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**GATE CITY ORGANIZING  
 ROCK SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN  
 CORNERSTONE REDEDICATION**

W.B. C. David Johnston and Gate City Lodge No. 2 are at the forefront in a planned rededication of the cornerstone of Rock Springs Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 14, 2008. It is hoped that Most Worshipful Grand Master **Ted C. Collins**, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers, will be present to perform the ceremony after the regular worship service that day.

Rock Spring Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest congregations in Atlanta, having started in 1870. The current building was built in the early 1920s and the cornerstone laid by MWGM Joe P. Bowdoin in 1922 (AL 5922). The church has recently undergone a \$2,400,000 renovation, so it is entirely appropriate that the current Grand Master should rededicate the Cornerstone on behalf of the Masons of Georgia.

The Service that Sunday will be a normal Morning Worship service, commencing at 10:55 and concluding about noon. While plans are still tentative, it is expected that a section in the front of the pews will be reserved for Masons. Gate City expects to have at many members present and in regalia, several members of the Church who are Masons (in other Lodges) will likely participate, and we will invite other Lodges in the area. Arrangements will be made for all the Masons present to congregate before and then march in together just prior to the start of the service.

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**HODGES INSTALLED AS  
 GRAND COMMANDER**

At the 2008 Grand York Rite Sessions, held in Macon, May 4-7, Gate City's **Jeff W. Hodges, Jr.**, was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Georgia.

WB Hodges was born July 11, 1924, in Fairland, Texas. He was raised October 1, 1946, in J.D. Giddings Lodge No. 292, Giddings, Texas, and affiliated with Gate City Lodge March 14, 1972. He was Worshipful Master of Gate City in 1979, served as Secretary 1994 to 2004, and was Director of Work 2001 to 2005.

Congratulations, WB Jeff! Gate City is proud of you!

**Meeting Notice**

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 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, May 27, 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, June 10, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

A special joint meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held with Clarkston Lodge No. 492 on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at Clarkston Lodge, 4162 E. Ponce de Leon avenue, Clarkston.

A regular stated meeting of Gate City Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 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, September 9, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Masonic Center.

**CORNERSTONE**  
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Following the Service the Congregation will proceed outside to the front where the cornerstone is located (the northeast corner faces onto Piedmont Avenue, adjacent to the Cemetery). The Minister will introduce the Grand Master who will then perform the Rededication. Afterwards Gate City Lodge will host a luncheon in the Church Fellowship Hall for the Congregation and all Masons and visitors.

More details will be available as the day approaches, but every member of Gate City Lodge should plan to be at Rock Springs Presbyterian Church on September 14.

**GATE CITY TO HOLD  
GACHIP EVENT**

The weekend of September 13-14, 2008, will be a momentous one for Gate City Lodge No. 2. On the day before the rededication of the cornerstone of Rock Springs Presbyterian Church (see accompanying article), the Lodge will hold a GACHIP event at the Church in conjunction with their annual Kids Day Out Preschool Program.

The CHIPS program will be from 10:00 until 4:00, at the Church, 1824 Piedmont Road. A lot of volunteers from Gate City will be needed.

The Church and our Lodge are doing wonderful things and will have a great weekend.

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ABOUT GACHIP, PAGE 3)

**GENSON CONTINUING TO  
IMPROVE, BUT FATHER ILL**

W.B. **Dan Genson** reports that he is essentially fully recovered from his heart problems and has returned to work. He went to Piedmont Hospital in April for a new procedure, an atrial ablation, which seems to have corrected his condition.

While undergoing the hospital procedure W.B. Dan was concerned about his father, Bro. **Earl Genson**, a member of Chamblee Lodge. Bro. Earl had gone to Newton County Medical Center for a stomach problem, which turned out to be an ulcer. After several problems, Bro. Earl passed away in May. He was 85.

**GATE CITY & CLARKSTON TO HOLD  
ROBERT BURNS EVENT  
JULY 22**

A special joint communication of Gate City Lodge No. 2 and Clarkston Lodge No. 492 will be held . at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, at Clarkston Lodge, 4162 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Clarkston. The joint meeting will be to honor Bro. Robert Burns, Scottish poet and lyricist, widely regarded as the National Poet of Scotland.

The meeting will feature a reading of Burns' "Ode Tae a Haggis" by a special guest, accompanied by swordsmen and bagpipes. A traditional Haggis sampling will be served. (Haggis is a traditional Scottish dish, combining meats, spices and oatmeal.)

Kilts and traditional Scottish attire encouraged but not required. Families will be welcome!

