April 2019



Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A dream is the beginning of possibilities. Possibilities are things that could happen. Will you spend your time making other peoples dreams possible or will you make your dreams possible? Remember everything has a beginning, its up to you to take the first step in making your own dreams possible. Invest in yourself by showing your self-worth and others will do the same by investing in you. **Dreams can come true; JUST BELIEVE**.

" Doing More With Lodge 64"

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.

The new way to pay your dues at the General Meeting, if you don't have cash or a check. Please note there is \$5.00 fee for use of Pay Pal.

An additional way to pay your dues is with Cash App. Download the app from the App Store or Goggle Play Store. The name is **\$FCLODGE64**

2019 Member/Beneficiary Updates

We still need you to return your (white) Member/Beneficiary Update Card to receive your 2019 membership card. (This includes the active members too!) Contact Sis. Adrienne Grooms @ 404.444.8373 for any questions and/or assistance with obtaining another member update card.



Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 25, 2019, Training @ 5:00 p.m. & the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.



Upcoming Training Topics:

April - Juvenile Offender

May - Interpersonal Communication

June - Courtroom Testimony & Demeanor



Message from the Treasurer It's Scholarship Time



The 2019 John Halulka Jr. Member & Jimmy L. "Santa" Atkinson Spouse/Dependent Lodge Scholarship Applications are available. If you would like an application, please contact Sis. Adrienne Grooms @ 404.444.8373 or Sis. Andrea Thomas @ 678.576.7306. Deadline due date: May 1, 2019

Attention Lodge 64 Members



Fulton County Lodge #64 is comprised of several agencies and **we need help from you** to get activities, events, accomplishments and any other communication regarding your perspective agencies to us to publish in our newsletters. Please contact Sis. Adrienne Grooms, 404.444.8373 or Sis. Andrea Thomas, 678.576.7306.



Message from the Pension Board

- New pension applications were approved for 5 retirees.
- Gary Stiles reported that Board Attorney Michael Kramer has been researching other plans to determine
 if there is a reduction in spousal benefits in reference to an age difference between the spouse and the
 deceased retiree.
- ♦ Board Attorney Michael Kramer reported on HB 196, which is a bill sponsored by the Georgia Association of Public Pension Trustees. This bill will require all trustees in the State of Georgia to complete educational training in order to serve on a Board.
- ♦ Bryce Riddle reported there are currently 3,214 retirees. There are currently 244 active employees in the defined benefit plan. Of those waiting to retire, 18 are fully vested.
- ◆ The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Fund Balance for the month ending January 31, 2019 was presented. Fund Balance is \$1,300,078,510. Contribution for the month of \$5.4 million. Appreciation on investments were a little over \$82 million.
- Chawanis Ash reported on the RSS (Retiree Self Service) System. A module was tested by Board members and there were problems logging into the system but IT has now fixed the problem. They have given a tentative go live date of April 26, 2019. The Pension Office is working on a way to communicate this information to retirees once this goes live. Wanda Messina indicated she would request an article be placed in the FCREA newsletter. Information will be provided in that article requesting that if an email address has not been provided to the County, retirees should email Pension-Unit@fultoncoutyga.gov with RSS in the subject line.

Deceased Retiree Report:

♦ Adult Probation: Harvey Cooper District Attorney: Don E'Dalgo, Jr.

♦ General Services: Marquerite Holdbrook Library: Arthur O'Connor

◆ Police: Jerry Bishop Sheriff: Yvonne Fears

Public Works: Curtis Baswell

♦ Beneficiaries: Edith Luck, Gale Wallace, Mary Parker, Mary Ann Williams

Polo & T- Shirts Sale

Fulton County Lodge#64 Polo and T-Shirts with the lodge slogan of "Doing More With Lodge 64" on the back. The colors are: *T-shirts*: Prairie Dust (khaki) and Brown Savana for the Polos.

Prices: T-shirts: Large to X-Large 2X—4X \$10. Polo Shirts: Large to X-Large, 2X - 4X \$15.

