

ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
2007 No. 5 ~ MAY 2007

OFFICERS FOR 2007

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| 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     |
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| Treasurer         | C. David Johnston, PM  | Tyler            | Graham M. Gulden      |
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**THREE INITIATED**

Three candidates received the Entered Apprentice degree on April 10. The officer corps conferred the degree in a manner befitting the tradition of fine work by Gate City Lodge.

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**BLACKBERRY SMOKE ATLANTA SHOWS**

Blackberry Smoke, the popular band with Gate City Brothers **Britt** and **Richard Turner**, performed at two shows in Atlanta in April. The first was on April 20 at Ten High, in the Virginia-Highland area, and a week later they were at the Peachtree Tavern in Buckhead. Both performances were showcases for Universal and Warner Brothers.

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**PETTYS & BJELAJAC JOIN SCOTTISH RITE**

We understand that Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys** and Junior warden **Mike Bjelajac** entered the Scottish Rite in April. It is also reported that Bro. **Bill Wallace** has petitioned and will be in the Fall Scottish Rite class.

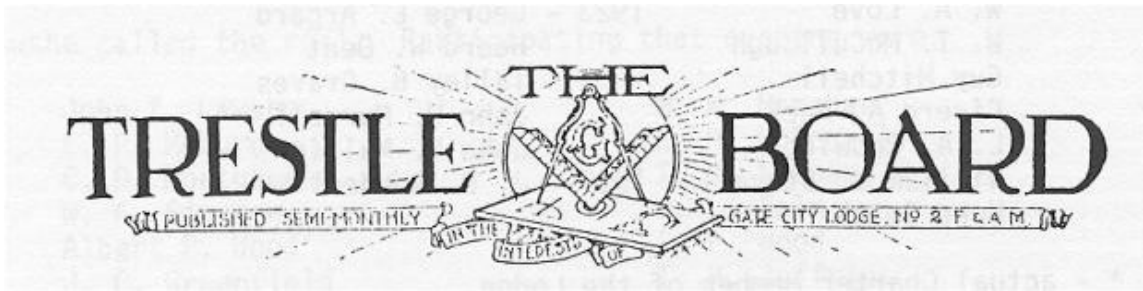
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**Meeting Notice**

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on May 8, 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 May 22, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

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**GATE CITY EVENT ON WEB**

Bro. **Chris Wilson**, event coordinator for Gate City's Bowl for the Cure fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund, reports that the event is listed on the Fund's website -

<http://www.komenatlanta.org/cgi-bin/MySQLdb?FILE=/events/calendar1.html>

Bro. Chris, our esteemed Senior Deacon, says we are still in need of teams and corporate donations to make a success of the event. He is also looking for design help for a flyer/registration form to distribute at local bowling alleys. Design help is also needed for a T-shirt to be given away at the event; we need a contact for a place to have the printing done.

The event is about two months away ... it is important that the men of Gate City step up and make it a success. We have lots of talent - who will do the design? We need you to form teams and solicit sponsors!

How to contact Bro. Chris:

Chris Wilson

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### **YORK RITE HALL IN MACON**

Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys**, who has played a major role in refurbishing the Atlanta Masonic center, has donated tile for similar work at the Rite Rite Hall in Macon.

WB Beaux donated White Carrera and Black Granite 12 x 12 tiles for the foyer. The tile is exactly the same as was used in the Library at the Atlanta Masonic Center. The tile was laid by Javier Guerra who also did the work in our South Lodge Room, where Gate City meets. His services were not donated, but he has already donated so much of his work that it wasn't necessary; the York Rite paid him his going rate.

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### **FOWLER RETURNING TO LOUISIANA**

At the meeting on April 24, Bro. **Frank Fowler** informed the Brethren that he and his family will be moving back to Louisiana to be closer to their families and to pursue business opportunities. He expressed appreciation to the members for their support. We will miss Bro. Frank, who has been quite active, and wish him well in his endeavors. Stay active in Freemasonry, Bro. Frank, and come back to see us when you can!

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### **FIVE STAND M.M. EXAM**

At the second meeting in April five Gate City men stood the exam on the Master Mason degree. Brothers **Graham Gulden, Donald Hall, Nick Hayes, Kenny Cresswell, and Frank Fowler** demonstrated their proficiency in an exemplary manner.

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### **TWO GATE CITY MEN IN BURNS CLUB**

Brother **Bill Wallace** has been a member of the local Burns Clubs for two years. He has been joined by Worshipful Master **Beaux Pettys**, who was accepted in April.

The Burns Club, Atlanta's oldest continuing cultural society, was founded in 1896 as a social, Literary and memorial organization. The Club has held a celebration on January 25, the anniversary of the poet's birth, every year since 1898. In 1907 the Club began an effort to construct an exact replica of Robert Burns' cottage in Alloway, Scotland. The cottage, off of Confederate Avenue in Atlanta, was built 1910-11, and is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Robert Burns was, among many other honors and distinctions, Poet Laureate of Scotland. We all recognize and celebrate him when we sing that most famous of all songs of memory and nostalgia, "Auld Lang Syne".

We are pleased to have two Gate City men helping carry on the memory of this famous Freemason and poet.

- Information from this article came, in part, from internet sources: National Park Service Atlanta National Register of Historic Places; Wikipedia Burns Club of Atlanta; and electricscotland.com.

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