#### FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, FULTON COUNTY LODGE # 64

#### January 2021





### **Newsletter**



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 has shown us that recalibration is inevitable. 2021 is a time for us to recalibrate. In order for this to happen we have to access, set and adjust. We have to access what is important, set goals to improve and adjust to the changes. Recalibration in 2021 means not doing things the same way, thinking outside the box and doing business differently. I am looking forward to another successful year for Lodge 64.

#### "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.** 

<u>FYI</u>





If you have not paid your 2021 dues, you will have until January 31, 2021 to pay your dues without being charged a late fee. You can pay by check/money order made out to Fulton County Lodge #64 or by the other means mentioned above.

Dues:

Active members - \$120.00 Retired - \$60.00

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, January 28, 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:** 



On Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Fulton County Public Training Center - 3025 Merk Rd. College Park, Ga. 30349, the following classes will be offered:

7:00 a.m. - Use of Force/De-Escalation 10:00 a.m. - Community Policing

Contact Bro. E. Carter via text at 678.575.8454 to sign up by Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

## "2020 Cops & Kids Christmas Event"

On December 19, 2020 at the Wal mart, 844 Cleveland Ave, East Point, GA, Lodge 64 sponsored our "2020 Cops and Kids Christmas Event. The event was an opportunity for the community, kids and their families to see and communicate with law enforcement in a different light by doing something so simple as shopping for Christmas gifts. We would like to "*Thank*" all the following agencies for their participation. We thank the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Fulton County Marshal Department, East Point Police Department, City of South Fulton Police Department, Union City Police Department, Atlanta Public School Police Department along with members of Fulton County Lodge #64.

























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# Doing More With Lodge 64

On Friday, December 18, 2020, President Charlene Heard along with Brothers: Howard Billingslea, Jerome Hull and Sis. Andrea Thomas attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Jacobs Healing Hands Mobile Food Pantry Bus". President Heard was a guest speaker at this event. This mobile food pantry bus will be able to go into the communities and provide food for Seniors that may not have the means of transportation and live in the food desert areas. *Great Job President Heard!* 







To kick off Lodge 64 Community Service for 2021, members participated with the Food Pantry at Bro. Alfred Francois' church, "The Church of God For All Nations" on January 6, 2021. President Heard along with Brothers Howard Billingslea, Galo Bascope, Jerry Heard, Jerome Hull, Eardley Jarvis, Charles Marbury, Teddy Randolph, Eddie Robinson, Rudolph Stafford, Jimmy Stanley, Sisters Adrienne Grooms and Andrea Thomas distributed food boxes to families that were at the church to receive them. Thank you to everyone that came out to support this project. *No unselfish deed is too great.* 





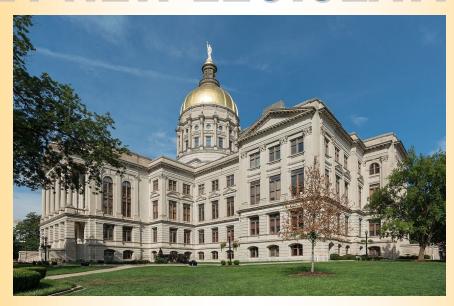




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# **2021 NEW LEGISLATIONS**



#### Listed are a some of the new legislations in 2021:

**House Bill 838** is aimed at protecting police and other first responders from bias-motivated crimes committed because of the victims' "actual or perceived employment as a first responder." Legislative Republicans pushed the bill as a companion measure to passage of the state's first hate crimes law.

The "Georgia Right to Shop Act," **Senate Bill 303**, requires most insurers in Georgia to make available to Georgia consumers information on payment amounts for in-network healthcare providers, estimates of average amounts in-network providers will accept for health care services, estimates of out-of-pocket costs and metrics that compare the quality of various in-network healthcare providers. This legislation

**House Bill 911** prohibits foster parents from engaging in improper sexual behavior with children in their care, closing a loophole in current state law. The measure was part of Georgia First Lady Marty Kemp's initiative to better protect foster children.

**House Bill 888,** or the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," protects Georgia patients from surprise bills when they receive services at an in-network facility that are from an out-of-network provider. This bill will reduce the out-of-pocket costs Georgians pay for their healthcare needs.

**House Bill 417** sets standards for businesses that clean up after crime, trauma and death scenes. Numerous complaints of unethical practices — including illegal dumping of human remains and theft in homes — led the governor to sign this into law in August. The new law will require business owners to carry liability insurance and to undergo fingerprinting, background checks and drug screenings.

