

## NOVEMBER DEGREE WORK

At the first meeting in November, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, **Kerry Joshua Potter, Paul Adrian Petre, Norman William Pettys, III, and William Emory Wallace** were examined on the Entered Apprentice Degree and, having demonstrated their competence, were passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason. The degree was conferred by WM **Beaux Pettys**, the Stairway Lecture was presented by WB **C. David Johnston**, and the Middle Chamber Lecture was given by WB **Randy Hazen**, WM of Palestine Lodge No. 486.

Two weeks later, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, after an examination on the Fellowcraft Degree, the same three were raised to the degree of a Master Mason. WM Beaux Pettys again conferred the degree and the Second Section was done by WB **Dan Genson**.

After the work on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Past Master and Treasurer C. David Johnston proclaimed that the work of the Officer Corps that night was excellent, one of the best degrees conferred in the Lodge in some time.

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## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Annual Communication of Gate City Lodge No. 2 will be held on December 12. All members of Gate City Lodge are urged to be present to take part in the balloting for Worshipful Master and Wardens for 2007, 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.

## LOST LODGE MEMBERS

Our Secretary, WB Tom Lawrence reports that he does not have the current addresses of \_\_\_ members of the Lodge. Please let your Editor or any Gate City officer know if you can help locate these Brethren (with their last-known address):

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### **Meeting Notice**

**The Annual Communication, a regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on December 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 January 9, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.**

## OFFICERS' RETREAT

The annual Officers' Retreat is scheduled for December 8 through 10 at the Big Canoe resort, up in the North Georgia mountains. The primary purpose of the gathering is to give the Officer Corps a chance to work together to hone their floorwork and to practice their speaking part delivery with the rest of the team.

There will also be a chance to work on the Master's catechism for any Lodge members who need to take that examination.

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## 100 YEARS AGO

A hundred years ago ... the Lodge By-Laws called for two stated meetings to be held each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays. (Those days have always been Gate City's meeting nights, from the very beginning.) In 1906 that posed a serious problem, however, because the fourth Tuesday of December was the 25<sup>th</sup>, a date for which many members had other plans. (The same situation had occurred in 1900 and the regular meeting had been held on Christmas day – the minutes do not say how many attended!) The Grand Master, the venerable Max Meyerhardt, had given special dispensation for the Annual Communication to be held this time on the second Tuesday of December.

The year 1906, under Worshipful Master Robert A. Henderson, had been a good one, with 33 men having been raised and another 21 having affiliated. As an indication of the level of activity, there had been five called meetings, four for degree work and one to conduct a Masonic funeral.

At the Annual Communication the Installing Officer was Thomas H. Jeffries, one of Gate City's "Grand Old Men". He had been Worshipful Master in 1892 and '93 and was now in his sixth year as Deputy Grand Master under Meyerhardt. Installed as Master at this meeting was John H. Mullin. Mullin, a native of Boston, Massachusetts was just 33 at the time he assumed the chair in the East. He had been raised in Gate City only four years previous, but had shown outstanding qualities of leadership. Both he and Jeffries were looking forward to a good year – and both realized those projections, with Gate City continuing to grow and prosper and Tom Jeffries finally becoming Grand Master at the Grand Lodge session in Macon in October.