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Subject: Gate City II, Consideration for Lodge of the Year
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To the Officers and Directors of the Fifth Masonic District:

The members of Gate City wish consideration for Lodge of the Year in the Fifth Masonic District of Georgia.

Gate City continues to strive towards a formal representation of the ritual by constantly honing footwork, refining vocal presence, and continually improving its highly stylized visual presentation, all adhering to the Uniform Work. Our goal is to make the opening and closing rituals, as well as degree work, feel as timeless as the teachings of the craft itself, and to provide an experience similar to what one would have seen in the Eighteenth Century.

We are fortunate in that we have great Freemasons [like Joe Brooks, Jeff Hodges, Tom Lawrence and David Johnston] who have remained active and have been instrumental in honing and developing our six newest Master Masons (two of which are our Junior Steward and Tyler) who were all raised in the last nine months. From Tyler to Senior Warden there is no Past Master. Our entire line of officers combined, from Tyler to Worshipful Master, has fewer years in Freemasonry than our Fifth District Deputy to the Grandmaster, John T. Holt (who, by the way, attends most of our meetings and is an integral part of Gate City). We have three candidates under instruction who are scheduled to be raised this year. Our Masonic Education has included White Card work, the origin of the Templars, the differing lives of the Holy Saints John, and the stories behind Rosslyn Chapel. Further Masonic education this year will be more literary and geared towards the Enlightenment of seventeenth and eighteenth century Europe: The Masonic writings of Voltaire and Burns.

While we have seen new members, our focus is not so much on growth but self - improvement through Freemasonry in, among other things, community involvement. The mother in law of our Senior Deacon, Chris Wilson, was a victim of breast cancer.

On Saturday, July 28, 2007, Gate City held its first Bowling tournament to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The Susan G. Komen Foundation celebrates the survivors of breast cancer as well as honors those who have succumbed and looks

ultimately to the cure of the dreaded illness. Many of our wives and friends have been involved in the process by selling and mailing tickets, putting together teams, or general accounting. The event was attended by over 200 people and raised over eleven thousand dollars ($11,000.00).

We are now planning another event for Halloween, a masquerade ball, which we hope will raise over $5,000.00 for a charity to be selected and have started work on our Second Annual Midtown Bowl For The Cure.

Within the craft, Gate City members aided Duluth Lodge in procuring new tile for their floor at cost, donated tile for the York Rite Foyer, have helped others with ritual and coaching candidates, and are always willing to lend a hand or donate to a cause.

The officers and brethren of Gate City Lodge #2 appreciate your interest in and involvement with us, as well as your consideration of this nomination for Lodge of the Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Beaux Pettys, Worshipful Master