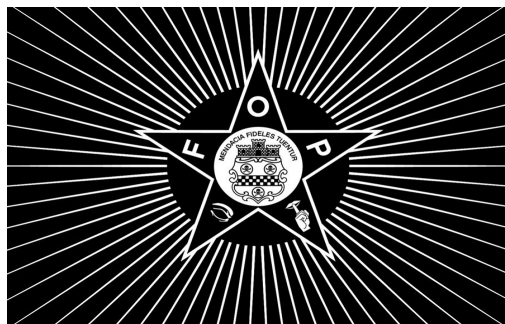


February 2021

Happy Valentine's Day



Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There has been a mandate set on our lives to mature. To recognize things are not as we knew them, but how they are now. There has been a shift and we can't keep doing business as usual. This past year is the best example of the shift; because of the past year we know things have changed. We have to be mature enough to recognize the shift and accept that change has come. Leaving the past behind and focusing on the shift (future). Maturing is inevitable just like change.

"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**.



For members that have not paid their 2021 dues there is a \$10 late fee that will be added to your dues. You can pay by check/money order made out to Fulton County Lodge #64 or by the other means mentioned above. All unpaid members will be made inactive as of March 31, 2021.

Dues:

Active members - \$120.00 + \$10 = \$130
Retired - \$60.00 + \$10 = \$70

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 ply "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, February 25, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. 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 Training Topics:**



♦ Use of Deadly Force/De-escalation Options and Community Policing will be offered at the Lodge on February 16, 2021 beginning at 7:00 A.M.

Contact Bro. E. Carter via text at 678.575.8454 to sign up by 5 P.M. Sunday, February 14, 2021.

Doing More With Lodge 64

During the pandemic many Lodges had to become creative with ensuring that it's members were able to receive the necessary training that they needed to keep their law enforcement certification. Bro. Elbert Carter, Chairperson of the Training Committee, ensured that the members of Lodge 64 would not be deficient. He along with President C. Heard and Bro. A.J. Scott began having training classes at the Lodge. The training was held adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. With those efforts, Lodge 64 was featured in the January 2021 Edition of 911 Media magazine. **Great Job Bro. E. Carter and Congratulations Members of Fulton County Lodge #64!**

GEORGIA

Fulton County Lodge #64 Offers Members Needed Training Despite COVID-19

This past year, with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting everything, Fulton County Lodge #64 has still been able to provide training classes for its members while adhering to public health guidelines. The lodge provides monthly training to assist members with maintaining their POST law enforcement certification and compliance with their H.R. 218 legal defense.

The instructors are certified through the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. The classes offered in 2020 were Community Policing, Juvenile Custody Procedures for Law Enforcement, Officer Involved Shooting, Mental Health, Media Relations, Ethics in Law Enforcement, Health and Wellness, Gangs, Report Writing, Legal Issues, Active Shooter and Range Qualifications. Brother Elbert Carter is our training coordinator. He ensures that members are offered applicable classes and any other classes that may be requested. **FOP**



Lodge President Charlene Heard



Brother AJ Scott



Brother Elbert Carter



Fulton County Lodge #64 members

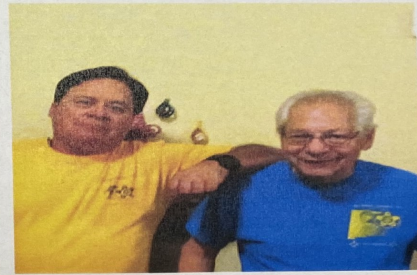
LOCAL LODGE NEWS

NEW MEXICO

Past President Gallegos Celebrates 77th Birthday

Past President Gil Gallegos celebrated his 77th birthday on Saturday, December 12, with his daughter, Lodge #1 Auxiliary member Maria Quinn, and New Mexico National Trustee James Flores. Maria made a great dinner and Brother Gil enjoyed birthday well-wishes from NM FOP members and brothers and sisters across the country. Happy 77th birthday, President Gallegos! **FOP**

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Member Spotlight

“Chief Ronald Applin”



Bro. Ronald Applin Sr., is a native Atlantan and graduate of the 1986 class of Charles Lincoln Harper High School. He is currently the Chief of Police at the Atlanta Public School Police Department, a position that he has held since the creation of the department since 2016. He has served as a faculty member with the Reinhardt university Public Safety Institute since 2011 and is a current adjunct professor. Prior to his service at APS, he was the Director of Security at Landmark Christian School for nearly four years and is currently a member of the Board of Directors at Landmark Christian School. He was an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix and was a Law and Justice Teacher at Creekside High School.

Bro. Applin retired from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office after 21 years of service. He also served 6 years with the United States Marine Corp Reserves. Bro. Applin earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Mercer University, a Master in Public Administration from Troy University and has completed the course work for a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at Capella University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 220th session and from the inaugural class of Mercer University's Public Safety Leadership Institute.

