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**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**  
**2008 No. 1 ~ JANUARY 2008**

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Worshipful Master	Douglas J. Hrabe	Senior Deacon	Donald W. Hall
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Junior Warden	William E. Wallace	Senior Steward	Robert W. Baker, Jr.
Secretary	Jeff W. Hodges, PM	Junior Steward	Graham M. Gulden
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Chaplain	Daniel E. Genson	Director of Work	W. H. "Beaux" Pettys, PM

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## **HRABE TO LEAD GATE CITY**

At the Annual Communication on December 11 the Lodge members elected Douglas J. Hrabe to be Worshipful Master in 2008. He was raised in Gate City Lodge on December 11, 2003, and, as is traditional, he climbed the ladder rung by rung; for the past two years he served ably and reliably in each of the Wardens' chairs.

WB Doug was born in 1962 in Jefferson City, Missouri. He tells us that his grandfather was a Mason out in Arizona, where he grew up. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Arizona University and then a Master of Science at West Georgia University. He has been employed by the DeKalb County School District for several years, was for some time in charge of science curriculum and currently is Director of the School District's Fernbank Science Center.

He is a rabid Atlanta Thrashers ice hockey fan and in March 2006 he organized a Gate City Lodge Night at a Thrashers game.

We anticipate an interesting, eventful and successful year under the leadership of our new Worshipful Master Doug Hrabe.

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## **SADNESS IN THE GATE CITY FAMILY**

We are informed that Mrs. Janet Franks, the mother of WB Dan Genson, passed away shortly before Christmas in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our prayers are with you WB Dan.



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**OFFICERS FOR 2008**

At the Annual Communication the following officers were elected to serve Gate City Lodge for the ensuing year:

Senior Warden	Michael J. Bjelajac
Junior Warden	William E. Wallace
Secretary	WB Jeff W. Hodges
Treasurer	WB C. David Johnston
Historian	Fred L. Williams, III

Appointed officers are:

Chaplain	Daniel E. Genson
Senior Deacon	Donald W. Hall
Junior Deacon	Nicholas A. Hayes
Senior Steward	Graham M. Gulden
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Other appointed duties include:

- Temple Company representative -  
WB John F. Guest, Jr.
- Representative to 5th Masonic District –  
WB Thomas E. Lawrence
- Director of Work –  
WB William H. "Beaux" Pettys, II

**Meeting Notice**

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 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 Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 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 Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

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### **THE PETTYS LEGACY**

In his two years in the East of Gate City Lodge No. 2, William H. “Beaux” Pettys put his stamp on many aspects of the Lodge. Perhaps primarily he took the lead on training and polishing his officers: he emphasized their learning (not just memorizing) the catechism and he worked on details, like footwork, voice inflection, appearance, and visual impression. As he put it, the goal was to “make the opening and closing, as well as degree work, feel as timeless as the teachings of the Craft itself.”

He strove to present the ritual as it would have been done in the Eighteenth Century, adding to crisp floorwork and strong verbal delivery a return to candle light, greatly enhancing the atmosphere for the candidate and visitor.

One innovation to achieve the effect he sought was the annual Officers’ Retreat, held each December for three years now at a rented home in the north Georgia mountains. There the officers could work on ritual and floorwork, making their performance at the opening meeting of the new year as sharp and impressive as possible. He recruited Past Masters - Tom Lawrence, Dan Genson, David Johnston, Joe Brooks, and Jeff Hodges – to come to the retreat and teach. Each participant would tell you how vital that retreat experience has been in perfecting the ritual, but, beyond that, in forging stronger bonds of fraternity during a weekend of relaxation, fun, and fellowship.

Some of the highlights in a busy two years were:

- o \$2,000 and hundreds of cans of food raised for Toys for Tots in December 2005;
- o Spearheading the effort to provide relief for an Atlanta police officer (not a Mason) injured in the line of duty, in January 2006;
- o A Crime Fighter Ball, in May 2006, to raise money the buy life insurance for Atlanta police officers;
- o Gate City’s Bowling for the Cure tournament, July 2007, which raised more than \$12,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer;
- o A gun safety and skills class run by WB Dan Genson and his son Jan, attended by Lodge members and many family members and friends.

