

Douglas Evans, Jr.

On February 9, 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia at a small community hospital in the heart of the Black community, called Southwest hospital ; was born a Son of humble beginnings. Born as Douglas William Evans, III; to the proud parents of Marion L. Lee and Douglas W. Evans, Jr.; though for much of his life, his mother would play the most important role in the development of his adolescence.

At age six, young Douglas' mother moved him away from a low income community to a house in the residential part of Atlanta's West Side. His mother also sought special permission for Doug to attend *Frederick Douglass High School* under Dr. Butts and Dr Hill. This school had a strong Magnet program where Doug took courses in Science and Engineering and he graduated with honors in 1990. In the fall of that year he decided to matriculate at the school of famous Alums such as Dr. Benjamin Mays, Dr. Martin King, Jr. and Maynard Jackson; by attending Morehouse College in Atlanta. After losing his financial aid and battling failing grades, Douglas sought employment with the *City of Atlanta's Police Department*.

In 1995, Bro. Doug again pursued his college studies by changing from a major in Business to an interest in English, due to his love of Literature, Law, and History. In 1992, Douglas and his mother experienced a life changing event. They won a trip to Africa sponsored by McDonalds Corp. and the Alex Haley family. The trip, hosted by Alex's son, Bill Haley, took a group abroad to West Africa during the summer for about 2 weeks. While in Senegal and more especially the Gambia, Brother Doug reached an epiphany "*at the point of no return*" where the Slaves were held before they sailed to the Caribbean and then America. It was the plane ride home from Africa that a school teacher on the flight lent him a copy of Georg G. M. James' book "*Stolen Legacy*". This book along with his experiences while in Africa forever changed his life and molded his spiritual and political views through the lens of Pan-Africanism. It was the history of the Moors as the custodians of African culture which all of civilization is built upon, that led him to join the *Moorish Science Temple* in 1994.

In 1994, Douglas joined the *Prince Hall Masonic Order*, which became a love and a passion of his at that time until the present day. He served the lodge as its Worshipful Master in 2002, and compiled the history of *W. C. Thomas Lodge #112* along with all of the lodges in Atlanta. He has done many historical lectures, including speaking to the Naval class at Dobbins Air Force Base for Black history month in 2003. He has compiled numerous histories and Masonic lectures, for which he has gained notoriety throughout the country.



Currently, Bro. Doug is the father of one 3 year old son, Douglas William Evans, IV. He now is employed with the Atlanta Police Department, where he is one of the first to help formulate the Police Crime Lab. He works in the field of Forensics as many have seen from television shows such as Bones, NCIS, and CSI. The most important event in his life next to having been married and becoming a father, or becoming a Prince Hall Mason, was graduating from Morehouse College with a B.A. in English in 1999. Douglas is the only Prince Hall Mason to have compiled an archive on Freemasonry and Black Atlanta at the Atlanta-Fulton County Library, Auburn Avenue Research Library, in down town Atlanta. He has also donated many books to the Library system, the AUC college library, and the Atlanta Public Schools, using his own money and resources. Bro. Doug has guest hosted on radio shows such as *1380 WAOK am* as the personality "Doug from Dunwoody". In 2006, he was appointed as Grand Historian for the Masons for the State of Georgia, which he reveres and helps to keep him busy throughout the year. In this capacity he has been asked to work on a display for the *Civil Rights Museum* in Savannah.