Bro. Applin with all of his achievements and accomplishments, is a direct descendant of the late Melvinia Shields "aka " Mattie McGruder, 3rd generation grandmother of the former First Lady Michelle Obama. He is the son of the late Emory "Phillip" Applin Jr. and Belle (Dillard) Applin. He is married to Shonda (Rivers).

Lodge 64 salutes you "Bro. Ronald Applin" as a Black History Unsung Hero!

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FOP LEGISLATIVE REPORT

From: Bro. Craig Fulghum, February 12, 2021



We saw many more bills drop this week affecting FOP members. We are working to ensure legislation negatively impacting the FOP does not pass, and positive legislation the FOP is pushing does pass. As you'll find there are a large amount of bills that have been introduced that are anti-law enforcement, and we'll continue to fight for all of our members and law enforcement officers.

The FOP saw a 10% pay increase for juvenile corrections officers in the budget passed out of the House and Senate this past week, which is now in the Senate. As you'll see in the general introduction below, all state employees (outside of the University System) making below \$80,000 per year will receive a \$1,000 bonus as well - this is for all state employees.

Also, as far as Pay Parity is concerned, the FOP position is for the continuation of Pay Parity for all State Law Enforcement Agencies (GSP, GBI and DNR). Our government affairs team has spoken with several decision makers and no one is aware of further discussions at this time for additional money for ranks, education, etc at the Georgia State Patrol.

This week completed legislative days 13-16, with plans to convene for day 17 on Tuesday, February 16th. House Majority Whip Trey Kelley's bill [extending Georgia's existing COVID-19 liability law](#) for another year passed the House on Tuesday with a vote of 99-68. The House and Senate approved the [midyear budget](#) on Thursday (the only requirement of the Legislature during a legislative session), which calls for \$1,000 bonuses to 57,000 state employees making less than \$80,000 per year except University System employees (the Legislature has encouraged the University System to do the same, since the Legislature cannot provide this increase for University System employees), 10% raises to prison guards, and increased spending on public health care and education.

We are monitoring the following legislation, and watchful for any bills that may impact our industry.

- ◆ HB175 - Crimes and Offenses aggravated strangulation by a peace officer; provide for the crime
- ◆ HB15 - Preventing Tragedies between Police and Communities Act
- ◆ HB17 - End Racial Profiling Act
- ◆ HB18 - Police Accountability Act
- ◆ SB128 - Georgia Law Enforcement Citizen Preview Council; create
- ◆ SB129 - Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies certain peace officers be equipped with audio and video recording devices for recording all activities while on duty
- ◆ SB132 - Arrest by Law Enforcement Officers; use of force maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain; prohibit officers

[If you would like a copy of the full FOP Legislative Report call 404.767.0501]

GA FOP Lodge Scholarships



The State Scholarship applications are available for members in good standing and their Spouse/Dependents. The scholarships amount is \$1,000.00 each. There are 5 general scholarships and 1 specialized scholarship available. ***The deadline date is March 1, 2021 .***

All applications must be returned via email to the GA FOP Lodge at "gafopstatelodge@gmail.com". E-signatures are not permitted for the scholarship applications. Please allow President Heard and Lodge Trustee Bro. Sam Dilworth at least 5 days to sign and return your applications to you. ***It is your responsibility to get your application into the State Lodge on time!*** If you need an application or have any questions email andreathomas@fop.net or call 678.576.7306.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



FOP LEGAL DEFENSE **NEW RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT** **CONCEALED CARRY COVERAGE**

- Effective January 01, 2021, the FOP Legal Defense, HR-218 has changed the name to the **FOP Retired Law Enforcement Concealed Carry Legal Coverage**. Coverage will increase to \$75.00 a year for coverage for \$25K to unlimited coverage. If you have any questions, call 1.800.341.6038.
- **Active Officer Plan:** This program is designed specifically to cover the law enforcement exposures faced by members of the FOP Legal Defense Plan by paying legal defense costs on behalf of participating members for the following actions and proceedings:
 - Coverage A – Administrative (includes Administrative Off-Duty)
 - Coverage B – Civil
 - Coverage C – Criminal

WELCOME!

Fulton County Sheriff's Office:

- ◆ Bro. Patrick Labat
- ◆ Sis. Ebonie Cleveland
- ◆ Sis. Fern Hilton
- ◆ Sis. Raylene Bruce
- ◆ Sis. Albernisha Blackman
- ◆ Bro. Dre'Kevious Gibbs
- ◆ Sis. Jasmine Mason
- ◆ Sis. Khadijah Solomon
- ◆ Sis. Tiki Strickland
- ◆ Sis. Kristi Mayo
- ◆ Bro. Quintavious Carter

**Welcome
to the
Family**

Other Agencies:

- ◆ Bro. Marvin Brand Jr.– Atlanta Police Dept.
- ◆ Bro. Anthony Kirkman –Atlanta Police Dept.
- ◆ Bro. Joseph King Jr.-City of South Fulton Police Dept.
- ◆ Bro. Dennis Booker Jr.-City of South Fulton Police Dept.
- ◆ Sis. Cassandra Jones –City of Union City Police Dept.
- ◆ Bro. Jerome Turner Jr.– City of Union City Police Dept.
- ◆ Bro. Demetrius Jones– City of Union City Police Dept.
- ◆ Bro. Roderick Pittman-Delancy- City of Union City P.D.