Perhaps the administration of WB Beaux will be longest remembered for replacing the old shabby rug in the South Lodge Room with a beautiful marble

and granite tessellated floor, much more in tune with the solemn purposes of the room where we meet and present our degrees. As a result of the impressive new floor, WB Beaux has been asked to assist in providing new floors for Chamblee Sardis Lodge, Duluth Lodge, and, within the Atlanta Masonic Center, the York Rite Room and the Masonic Museum.

The Pettys legacy will strengthen Gate City Lodge and Georgia Masonry for years to come. Well done, WB Beaux!

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### **100 YEARS AGO**

In Gate City Lodge No. 2 a century ago ...  
... Walter D. Waitt, just 26 years of age, sat in the East of what had become one of the most dynamic and fastest-growing Lodges in Georgia. Since its founding 21 years earlier Gate City had grown to over 370 members; she had raised 31 men in 1907 and another 27 men had affiliated from other Lodges. 1908 was to be a very busy year, with 24 regular and 5 special (or called) meetings and an astounding total of 98 degrees conferred. In the two meetings in January 1908 two men petitioned for the degrees and four for affiliation, and four men were initiated.

Walter Waitt served as a Past Master longer than any other Gate City man. When he died on May 5, 1967, at age 85, he had been Past Master for over 58 years. (Because he was so young when he was our WM, because he lived so long afterward, and because your Editor is so old, we can say we actually knew the man who led Gate City a century ago – when we were very young in the Lodge WB Waitt, somewhat frail, would often attend, and the respect and veneration with which he was treated was one of the foundation images of our concept of Freemasonry.)

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### **VISITING SYLVANIA LODGE No. 301**

As many of you know, your Editor lives in a long way from Atlanta, about 3½ hours away, in Sylvania, Georgia. We had intended to visit Sylvania Lodge No. 301 for some time, and finally did so last week. We would like to share some of our impressions of this vibrant small-town Lodge.

- To start with, it should be noted that Lodge No. 301 is twelve years older than Lodge No. 2! (Maybe some day I will tell them the story of how that came to be.)
- We don't know how they ended up with the number 301 (but presumably it predates numbered federal highways), but it is a very appropriate number because the main highway through the county is U. S. 301, the old main highway from New York to Florida before I-95 was built.
- Sylvania Lodge holds twelve regular communications during the year, on the second Thursday of each month, but the officers meet most Monday evenings to work on ritual and related items; they often hold called meetings to do degree work on Mondays. They own their own building so there is no problem scheduling meetings.
- The regular meetings open at 8:00, after a 7:00 dinner cooked by a Lodge member or two and their family. The meal is partaken by Lodge members and families, making for a very nice atmosphere. Each one present contributes (\$4 the evening I was there) toward the cost. The night I was there we enjoyed country-fried steak in brown gravy, steamed rice, green beans with bacon, macaroni salad, tossed green salad, cake with vanilla ice cream, and iced tea. Maybe not too good if one is trying to diet, but very good to draw in attendance!

- The meal the evening we were there was, in part, prepared by Ed Arita, a member of another Lodge but apparently a regular with Sylvania No. 301. Bro. Arita, a native of Hawaii, used to teach volleyball for Volleyball Atlanta, including at Inman Middle School in the Virginia-Highland area.
- The lodge room is on the second floor, approached by a steep and narrow stairs, but with a chair lift for those who need it.
- I had no trouble at all getting into the meeting. (Thank you for your help, Beaux Pettys!) They were gracious and very welcoming.
- Their Lodge publication, *The Trestle Board* (strangely enough!), is published in both electronic and printed versions each month. It carries paid advertising of local businesses.
- They held a public installation of officers in December, with Past Grand Master (1996) Clyde E. Griffin officiating. The Installing Marshall, WB Bill Price (also Editor of their *Trestle Board*) was very impressive.
- Their Worshipful Master this year is Richard Montgomery and he acquitted himself very well at his first meeting, this month.
- Their Treasurer, Charles Lee, and their Tyler, Walter Mock, are both in their 37<sup>th</sup> year of service in those positions.
- They examined an Entered Apprentice on the catechism of that degree and I have rarely, if ever, seen a finer examination.

As perhaps you can sense, we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening in Sylvania Lodge No. 301.