**50 YEARS AGO**

In Gate City Lodge No. 2 a half-century ago ...  
... **Thomas H. Gilbert** (to be WM of Gate City in 1965), **George W. Sanders** (President of the Craftsmen's Club and very active for many years), and five other men of Gate City were in the 1958 class at Mt. Olivet Chapter R.A.M.  
... on June 10, 1958, 120 attended Gate City's family Night, planned by **William R. McGee** (to become WM in 1960). There was a spaghetti dinner at 6:00, followed by music by the Deaconaires Quartet of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, the LeFevre Trio, and the Shrine Banjo Band. WMGM **John C. Kaufman**, was present and spoke. **Alphus** and **Urias LeFevre** were members of Gate City, as were **Arnold Ingeman**, member of the Shrine Banjo Band and **Perry Bechtel**, the Band Master. Cooks included WM **Jack J. Burns**, **George Sanders**, **Donald Wettlaufer**, and **Carl Herbig** (WM 1975).  
... in June two members, **Richard Rumel Bradley** and **Melvin Oliver Nix**, received their 50-year pins.  
... **Charles A. "Charlie" Wofford** and four other Gate City men trod the hot sands of Yaarab Shrine.  
... in July **Charlie Wofford** was honored for eleven years of perfect attendance. (It seemed remarkable at the time, but he went on to record more than 56 years of never missing a stated meeting.)  
... four men were made Entered Apprentice Masons on July 8, 1958.

### 100 YEARS AGO

In Gate City Lodge No. 2 a century ago ...  
... at the Lodge meeting on May 12, 1908, it was noted that WM **Walter D. Waitt** and several Past Masters were absent and attending the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, in Valdosta.  
... the Semi-Annual Financial report, presented at the meeting on June 23, 1908, noted that at the mid-point of the year 26 had been initiated, 18 passed, and 15 raised; in addition, there had been seven affiliations and one reinstatement; two members had demitted, one had been suspended, and there had been no deaths. Total membership was 392.  
... Gate City's delegates to the 1908 Fifth Masonic District Convention were WM **Walter D. Waitt**, MWGM **Thomas H. Jeffries**, and Past Masters **C. E. Hall** and **Joseph C. Greenfield**.

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### MASONIC JEWELS STOLEN

(THIS ITEM FROM VALLEY OF CHICAGO  
MEMORANDUM, JUNE 23, 2008)

On Sunday morning, June 22, 2008, between 2:00 and 4:00, the office of the Valley of Chicago, A&ASR, NMJ, was burglarized.

During the burglary, their secured vault was compromised. As a result, many of the Valley's precious metals and historic jewels were taken. Among those items removed from the vault include, but are not limited to:

- o Past Presiding Officer Jewels of the Lodge of Perfection; Council Princes of Jerusalem; Rose Croix; and Consistory; each inscribed "Property of AASR – Valley of Chicago" and properly numbered;
- o 33° Member Jewels;
- o Diamond Membership Pins;
- o Dudley and Elgin Masonic Watches;
- o Lapel Pins, Oriental Consistory;
- o Past Presiding Officer Jewels from various Grand York Rite Bodies;
- o Past Master Jewels from various Masonic Lodges; and
- o Other Masonic Jewelry and Historic Metals.

Should you happen to come across any suspicious items, on e-bay or other auction sites for example, please contact Gregory R. Klemm, MSA, 33°, at (800) 774-3467, ext. 302, or at [gregoryklemm@aol.com](mailto:gregoryklemm@aol.com).

### GACHIP

As mentioned in an article on page 2, on September 13, 2008, Gate City Lodge No. 2 will hold a GACHIP event at Rock Springs Presbyterian Church. GACHIP (Gorgia Child Identification Program), sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Georgia, is part of MASONICHIP, an initiative of North American Freemason's Grand Lodges, that generates "completed packs" of various identifying items of children for parents or guardians. MASONICHIP is recognized by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and received a special Award of Commendation from the NCMEC in February 2007.

GACHIP addresses the alarming fact that over 1,000,000 children are reported missing in the United States each year, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). On average, a child is reported missing every 43 seconds.

At GACHIP events, Masons provide the equipment, volunteers, and materials necessary to generate identifying items of children in "completed packs" (not kits to be filled out at home) to be taken home for safe keeping. In the event the child is missing, the GACHIP pack can aid law enforcement in recovery and identification. All the identifying items in the pack are provided at no cost to the general public.

Georgia Freemasons have been conducting child identification programs for a number of years and are proud to offer this expanded program called GACHIP. The previous program consisted of a single photo and fingerprinting. The new program adds a short video interview and a dental imprint called Toothprints. Toothprints is a technique developed by David Tesini, a Massachusetts children's Dentist and incorporated into CHIP by Dr. David Harte, a Massachusetts Freemason. These additions make CHIP the most comprehensive children's ID program available.

Gate City Lodge is proud to work with other Georgia Lodges to bring this wonderful program to the families of our state for the protection of all of our children

**GATE CITY TO HOLD  
ANNUAL COOK-OUT**

We're not sure the Lodge cook-out has been "annual" for the past few years, but if not it should be. This year's event will be on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Morningside home of WB **David Johnston** and his wife Beth. The address is 915 Berkshire Road, NE, Atlanta. If you need to call for any reason the number is 404-897-1602.

WB David says the men of the Lodge, with their ladies and families, should plan to arrive about 7:00 p.m. and leave about three hours later.

The Lodge will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. So that we can get a headcount for the food please e-mail that you will attend, [cdj@wjrlaw.com](mailto:cdj@wjrlaw.com).

Dress is casual (officers will not be in tuxes), it should be a warm evening around the pool

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