WELCOME!

Reinstated Members:

- ◆ Bro. Ronald Applin - Atlanta Public School Police Dept.
- ◆ Sis. Carolyn Davis - East Point Police Dept.

Recently Retired Member:

- ◆ Bro. Cuevas Cost - Fulton County Sheriff's Office

**WELCOME
BACK!!**

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Do you know?

WHAT AM I ?

I SOUND THE SAME, BUT HAVE THREE DIFFERENT SPELLINGS AND THREE DIFFERENT MEANINGS:

1. YOU CAN SMELL ME
2. YOU CAN USE ME TO BUY THINGS
3. YOU DELIVER ME

YOU'RE ALWAYS
ONE DECISION
AWAY FROM
A TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
LIFE



WORD SCRAMBLE

Black inventors and what they invented

1. SRAHA BONOE

2. OIRIGNN DABOR

3. OEGERG T SNAMO

4. STLCOEH EDRRY

5. TSMAHO W RDSEWTA

6. POM

7. LYLOD P ARY

8. STUD NAP

9. HOJN URRB

10. WALN ROEMW

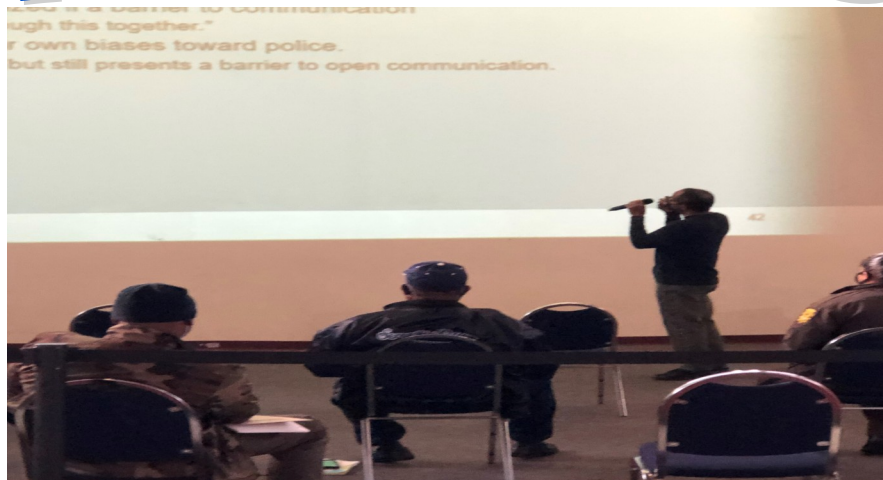
TRAINING



First Training of 2021:

On Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center several classes were offered to Lodge members on the Use of Force and De-escalation Options and Community Policing. Brothers Elbert Carter and John Starks were the instructors. President Charlene Heard shared her knowledge to the group and made it more exciting. There was great class participation.

A big thank you to Fulton County Sheriff Patrick Labat for attending the training and talking with the members.



Special thanks to the staff of the Fulton County Training Center and everyone involved in making this training a success.

Teamwork makes the Dream Work!

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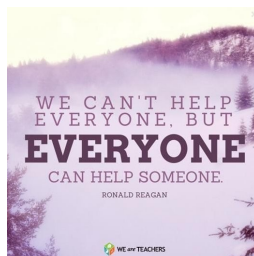
Community Service



On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, The Church of God For All Nations" 2295 Bouldercrest Road, S.E., Atlanta, GA had a Food Pantry Drive. A great big **"THANK YOU"** to the members that came out on a last minute request for help to support with the community service events.

President Charlene Heard
Sis. Andrea Thomas
Bro. Galo Bascope
Bro. Jerome Hull
Bro. Dexter Mabry
Bro. Charles Marbury
Bro. Emmitt Stringer
Bro. Jerome Turner
Bro. Teddy Randolph
Bro. Milton Weaver

THANK YOU



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POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continue to keep Bro. Alfred Francois in your prayers with the recent passing of his grandson Mr. Alfred Francois IV
- ◆ Continue to keep Sis. Cheryl Limehouse in your prayers with the recent passing of her brother Mr. Micky Griffin
- ◆ Continue to keep Sis. Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick in your prayers with the recent passing of her Mother-in-law Ms. Laura Comer Fitzpatrick



So
Sorry
for
Your
Loss



Get Well



- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Alfred Francois
- ◆ 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. Rosa Truitt
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Howard Billingslea

If anybody has information on a member and/or their family member that is sick and/or in distress please let us know @ 404.767.0501. If we don't know about them we can't reach out to those that may be in need of assistance.



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"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it"

Henry David Thoreau



REMEMBER TO :

- *Wear a face mask
- *Maintain a 6 ft. distance
- *Simple physical exercises

- *Wash your hands-20 seconds
- *Eat a little more healthy

Fulton County Lodge #64

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