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UPCOMING DEGREE WORK

Two of our new, stood for their EA proficiency at the July 25 meeting.

Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** informs that Entered Apprentice brethren **Robert Wayne Baker** and **Graham Myles Gulden** had an outstanding examination on the Entered Apprentice Degree and will receive the Fellowcraft Degree at the first meeting in September.

A total of six applicants are currently being investigated and it is expected that a large class will receive the Entered Apprentice Degree at the second meeting in September or the first in October.

EA Bro. **Josh Potter**, who has been in extensive military training for the last fourteen months, has almost completed that work and looks forward to returning in October to complete his Masonic instruction.

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ROSENBAUM IN BELGIUM

Bro. **Josh Rosenbaum** has sent an e-mail to our Worshipful Master, letting us know about recent events in his life. We include some excerpts from his message:

Sorry to have been so out of touch of late. I am currently living in Brussels with my new wife Marie. We met while in Italy a few months back while we were attending a two- month marble carving workshop in Pietrasanta (next door to Carrara, as you probably know the home of the world's finest marble!).

Anyway, apparently the olive oil had an effect on us out there and she became pregnant . So I'm going to be a daddy come March.

I went to Italy to carve marble, and came back in love and expecting a child! I have sold all my belongings, my house is on the market, and I have moved to Brussels to be with her and start a new life. We got engaged when she came to Atlanta for a spell shortly after we both returned to our homes from Italy. Anyway, things couldn't be better!

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MASONIC CENTER

The Masonic Center (still known as the Masonic Temple to many old-timers) has been redecorated over the past couple of years, with much of the impetus coming from officers and members of Gate City Lodge. Our Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** tells us that a decision is near on the new color for the Lodge room and it is expected that a work day will be scheduled in October to get the painting done. WB Beaux says other Lodges may be invited to participate if they would like to be involved.

In a related matter, it is expected that at the first meeting in September we will get advice on getting the Masonic Center placed on a state or national registry of historic places.

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BLESSED EVENT

Bro. **Brit Turner** and his wife Shanin are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lana Jean Turner, who weighed in at 6 pounds 3 ounces. It is reported that all are doing well.

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FOWLER ABSENT

**Frank Fowler**, who has done an outstanding job filling in for our ailing Chaplain WB **Harold Cox**, has had to leave the lineup after his father had a heart attack. Bro. Frank has gone to Louisiana to help his father run his business and expects to be back in December in time enough to return to his duties as Chaplain for the new year.

**Meeting Notice**

There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., on September 12, 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 September 26, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

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## BRAZILIAN MASONS VISIT ATLANTA

Two Masons from Brazil, Oscar Roberto Schweitzer of Templarios II #156 and Ricardo Alexandre Polo of Lodge Duque de Caxias Do III Milenio, contacted our Past Master **Joe Brooks** (and two other Lodges) about attending a Lodge meeting during a recent business trip to Atlanta. WB Brooks was the only one to respond.

The lodge system in Brazil differs from ours. A significant difference is that they do not progress so rapidly from "Prentice" to Master. They have papers to write and time to spend between degrees. At any rate, both of the visitors were Fellows who will become Master Masons in a couple of months. Because of that, WB Joe realized it would be difficult for us to show them much in our Lodge, since our business is conducted and most of our time is spent open on the Masters Degree. Further, it would have taken time to the required due diligence (using the index of Lodges Masonic) to identify their lodges. He was able to determine that their Grand Lodges are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

WM Beaux Pettys had offered to hold a called communication and do work in the Entered Apprentice Degree, but WB Joe felt that a visit with the Brazilian brothers would be more appropriate. He picked them up at their hotel and took them to the Masonic Center, where they spent an hour or more in the Lodge room, looking at our "furniture", the new floor, our charter, etc. He answered their questions and listened to descriptions of their Lodges' customs. They also visited the library, the York Rite room, and the Scottish Rite auditorium.

WB Joe then took them to Lenox Square so they could buy some clothes, American Airlines having lost their luggage. They enjoyed a fine meal at Atlanta Fish Market, which the visiting brethren insisted on paying for, then got back to their hotel after 11:00 p.m. It had been a long and information-filled visit.

Bro. Schweitzer speaks English very well, so most of the conversation prior to dinner was in English. At dinner, WB Joe mentioned that speaks Spanish, so for the duration of the meal, they carried on a three-way conversation about families, occupations, and general topics of interest.

The two brothers plan to come to Atlanta another time, and promise to contact us. By then, they will both be Master Masons and we hope to arrange for them to attend our Lodge. WB Joe says he is very glad that they reached out in brotherhood to us.

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## MASONIC MINUTES

*Our esteemed Treasurer, WB C. David Johnston, gives short talks in Lodge that he calls "Masonic Minutes." With his permission and assistance we present some of the series from time to time.*

**SQUARE YOUR ACTIONS!** – Not only toward others, but particularly before your Brothers. And the best place to practice that is in the Lodge.

