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GATE CITY TO MEET WITH CLARKSTON No. 492

Worshipful Master **Douglas J. Hrabe** has announced that the next regular communication of Gate City Lodge No. 2, on Tuesday, February 12, will be a joint meeting with Clarkston Lodge No. 492, in Clarkston.

The reason for the unusual joint meeting is the opportunity to hear WB Gary Leazer speak on the topic "Skull and Crossbones." Realizing that the members of Gate City will be interested in hearing this outstanding and well-known Masonic scholar, WB Jeremy Conlon, Worshipful Master of Clarkston Lodge graciously invited us to meet with them.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:30.

Clarkston Lodge is located at 4162 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Clarkston. Clarkston Lodge No. 492 was chartered in 1906.

HALLS HAVE GIRL

Senior Deacon **Donald J. Hall** and his wife are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Isabella Christian Hall, born on January 30. We understand she was some five weeks ahead of schedule, but that Bro. Donald is recovering well! Congratulations!

HRABE AND PETTYS HELP OUT IN GRAYSON LODGE No. 549

On the evening of February 4, 2008, Gate City's Worshipful Master **Douglas J. Hrabe** and immediate Past Master and Director of Work **William H. "Beaux" Pettys** were in Grayson, Gwinett County, Georgia, assisting Grayson Lodge No. 492 in raising two Fellow Craft Masons to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Other participants included Brothers from Fulton Lodge No. 216 and Snellville Lodge No. 99.

The Worshipful Master of Grayson Lodge, WB Ronald W. Roberts, thanked the brethren from the other Lodges for their fraternal assistance.

Meeting Notice

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., as a joint meeting with Clarkston Lodge No. 492, 4162 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Clarkston, Georgia.

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 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, March 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

100 YEARS AGO

In Gate City Lodge No. 2 a century ago ... the Lodge received two petitions for the degrees and three petitions for affiliation; officers, Past Masters, and regular members of the Lodge were kept busy on Committees of Character, to investigate the petitioners.

Degrees at each meeting

At the first meeting of the month, February 11, 1908, three men were initiated with the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason. At the second meeting, on the 25th, three others were raised.

Courtesy candidates

One of the men raised was a courtesy candidate, Bro. Charles W. Freeman, a Fellow Craft Mason of Washington Lodge #17, Hamilton, Ohio. Courtesy candidates were not common in those days, but not unusual, either. At the first meeting in February, Secretary **Heard W. Dent** read a communication from Albion Lodge No. 196, Barbados, requesting that Gate City raise their Fellowcraft Bro. H. C. Bonyun. Gate City agreed to confer the degree on him, and did so more than a year later, on April 19, 1909.

Bro. Bonyun's Lodge, Albion #196, has (as of 2008) worked continuously in Barbados since 1790 and is the seventh oldest Lodge working under the United Grand Lodge of England outside the United Kingdom. It was originally warranted by the Grand Lodge of England "working under the old Constitutions" (the Ancients) and is said to have zealously guarded its usages derived from that Grand Lodge. It would be interesting to be able to compare the Master Mason Degree Bro. Bonyun received in Gate City to that practiced in his Lodge back in Barbados. In 1991 Barbados issued a set of four postage stamps commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the District Lodge of Barbados and the 200th Anniversary of Albion Lodge No. 196.

David P. Darrington

One of the men affiliating on February 25, 1908, was **David P. Darrington**. Darrington had a printing company at 4½ South Broad Street, and in 1910 he began printing the twice-monthly Lodge notices. Then, in 1915, it was to him WB **Raymund Daniel** turned when he began *The Trestle Board* in 1915.

David Darrington's son, **Stacy H.**, a printer's devil in his father's shop when the first issue of *The Trestle Board* was printed, served as Worshipful Mater of Gate City in 1929.

At the time of the Annual Communication in 1928 the Darringtons had printed every issue of *The Trestle Board* and they were able to gather a complete set of the issues, which they had bound in four handsome volumes. A resolution was passed designating the Secretary as custodian of the collection and requiring him to have future issues bound in a similar manner. When the 1980 History of Gate City Lodge was written the Lodge had bound copies from 1915 to 1942, but their whereabouts is today unknown.

50 YEARS AGO

In Gate City Lodge No. 2 a half-century ago ... four men were passed on February 11, 1958, and the same four raised on February 25. Attendance at the first meeting was 40, including one visitor and three Past Masters. As was usually the case, attendance increased for the Master Mason Degree, with 53 in the Lodge room, including five visitors and four Past Masters.

The Worshipful Master in 1958 was **Jack J. Burns**, one of Gate City's finest ritualists. WB Jack served as the Lodge's Director of Work for many years. He was also the Lodge's representative to the Atlanta Masonic Temple Company Board of Directors for several years, resigning in protest when the name of the building was changed from Masonic Temple to Masonic Center.