FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, FULTON COUNTY LODGE # 64

June 2025





Newsletter





President's Message



Farewell to Brother Renaldo "Street" Weekes Jr.



Life is full of swift transitions. The passing of Brother Weekes was truly an unexpected and swift transition. His presence at Lodge 64 events will be missed. Brother Weekes was always willing to help out wherever needed. Brother Weekes "aka" Street was a member of the lodge motor-unit where he served as the Secretary. Brother Weekes would often be seen at our General meetings, Annual Cops & Kids Events taking photos of the families and officers that participated and any special occasions within the lodge. Farewell Brother Weekes, rest in peace. Thank you for your service.

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.



Fulton County Lodge 64 website: "GAFOPLODGE64.com"

Does the Lodge have your current address phone number and email address? Information is sent to members by the information that is on file for you. If you have moved, phone number change, etc., it is your responsibility to notify the Secretary of these changes. On the Lodge website under Membership Applications is a "Membership Update Card". It's a fillable PDF where any updated information can be made.

Any updates can be sent to Secretary A. Grooms at adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com



2025 General Meeting & Training Location



General Meeting, Thursday June 26, 2025 @ 6PM

Training starts at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Diversity Training Cultural Competency

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

*Light Refreshments will be served *

Upcoming Training Topics

- Firearms re-qualifications date is June 28, 2025.
- Future training classes for the second half and range dates are TBA

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

"Congratulations Lodge 64"



On June 14, 2025 at the Georgia FOP Full Board Meeting, Fulton County Lodge #64 was awarded the Major, Lodge of the Year Award. President Charlene Heard, First Vice President Howard Billingslea and State Lodge Trustee Eardley Jarvis were present to receive the award. Great Job for all of the hard work that the Lodge has done. Lodge 64 has done it again!

"Doing more with Lodge 64"









"Fulton County Lodge 64 Casino Trip"



On June 7, 2025, members of Fulton County Lodge 64 and friends traveled to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino in Murphy, North Carolina for the lodge Foundation fund raiser to raise funds for the Lodge Foundation Community Service Events. Mr. Paul, the bus driver of Charter Up Transportation got us there safely even with the scenic view. Once at the casino, people tried their luck. There were some small winners and a few big winners, however the ultimate goal was to fellowship and have a great time for a worthy cause. Thank you Members, Family and Friends of Lodge 64 for your support. We had a AWESOME time.





























CASHOUT VOUCHER









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Georgia State Lodge Scholarship Winners







On June 14, 2025, at the State FOP full board meeting held at the Houston Sheriff's firearms training center, the announcement of the winners of the scholarships awards were made. Each scholarship awarded were in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Congratulations to the winners!

- ♦ Blueline Lawyer Scholarship was awarded to Mark Newberry of Lodge #41
- ♦ Jeff Wiggs Scholarship was awarded to Bryan Collazo Dependent Lodge #13
- Truett Cathy Scholarship was awarded to Braxton Kitchens Dependent Lodge #13
- ◆ Stan Elrod Scholarship was awarded to Jeb Carson Dependent Lodge #104
- Victoria Fussell was awarded a scholarship Dependent Lodge #98
- Huntley Cox was awarded a scholarship Dependent Lodge #104





The 2025 Fulton County Lodge #64, Scholarship Committee selected two (2), scholarship awardees that are eligible to receive up to \$1,000.00 to assist with them furthering their education. They are as follows:

\$-Jimmy L. "Santa" Atkinson Spouse/Dependent Scholarship:
Miss Kayla White, daughter of Bro. Walter White

\$-John L. Halulka Jr, Member Scholarship: Sis. Vivian Dixon Bradford.

A great big shout out to the best Scholarship Committee members are: Sis. Adrienne Grooms, Sis. Sheila Rogers, Bro. Eddie Robinson, Bro. Reginald Phillips and Sis. Andrea Thomas, Chairperson.

"Union City Parks and Recreation

Miracle League Baseball "



On June 12, 2025, members of Fulton County Lodge 64 participated with the Union City Parks and Recreation Miracle League Baseball games on the field designed for them. This field was specifically designed to allow the kids that participate with the Miracle League baseball, to be able to get the experience of being out on an actual grass like/turf baseball field. The baseball game had to be relocated inside at The Gathering Place gymnasium when the rain started. Children involved in this program range from ages 3-19 with various physical and or mental disabilities. Volunteers assist the children that made up two teams with batting, fielding and running bases. Kudos to the members of Fulton County Lodge 64 that came out and participated.















"Training"



From the desk of Bro. Attorney Lance Lorusso, Esq.:

We had such an overwhelming response to our last K9 Use of Force webinar that we are bringing you an expanded broadcast on July 1, 2025 from 12:00 - 13:00 ET.

I am honored to be joined again by **Matt Rook** of <u>Hurricane Creek K9</u> to expand upon our discussion of the unique legal issues for K9 Use of Force we began in Part 1.

New Case Law: Since our last session, the US Supreme Court has issued it's ruling in Barnes v Felix. This is critical for all K9 handlers. Also, as a law enforcement leader, it is important for you to understand the unique issues facing your special units.

Click here to download the White Paper on Barnes v Felix from LoRusso Law Firm.

The webinar is NO COST for law enforcement.



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Fulton County Sheriff's Office

Kenneth Elmore - Retired

Other Agencies

- Wesley Bass South Fulton PD
- Michael Elliott South Fulton PD
- Ebonique Heywood GA State Univ PD
- Lamar Maddóx South Fulton PD
- Alton Starr Jr. East Point PD
- Fritz Sulfradin South Fulton PD



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 Continued prayers to the Weekes family on the recent passing of Bro. Renaldo Weekes

"It is not the length of life, but the depth of life."





GET WELL



- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Evans Lafond
- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Hal Hardy Sr.
- Continue to pray for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Charles Dallas



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"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken"
Oscar Wilde

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