



The Square and Compasses

The Quarterly Newsletter of
Douglasville Lodge #289 F&AM



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WM Toby Foster / Scott Parsons PM Editor

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From the Master

Dear Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in electing me to the position of Worshipful Master of Douglasville Lodge #289. We have a very exciting year planned for 2010, and I encourage all members to participate as we work to make Douglasville Lodge a larger pillar in the community.

Our Lodge Committees have been assigned and are tasked with furthering the initiatives that make our fraternity a beacon for educated men in and about the community. The first quarter calendar and the committee membership list have been posted on the web site. If you find yourself on a committee, please contact the chairman and find out what the committee's mission and purpose are. Your participation is critical to the success of the Lodge. If you find that you are not on a committee and wish to get involved, please feel free to contact the good brother in charge, as I am sure that he will welcome any help he can get.

One of my goals this year is to start a Masonic Burial Team. We often must call on other districts or lodges to do Masonic Funerals. If you would like to be a part of this team please contact myself or Clovis Ray so that we can start getting the ball rolling.

In closing, if you have not attended Lodge in some time let me take this opportunity to personally invite you back. I encourage every brother to make a personal commitment to attend Lodge at least once a quarter. I hope to see each of you very soon.

Fraternally yours
Toby W. Foster
Worshipful Master
Douglasville Lodge # 289

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From The Secretary

Brethren.

I hope each of you had a very good Christmas and I wish for all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

There are several topics I wish to address in this News Letter.

COMING EVENTS: Regular Communication on January 14 and 28. We hope every Member will try to attend Lodge some this year.

We will have an Entered Apprentice Degree in January. Check the Lodge Phone for the date.

We will have a Pancake Breakfast in the middle of February. Also check the Lodge Phone for the Date.

On the January 14 meeting we will have an Official Visit by the District Deputy to the Grand Master.

WIDOW'S FUND: I would like to invite all Members 55 years old or younger who are not Members of the Widow's Fund to join the Widow's Fund. Brethren we are taught to Help, Aid and Assist all Distressed Widows. I don't know of a better way to assist a Widow at the death of a Brother than the Widow's Fund. It puts money in their hand when they really need it. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS.**

MASONIC FUNERALS: Several Brothers have requested to have Masonic Funerals. I will be starting a Computer List of Members requesting Masonic Funerals. If you would like to request a Masonic Funeral please send a letter or e-mail. Send Letters to Douglasville Lodge 289, P O Box 832, Douglasville, GA 30133 and e-mail to douglasville289@bellsouth.net, also notify your close family members of your request.

DUES: Brethren if you have not paid your 2010 dues please do so as soon as possible. Our By Laws states dues are to be paid by January 1st. Dues are what keeps the Lodge Operating.

UPDATE ADDRESS: Brethren if you move please notify the Lodge of your new address and if you change your e-mail address please notify the Lodge at douglasville289@bellsouth.net. If we do not have your e-mail address please send it.

Past Masters Note

Please join me in congratulating our new slate of officers. I am sure that they will continue to lead our Lodge as we go into this new decade. The world is changing around us. But we will always have a need for good leaders.

As you officers will soon find the job is a little more involved than you anticipated. This is an organization of team work. No one person can get the job done. Follow your hearts and surround yourself with good people.

If the Past Masters can help you in any way please do not hesitate to call on us.

Your Brother and Friend
Scott Parsons
PM / Editor

Up Coming Events

Jan. 14 – Regular Communication
Jan. 28 – Regular Communication
Feb. 11 - Regular Communication
Feb. 25 - Regular Communication.
Mar. 11 - Regular Communication
Mar. 25 - Regular Communication

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.douglasvillelodge.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

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope each and everyone of you had a safe and happy holiday season.

As we look at the beginning of a new year lets reflect on last year. As you may recall 2009 has been a somewhat sad year. We have lost many loved ones and have had allot of sickness. I pray for each family that has experienced this and hope that the new year will bring some happiness and good health. Let us also pray for our soldiers that were away from their loved ones and also their families. I hope that each of our soldiers return home safely soon.

I would like to congratulate the new Douglasville Lodge officers for 2010 and look forward to working with them for the remainder of my year as Worthy Matron of Douglasville Chapter #423. If I can do anything for anyone please do not hesitate to let me know.

In Star Love
Dina Sullins
Worthy Matron
Douglasville Chapter #423
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York Rite Bodies Update

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a successful New Year.

Douglasville York Rite Bodies lost
L. D. (Buck) Holcomb, Past Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of GA to death in April, 2009.
Brother Gilbert Aldridge who served The York Rite Bodies and The Order of The Eastern Stars faithfully for years also died October 17th 2009. These Brothers will be missed.

Douglasville York Rite Bodies received four new members during 2009. We are in the planning stage of hosting a York Rite Festival in early 2010.

Emmet McCall
Douglasville Commandery No. 40
Recorder