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## **FIRST ANNUAL MID-TOWN BOWL FOR THE CURE**

Bro. **Chris Wilson**, our esteemed Senior Deacon, has taken the lead in organizing an event to benefit the fight against cancer. The date for the event is Saturday, July 28, 2007, and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure or its affiliates. It will be held at Midtown Bowl, 1936 Piedmont Circle NE, Atlanta. Lanes will be assigned at Meet and assign teams to lanes at 11:30 a.m., bowling will begin at noon, and prizes will be awarded at 3:30.

The concept is simple: It will be a team event, requiring each team of four bowlers to bowl three games. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest team three game averages. Individuals with no team will be randomly teamed with other single players using a blind draw format. If, after all teams have been created, a team is short one or more players, the lowest individual average from that team will be used in place of the missing average. There is a 64 team/256 person limit. Each bowler will receive a t-shirt and lapel pin.

The cost per team is \$100, or \$25 for each bowler. Donations from local companies are also being sought. Entry fees and all donations will be collected prior to the event, payable by check to Gate City Lodge #2, a 501(c)(10) entity. Each entrant and donor will be given a receipt, ensuring that the donor will be able take advantage of any tax benefits to which they are entitled.

## **GATE CITY MUST HELP!**

The accompanying article on the Bowl for the Cure does not give an important fact: Gate City Lodge No. 2 is the sponsoring organization for this important high-profile public event. In a very real sense, our reputation is on the line.

Your help is needed!

Here is what Bro. **Chris Wilson** tells us he needs from you: (Receipts are available from him.)

1. Teams for the event (62 spots left; send the names of team members, their payments, and the Lodge copy of the receipt to the address below).
2. Corporate donations (\$250 or more and the company can have their logo printed on the T-shirts).

Make sure all checks are written to Gate City Lodge #2. The donation is tax deductible and our TIN/EIN is printed on the receipts.

This will be a great event if we all work together. Do not hesitate to call or email with any questions.

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### **Meeting Notice**

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on April 10, 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 April 24, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

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## **STEWART FEATURED IN NEWSPAPER**

Sergeant **Jeff Stewart**, a member of Gate City Lodge currently serving in Iraq, was the main person covered in a front page article of the March 28, 2007, issue of the Atlanta *Journal-Constitution*. The article, written by reporter Moni Basu, covered the work that Company H, 121<sup>st</sup> Infantry, Georgia National Guard, is doing with the Iraqi Border Patrol to stop border crossers and the flow of illegal goods into Iraq from Syria. Bro. Stewart was quoted extensively and there was a photograph of him in his combat gear.

The night the writer was with Bro. Stewart's three-man crew, in their Humvee, was a quiet one, but it is not always like that, Stewart said. He believes the presence of his unit in Iraq has been a deterrent to smuggling of goods and people entering Iraq illegally.

The article says Jeff Stewart, a nine-year veteran of the Atlanta Police Department, grew up in upstate New York, then came to Atlanta after college. He compared border patrol work in Iraq to what he does with the Police Department, a lot of waiting. They wait at night in the Humvees until they see suspicious activity, or until an overhead spotter plane gives them a lead. He also said, "It's like fishing."

Stewart was recently back from a two-week leave to his home in Vinings, the article said, to see his wife Tara. His tour in Iraq began on August 14 last year and he is looking forward to being back on the Police Force in about five more months.

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## **WHITE CARDS ISSUED**

White Cards, signifying proficiency in the ritual of the three degrees, have been issued to Brothers **Cecil Pacetti, Tom Lawrence, Doug Hrabe, Beaux Pettys, Chris Wilson, Mike Bjelajac, and Rob Baker**. Coaching was done by Worshipful Brothers **Dan Genson and Joe Brooks**, and the students passed an examination.

WB Genson, Gate City's Director of Work will be pleased to know that four more brethren will be asking for examinations in April.

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## **GATE CITY WORK COMPLIMENTED**

An e-mail publication known as the Masonic Information Page, covering Masonic activity in our area, alerts its readers that "Gate City #2 will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on three candidates, at the Atlanta Masonic Center, by burning tapers and in formal attire. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., Lodge opens at 7:30PM." Then the Editor (whom we do not know) goes on to say, "**This Lodge did the most efficient degree work of any lodge that I have ever witnessed!**"

To which we can only say: Keep up the outstanding work, Brethren!

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## **ACADEMY OF MASONIC KNOWLEDGE**

On March 24 of this year your Editor had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's Academy of Masonic Knowledge. The Academy, held at the Grand Lodge's Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, is in its eighth year, with a session in the spring and another in the autumn. (While living in Pennsylvania for many years, but retaining membership in Gate City Lodge, we attended many Lodge meetings and were active in DeMolay. Through friendships made in those activities, we are the only "outsider" to be invited to the Academy, and, indeed, we run the registration desk at each session.)

At each session the Academy brings in eminent scholars to speak. Over the years we have met many outstanding Masonic scholars, such as Wayne Adams (PGM, GL of Maine), Steven Bulloch and Brent Morris (authors), Robert Cooper (Curator, GL of Scotland), Neville Cryer (Anglican priest and Masonic historian, England), Thomas Jackson (Grand Secretary, GL of Pennsylvania), Gary Leazre (the Southern Baptist Convention employee who refused to condemn Freemasonry), Ali Rhazi (GM, GL of Iran in Exile), and several others.

At the session in March the first speaker was Bro. Jay Kinney, Librarian and Research Director of the Scottish Rite Bodies of San Francisco, and the second was Dr. William D. Moore, Director of Public History, University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

### **Esoteric Freemasonry**

Bro. Kinney's topic was "Is there such a thing as 'esoteric' Freemasonry?" After defining what is meant by "esoteric," he concluded that some aspects of our fraternity indeed are esoteric.

### **Masonic Temples**

Dr. Moore, not a Freemason, spoke on "Masonic Temples." He traced the progression of meeting places: taverns, rented rooms above commercial stores, owned buildings with commercial space, and finally buildings devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes.

He noted that most of the splendid Masonic halls of our major cities were constructed between 1870 and 1930, an era of soaring personal income and increasing leisure time. During that time, Freemasonry was gaining so many members the Lodges were outgrowing their halls every decade and building ever-larger facilities. Then, of course, the Great Depression hit, and Freemasonry has struggled ever since to support their expensive buildings. (He cited Atlanta's Yaarab Shrine Temple – which became the Fox Theatre, as a prime example.)

One of our weaknesses, he said, is that every Mason alive today has grown up thinking that magnificent buildings are part and parcel of the fraternity. Ultimately, he concluded, we are going to have to decide what to do with the buildings or lose our fraternal roots.

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