Show your pride for the Lodge #64 with a purchase.







We can mail all purchased items with payment via USPS



DO YOU KNOW THESE WORDS? THEY ARE ALL FOP RELATED



- TountnCulyFo _____ rFnatrale _____
- derOr _____
- - ciepol _____
- dogeL
- rtsxu iyof _____ rHoon _____
- tbrhroe _____
- setsir

Unscramble these words & bring the answers with you to the General meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2019. Submit your name to win a door prize. You must have all the correct words to win.

Induction Ceremony



The first Induction Ceremony for 2019 was held on March 28, 2019 on the lodge's 35th Anniversary. There were 12 members that were inducted into the Order. The members were: Sis Terrie DeFreitas, Bro. Gary Reid, Bro. Gil Francois, Sis. Joyce Farmer, Bro. Emanuel Brown-Jackson, Sis. Cheryl Limehouse, Bro. Dexter Mabry, Bro. Albert Gachett, Sis. Carolyn Koonce, Sis. Cerrina Leeks, Bro. Kelvin Harlemon and Bro. Marcel Reed. Lodge 64 welcomes you to the family.



































Georgia FOP 2019 Scholarship Awards

Blueline Lawyer Scholarship

Member James C. Roberts Sgt. D P Land Memorial Lodge #82

Truett Cathy Scholarship

Dependent Candace Steine Kermit Sanders Lodge #813

Georgia FOP Scholarships

Dependent Morgan Alison Gaynor Kermit Sanders Lodge #13

Dependent Shelby Anne Patterson Georgia Ranger Lodge #104

Dependent Taryn J York Lookout Mountain Lodge #86

Dependent Leah Cole Lookout Mountain Lodge #86





The Fulton County Attorney presented Proposed Item #19-0221– proposal to abolish the Personnel Board and replace it with a Hearing Officer.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, The Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted 4 to 2 to abolish the Personnel Board and replace it with a Hearing Officer. *This means that the Civil Service Act will change from multiple people deciding the disciplinary appeals to a single person making the decision of the disciplinary appeals.* Will this become a single point of failure for the employer /employee or will it be beneficial for both?

Fulton County Sheriff's Office

- 1. Bro. Charles Cheppard
- 2. Bro. Leon Brooks
- 3. Bro. Joe X. Combs III
- 4. Sis. Karen Fears
- 5. Bro. Wesley Garrett
- 6. Sis. Le'Vern Sanford
- 7. Sis. Jessica Walton

Reinstated members

- 1. Bro. Anthony Burgess
- 2. Bro. Thomas Hubbard
- 3. Sis. Daphine West





Welcome Family We would like to extend a great big "THANK YOU"" to Bro. John "J-Bolt" Green for all that he does seen and unseen for Fulton County Lodge #64:









A big **THANKS** to the Motor Unit for their participation with The City of Union City Parade on Saturday, April 9, 2019 celebrating and kicking off their 2019 Baseball Season. Special thanks to Bro. Charles "Charlie-O" Marbury, Bro. Reginald "K-9" Burley & Bro. Fred "Jolly" Allen









FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE

The City of Union City Parks and Recreation is offering free exercise classes on Tuesday & Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 6280 Bryant Street, Union City, Georgia 30291. This is the new gym.

Everyone is welcome!





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- Continue to keep Sis. Mae Bullard and her family in your prayers.
- Continue to keep Sis. Sandra Jackson and her Mother, Mrs.
 Gwendolyn Jackson in your prayers.

When you help someone, you make them feel good, but you make yourself feel even better.

Sick and Shut In:



- Sis. Denise Brooks
- ⋄ Sis. Denise McCray
- Bro. Labarron Woodward
- **Bro. Melvin Bennett**
- **Bro. Warren Leon**
- Bro. Shon Woodall
- **Bro. Cecil Pace**
- Mr. Bernard McClarin



If anybody has information on a member and/or their family member that is sick and/or shut in please let us know @ 404.767.0501.



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"Those who dare to fail miserable can achieve greatly"

John F. Kennedy



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