED FLOOR SPREADING?

Gate City seems to have started something when we, at our own initiative and resources, had the shag rug of the South Lodge Room replaced with an impressive marble and granite floor. Now, an anonymous donor from Buford Lodge has donated \$7,500 to cover the floor of the hallway and museum leading to the Lodge Room. Since this area is the entryway to the place where we meet and confer degrees, this is an important step in setting the atmosphere for our members, guests, and candidates.

It is estimated that the work will cost \$11,000. Our Worshipful Master, **Beaux Pettys**, who lead the push for the new Lodge Room floor, will be using his business relationships to obtain materials and labor at a significant discount and will oversee the work. Gate City will need to find and enlist donors from other lodges in the building to come up with the other \$3500.

POLICEMEN'S BENEFIT BALL

Bros. **Kenny Cresswell** and **Mike Bjelajac** have struck again! The first annual Crime Fighters Ball will be held at Smith's Olde Bar to raise money for life insurance for City of Atlanta Policeman. **Richard** and **Brit Turner's** band, Blackberry Smoke, will be there to amaze (as usual). Kenny Cresswell's friend, Ed Roland, of Collective Soul, will be there with either some of his bandmates. Rick Richards, of Georgia Satellites fame, will also be there. An e-mail will be sent out to the brethren when information becomes available so that tickets can be purchased well before the event. Albert Pike and the Masonic Shock will not be present this year as they hammed it up enough last year, but Kenny Cresswell will be playing drums in Schmitt Faced.

GATE CITY BLOOD DRIVE

WB **Beaux Pettys** says that several volunteers will be needed to help host our Blood Drive, to be held at the Masonic Center on September 21, 2006. Those who can help out should e-mail WB Beaux at beaux@inmanparkmarble.com.

JOHNSTON RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to our esteemed Treasurer, WB **C. David Johnston** on receiving his 25 year pin! It should be noted that, in WB David's case, the pin represents not merely the passage of time, but a quarter-century of service to Gate City Lodge, Freemasonry, and his fellow man. WB David was our Worshipful Master in 1989 and is in his second year as our Treasurer.

BOWLING FOR BREAST CANCER

Gate City Lodge has put together "Bowling For Breast Cancer," to be held Wednesday, August 2, 2006, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and include shoe rental and two hours of bowling. We have two hundred tickets to sell in two and a half months. All proceeds will go to fight breast cancer.

FAST WORKER

Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** tells us how impressed he was with the memory work of **Jeremy Brandon Fish** in preparing to receive the Master Degree on April 23. Bro. Fish had been passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on April 11 and was ready to pass his examination before the conferral of the Third Degree just two weeks later.

Check out Gate City's exciting web site, www.gatecity2.com. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Bros. Britt and Richard Turner, your Lodge has entered the Twenty-first Century!