

February 2026

Newsletter



"President's Message"

Then v. Now

Reflection reminds us of where we have been and the actions we once took. Reality, however, clarifies what is possible in the present and the choices available to us now. With the knowledge and perspective, you possess today, what would you have done differently back then and how would that awareness influence your decisions moving forward?

"Doing more with Lodge 64 "

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.**

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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



2026 General Meeting & Training Location

**General Meeting, Thursday
February 26, 2026 @ 6PM**

Training starts 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

Upcoming Training Topics

- February 21, 2026 at 0800hrs Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options and Community Policing will be held at The College Park Public Safety Complex - 3717 College St. College Park, GA 30337.

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

"Lodge 64 Training"

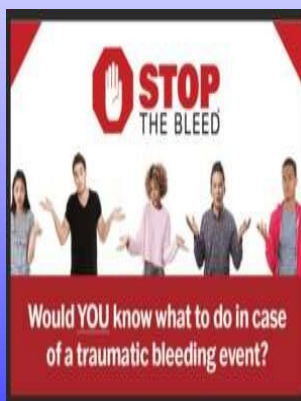
FOP On Saturday, February 7, 2026, the Fulton County Lodge 64 Training Committee held two POST accredited training classes at The Gathering Place located at 6280 Bryant St. Union City, GA. Use of Deadly Force De-escalation Options was instructed by Sis. LaPrincess Jenkins and Community Policing was instructed by Bro. Roderick Pittman. These classes are apart of the core training that officers must have in order to maintain their POST certification.



"Lodge 64 Members in the Community"

On January 28, 2026, members of Fulton County Lodge 64 attended the "Stop the Bleed" training that was held at Landmark Christian High School located at 109 Milo Fisher St., Fairburn, GA. The training was sponsored by the Director of Security, Sis. Stacy Sauls and was instructed by Lawrence Miller of GEMA Homeland Security. The class was a mixture of educators and the lodge members. Everyone learned the importance of stopping bleeding and the proper use of a tourniquet.

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"FOP Day On The Hill"



The "Fraternal Order of Police Day On The Hill" is set for Thursday, February 26, 2026. We need as many members to come out and have your questions and concerns to talk with your representatives under the Gold Dome.

The passage of the POAB and the Halo Bill are of the utmost importance for all Law Enforcement/Public Safety. Wear business attire or Class A uniforms for this event. If you don't get involved, you cannot complain. Get involved and let's make a difference. Calling all Lodge 64 members, family and friends to come out!



Happy Valentine's Day 64 Members Doing More on Valentine's Day"



"FOP State Scholarships"



The Georgia State Lodge is offering 5 - \$1,000 scholarships to eligible members and their families. The types of scholarships are as follows:

- ◆ Jeff Wiggs Scholarship—named in honor of the state’s past president for dedication to the FOP
- ◆ Truett Cathy Scholarship - members who have volunteered and served their communities while attending school
- ◆ Stan Elrod Scholarship - named in honor of our member Stan Elrod who was killed in the line of duty while training
- ◆ 1 unnamed scholarships
- ◆ Blueline Lawyer Scholarship - funded by Lance and Barbara Lorusso awarded to a member attending law school. Seeking a Criminal Justice Degree or a paralegal.

The period to apply is from January 31, 2026 to April 1, 2026. There must be a recommendation letter from either President Heard or Lodge State Trustee Jarvis included with the complete package. Contact the State Lodge at 770.485.7180 Dana Atwood gafopstatelodge@gmail.com for additional information. Winners will be notified via email no later than JULY 1, 2026.

COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE GEORGIA STATE LODGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2026.

Scholarships



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**Lodge 64 Scholarship
will be open:
April 1 - May 1, 2026**

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LEGAL DEFENSE PLAN

IMPORTANT NEWS

Plan Price Adjustment

NEW PRICING EFFECTIVE IN 2026

The FOP Legal Plan Board of Directors reviews coverage pricing with our accounting and actuarial firm partners every other year. This review ensures that the FOP Legal Defense Plan is properly funded and sustainable for our members. Based on our findings this year, a price adjustment effective January 1, 2026, is necessary.

New Pricing Effective January 1, 2026

The new annual cost for the FOP Legal Defense Plan, shown below, will be reflected in your 2026 renewal date. For example, the new pricing will take effect if your plan renews on August 1, 2026.

- **Full Coverage (ABC):** \$396
- **Civil/Criminal Coverage (BC):** \$84

We understand this change could create uncertainties. As the group administrator, you play a key role in ensuring Lodge Participants understand the value of the FOP Legal Defense Plan and are properly enrolled. Here are a few of the advantages of the FOP Legal Defense Plan.

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.

If you have questions about the plan or the price change, please call 800-341-6038 or email info@foplegal.com for assistance.

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Councilwoman Tracie Arnold and
The Twenty Peards Foundation, Incorporated®
invite you to

SAVE THE DATE



FOREVER Young
Senior Health Fair

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tracey Wyatt Recreational Complex
2300 Godby Road | College Park, GA 30349

WE WILL OFFER:

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucose Screenings
- Dental Screenings
- Cancer Screenings
- Mammograms
- Eye Exams

For additional information
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Burnout does not happen overnight. It builds quietly through constant stress, responsibility, and exposure to trauma.



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POWER of PRAYER



- ◆ Continue to keep Sis. Vivian Dixon-Bradford in your prayers on the recent passing of her sister Ms. Deborah S. Murphy.

We never lose our loved ones. They accompany us; they don't disappear from our lives. We are merely in different rooms."

PAULO COELHO



GET WELL



- ◆ Continue praying for a speedy recovery for Mr. Lewis Mitchell the brother and brother-in-law of Sis. Sherry Grant and Bro. Ronnie 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
2896 East Point Street
East Point, GA 30344**

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"A calm mind brings inner strength and self-confidence"
14th Dalai Lama

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**Most police work
never trends
online, yet it quietly
maintains order,
stability, and safety
every single day.**


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