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GATE CITY LODGE No. 2, F. & A.M.  
**THE TRESTLE BOARD**

2008, No. 1

January 2008

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF GATE CITY LODGE No. 2, F. & A.M., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

1887	Charles F. Malone	1949	Tommy D. Davidson
1888	John Z. Lawshe	1950	Albert W. Gordon
1889	John S. Parks	1951	Fletcher G. Rogers
1890	John S. Parks	1952	Glenn H. Burnett
1891	John S. Parks	1953	R. E. A. Sparks
1892	Thomas H. Jeffries	1954	Walter W. Strobhart
1893	Thomas H. Jeffries	1955	George J. Awtry
1894	John R. Dickey	1956	David C. Holland
1895	J. Stovall Smith	1957	Charles A. Wofford
1896	John R. Wilkinson	1958	Jack J. Burns
1897	Albert P. Wood	1959	Fred L. Williams, Jr.
1898	Joseph C. Greenfield	1960	William R. McGee
1899	John D. Simmons	1961	James A. Futch
1900	Edward P. Wood	1962	George W. Pope
1901	James T. Wright	1963	Russell E. Suber
1902	Samuel E. Smith	1963	J. Norwood Jones, Jr.
1903	Talley B. Graves	1964	James M. Drill
1904	Cicero A. Peek	1965	Thomas H. Gilbert
1905	Charles E. Hall	1966	Carl W. Poss
1906	Robert A. Henderson	1967	John W. Sanders, Jr.
1907	John H. Mullin	1968	Karl G. Barbour
1908	Walter D. Waitt	1969	Carlos G. Dick
1909	Royal Daniel	1970	P. Elliott Kyle
1910	John Gilmore	1971	Thomas R. Hitz, Jr.
1911	John A. Brice	1972	George A. Wise
1912	Raymund Daniel	1973	C. B. Jones
1913	J. LeRoy Duncan	1974	Kent C. Taylor
1914	Joseph Gregg, Jr.	1975	Carl A. Herbig
1915	Henry C. Heinz	1976	Eugene H. Musser
1916	James B. McNelley	1977	V. Lee Waymire
1917	John W. Bachman	1978	Paul A. King
1918	J. Albert Woolley	1979	Jeff W. Hodges
1919	William G. Hastings	1980	William D. Smith
1920	Arthur J. Stitt	1981	Kenneth J. Day
1921	Morris M. Ewing	1982	John A. Morse
1922	Virgil E. Adams	1983	Harry Hewey
1923	Theodore B. Fay	1984	A. Harold Cox
1924	J. M. B. Bloodworth	1985	Sam J. Deavours
1925	Paul F. Greenfield	1986	Cecil G. Pacetti, Jr.
1926	Daniel I. MacIntyre, Jr.	1987	William T. Hitz
1927	Dowse B. Donaldson	1988	Daniel E. Gensen
1928	Leo S. Gilbert	1989	C. David Johnston
1929	H. Stacy Darrington	1990	J. Vann Johnson
1930	Charles H. Wetmore	1991	William C. Akins
1931	Leon M. Gauvreau	1992	Gerald H. Kerr
1932	Rudolph L. Schneider	1993	John F. Guest, Jr.
1933	Edgar B. McDougal	1994	Ronald M. Toms
1934	George R. Trippe	1995	R. Melvin Burton
1935	James W. Setze	1996	David Wallace Gunn
1936	Larkin D. Cathcart	1997	Marc B. Bohn
1937	Talley Kirkland	1998	Paul W. Hauck
1938	Charles E. Hall, Jr.	1999	Thomas E. Lawrence, Jr.
1939	Wallace W. Rhodes	2000	Joseph W. Brooks
1940	Theodore J. Whitehead	2001	Daniel E. Gensen
1941	Herbert T. Briscoe	2002	Robert L. Sullivan
1942	C. Frederick Morgareidge	2003	Evan L. Richmond
1943	Charles C. Edenfield	2004	Daniel E. Gensen
1944	J. Dial Lathem	2005	Joseph W. Brooks
1945	A. Nicholas Anderson	2006	W. H. "Beaux" Pettys
1946	Malcolm H. Shelton	2007	W. H. "Beaux" Pettys
1947	Charles P. Taylor	2008	Douglas J. Hrabe
1948	Thomas S. Perry		