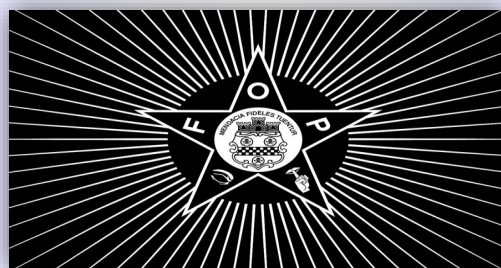


## March 2026

## Newsletter



## "President's Message"

### Acceptance: The Quiet Strength That Changes Everything

Acceptance doesn't mean we agree with or like what has happened. It simply means we acknowledge it. And in that acknowledgment, something shifts. We create space for clarity, for healing, and for growth. Acceptance is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of a new chapter, where we can move forward lighter, wiser, and more grounded in who we are becoming moving toward to our next step.

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### Secretary Corner

CallingPost is the platform that is used to send out information pertaining to meetings, training, events for the Lodge. It is sent to the email address and phone number that we have on file for you. **To receive the text message, it will come from "24251"** You must open the text and **type OK** in order for you to receive the text messages. **If you**

**have unsubscribed in error to receive the emails from CallingPost, you will have to go to <https://apps.callingpost.com/email/subscribe>**

**Once there, you will enter your email address and click on the "Yes subscribe to emails" button.**

### fyi

Just a reminder as of March 01, 2026 there will be a \$10.00 late fee for all renewing members. Retired dues is now \$100 and Active dues is \$150.

Dues can be paid by cash, check/money order made payable to "Fulton County Lodge 64", or PayPal by going to the Lodge website:

**[gafoplodge64.com](http://gafoplodge64.com)** and clicking on "Pay My Dues Online" then scrolling to the PayPal prompt, or by **ZELLE** using **[lodge64treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:lodge64treasurer@gmail.com)**. On the memo line, put your first and last name

**\*\*Please update your contact information ASAP. Send all correspondence to Secretary A. Grooms at [adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com](mailto:adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com).\*\***

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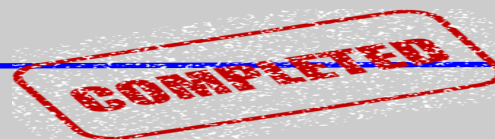
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### **\*\*2026 General Meeting & Training Location\*\***

**General Meeting, Thursday  
March 26, 2026 @ 6PM**

**Training starts at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Investigative Process**

**Woodward Academy Cafeteria  
1662 Rugby Ave.  
College Park, GA 30337**



- ◆ April 18, 2026 at 0800hrs Use of Human Trafficking and Gang Awareness will be held at The College Park Public Safety Complex - 3717 College St. College Park, GA 30337.

**\*\*Look for the CallingPost notification to sign up with Bro. E. Carter for the classes\*\***

# "Lodge 64 on the Move"

**fyi** Did you know that our very own President Charlene Heard has thrown her hat into the race for the 2nd Vice President position with the Georgia State Lodge. She needs our help and support. Contact Sis Andrea Thomas, 706.536.9362 to find out how you can support her.



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March 14, 2026

**Letter of Intent**  
**Charlene Heard, President of Lodge 64**  
**Candidate for Second Vice President**

Georgia State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I respectfully announce my candidacy for **Second Vice President of the Georgia State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.**

The Fraternal Order of Police has always been a powerful voice for law enforcement officers and our families. I am committed to strengthening that voice by supporting our local lodges, advocating for our members, and helping advance the mission of our organization across the State of Georgia.

If elected, I will work to promote unity among our lodges, actively support legislation that protects law enforcement professionals, and ensure our members continue to receive the representation and the resources they deserve.

I would be honored to serve as Second Vice President of the Georgia State Lodge and respectfully ask for your support and your vote.

Fraternally,

*Charlene Heard*

Candidate for Second Vice President  
Georgia State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police



Contact Sis. Andrea Thomas  
678.576.7306

# "Lodge 64 Training"



On Saturday, February 21, 2026, the Fulton County Lodge 64 Training Committee held two post accredited training classes at College Park Public Safety Complex located in College Park, GA. Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options was instructed by Bro. Elbert Carter and Community Policing was instructed by Bro. Ronnie Wyatt. These classes are apart of the core training that officers must have in order to maintain their POST certification.

