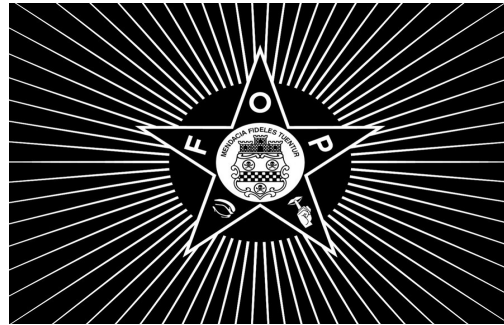


April 2021



Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Mark My Word", is a phrase often used when a person has a vision. What value have you assigned to "Mark My Word"? Can you say, "Mark My Word" on your vision? Have you wrote the vision down? Has it come to fruition? Do you know good things or plans do not happen without a vision? "Mark My Word", is when you know without a shadow of a doubt that your word is good and your vision will be revealed. "Mark My Word" as your vision should be done by faith and not by fear. Rehearsal of your vision adds value to "Mark My Word".

"Doing More With Lodge 64"

SECRETARY CORNER

The website for Fulton County Lodge 64 is "GAFOPLODGE64.com". This site contains information about The Executive Board, Training, Upcoming events, as well as a PayPal link for you to pay your dues. ***(Please do not use the old website to pay your dues.)***

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

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.**



Pursuant to Article 4 Membership Sec. 12 - Any member, who failed to pay dues by the due date, has suspended himself/herself from the Lodge with no action necessary by the Lodge. At that time, the member immediately loses all rights and benefits provided by the Lodge. If member pays all dues and fees required within 90 days after suspension, member shall be readmitted to the Lodge without loss of rights or benefits.

If you have moved and not updated your address, please provide a current address to me at AdrienneGrooms@fop.net. Thank you.

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



Next Meeting **EARLY TIME**

General Meeting, Thursday, April 22, 2021 @ 5:00 PM at the lodge rear parking area. Social Distancing will be adhered to. *Please wear a face covering.* You can bring your own chair. The lodge address is: 2896 East Point Street, East Point, GA. 30344

There will be *no* Training at this meeting

****Light Refreshments will be served ****



Upcoming Firearms Re-qualification:

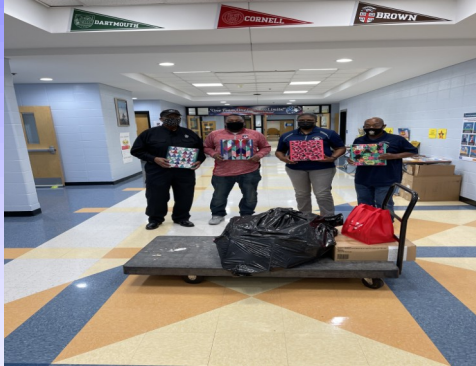
May 8, 2021 beginning at 7 A.M. at David L. Hagins Firing Range-5301 Aldredge Rd. S.W., College Park, GA 30349

- * Ear and Eye protection, holster for weapon, double magazine pouch, Hat, Polo or T- shirt, BDU style pants ****NO JEANS******
- * Bring at a minimum 100 rounds of ammo**

Contact Bro. E. Carter via text at 678.575.8454 no later than April 22, 2021 to register

Doing More With Lodge 64

On March 25, 2021 Lodge 64 donated school supplies and notebooks that were from Ms. Sharon Francisco, Staples Office Supplies of Peachtree City, GA to Liberty Point Elementary and Fulton Leadership Academy Schools. President Charlene Heard, Bro. Howard Billingslea and Bro. Sam Dilworth distributed the donations to each school. **Thank you to Ms. Sharon Francisco & Staples!**



Members of Lodge 64 assisted Bro. Alfred Francois', "The Church of God For All Nations" with it's Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. We "**THANK**": President Charlene Heard, Bro. Howard Billingslea, Bro. Jerry Heard, Bro Dexter Mabry, Bro. Charles Marbury, Bro. Teddy Randolph, Bro. Eddie Robinson, Bro. Rudolph Stafford and Bro. Milton Weaver.

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

Sherry Anderson



"Doing More With Lodge 64"

FOP LEGISLATIVE REPORT

From: Bro. Craig Fulghum, April 2, 2021



Democrats and Democrat leadership in the House and Senate continue to push for anti-law enforcement legislation and to try and stop pro-law enforcement legislation. FOP leadership came to the State Capitol last week and spoke before the Georgia Senate Republican Caucus about issues facing law enforcement in Georgia. Many of the bills that would negatively impact Fraternal Order of Police did not make it past Crossover Day, but a few have been added since.

