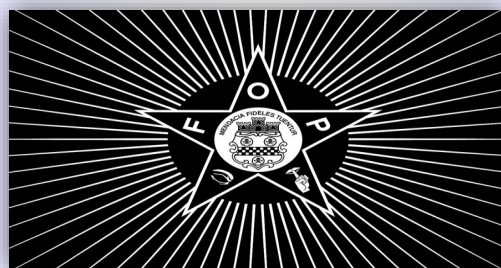


April 2026

Newsletter



"President's Message"

There's a familiar saying: if you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything. It's a simple phrase, but it carries a meaningful challenge. When was the last time you took a clear position on something you truly believe in, regardless of whether it was popular or met with resistance? To "stand" is not merely to exist; it is to define your values and align your actions with them. In both personal and professional settings, taking a stance demonstrates integrity, accountability, and leadership. It signals that you are guided not by convenience, but by conviction

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Secretary Corner

CallingPost is the platform that is used to send out information pertaining to meetings, training, events for the Lodge. It is sent to the email address and phone number that we have on file for you. **To receive the text message, it will come from "24251"** You must open the text and **type OK** in order for you to receive the text messages. **If you have unsubscribed in error to receive the emails from CallingPost, you will have to go to <https://apps.callingpost.com/email/subscribe> Once there, you will enter your email address and click on the "Yes subscribe to emails" button.**

fyi Just a reminder as of March 01, 2026 there will be a \$10.00 late fee for all renewing members. Retired dues is now \$100 and Active dues is \$150.

Dues can be paid by cash, check/money order made payable to "Fulton County Lodge 64", or PayPal by going to the Lodge website: gafoplodge64.com and clicking on "Pay My Dues Online" then scrolling to the PayPal prompt, or by **ZELLE** using lodge64treasurer@gmail.com. On the memo line, put your first and last name

Please update your contact information ASAP. Send all correspondence to Secretary A. Grooms at adriennegroomsfop@gmail.com.

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2026 General Meeting & Training Location

General Meeting, Thursday
April 23, 2026 @ 6PM

Training starts at 5:00 PM before the meeting. Class topic - Courtroom Demeanor & Testimony

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

Upcoming Training Classes

- ♦ May 16th - Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options and Community Policing
- ♦ May 23 - Firearms Re-qualifications

Look for the CallingPost notification to sign up with Bro. E. Carter for the classes

"Lodge 64 on the Move"

fyi Did you know that our very own President Charlene Heard has thrown her hat into the race for the 2nd Vice President position with the Georgia State Lodge. She needs our help and support. Contact Sis Andrea Thomas, 706.536.9362 to find out how you can support her.



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March 14, 2026

Letter of Intent
Charlene Heard, President of Lodge 64
Candidate for Second Vice President

Georgia State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I respectfully announce my candidacy for **Second Vice President of the Georgia State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.**

The Fraternal Order of Police has always been a powerful voice for law enforcement officers and our families. I am committed to strengthening that voice by supporting our local lodges, advocating for our members, and helping advance the mission of our organization across the State of Georgia.

If elected, I will work to promote unity among our lodges, actively support legislation that protects law enforcement professionals, and ensure our members continue to receive the representation and the resources they deserve.

I would be honored to serve as Second Vice President of the Georgia State Lodge and respectfully ask for your support and your vote.

Fraternally,

Charlene Heard

Candidate for Second Vice President
Georgia State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police



Contact Sis. Andrea Thomas
678.576.7306

"Lodge 64 Training"



On Saturday, March 28, 2026, the Fulton County Lodge 64 Training Committee held two post accredited training classes at Union City Police Department Courtroom. Gang Awareness was instructed by Bro. Alston Scott and Human Trafficking was instructed by Bro. Roderick Pittman. These classes are part of the core training that officers must have in order to maintain their POST certification.

