### DECEMBER 2018



### **NEWSLETTER**

#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

So many times things happen by circumstances and not by strategy. Often decisions are made by the circumstances. Imagine if we allowed our strategies to dictate our circumstances. Would the rules change? The strategy is a plan of action to achieve an overall aim and circumstances is an event or fact that's causes something to happen, typically something undesirable. Let this holiday season be filled with strategy of blessings and prosperity for everyone. As we come to the end of 2018 please take a moment to reflect on the people and things that you are thankful for in life. "Happy Holidays"

#### SECRETARY CORNER

- New website for Lodge 64 has been created. GAFOPLODGE64.com -This site contains information about the executive board, training, upcoming events, as well as a function where you can pay your dues.
- ◆ PayPal Here is the new way to pay your dues at the General meeting, if you don't have cash or a check. There is a convenience fee of \$5.00 that will be added to your dues for using this function.
- ◆WATCH YOUR MAIL!! Your 2019 invoices along with the membership and beneficiary update cards have been mailed to every member. When you complete the cards please mail them back ASAP. The Lodge must have the most accurate information on its members. The information is also being updated at the State and National FOP.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✓ No Meeting in December. The first meeting of 2019 will be Thursday, January 24, 2019.
- ✓ Training topics for the next 3 months:
  - ✓ January—Mental Health
  - ✓ February—Community Policing
  - ✓ March—Officer Involved Shooting

#### Congratulations to the 2018 Retirees

- Sat. Noland Ballard
- Sgt. Joyce Farmer
- Sat. Marion Griffin III
- Sat. Adrienne Grooms
- Dep. Ernest Jones
- Lt. Maryam Muhammad
- Dep. Eddie Robinson (aka "Pork Chop")
- Lt. Carey Steele
- Dep. Rosa Truitt
- Capt. Vicky White
- Dep. Troy Wilson



#### MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

- I would like to wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!
- "There is no such thing as a self-made man. You will reach your goals only with the help of others." - Anonymous



# 2018 - 12 (DEC 2018) PENSION REPORT SUBMITTED BY S. WOODALL (approved in Dec 2018)

#### DECEASED RETIREES Dec 2018: (5)

- 1) Janice Harbin Police
- 2) Robert Meyers Purchasing
- 3) Geraldine Daniels State Court
- 4) Patricia Hindsman Beneficiary
- 5) Reginald Dixon Parks and Rec
- 3.229 retirees
- 269 active employees awaiting retirement
- 18 Vested (not currently employed members who have not yet applied for retirement)
- Monthly Payroll cost \$ 11,649,514.32
- \$ 1,266,333,198.84 Fund Balance as of Dec. 8, 2018 from State Street Bank
- \$ 1,100,992,031.52 in Equity (Stocks) 86.95%
- \$ 144,792,662.98 Fix Income (bonds) 1143 of fund
- ♦ \$ 20,126,555.47 Cash Equivalent 1.59 % of fund (Cash equivalents are investments securities that are for short-term investing, and they have high credit quality and are highly liquid.)
- \$ 421,948.87 Cash 0.03%
- ◆ TOTAL OF FUND \$ 1,266,333,198.84 BILLION

\*\*Note from the Fulton County Pension Office\*\*

December 3, 2018 Dear Retiree:

This notice is to advise you that, due to a reporting error, the \$20.00 wellness credit was not processed for your December 1, 2018 check. The correction has been made and thus, both the arrears and current wellness credit will appear on your January 1, 2019 check. Please let us know should you have any additional questions/concerns pertaining to this matter. Our office number is 404-612-7606 or you can reach us via email at pension-unit@fultoncountyga.gov.

# COPS AND KIDS PECEMBER 8, 2018













THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR MAKING OUR COPS WITH KIDS A BIG SUCCESS!!

# Georgia State Lodge FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

#### Life Benefit

- All Members are Insured. Benefit Reduces 50% at Age 65.
- \$1,000 Member Life Benefit pays for a death from any cause,

## **Plan Highlights:**

Living, Benefit Rider/Accelerated Benefit Rider:

• Living Benefit Rider provides an advance payment of a portion (75%) of the death benefit in the case of terminal illness. The physical condition or illness must be Certified by a Physician that death is to be reasonably expected in less than 24 months. Receipt of the benefit will reduce the death benefit.

#### Bereavement Counseling Service;

 Professional counselors who are experienced with the needs of people associated with the death of loved one are available at no cost, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### WorldNet;

• While members are traveling, if something unexpected happens: sickness or injury-WorldNet Services provides assistance Whenever members are on a trip to a foreign country or 100 miles or more from home, they are eligible for a wide array of medical and travel assistance services. John L. Cipolla Insurance 800-733-5131

(For a complete copy of Benefits see Sis. A. Grooms or Sis. A. Thomas)



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NOTE\*\*\* These numbers are for the private use of Fraternal Order of Police Fulton County Lodge#64 members. Under NO circumstances will these numbers be used for sales, solicitation or any commercial purpose.\*\*\*





Continue to keep Sister Sandra Jackson and her family in your prayers as they continue during the healing process

#### **Sick and Shut In:**

- Bro. Melvin Bennet
- Bro. Robert Grady

If anybody has information of a member that is sick and/or shut in please to let us know.





#### Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery (CBOB)

#### The CBOB Nomination Period is open. Apply Now!

#### Nominations are due by 11:59 PM EST on February 15, 2019.

Every day, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers engage in exceptional acts of bravery while in the line of duty. Often, such acts place the officers involved at personal risk of injury or result in their sustaining a physical injury. To honor these acts of bravery, Congress passed the <a href="Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-298">Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-298</a>), creating the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery and the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery. The act establishes an award to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. The medals are awarded annually by the U.S. Attorney General and are presented by the recipients' Congressional representatives.

To meet the definition of An Act of Bravery, nominees for the Congressional Badge of Bravery must have either:

- 1. Sustained a physical injury while,
- 2. Engaged in the lawful duties of the individual, and
- 3. Performing an act characterized as bravery by the agency head who makes the nomination,
- 4. Being at personal risk.
- \*\*Although not injured, performed an act characterized as bravery by the agency head who makes the nomination that placed the individual at risk of serious physical injury or death
- \*\*Nominate a Law Enforcement Officer for the Congressional Badge of Bravery
- \*\*The Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a law enforcement officer in our country. This award honors federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers who have demonstrated exceptional bravery, risking serious injury or death in the line of duty.

Help us recognize these officers for their heroic actions by submitting nominations for this year's Badge of Bravery. To be considered for this award, officers must be **nominated by the head of their agencies by February 15**, **2019**. To help in writing your nominations, read nomination guidelines and stories of past recipients at the Badge of Bravery website.: BADGEOFBRAVERY.NCJRS.Gov



On 12/19/18 Past President of Fulton County Lodge 64 Howard Billingslea spoke before the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to plead for a C.O.L.A. (Cost Of Living Adjustment) for 200+ Pensioners that do not get a COLA raise due to being in an older pension plan than the 1991 Plan. Additionally he plead for all Active Employees to get a COLA. This was done in the Citizens Comment portion of the meeting. It is currently not a voting item for approval. This was a mere plea to ask it to be considered and placed on the agenda to vote.

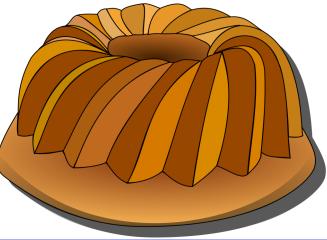


# SPECIAL THANK YOU

Bro. Charles E. Cooper for always blessings us with the delicious desserts







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