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ENTERED APPRENTICE FEGREE

The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on four petitioners at the first meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2 in October.

Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** says that the officer corps will be attired in black tie and the room will be illuminated by candlelight. The officers are well prepared and it is expected to be a very impressive event.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the Lodge will open at 7:30.

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MASTER MASON DEGREE

Two of our Fellowcraft brethren, **Graham Myles Gulden** and **Rob Baker**, are slated to be raised at the second meeting in October, October 24..

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BLESSED EVENT

Congratulations to Bro. **Lane Hagin!** We understand he is the proud father of a son, born October 4. We do not have the name, but will report it when it gets to us.

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UPCOMING DEGREE WORK

If the current schedule holds we expect the Fellowcraft Degree to be conferred at the first meeting in November, and the Master Mason degree to be conferred on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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**Meeting Notice**

**There will be a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., on October 10, 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 October 24, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.**

GETTYSBURG

Your editor and his better half, Mary Gene, are just back from a quick trip to Pennsylvania. While there we took the opportunity to visit Gettysburg National Military Park. If you have never been there you should make it a point to go there and absorb the terrible solemnity of the place. In the three days of battle, July 1-3, 1863, a total of 46,000 Americans were casualties: 8,000 killed, 27,000 wounded, 11,000 missing or captured. The most famous action at Gettysburg, of course, was the one-mile, one-hour frontal assault on July 3 known as Pickett's Charge, in which 5,000 of General George Pickett's 12,000 Confederate soldiers were casualties. It is said that when the Confederate forces withdrew on July 4, the wagon train of dead and wounded was seventeen miles long.

If our nation had to endure such a catharsis it could not have occurred at a more beautiful site, gentle hills on either side of a fertile valley with a small stream running through it. The National Park Service has done an outstanding job of maintaining the grounds and explaining the battle to visitors, allowing the terrible events to come through to anyone who will take the time to consider them.

There is a Masonic story associated with Gettysburg, too. In 1993 the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania erected a monument in the National Cemetery, where many Union soldiers were buried, and where President Abraham Lincoln delivered his renowned Gettysburg address. The monument, entitled "Friend to Friend", is of Confederate Lewis A. Armistead, mortally wounded in Pickett's Charge, being comforted by Union Captain Henry Bingham. General Armistead is shown giving his watch (with Masonic fob) and personal effects to Bingham, to be taken to Armistead's friend Union General Winfield S. Hancock. All three men were Freemasons. Armistead died on July 5, 1863. Hancock, wounded at Gettysburg, survived the battle and died in 1886. Bingham went on to serve 32 years in the U. S. House of Representatives.



**“FRIEND TO FRIEND”**

**Erected by Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania**

**1993**

**Gettysburg National Cemetery**

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