Senator Randy Robertson's bill, [SB 115](#), that would create an instructional course through the Department of Drivers Services and Department of Public Safety to educate drivers on best practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement passed the Senate and was amended in the House. The bill became controversial in the last hours of session with many Democrat State Representatives testifying against it. It did not pass in the Senate with a vote of 23-26.

[HB 286](#), which would prevent cities and counties from reducing their law enforcement budgets by more than 5% in one year or cumulatively across 10 years, passed the House with a vote of 101-69 with no republicans voting against it. The bill's sponsor, state Representative Houston Gaines, called "keeping our community safe" the most important role of law enforcement.

Representative Alan Powell's bill HB 434, which would require counties and municipalities to continue, under certain circumstances, contracts for health insurance for spouses or dependents of peace officers who are killed or who otherwise die while acting within the scope of their employment was heard briefly in committee last week. Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) testified that this is already enforced by Federal law. This bill did not get another hearing and therefore will not be able to move this session.

The daylight savings bill was passed in a different bill ([SB 100](#)), but it does require Congressional approval. Representative Cantrell and others are working with the Georgia delegation to get approval.

DEFUND THE POLICE: [House Bill 286](#) says cities and counties can't cut spending on their police departments by more than 5% a year. This Bill PASSED

CITIZEN'S ARREST: [House Bill 479](#) would abolish the Georgia law that allows private citizens to arrest someone, while still allowing security guards and store employees to hold people they accuse of a crime until police arrive. This Bill PASSED

PORCH PIRACY: [House Bill 94](#) would make it a felony to steal packages from three or more different addresses. This Bill PASSED

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: [Senate Bill 33](#) would allow victims or state officials to file civil lawsuits seeking money damages against traffickers while [Senate Bill 34](#) would make it easier for people who have been the victims of trafficking to change their names. This Bill PASSED

NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

2021 POLICY PAPER ON LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM

The Fraternal Order of Police has long been a leader in law enforcement reform at the local, State and Federal level. We played a leadership role in building support for the First Step Act, a groundbreaking piece of legislation aimed to improve criminal justice outcomes. This effort started as a sincere, bipartisan effort and resulted in a legislative victory that improved our nation's criminal justice system.

This paper is a reiteration of the approach the FOP took on policing reform in the summer of 2020. We rejected extreme provisions like ending qualified immunity, and worked to build consensus around data collection, accreditation of local and State agencies, expansion of body-worn cameras and improved de-escalation training.

Qualified Immunity

Under the doctrine of qualified immunity, government officials, performing discretionary functions—like a law enforcement officer making an arrest—are immune from civil suit unless a plaintiff can show that the official violated clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person or officer would have known. It is important to emphasize that this immunity is not automatic and does not protect anyone who engages in a criminal act. It exists only for civil suits and is only available if granted by a court. Ending qualified immunity for law enforcement officers would effectively end community-oriented policing, which is the cornerstone of our nation's public safety strategy.

Use of Force

The FOP, along with ten other major law enforcement agencies, spent nearly two years developing a *National Consensus Policy on the Use of Force* and we have been encouraging its adoption since its publication in early 2017. In the *National Consensus Policy*, chokeholds are prohibited in any situation except when deadly force is authorized.

Data Collection and Reporting

The FOP supports the data collection provisions which would encourage State and local agencies to report any use of force incident that results in death or serious bodily injury to a civilian or law enforcement officer, as well as on the use of "no-knock" warrants.

Expanding The Use of Bodyworn Cameras

The FOP supports the establishment of a Body-Worn Camera Partnership grant program in the model of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant program

Defunding the Police

The FOP opposes "defunding the police," but supports programs which would increase the capacity of social workers to work directly with law enforcement agencies through the development and implementation of co-responder programs, which involve social workers or other mental health professionals working alongside law enforcement officers

For a complete list of the Policy Paper on Law Enforcement Reform, visit the National Fraternal Order of Police website at www.fop.net





Blueline Lawyer Scholarship

Member Regina Glenn Fulton County Lodge #64

Truett Cathy Scholarship

Member Patrick User Kermit Sanders Lodge #13

Stan Elrod Scholarship

Member Jon Lee Penuel Georgia Game Warden Lodge #104

Georgia FOP Scholarships

Member	Levoular McCray	Fulton County Lodge #64
Dependent	Caitlin Hope Jerrell	North Georgia Mountains Lodge #112
Dependent	Morgan Ablashi	Kermit Sanders Lodge #13

Sometimes you think doing something is a total waste of time...and then it ends up being one of the best things you ever did. Don't judge the day before it unfolds. Amazing things can, and do, happen when you least expect them.