1. **Square all Corners:** You should walk upon the square in all your movements on the floor – including military corners and the about face.
2. **Respect Holy Ground:** Remember that while the Lodge is open and at labor the area between the Holy Altar and the East is considered holy – do NOT cross over there – walk around the square to the West of the Holy Altar instead.

Remember – How you act in a Regular Lodge Meeting is how you will act during a Degree or while under pressure, or in a larger forum (District meetings, other Lodges, etc.) so square your actions at all times. Not only will you gain respect for yourself and your Lodge among Masons – you may also notice that you will walk a little taller among your fellow men!

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#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

We are sad to report the death of Bro. **Kenny Creswell**'s mother, Sara, in Pennsylvania on September 11. Bro. Kenny was at her side when she passed away.

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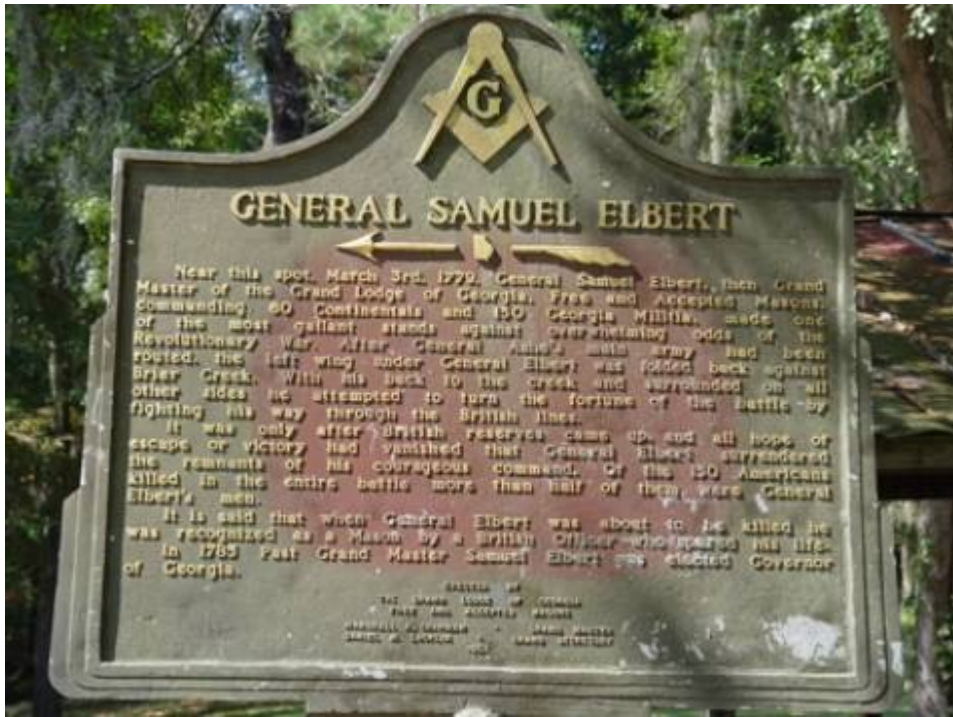
#### SEPTEMBER ISSUE LATE

With so much activity going on in Gate City Lodge No. 2 we intended to get the September issue in your hands (or on your screen) at the beginning of the month, but a series of unfortunate events kept us from achieving that goal. We will endeavor to improve our performance. – *Editor*.

#### MASONIC HISTORICAL MARKERS

Your Editor happens to live within about five miles of one of the Historical Markers of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. It is located at the site of the Battle of Brier Creek, Screven County, near the Savannah River, between Savannah and Augusta.

There, on March 3, 1779, British forces routed the Colonial troops, delaying the end of the Revolutionary war by eight years. It is said that as General Samuel Elbert, Past Grand Master of Georgia, was about to be killed he gave the Masonic sign of distress and was spared by a British officer who was a Mason.. In 1785 Samuel Elbert was elected Governor of Georgia.



## GENERAL SAMUEL ELBERT

Near this spot, March 3rd, 1779, General Samuel Elbert, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, commanding 60 Continentals and 150 Georgia Militia, made one of the most gallant stands against overwhelming odds of the Revolutionary War. After General Amos's main army had been routed, the left wing under General Elbert, was folded back against Brier Creek. With his back to the creek and surrounded on all other sides he attempted to turn the fortune of the battle by fighting his way through the British lines.

It was only after British reserves came up and all hope of escape or victory had vanished that General Elbert surrendered the remnants of his courageous command. Of the 150 Americans killed in the entire battle more than half of them were General Elbert's men.

It is said that when General Elbert was about to be killed he was recognized as a Mason by a British Officer who spared his life. In 1765 First Grand Master Samuel Elbert was elected Governor of Georgia.

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