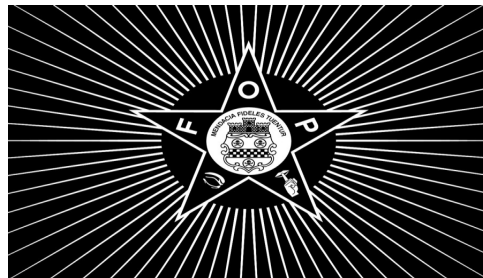


November 2021



Happy Thanksgiving



Newsletter



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### How Firmly Are Your Feet Planted In Your Convictions?

Conviction is a firmly held belief or opinion. How firmly are your feet planted in your convictions? Are they planted so deep that you cannot reach your goals? Be steadfast in your convictions yet know that sometimes you have to be flexible with your convictions in order to achieve your goals. Convictions can make or break a situation. Have you ever changed your convictions?

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## SECRETARY CORNER

The website for Fulton County Lodge 64 is "[GAFOPLODGE64.com](http://GAFOPLODGE64.com)".

**Invoices have been mailed out to the addresses on file. For 2022 membership dues. All dues should be paid by December 31, 2021 without a late fee.**  
**Active - \$120.00**  
**Retired - \$60.00**

**Payment Options:** You can pay your dues at the General Meeting, Pay Pal Here or Cash App. **Please note there is a \$5.00 fee to use PayPal.** The Cash App name is: **\$FCLODGE64**

**If your mailing or email address or telephone # has changed, send an email to [adriennegrooms@fop.net](mailto:adriennegrooms@fop.net) with the updated information to ensure that you receive lodge correspondence. Questions call 404.767.0501.**

The Lodge uses **CallingPost** to send information to members concerning General Meeting dates, etc. The post is sent via text and email. When you receive a text, it will come from "**242-51**". It will give a message that Fulton County FOP has sent you an important message using CallingPost. To receive reply "**OK**" (**type the actual word**). The Lodge newsletter is emailed every month to all members from this email address:

[adrienneblackie@icloud.com](mailto:adrienneblackie@icloud.com)



**\*\*Next Meeting Different Location\*\***

**General Meeting, Thursday, December 16, 2021 @ 5:00 PM at**

**The Gathering Place Community Center "Auditorium" (old elementary school in Union City) 6280 Bryant Street, Union City, 30291**



**There will be *no* training at this meeting**

*\*Light Refreshments will be served\**

We are working on a QRC code for the Fulton County Lodge 64 membership applications. We are presently in a testing period. Try it and let us know your thoughts! Thank you



TRY

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## It is election time for your Fulton County Lodge 64, Executive Board Officers, 2022-2024 term.

At the General Meeting held on Thursday, November 16, 2021, the following nominations were made for the 2022-2024 Executive Board positions:

President

Sis. Charlene Heard  
Bro. William Parker Jr.

1st Vice President

Bro. Howard Billingslea  
Sis. Priscilla Orr

2nd Vice President

Bro. Elbert Carter

Secretary

Sis. Adrienne Grooms

Treasurer

Sis. Andrea Thomas

Lodge Trustee

Bro. Eardley Jarvis

Sgt. At Arms

Bro. Jerome Hull

Chaplain

Bro. Alfred Francois  
Sis. Anita Cody

There were five (5) positions that were unopposed and three (3) positions opposed. The ballots have been mailed. Please complete your ballot and return it to the lodge as soon as possible via mail or they can be dropped off at the lodge and/or placed via the mail slot at the lodge. All ballots must be submitted by Thursday, December 16, 2021 by 3:30 p.m.

Union City Parks and Recreation Presents

# MIRACLE LEAGUE

BASEBALL REGISTRATION



Union City Parks and Recreation is now accepting registration for GAME 2 of the Miracle League.

Participants must be between the ages of 3 to 19 with any physical or mental disability.

**December 9, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

The Gathering Place  
6280 Bryant Street  
Union City, Georgia

For More Information, Contact Lee Blich or Meletta Clayton  
770-892-6288





Fraternal Order of Police , Fulton County Lodge #64

# "Cops & Kids" Christmas Event



Walmart

844 Cleveland Ave  
Atlanta, Georgia 30344

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.