-Susan Gale

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WELCOME!

Reinstated Members:

- ◆ Berysce Carter - Fulton County Sheriff's Office & Retired
- ◆ William Whitaker—Fulton County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Tammy Thompson-Winfrey - Fulton County Sheriff's Office & Retired

Other Agencies:

- ◆ Felicia Jones—DeKalb County Sheriff's Office



You did it!
Congratulations

Congratulations on our members that were recently promoted with the Fulton County Marshal's Department.

- ◆ **Bro. Haile Leakes promoted to the rank of Captain**
- ◆ **Bro. James Ham promoted to the rank of Lieutenant**



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Congratulations

On Sunday, March 28, 2021, to conclude "Women's History Month", Fulton County Sheriff Bro. Patrick "Pat" Labat honored the 25th Sheriff and the First Female Sheriff of Fulton County:

"Sis. Jacquelyn H. Barrett-Washington" with the Legacy Award.



DID YOU
KNOW ?

WORD SCRAMBLE

"We Acknowledge Some Phenomenal Women in Lodge 64"
The answers to last month word scramble of :

"The Phenomenal Women in Lodge 64".

1. 1st Female Fulton County Marshal: Sis. Hazelene Jenkins
2. Deputy Chief of Police, College Park Police Dept.: Sis. Sharis McCray
3. Present Fulton County Marshal: Sis. Maria McKee
4. Chief, City of Union City Police Dept.: Sis. Cassandra Jones
5. 1st Female Fulton County Sheriff: Sis. Jacqueline Barrett-Washington
6. 1st Female F.O.P., Lodge 64 President : Sis. Charlene Heard
7. Assistant Chief, City of Union City Police Dept.: Sis. Gloria Hodgson
8. Assistant Chief, Columbus Police Dept.: Sis. Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick
9. 1st female Dekalb County Deputy Marshal : Sis. Josephine Burley
10. **BONUS PHRASE:** All The Women In Lodge 64

Fulton County Lodge #64 Scholarships



The "John Halulka Jr., Member" (1) and "Jimmy L. "Santa" Atkinson" (1) Scholarships are available for members and Spouse/Dependents in good standing until April 30, 2021. Each scholarship is \$1,000.00.

The fillable scholarship applications are attached to the calling post notification. Please read all instructions and use the check off list in each application to ensure that you have all the applicable forms prior to contacting President Charlene Heard for an appointment. President Heard must sign and provide each applicant a reference letter prior to the application being submitted to the Lodge #64 Scholarship Committee. Scholarship applications are also available at www.gafoplodge64.com under the FOP Benefit section. Questions, call Sis. Andrea Thomas @ 470.215.1362.



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble & bring the answers with you to the General Meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 to win a door prize. **You must have all the correct words and bonus to win. **Major League Baseball****

1. AALATNT BSVAER _____
2. WEN ROKY NKEYSEA _____
3. MMAII LSANRIM _____
4. NDCALVEEL IASNIDN _____
5. ENW KROY TMSE _____
6. ACHOCGI BSUC _____
7. TS OUILS LISDANCRA _____
8. COGHACI HWTEI OXS _____
9. IAEMBRLOR ORLOIES _____
10. ASANSK YICT RYLSEA _____

BONUS: WHO WAS THE FIRST CY YOUNG AWARD WINNER AND WHAT YEAR ?

POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continue to keep the family of Bro. Keith Battle in your prayers with his recent passing
- ◆ Continue to keep Bro. Joseph Bantin and family in your prayers with the recent passing of his wife, Mrs. Wendy Bantin and his brother in law, Mr. Cleve Jones



Get Well



- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Sis. Sasha Harris
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Eddie Singleton
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Sis. Sandra Jackson

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!



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- ◆ Our Local Fallen



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"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect"
Mark Twain

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

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