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**IMPORTANT NEWS**

The cost for the FOP Legal Defense Plan - Active Members:

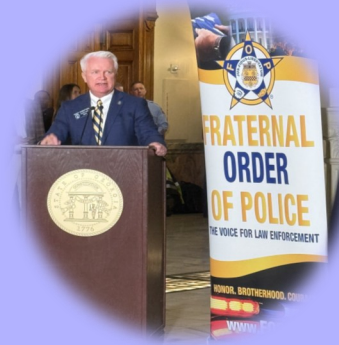
- **Full Coverage (ABC): \$396 / Civil/Criminal Coverage (BC): \$84**
- **Comprehensive Legal Coverage** - Access to attorneys 24/7 for both on- and off-duty incidents, ensuring your members always have immediate, reliable support.
- **Peace of Mind and Financial Security** – Minimize personal financial risk from expensive legal fees so officers can confidently perform their duties without worry.
- **Defense Tailored for Law Enforcement** – Specialized legal representation specifically trained to handle cases involving officer-involved shootings, critical incidents, disciplinary matters, and more.
- **Trusted Advocacy and Support** – Backed by the FOP's longstanding reputation for protecting officers' rights, your members know they have strong advocacy whenever and wherever it's needed. And you, as the administrator, have direct access to our enrollment administration and claims partners for support as you need it.
- **Retired Members:**  
The Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Plan offers specialized coverage to protect retired law enforcement officers facing legal challenges related to concealed carry incidents.

**Join today for \$75/year.** Questions: call 800-341-6038 or email [info@foplegal.com](mailto:info@foplegal.com) for assistance.

# "FOP Day On The Hill"



The "Fraternal Order of Police Day On The Hill" was held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the Georgia State Capital. There were representatives from various law enforcement agencies as well as members of Lodge 64 Executive Board and lodge members. The focus of the event was getting the passage of the SB 285 POAB Bill and SB 268 the HALO Bill. We were successful in getting the POAB bill passed out of the Senate and House and is currently being sent to the Governor's desk for consideration. The HALO Bill is still going through committees and we are hopeful that it would be passed in its current form. The FOP Day on the Hill is a great way for you to get to know your representatives and for them to see the many faces of the Law Enforcement community.



# "FOP State Scholarships"



The Georgia State Lodge is offering 5 - \$1,000 scholarships to eligible members and their families. The types of scholarships are as follows:

- ◆ Jeff Wiggs Scholarship—named in honor of the state’s past president for dedication to the FOP
- ◆ Truett Cathy Scholarship - members who have volunteered and served their communities while attending school
- ◆ Stan Elrod Scholarship - named in honor of our member Stan Elrod who was killed in the line of duty while training
- ◆ 1 unnamed scholarships
- ◆ Blueline Lawyer Scholarship - funded by Lance and Barbara Lorusso awarded to a member attending law school. Seeking a Criminal Justice Degree or a paralegal.

The period to apply is from January 31, 2026 to April 1, 2026. There must be a recommendation letter from either President Heard or Lodge State Trustee Jarvis included with the complete package. Contact the State Lodge at 770.485.7180 Dana Atwood [gafopstatelodge@gmail.com](mailto:gafopstatelodge@gmail.com) for additional information. Winners will be notified via email no later than JULY 1, 2026.

**COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE GEORGIA STATE LODGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2026.**

Scholarships



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**Lodge 64 Scholarship  
will be open:**

**April 1 - May 31, 2026**

Email or text to Sis. Andrea Thomas, [lodge64treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:lodge64treasurer@gmail.com). Include your full name & the type of application that you’re requesting.

# "Doing more with Lodge 64"

"Welcome to the best lodge in GA"

## Members and Agencies

- ◆ Kimberlee Coll - Retired APD
- ◆ George Denkins - Retired APD
- ◆ Andre' Franklin - Retired APD
- ◆ Carla Grant - Reinstated FCSO
- ◆ Isaac Gray - Woodward Academy
- ◆ Michael Lewis - Retired APD
- ◆ Simon Scott - MARTA PD
- ◆ Evan Shaw - FCSO

# WELCOME!

You won't always  
find glory in this  
job, but you will  
find purpose, and  
that's all that  
matters.



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# POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continue to keep the family of Bro. Corey Robbins in your prayers on his recent passing.

We never lose our loved ones. They accompany us; they don't disappear from our lives. We are merely in different rooms."  
PAULO COELHO



# GET WELL



- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Sis. Gloria Hodgson
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Dexter Henry
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Reginald Burley
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Charles Cooper Sr.



**\*Do you know of any member that maybe sick and/or in distress. Call 404.767.0501 and leave a message.\***



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***"A calm mind brings inner strength and self-confidence"***  
*14th Dalai Lama*

*Membership Applications QR Code*



**To truly serve means  
to listen, to care, and  
to never lose sight of  
the humanity we all  
share.**



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