# Doing More With Lodge 64

On Tuesday, September 28 2021, and October 12, 2021, members of Lodge 64 assisted Bro. Alfred Francois', at the "The Church of God For All Nations, Inc." with it's Food Pantry. A big "Thank You" to: President Charlene Heard, Sis Andrea Thomas, Sis. Shirlye Green, Sis. Loretha Banner, Sis. Pam Mitchell, Sis. Ruby Smith, Bro. Teddy Randolph, Bro. Robert Price, Bro. Howard Billingslea, Bro. Charles Cooper, Bro. Dwight Watkins, Bro. Walter White, Bro. Jerome Hull, Bro. Rudolph Stafford, Bro. Milton Weaver, Bro. Eardley Jarvis, Bro. Leighton Graham and Bro. Alfred Francois.

***"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless"***

*Sherry Anderson*





# Lodge 64 Volunteer Appreciation

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, Lodge 64 Volunteers were appreciated by President Charlene Heard for their perseverance, dedication and relentless volunteering with Lodge 64 community service projects in 2021. We could not have done it without them. Thank You to some of the "Awesome" members that make up the best lodge "Fulton County Lodge 64" !



Bro. Howard Billingslea



Bro Charles Cooper



Sis Loretha Glenn-Banner



Bro. Charles Marbury



Bro. Dwight Watkins



Bro. Eddie Robinson



Bro. Eardley Jarvis



Bro. Jerome Hull



Bro. Robert Price

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# Lodge 64 Volunteer Appreciation



Sis Shirlie Green



Bro. Teddy Randolph



Bro. Milton Weaver



First Lady Mrs. Francois



Mr. Alfred Francois III  
accepting on behalf of



Bro. Renaldo Weekes



Sis LaPrincess Jenkins



Bro. Aubrey Roberts



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# LEGAL UPDATE

## **INTERVIEW REQUESTS FROM THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANTI CORRUPTION**

### **UNIT: From The Jones Law Firm, LLP**

Fulton County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers ("LEOs"), both present and past, are receiving interview requests in regard to criminal investigations from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office's Anti Corruption Unit ("ACU"). This article will discuss how LEOs should deal with an ACU interview request. While concentrating on what is transpiring in Fulton County, the information in this article would be applicable to LEOs in other counties who are contacted by criminal investigators.

The ACU is a section of the Fulton County District Attorney's Office that District Attorney Fani T. Willis formed when she took office. The ACU is tasked with reviewing open cases from the former administration - as well as any new cases - in regard to LEOs' use of force, inmate deaths at the Fulton County Jail, and corruption based matters. Some of these open files date to incidents that took place in 2016. The ACU reviews these files, contacts witnesses, gathers additional information, and submits its findings to D.A. Willis who decides how to proceed. If D.A. Willis believes that a criminal prosecution is warranted she will instruct her staff to present a proposed indictment to the Grand Jury.

As the ACU conducts criminal investigations any interview with them would not be protected under Garrity. Accordingly, any information provided can be used against the LEO in a criminal prosecution. The Jones Law Firm urges any LEO contacted by the ACU to take prompt action and contact an attorney as soon as possible for advice on how to proceed. If the LEO is a member of the FOP Legal Defense Plan ("Plan") he or she can submit an online claim form to request coverage. The link to this form is: [https://www.foplegal.com/claim\\_form.html](https://www.foplegal.com/claim_form.html) The Plan web site also has a list of Plan approved attorneys, but the LEO is not limited to using a Plan attorney.

In addition to obtaining an attorney the LEO must gather all relevant reports and agency SOPs in regard to the incident. LEOs must find out if their agency requires them to respond to/acknowledge the ACU investigator's communication and/or to notify someone in their agency of the inquiry. For example, The Fulton County Sheriff's Office makes such a requirement, but also states that the LEO is not compelled to speak with the ACU and that they can have their attorney contact the ACU.

While The Jones Law Firm does not concede that an agency can require a LEO to respond to an ACU communication, a LEO must look to their agency's rules and follow them so as to avoid a potential disciplinary action for failure to comply with policy and/or for insubordination. However, that being said, no agency should require the LEO to submit to an interview. These are criminal investigations and LEOs, like any other persons, have constitutional rights against possible self incrimination.

Given the above, the need for legal representation is obvious.

Should the LEO speak with ACU personnel and participate in an interview? This is a difficult question and The Jones Law Firm starts with the premise that the LEO should not. When representing LEOs in these situations we contact the ACU, inform them that we represent the LEO, and state that all further communication in regard to the investigation should be directed to us and not to our client. We inquire if our client is the subject/target of the investigation or is a witness, and then ask what information they seek from our client.

