



The Square and Compasses

The Quarterly Newsletter of
Douglasville Lodge #289 F&AM



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From the Master

Brethren the first quarter of the year has drawn to an end and with it the cold gray days of winter have been put to rest and the new birth of spring is upon us. Spring has always been my favorite season of the year and I look upon the spring season as time of personal renewal and growth. Spring also affords me the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and family members. Maybe it is a round of golf with an old friend on a beautiful spring morning or family cookout with the people I love and cherish the most.

The spring season also allows me the opportunity to participate in the many gatherings and functions that I have come to love and enjoy since joining Douglasville Lodge. We continue to hold our regular communications on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. We also have our annual fish fry, golf tournament, emeritus/widow/OES appreciation dinner, as well as a number of other events during the spring quarter. Here are a number of upcoming Lodge events:

- Traveling Lodge Night – 04/13
- Grand Visitation – 04/22
- Fish Fry – 05/01
- Traveling Lodge Night – 05/04
- Golf Tournament – 05/12
- Emeritus/widow/OES dinner – 05/22

I have come to realize that merely offering the brethren the opportunity to attend Lodge to witness the opening and closing, as well as the reading of minutes and paying of bills isn't much of a crowd-drawer so my "spring renewal" is to offer you more. Brethren I need your assistance though. I need to know what it is you want out of your Lodge. Do you desire – Speakers? Masonic education? Community activities? Family functions? The list is limitless in my opinion. Or do you simply desire to leave well enough alone – Open, read the minutes, pay the bills, close, turn out the lights and go home? I hope it is not the latter, but I look forward to your feed back, and hope to see you in Lodge or at a Lodge function soon.

From The Secretary

Brethren , My newsletter Article this Quarter consists of several items we need to take care of:

FOOD BANK, Brethren our food bank needs replenished. This is one of the ways we help a Brother or Friend in need. We are in need of non-perishable foods. Please remember this when you attend Lodge.

LIBRARY, Brethren we can use Masonic Related Books. We got the Library started and since then no books have been donated. If you bring books please give them to me so I can make a record of them.

WIDOW FUND: This fund is the best way we have of assisting a Widow in Distress. When a Brother dies this puts cash in her hands when she needs it most. All Members under the age of 55 are eligible to join. If you are not a member of the Widow Fund please consider joining. Just call me or send e-mail to-Douglasville289 @bellsouth.net or phone 770-942-2772.

PAST and COMING EVENTS: Brethren 2010 has started off real good. In January we have had several practice nights, the School of Instruction at the Masonic Center (Fellowship at the Varsity on the way home is excellent and the food is good). The GRAND Master Forum and Lodge Officers Work shop was real informative. On Jan. 28 we had a EA Degree which was very good. January was a good month for Fellowship and Instruction. In February we visited Palmetto Lodge and brought home the Palmetto Traveling Gavel. Then we visited Flint Hill Lodge and brought home the Hill-Ville Traveling Trophy. The meals and Fellowship at these visitations was great.

On Feb. 20, we held our annual Pan Cake Breakfast which was very good and the Fellowship was great. In March we visited Draketown Lodge where the Food and Fellowship was great. Draketown Lodge had the MM Degree which was very enjoyable. The Degree Work was very good. On March 20 we held our FAMILY & FRIENDS MOVIE Night. The Food & Fellowship was great. After the meal we enjoyed a very good movie. With all the special events and six very good Regular Communications the first quarter of 2010 was Very Good. If you missed out on these events and meetings you missed some Good Fellowship. Plan to attend in the Second Quarter and see what is planned. Up coming events are listed in the upcoming events section of this news letter.

Past Masters Note

Well a new year has begun. It looks as though the lodge is busy as ever. I have had the opportunity to attend lodge for the last few meetings. The officers are doing a great job conferring degrees. Toby has some great ideas. Please join me in supporting him throughout the year. He is working on a few things to assist in community service with some of our community leaders. He will be looking for some volunteers from time to time. Join in and help where and when you can. It will give you some personal satisfaction as well as help our community.

Your Brother and Friend
Scott Parsons
PM / Editor

Up Coming Events

April 6, Douglasville Lodge will visit Battle Hill Lodge and confer the **MASTER Mason Degree**,
April 8 we will have the **EA Degree** at our Lodge,
April 10 is Work Day at the Masonic Children's Home in Macon GA,
April 13 Visit Fairburn Lodge,
Apr 17, Work day at our Lodge to get ready for the Grand Master's visit on April 22,
May 1 is our Annual Fish Fry,
May 22 we will Honor our Emeritus Members, Widow's and the Eastern Star with an Appreciation Dinner. During April May and June watch out for Degree Work at our Lodge.

To keep up to date on Lodge activities, call the Lodge message machine anytime at: 770-942-4611 or look at the lodge web site for updates and calendars.
<http://www.douglasvilleglodge.org>

REMINDER

Regular Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. We eat at 6:30 p.m. and open Lodge at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring canned food to lodge on Meeting nights. Please remember that we need book donations for our Masonic library.

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Order of The Eastern Star

Worthy Matron: Dina Sullins
Worthy Patron: Brad Gardner
Secretary: Drusella Aldridge
Treasurer: Emmet McCall

As another Chapter year comes to a close, I would like to first thank our Worthy Matron, Sister Dina Sullins for a wonderful job this past year. After sitting in the West for a full year and being close to the action, I not only learned a great deal from Dina, I also realized what an important and sometimes stressful role is placed on the Worthy Matron. Dina is a great asset to the Chapter, to the lodge and a dear friend. It's sad to see her leave the East but I know, as my dearest friend, she'll be right beside me in my upcoming year. I look forward to a great year and am open to any suggestion that helps to further the wonderful relationship we have with our Mason's. There are a lot of fun things planned for this upcoming year as well as some good meals for the Thursday night lodge meetings. I hope to see everyone at the installation on April 10th at 6:00 p.m.

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York Rite Bodies Update

Douglasville York Rite Bodies will host a York Rite Festival on Saturday, May 8th. Registration at 7:30 Work at 8:30. All the York Rite Degrees and Orders will be conferred. Contact Clovis Ray, Leon Maples or Emmet McCall for petitions and additional information.

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