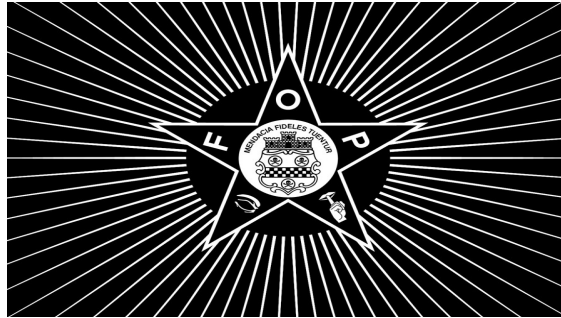


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Newsletter



President's Message

Kindness

Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. "Kindness creates confidence for self and others. Kindness in giving creates love for the receiver. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness in thoughts." When was the last time you showed kindness just because it was the right thing to do?



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Secretary Corner

The Fulton County Lodge 64 website is: **"GAFOPLODGE64.com"**

Dues payments are as follows:

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 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: **adriennegrooms@fop.net**



****Next Meeting Location****

General Meeting, Thursday, April 28, 2022 @ 5:00 PM at

**Woodward Academy Chapel
1662 Rugby Ave
College Park, Ga. 30337**

**Light Refreshments will be served **

Upcoming Firearms Re-qualification

On April 30, 2022 at 7AM at the David L. Hagins Firing Range - 5301 Aldredge Rd. College Park, GA. 30349.

- ♦ Bring your own ammo, ear and eye protections, holster, double magazine pouch
- ♦ Wear BDU style pants, Golf style or T-shirt and a Bib cap (i.e. baseball cap), **NO JEANS or SWEATPANTS.**

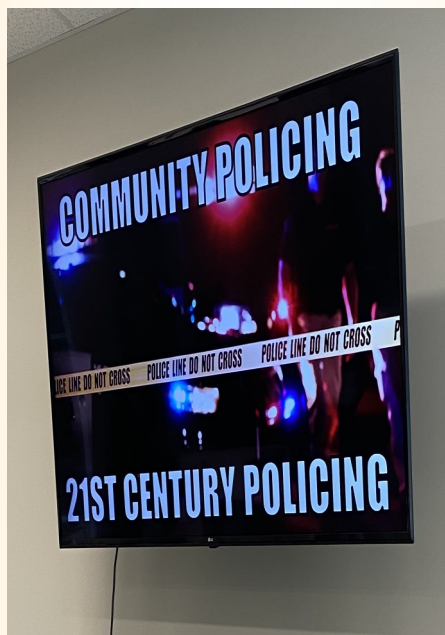


Training with Fulton County Lodge 64

On April 9, 2022, Union City Police Department in conjunction with Fulton County Lodge 64 Training Committee, held two training classes Use of Deadly Force and De-escalation Options and Community Policing at The Gathering Place Community Center, Union City. Bro. Roderick Pittman-Delancey covered the training on Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options. He brought engaging information as it pertained to Use of Deadly Force and when De-escalation options may be utilized.

Bro. Ronnie Wyatt covered the training on Community Policing. His focus was on the new model of 21st Century Community Policing and how Law Enforcement has to engage the citizens in present day time. Both classes are those that are required for officers to maintain their POST certification.

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On Tuesday, March 22, 2022, members of Lodge 64 volunteered at the "**The Church of God For All Nations, Inc.**" Food Pantry. A big "Thank You" go out to: President Charlene Heard, Sis. Loretha Banner, Bro. Alfred Francois, Sis. Shirlie Green, Bro. Jerome Hull, Sis. Avis Lofton, Bro. Dexter Mabry, Bro. Charles Marbury, Bro. Reginald Phillips, Bro. Robert Price, Bro. Eddie Robinson, Bro. Rudolph Stafford, Sis. Andrea Thomas, Bro. Dwight Watkins, Bro. Milton Weaver and Walter White.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~ Mahatma Gandhi"



On Tuesday, March 29, 2022, the City of South Fulton Police Department, Captain Hattie Cotton-Tukes and Officers sponsored a group of Randolph Elementary Students at their precinct to discuss safety in the community. Kudos to everyone involved with this event including Bro. Howard Billingslea.



