

April 2024



Newsletter



President's Message

April Showers Brings May Flowers

There is a quote that says, "April showers brings May flowers." It is symbolic of the blooming season. There are various seasons throughout the year. What season are you in at this point of your life? What is blooming in your life and what will it produce?

"Doing More With Lodge 64 in 2024"

Secretary Corner



If you have not paid your 2024 Membership Dues they are now past due. Ensure that if you have

not paid that you do to avoid an additional late fee.

Is your mailing, email address & telephone #correct? Has there been any changes in your beneficiary status? If so, please update it as soon as possible. Don't miss out on pertinent information from Lodge 64, State and/or National FOP Offices.



Fulton County Lodge 64 website: "GAFOPLODGE64.com"

The Georgia State Lodge is requesting a current and operational personal email address for each FOP member to be placed on the GA Lodge Constant Contact email roster to receive important information from the GA State & National Lodges. All Lodge 64 members should contact Secretary Grooms with their latest personal email address.

Call 404.767.0501 and leave a message or send an email to adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



****2024 General Meeting & Training Location****

General Meeting, Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Training will start at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Juvenile Custody Procedures for Law Enforcement

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

**Light Refreshments will be served **

On Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 7AM, firearms requalification session will be at the David L. Hagins Firing Range - 5301 Aldredge Rd College Park, GA 30349.

- ◆ Bring your own ammo, ear and eye protections, holster and double magazine pouch.
- ◆ Weapon magazine capacity is at least 12 rounds
- ◆ Wear BDU style pants, Golf style or T-shirt and a bib cap (i.e. baseball cap). **NO JEANS or SWEATPANTS**
- ◆ **Must have taken Use of Deadly Force De-escalation prior**
- ◆ **Contact Bro. E. Carter by text 678.575.8454 by April 24, 2024.**

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FOP State Lodge Office Candidates

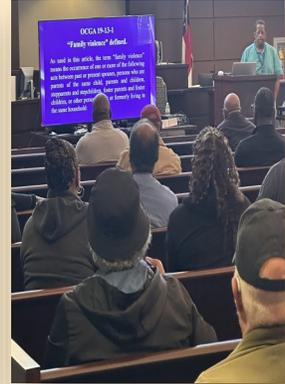
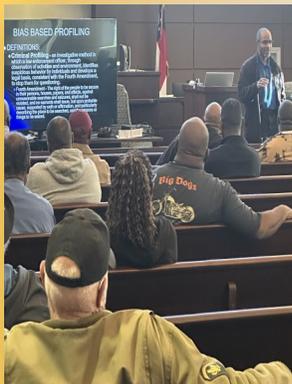
On March 28, 2024, at the General Meeting, candidates running for various positions at the Georgia State Lodge came and spoke to the members pertaining to their platforms. The uncontested positions are: Bro. Michael Callahan is running for President and Bro. Chris Moore is running for 1st Vice President. The following are contested positions: Bro. Timothy Cole and Bro. Michael Palmer are running for 2nd Vice President, Bro. Daniel Llorens and Sis. Jennifer Watt are running for 1st Sgt-at-Arms, and Sis. Kate Hardgrove and Bro. Frank James are running for 2nd Sgt-at-Arms. Good luck in the election to all candidates.



Training with Lodge 64



On Saturday, April 13, 2024, the Training Committee held four POST accredited training classes for the members at the College Park Public Safety Annex located at 3717 College St. College Park, GA. 30337. The topics were: Bias Based Profiling was instructed by Bro. Elbert Carter, Human Trafficking was instructed by Sis. LaPrincess Jenkins, Gang Awareness was instructed by Bro. Alston Scott, and Family Violence was instructed by Bro. Ronnie Wyatt. These classes are a part of the core training requirements that an officer has to have to maintain their POST requirements. Kudos to the Training Committee.



