

# Douglas Evans, Jr.



Born in Atlanta, Georgia at a small community hospital in the heart of the Black community, was born a son of humble beginnings. He attended Frederick Douglass High School and graduated with honors in 1990. In the fall of that year he decided to matriculate at the school of famous Alums such Dr. Martin King, Jr. and Maynard Jackson; and the rich tradition of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays as President at Morehouse College in Atlanta. After losing his financial aid and battling with 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 on 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. 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 and it is here that he realized that the world was educated by the Moors of Northeast Africa.

Bro. Doug has 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 and many throughout Georgia. He has done many historical lectures, including speaking to the Naval class at Dobbins Air Force Base, the Dekalb Housing Authority, various churches for Black history month.. 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 8 year old son, Bro. Doug is now is employed with the Atlanta Police Department, where he is one of the first to help formulate the Atlanta Crime Lab. He works in the field of Forensics as many have seen from television shows such as Bones, NCIS, and CSI. Some more memorable events in his life next to having become a father, or becoming a Prince Hall Mason, was graduating from Morehouse College with a B.A in 1999. However, the most important event in his life is being with his best friend of the last 7 years, his lite, and love, his lovely wife LaKeisha Evans. Without her nothing matters. 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 and maintained that position until 2011. In this capacity he has been asked to work on a display for the Civil Rights Museum in Savannah and gives local history tours throughout metro Atlanta In 2008 Bro. Douglas lost his best friend for life, his mother Marion 'Deboe' Lee, and it is his mission to make her proud and be a good parent to his son. He is also a faithful member of an African centered church, Sankofa United Church of Christ, under Pastor, Rev. Derrick Rice; where he and his wife are in training as a Deacons. Bro. Doug is also an avid bowler, and considers his God given talent for history and research to be a blessing from God to help educate and liberate young and oppressed African-Americans. For historical lectures or Forensic services you can contact him at [douglas.evans3@yahoo.com](mailto:douglas.evans3@yahoo.com) .