Obviously, we much prefer to learn that our client is a witness rather than a subject/target. But, unfortunately, this status can change - and the ACU makes that fact clear. In cases in which the ACU has informed us that our client is a witness they added the caveat that the status can change and a witness, based on information gathered, can become a subject/target. That means if a LEO does decide to participate in an interview, he or she could enter the interview as a witness and leave as a subject/target of the investigation.

Complicating matters is that the ACU has been reluctant to advise us of the proposed interview questions. Also, thus far, they have refused to provide any sort of protection/immunity for the information given by the LEO under some sort of proffer letter which sets out how the information provided can or cannot be used against the LEO in a future proceeding.

Given the current state of affairs our advice to LEOs contacted by the ACU is 1, do not ignore the matter; 2, obtain an attorney; 3, ascertain their agency's requirements as to their duty to respond to the inquiry and to inform their command staff or other person; 4, gather all available SOPs, reports, etc.; and 5, do not discuss the case with anyone except their legal team. Once the attorney has reviewed the matter and the necessary information has been gathered, then a decision can be made as whether to participate in an interview. We also urge LEOs who work in other Counties to follow this advice.

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The Jones Law Firm, LLP





# POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continue to keep Sis Josephine Burley in your prayers with the recent passing of her brother and Bro. Reginald Burley, Bro. Rodney Burley with the passing of their uncle and Bro. Christopher Burley, great uncle, Mr. Berry J. Farmer Jr.
- ◆ Continue to keep Bro. Renaldo Weekes in your prayers with the recent passing of his sister Ms. Patricia Davis.
- ◆ Continue to keep the family of Bro. Clarence Black in your prayers with his recent passing
- ◆ Continue to keep the family of Bro. Martin Tuohy in your prayers with his recent passing



## Get Well



- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Rodney "Cowboy" Burley
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Roderick Bradford
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Dante Pounds
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Donald Jardes
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Sis. Sylvia Sheppard
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Sis. Mae Bullard
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Edward Gilmore
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for the mother of Bro. Damien Butler
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Sis. Dorothy Brooks

Don't forget to let us know if you have knowledge of any member sick and/or in distress of any form. Call 404.767.0501 and let us know. We are in this together!







# DISCLAIMER

## The Fraternal Order of Police, Fulton County Lodge#64

Does not provide nor sponsor a daily, weekly or monthly prayer line in which motivational or inspirational texts are sent to your telephone. Your personal information is not sold nor provided to anyone for that purpose. If you are asked and/or solicited by anyone to include members of the lodge, etc. for your personal contact information, you should question the purpose. Please govern yourselves accordingly. If you have questions and/or concerns regarding this matter contact President Charlene Heard, 404.680.0071.

*{ The Fraternal Order of Police, Fulton County Lodge #64 will not be held responsible or liable in any way for any claims, damages, losses, expenses, cost or liabilities whatsoever resulting directly or indirectly for any unauthorized telephone calls or texts that you receive from any third person be them a member of the lodge or not regarding inspirational or motivations of any kind }*

## CHECK OUT THE FULTON COUNTY LODGE #64 WEBSITE

Find information from:

- ◆ National FOP
- ◆ Georgia FOP
- ◆ Meeting dates
- ◆ Training dates
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Our Local Fallen



- ◆ Scholarship Applications & Information
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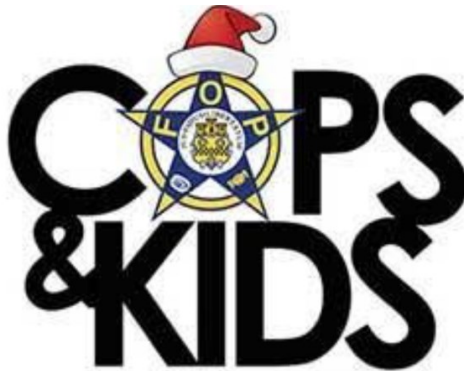
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Fulton County Lodge #64  
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*"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country".  
John F. Kennedy*



**REMEMBER TO:**

- \*Wear a face mask**
- \*Maintain 6 ft of distance**
- \*Wash your hands for 20 seconds**
- \*Eat a little more healthy**
- \*Simple physical exercises**



***Fulton County Lodge #64***

***"Doing More With Lodge #64!"***