Doing More With Lodge 64

"Lodge 64 Community Service"

On Tuesday, March 12 & 27, 2024, and April 9, 2024 members of Lodge 64 volunteered at the "**The Church God For All Nations, Inc**" Food Pantry. A "BIG THANK YOU" to Sis. Loretha Banner, Bro. Leighton Graham, Sis. Shirlie Green, Bro. Eardley Jarvis, Sis. Felicia Jones, Bro. Dexter Mabry, Bro. Robert Price, Bro. Teddy Randolph, Sis. Andrea Thomas, Bro. Milton Weaver, and Bro. Walter White.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Elizabeth Andrew



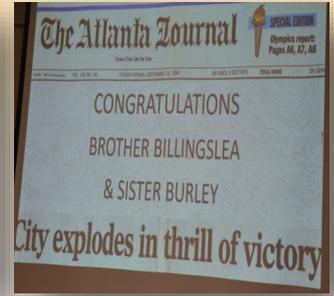
Miracle League Baseball, Union City Parks & Recreation

On April 18, 2024, members of Lodge 64 participated in the Union City Parks & Recreation, Miracle League baseball was held at The Gathering Place Community Center gymnasium - 6280 Bryant Street Union City, GA 30291. Children involved in this program are ages 3-19 with various physical and/or mental disabilities. Volunteers assisted the children that made up two teams with batting, fielding and running the bases in a baseball game. Kudos to President Charlene Heard, Bro. Andre Bosby, Sis. Joyce Farmer, Sis. Adrienne Grooms, Bro. Jerome Hull, Bro. Alston Scott, and Bro. Emmitt Stringer for attending.



HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On March 28, 2024, Fulton County Lodge 64 celebrated its 40th Anniversary of being chartered as a Lodge with the Fraternal Order of Police. This Lodge has had the unique honor of having two of the oldest members of the Lodge being recognized at the General Meeting. Bro. Howard Billingslea who is the current 1st Vice President and was the Lodge President for 35 years, and Sis. Josephine Burley who was the first female Executive Board member and another first was that she was the first Female Deputy at Dekalb County Sheriff's Office. President Charlene Heard gave both their "flowers of admiration". Chaplain Alfred Francois' daughter graced us with song and members of the Executive Board gave anniversary sentiment and adorations. Fulton County Lodge 64 is a beacon of light of the Fraternal Order of Police, may the light continue to shine bright.



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WELCOME!

Fulton County Sheriff's Office:

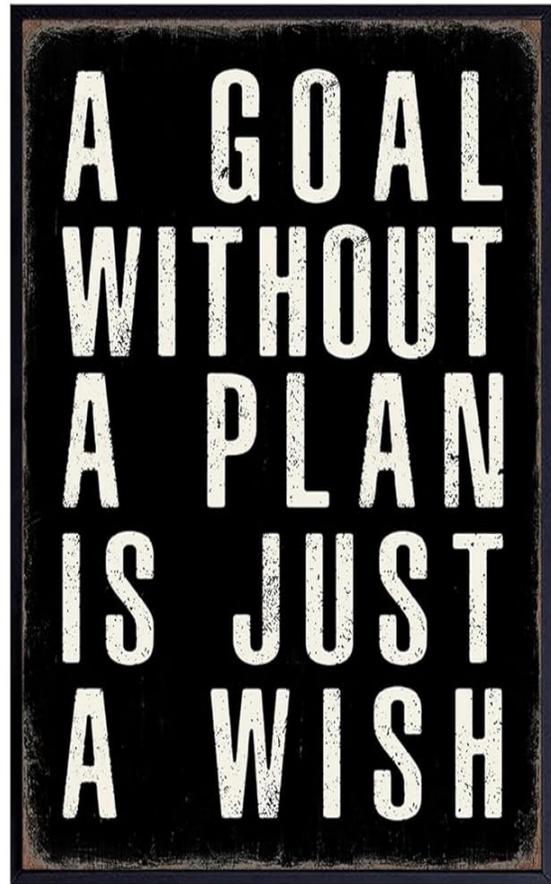
- ◆ Tyler Davis
- ◆ Michael Maisonet
- ◆ Joshua Walker - VIPER
- ◆ Tongela Reynolds-Williams

Other Agencies:

- ◆ Todd Clark - Brookhaven PD
- ◆ Stuart Guthrie - Roswell PD
- ◆ James Ham Jr. - Fulton County Marshal Retired

Reinstated:

- ◆ Labarron Woodard - Retired FCSO



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POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continued prayers for Bro. Joseph Walker on the recent passing of his sister Ms. Eunice W. Bailey
- ◆ Continued prayers for Bro. Andrew Williams and Sis. Sasha Harris on recent passing of his mother and her grandmother Ms. Annie Lee Harris.

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



GET WELL



- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Bro. Joseph Walker
- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Sis. Sherry Grant



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



**Fraternal Order of Police
Fulton County Lodge #64
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***"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined"***
Henry David Thoreau

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Fulton County Lodge 64

"Doing More With Lodge 64!"