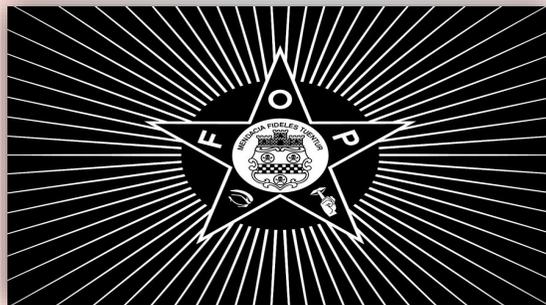


February 2024

Newsletter



President's Message



Purpose with a Vision

The purpose is the reason something is done. A purpose can change but vision does not. Sometimes you have to change your purpose to get to your vision. Vision is the system that creates room for change. Example is the seasons in a year, it changes several times a year. However there is a system in place that controls the seasons. The vision is the alignment. Vision is the transportation of the mind from the present to the future. Don't get stuck where you are, move with a purpose to get to your vision.

"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 by February 29, 2024.

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, February 22, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Training will start at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Officer Involved Shooting

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

"Light Refreshments will be served"



On Saturday February 24, 2024 at 8AM, the Training Committee will host three training topics:

- ◆ Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options
- ◆ Community Policing
- ◆ Mental Health

The training will be held at The Gathering Place - 6280 Bryant St. Union City, GA 30291

Contact Bro. E. Carter via TEXT at 678.575.8454 by February 19, 2024

Lodge 64, Executive Board Swearing-In Ceremony

On January 25, 2024, at the General Meeting, Lodge 64 Executive Board for 2024-2025 term was sworn in by Georgia State Lodge Bro. President Jeff Wiggs.

President Charlene Heard

1st Vice President Howard Billingslea

Secretary Adrienne Grooms,

Sgt-at-Arms Jerome Hull

2nd Vice President Elbert Carter

Treasurer Andrea Thomas,

Chaplain Alfred Francois and

Lodge State Trustee Eardley Jarvis



Training with Lodge 64



On Saturday, January 27, 2024, the Training Committee held three 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: Community Policing was instructed by Sis. LaPrincess Jenkins and Bro. Elbert Carter, Mental Health was instructed by President Charlene Heard and Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options was instructed by Bro. Roderick Pittman. 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



Calling all available Brothers and Sisters of Fulton County Lodge 64, mark your calendars notify your phones and make plans to attend the FOP day on the hill on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Come in your work uniforms or business attire meet, greet and speak with your Representatives on issues and bills in the house related to law enforcement concerns. More information to come closer to the date.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 22, 2024@8:30 a.m.

Georgia State Capital Building

206 Washington Street,

Atlanta GA 30334



"Lodge 64 Community Service"



On Tuesday, January 10, 2024 and February 6, 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, Galo Bascope, Leighton Graham, Shirlye Green, Jerome Hull, Eardley Jarvis, Avis Lofton, Charles Marbury, Robert Price, Teddy Randolph, Andrea Thomas, Dwight Watkins, Milton Weaver.



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



Remembering State Lodge President Jeffrey Wiggs



Remembering Georgia State Lodge President Jeff Wiggs

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the unexpected passing of Georgia State Lodge President Jeff Wiggs.

Jeff was a remarkable leader who devoted his time, energy and passion to our organization. He was an inspiration to us all and played a crucial role in the growth and success of his local and state lodges. His dedication to our mission and his unwavering commitment to serving our Order will always be remembered.

Please keep Jeff's family, friends, and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with this tremendous loss.

Patrick Yoes,
FOP president



The following is a statement made by the Georgia State Lodge:

The State Office Is Sad to Announce the Sudden Passing of President Wiggs

It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the untimely death of Georgia FOP President Jeff Wiggs. We were notified on January 29 around lunch by Secretary Alan Blaisdell of the Dekalb FOP Lodge. It appears to be some type of unforeseen medical event that led to his untimely passing at his residence.

For those of you who knew Jeff personally, we ask that you celebrate his life and his commitment to this organization for which he dedicated so much of his professional life to. Jeff was the embodiment of a selfless leader who served as the Dekalb FOP president for over 10 years, as well as the current Georgia State Lodge president. He will be remembered as a tireless advocate for law enforcement officers in Dekalb County and the state of Georgia.

One of Jeff's passions was "My Brother's House," which is a home near Atlanta where FOP members and/or their families can stay at no expense while they have an injured officer in Atlanta-area hospitals. The home is owned by the Dekalb County Lodge, where Jeff was also the president.

Celebrating the life of
Jeffrey W. Wiggs

August 11, 1963 - January 28, 2024

Friday, February 2, 2024 Visitation 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Tom Wages Funeral Home 3705 Highway 78, W. Snellville, Georgia 30039	Saturday, February 3, 2024 Visitation 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Tom Wages Funeral Home Service - 2:00 pm Briarlake Church 3715 Lavista Road Decatur, Georgia 30033
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Interment following service at Floral Hills Memory Gardens
3000 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, Georgia 30084

Psaln 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.



On February 2, 2024, members of Lodge 64 Executive Board and Motor Unit were on hand for the Celebration of Life for Georgia State Lodge President Jeffrey Wiggs. Pictured are Lodge 64 Attendants with the National President Pat Yoes was there along with Georgia State Chaplain Donald McDuffie.



The Georgia State Lodge Scholarships are now available on. Get yours and/or families going to college papers in order. Applications can be obtained from the GA State Lodge secretary by emailing "gafopstatelodge@gmail.com". Deadline to turn back into the State is April 1, 2024. Reminder you must have a letter of recommendation from the either the Lodge President or Lodge State Trustee before submitting application to the State.



Fulton County Lodge #64 website?

Find information from:

- ◆ National FOP
- ◆ Georgia FOP
- ◆ Meeting Dates
- ◆ Training Dates
- ◆ FOP member benefits
- ◆ FOP Legislation Reports



- ◆ Scholarship Application Information
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WELCOME!

Fulton County Sheriff's Office:

- ◆ Antonio Holmes
- ◆ Calvin Snead

Other Agencies:

- ◆ Adrian Brinn - APD
- ◆ Dennis Curry - Retired APD
- ◆ Keith Foster - Retired APD
- ◆ Christian Jones - Ga State Univ Police
- ◆ Jamar Reed - Ga State Univ Police
- ◆ Rony Desarme - Dekalb County School Police
- ◆ Christopher Jett-Wilson - Union City Police
- ◆ Antwone Flowers - East Point Police



I AM NOT WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME,
I AM WHAT I
CHOOSE TO
BECOME.

Carl Jung

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POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continued prayers for the family of Sis. Shakeya L. Walker on her recent passing.
- ◆ Continued prayers for Bro. Kirk Markham on the recent passing of his mother, Ms. Dolores Jones

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



GET WELL



- ◆ Continue praying for a healthy and speedy recovery for Sis. Sylvia Sheppard



****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
2896 East Point Street
East Point, GA 30344**

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"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today"
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Fulton County Lodge 64

"Doing More With Lodge 64!"