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IMPORTANT NEWS

The cost for the FOP Legal Defense Plan - Active Members:

- **Full Coverage (ABC): \$396 / Civil/Criminal Coverage (BC): \$84**
- **Comprehensive Legal Coverage** - Access to attorneys 24/7 for both on- and off-duty incidents, ensuring your members always have immediate, reliable support.
- **Peace of Mind and Financial Security** – Minimize personal financial risk from expensive legal fees so officers can confidently perform their duties without worry.
- **Defense Tailored for Law Enforcement** – Specialized legal representation specifically trained to handle cases involving officer-involved shootings, critical incidents, disciplinary matters, and more.
- **Trusted Advocacy and Support** – Backed by the FOP's longstanding reputation for protecting officers' rights, your members know they have strong advocacy whenever and wherever it's needed. And you, as the administrator, have direct access to our enrollment administration and claims partners for support as you need it.
- **Retired Members:**
The Fraternal Order of Police Legal Defense Plan offers specialized coverage to protect retired law enforcement officers facing legal challenges related to concealed carry incidents.

Join today for \$75/year. Questions: call 800-341-6038 or email info@foplegal.com for assistance.

"FOP Pathway to Excellence Conference"



On March 29 - April 3, 2026, President Charlene Heard, Sis. LaPrincess Jenkins (Chaplain) and Sis. Andrea Thomas (Treasurer) attended the Pathway to Excellence / Leadership Matters Conference held at the South Point Casino & Spa in Las Vegas, Nevada. This conference provided additional training for newly elected officers and Executive Officers as a refresher in leadership. This event was the first inclusive training initiative for Labor, Mental health and Leadership training by lodge members from all lodges including other countries that are affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Police world wide.



"Remembering A Fallen Officer"



On Thursday, April 16, 2026, President Charlene Heard had the honor of speaking at the City of South Fulton Government and Police Department Candlelight Vigil Ceremony for Fallen Captain Helio Garcia in the City Of South Fulton at the Southwest Art Center. Captain Garcia was killed in a fatal head-on collision involving an accused drunk driver. Bro. Howard Billingslea and Bro. Al Garrett of Fulton County Lodge 64 were also in attendance.



"Lodge 64 Scholarships"



Scholarships for Lodge 64 Member and/or Spouse/Dependents are now available. The scholarships are up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 each for eligible members and their families. The types of scholarships are as follows:

- ◆ For the member it is the John Haluka Jr. Member Scholarship - Designed specifically for the Active FOP member seeking to further their own education
- ◆ For the Spouse/Dependent it is the Jimmy L. "Santa" Atkinson Scholarship - Dedicated to the spouses and dependents (ages 17-26) of Lodge #64 members.

Applications are located on the Lodge website: gafoplodge64.com under the "Additional Info & Links" tab.

The period to apply is from April 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026. There must be a recommendation letter from either President Heard or Lodge State Trustee Jarvis included with the complete package. Should you have any questions contact Sis. Andrea Thomas at lodge64treasurer@gmail.com

COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE LODGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2026.

♥ "Oldest Lodge 64 Members" ♥



Sis Josephine Burley, one of Lodge 64 oldest members sporting a FOP Lodge 64 Varsity Jacket. Sis Burley is a Retired Deputy Sheriff from Dekalb County Sheriff's Office where she had an exceptional career. Her sons lodge members: Reginald and Rodney Burley, affectionately know as "The Burley Boys". May you continue to give us that beaming smile.

"We salute and love you
Sis. Burley"



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"Welcome to the best lodge in GA"

Members and Agencies

- ◆ Lakeia Baxter - Fulton County Marshal Dept
- ◆ Courtney Benton - South Fulton PD
- ◆ Amon Farrell - MARTA PD
- ◆ Donika Williams - MARTA PD
- ◆ Dominique Woodard - CAU Campus Police
- ◆ Patrice Zachary - MARTA PD

WELCOME!

LIMITED TIME OFFER



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We have a few baseball caps available. These stylish hats can be worn when you are representing "The Best Major Lodge" in Georgia. Cost: \$25 limited supply. Contact Sis. Andrea Thomas "lodge64treasurer@gmail.com" to purchase.

\$25.00



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POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continue to keep Sis. Avis Lofton in your prayers with the recent passing of her sister Ms. Margaret Lofton-Anderson
- ◆ Continue to keep Bro. Brandon Roberson in your prayers with the recent passing of his mother Ms. Tracie Roberson



GET WELL



- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Teddy Randolph
- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Bro. Charles Cooper Sr.



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



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"I think, therefore I am."

Rene' Decartes

Membership Applications QR Code



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right, stay within the
standard, and go
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