



ATLANTA, GEORGIA
2007 No. 2 ~ FEBRUARY 2007

OFFICERS FOR 2007

Worshipful Master	W. H. "Beaux" Pettys	Senior Deacon	Christopher W. Wilson
Senior Warden	Douglas J. Hrabe	Junior Deacon	Donald W. Hall
Junior Warden	Michael J. Bjelajac	Senior Steward	Nicholas A. Hayes
Secretary	Thomas E. Lawrence, PM	Junior Steward	Robert W. Baker, Jr.
Treasurer	C. David Johnston, PM	Tyler	Graham M. Gulden
Chaplain	Donald E. Sawyer	Director of Work	Daniel E. Genson, PM

GRAND MASTER VISITS

Gate City Lodge No. 2 was honored when the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Georgia, **Eli A. Stafford** made an Official Visit on the occasion of the Lodge's Past Masters Night, January 9.

Upon being notified by the Junior Deacon that the Most Worshipful Grand Master was present, Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** appointed WB **Jeff Hodges**, **Dan Genson**, and **John Guest** as a Reception Committee. The Committee escorted MWB Stafford into the Lodge, where he was introduced by WB Hodges. The Committee, after remarks by WM Pettys, escorted MWB Stafford to the East where he was received with Private Grand Honors lead by WM Pettys. WM Pettys offered the gavel to MWB Stafford, who after a few remarks returned the gavel to WM Pettys. After the business portion of the meeting WM Pettys again offered the gavel to MWB Stafford who commented on his program regarding the youth and the DeMolay and Rainbow Girls. He also explained his "MAY" Program as a fund-raiser for those organizations. He stressed that brothers should make Masonry better, by doing what is right and avoiding profanity. He emphasized that we should learn from the Past to provide for the Present and prepare for the Future.

Meeting Notice

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on February 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on February 27, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

PAST MASTERS NIGHT

Ten of Gate City Lodge's Past Masters attended the for the festivities of the annual Past Masters Night and were on hand to greet the Most worshipful Grand Master, **Eli A. Stafford**.

Presents were:

- Jeff W. Hodges**, 1979
- William D. Smith**, 1980
- Cecil G. Pacetti, Jr.**, 1986
- William T. Hitz**, 1987
- Daniel E. Genson**, 1988, 2001 and 2004
- John F. Guest, Jr.**, 1993
- Marc B. Bohn**, 1997
- Thomas E. Lawrence, Jr.**, 1999
- Joseph W. Brooks**, 2000 and 2005
- Robert L. Sullivan**, 2002

To that list, of course, should be added the name of the current Worshipful Master, **W. H. Beaux Pettys**, who served in 2006.

Over the years the experience and wisdom of the Past Masters have been sources of strength and continuity for the Lodge. It is always good to have those who have served so well back in the Lodge room

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

In addition to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gate city Lodge was honored on January 9 by the presence of Worshipful Brethren **Jack L. Hepner**, Grand Tyler, **Robert W. Young**, Chair DDGM, **John Holt**, DDGM 5th Masonic District, **Frank Vexler**, DDGM 5th Masonic District., **Wayne Glass**, 5th District Chair MELD, **Larry D. Poole**, Secretary, Piedmont Lodge No. 447, and Brother **Dean G. Watts**, S.D. Fulton Lodge No. 216.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LODGE BY-LAWS

An amendment to the By-Laws, affecting annual dues, was read for the first time at the regular meeting of January 23, 2007. It is to be voted on at the next regular communication, February 13, 2007.

It is hereby moved that the By-Laws of Gate City Lodge No. 2 be amended as follows;

1.

Chapter V, Section 3 which presently reads:

“SECTION 3. The Dues in this Lodge shall be SIXTY-FIVE (\$65.00) DOLLARS per annum, which said annual dues are payable strictly in ADVANCE, Emeritus and LIFE Members only excepted.”

Shall be amended to read:

“SECTION 3. The Dues in this Lodge shall be SIXTY-FIVE (\$65.00) DOLLARS per annum, if paid prior to April 1, 2007, thereafter the Dues shall be NINETY (\$90.00) DOLLARS per annum, those brothers initialed after February 1, 2007 shall pay ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$150.00) dollars per annum, all of which said annual dues are payable strictly in ADVANCE, Emeritus and LIFE Members only excepted.”

REASON: We are being assessed \$15.00 per annum for Active Brothers and \$7.50 per annum for Emeritus Brothers by the Atlanta Masonic Temple Company.

2.

Chapter V, Section 4 which presently reads:

“SECTION 4. All members of Gate City Lodge who are over seventy years of age and have been contributing members for a period of twenty years, shall automatically become EMERITUS members.”

Shall be amended to read:

“SECTION 4. All members of Gate City Lodge who have been awarded the Fifty Year Award by Grand Lodge or who have attained seventy-five years of age and have been contributing members for a period of at least thirty years, not necessarily continuous, shall become EMERITUS members, exempt from dues, upon their written request.”

REASON: To bring the Section into conformity with Section 31-115 of the Masonic Code (2007) and in view of the fact that the Lodge has to pay Grand Lodge \$4.00 and the Atlanta Masonic Temple Company \$7.50 per Emeritus Member.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

- Bro. **George Evoy** was to return home from a rehab on Howell Mill Road on January 24.
- W.B. **A. Harold Cox** is making progress.
- Bro. **Glenn Leonard** had a heart attack and is in rehab in Plains, Georgia.

GATE CITY SCENE

At the January 23 meeting, WB **Joseph W. Brooks** presented an excellent program on the Holy saints John. He discussed their inmacpts on Freemasonry and answered several questions after the talk.

Bro. **Rob Baker** has taken photographs of the Lodge room – in all its restored and renewed look – for a future update of the Gate City Lodge website (www.gatecity2.com).

At the January 9 communication WB **Marc B. Bohn** commented on the activities of the DeMolay and their program for support regarding Honorary Senior Members on January 20, 2007 at the Atlanta Masonic Center.

Bro. **Chris Wilson** took the lead in obtaining new staffs for Deacons and Stewards. The former implements were long overdue for “retirement.”

WB **Dick Sagar** requested and has been given a Transfer Certificate for Plural Membership.

THREE EXAMINED ON MASTER’S DEGREE

At the meeting on January 23, Brothers **Michael J. Bjelajac, Robert W. Baker, Jr., and William Wallace** stood examination on the Master’s Catechism, conducted by WB Beaux Pettys. The ballot was spread and their proficiency was approved unanimously.

The three Brethren expressed their appreciation for the WB Pettys’ work with them.

100 YEARS AGO

In Gate City Lodge No. 2 a century ago, as we stated last issue, Gate City was considering raising the fees for the degrees from \$40 to \$50, and we asked editorially if anyone could estimate that in 2007 dollars. To the rescue, WB **Dick Sagar**, who e-mailed:

I work with up-dates of dollar value fairly regularly but cannot quite match your dates. However, from the U.S. Govt. CPI figures, a dollar in 1913 was worth \$19.40 in 2004, so backtracking to a hundred years ago (1906) to 2007, a dollar would be about \$20 today. So the Dues of \$50 then would be roughly \$1000 now. Sounds a bit high but then few Masons today value their membership in the Craft as much as they used to.