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Under the Gold Dome



We continue to monitor and push for the pay raise and cost of living increase for our state law enforcement in the state budget. The budget legislation passed the House with this intact, and it passed the Senate.

We also are monitoring legislation pertaining to law enforcement PTSD and Workers Comp, pay, retirement, and more that could impact FOP's members. This includes new legislation introduced every day and "old" legislation that was introduced in 2021 or this session that could have language attached to it as an amendment or substitute.

FOP Lobby Day this on March 3rd was a huge success! Thanks to all members that came, and we hope to have many more next year.

We heard from legislative leadership, law enforcement leadership, and others. Members also had the opportunity to meet with their local House and Senate members on the issues that matter to them and FOP!

The 2022 Georgia General Assembly and legislative session was action packed, especially during the last week of session and the last day (Sine Die this past Monday, April 4th)!

A large amount of very popular and widely-supported legislation did not pass, and other bills were able to pass before midnight on Sine Die. Legislation that did not pass included bills dealing with getting medical marijuana medicine out to patients sooner, abortion, sports betting, casinos, free speech, preventing large social media companies from deleting posts or removing users, legislator pay raises, direct-to-customer new car electric vehicle sales, rural job tax credit program, a statue for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, extend the statute of limitations for victims of child abuse.

Legislation that did end up receiving final passage included bills dealing income tax cuts, permit-less gun carrying, mental health, new teacher pay raises, giving the GBI authority to lead elections investigations, a ban on teaching nine "divisive topics" in Georgia schools, studying a transgender sports ban, a \$30.2 billion budget, limiting how race is taught in k-12 schools, and increasing the pensions of part-time lawmakers.

Legislators, U.S. Congress members, and state-wide office holders are now actively campaigning and raising campaign money for their primary elections in May, primary run-offs in July, and the general election in November. The Governor has until May 14th, 2022 to review legislation achieving final passage and sign, veto, or allow to become law without further action. Next year will be the start of a new two-year biennial session.

Thrash-Haliburton is diligently watching and working to stop any detrimental legislation to our industry and push the legislation we support. Our governmental affairs team continues every day to work on, look out for and answer requests, needs and interests, as we act at the direction of the group's leadership. A complete report of bills introduced is available at the Lodge.



WELCOME!

Fulton County Sheriff's Office:

- ◆ Christopher Arnold
- ◆ Temika Tillman
- ◆ Denise Bennett - Retired
- ◆ John Kelly - VIPER

Other Agencies:

- ◆ George Blue - Atlanta Police Dept
- ◆ Joshua Davis - Fulton County Police Dept
- ◆ Larry Hague - Retired US Treasury
- ◆ Rosalind Johnson - Retired Atlanta Police Dept
- ◆ Aniya Mason - Fulton County Marshal
- ◆ Brandon Miller– Retired NYC Dept of Corr.
- ◆ Michah Quarles - Retired MARTA Police Dept.
- ◆ Justyn Wildy - Fulton County Marshal



Scholarships

The 2022 "John Halulka Jr." Member, and Jimmy L. "Santa" Atkinson Spouse/Dependent Scholarship applications are available from April 01 until April 30, 2022.

- ◆ Each scholarship is \$1,000.00.
- ◆ Send your email to Andreathomas@fop.net and state your name, fop# and specify the type of application
- ◆ A Calling Post notification has been sent to all members. On the post, applications were attached for your convenience
- ◆ Everyone is encouraged to read the instructions thoroughly.



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POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continued prayers to Bro. Ritchie Newell on the recent passing of his father Mr. Louis W. Newell, Jr.
- ◆ Continued prayers to Bro. Anthony Burgess on the recent passing of his aunt Ms. Theresa Hale.



Get Well



- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy speedy recovery for Mr. David Bradford husband of Sis. Vivian Dixon-Bradford
- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy speedy recovery for Bro. Rodney "Cowboy" Burley as he travels on his road to healing.
- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Sis Sylvia Sheppard as she travels on her road to healing.
- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. David Weaver as he travels on the road to healing.
- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Frank Migneault as he travels on the road to healing.

Let us Know



Do you have know of any member sick and/or in distress of any form.

Call 404.767.0501 and let us know.

Remember!

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"It is not in the stars to hold or destiny but in ourselves"
William Shakespeare

Membership Applications QR Code



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