Senator Albers <u>Bill, SB 249</u>, related to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and helping our members a great deal passed both Chambers and was sent to the Governor for a signature on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

# Congratulations



Sis. Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick on your recent promotion to Assistant Chief of Police, Columbus Police Department, Columbus, Georgia. She has been a member of Lodge 64 for over 9 years. She is also a member of the Motor Unit.

Success is a state of mind. If you want success,
Start thinking of yourself as a success." - Dr. Joyce Brothers



Sis. Vivian Dixon-Bradford on your recent promotion to Major with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Atlanta, Georgia. She has been a member of Lodge 64 for over 20 years.

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud"

Maya Angelou



Sis. Shavonne Edwards on your recent promotion to Captain with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Atlanta, Georgia. She has been a member of Lodge 64 for 2 years.

"If you have no critics you'll likely have no success"

Malcom X

"Lodge 64 Members on the move"





#### **Reinstated members:**

- Sis. Shicana Brown
- Sis Tameika Reid

#### **Welcome to Retirement:**

- Bro. Leighton Graham
- Sis. Sheryl Hoy



Trust doesn't come with a refill. Once it's gone, you probably won't get it back, and if you do, it will never be the same. & that's a fact.

### **Fulton County Lodge #64 Officers Contact List**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	Contact#	Email Address
President  1 <sup>st</sup> V. President  2 <sup>nd</sup> V. President  Secretary  Treasurer  State Trustee  Sgt@Arms  Chaplain  Past President  Motor Unit-Pres.	Charlene Heard Priscilla Orr Elbert Carter Adrienne Grooms Andrea Thomas Sammie Dilworth William Parker Jr. Anita Cody Howard Billingslea Charles Marbury	404.680.0071 404.395.4064 678.575.8454 404.444.8373 678.576.7306 404.641.2021 678.858.7762 770.256.2669 770.861.0912 678.698.5742	cheard714@gmail.com orrpriscilla@gmail.com ecarter@bellsouth.net adrienneblackie@icloud.com andreathomas@fop.net samdilworth@yahoo.com wparker1906@me.com chaplainanitacody14@gmail.com billingsleah@bellsouth.net charles9479@gmail.com
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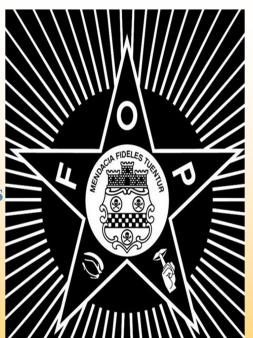
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### CHECK OUT THE FULTON COUNTY LODGE #64 WEBSITE

## Find information from:

- National FOP
- Georgia FOP
- Meeting dates
- Training dates
- Upcoming Events



- Scholarship Information & Applications
- **Executive Board Information**
- Newsletters
- Invoices
- Membership Application
- Beneficiary Form
- Lodge 64 Activities

www.GAFOPLODGE64.COM











- Continue to keep Sister Vicky White in your prayers with the recent passing of her Father Mr. John. A. White
- Continue to keep Bro. Robert Grady in your prayers with the recent passing of his Aunt Evangelist Dr. Ester Perara
- Continue to keep Sister Janice Lewis in your prayers with the recent passing of her Mother Ms. Evelyn Fife
- Continue to keep Sister Avis Ryan in your prayers with the recent passing of her Mother Ms. Joyce Mattox
- Continue to keep Sis. Sandra Reese in your prayers with the recent passing of her Mother Ms. Julia Kelly



- 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. Adrianna McGregory

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.







## FOP LEGAL DEFENSE HR- 218 UPDATE

- Effective January 01, 2021, the FOP Legal Defense, HR-218 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

### **WORD SCRAMBLE**

"People Who Knew Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

1. COTEATR TOTSC KGNI	
2. ABADRNY RITUNS	
3. RTYDOHO SIEHHTG	
4. JONH SELIW	
5. EEIBCNR KGNI	
6. NNREAXO ONCTLAY	
7. HAPRL HATNYABRE	
8. NDREAW NUYOG	
9. NIEANJMB E. YSAM	
10. EBENREEZ	

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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter" Martin Luther King Jr.



#### **REMEMBER TO:**

\*Wear a face covering

\*Maintain a 6 ft. distance

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

\*Simple physical exercises



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