



# North Carolina: Charlotte-Mecklenburg FOP Lodge #9

July 2008 Newsletter

2008, Number 7

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**2008 FOP LODGE #9 BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

- Please visit the National FOP web site at <http://www.fop.net/> to check your membership status and make sure we have your correct address.

### **FOP Lodge 9 \$10,000 Grand Giveaway: May 31<sup>st</sup> (Formerly known as the "Truck Raffle"**

- The \$10,000 Grand Giveaway (formerly known as the Truck Raffle) held on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> and it was a great success with everyone having fun. Skiddie Hurd was the big winner and congratulation to her and Jim.
- Our first annual golf tournament is well in the planning stages for Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Cowans Ford Country Club. You can help. Call "Stretch" Haynes (704)807-2776, for more information. Rick Hendricks is donating an autographed racing helmet and we are trying to get an autographed football from the Panthers. The entry fee for the tournament will be \$80.00 per golfer. The Golf Tournament Committee has obtained a package that includes the following:
 

2x6 Welcome Banner	(18) Hole Sponsor Signs
Longest Drive Contest	
Closest to the Pin Contest	(4) 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Prizes
(4) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Prizes	
\$ 50,000.00 Shootout	Putting Contest
Hole in One Package	Outdoorsman

(The committee has the letter with our Lodge President's signature for the golf tournament for the members when they are soliciting for prizes.)

- The national presidential screening (Grand Lodge) committee sent questionnaires to each of the three remaining candidates and the results will be printed in the next journal. The State Lodge will mail a ballot to each member in the state and the members will vote for the candidate of their choice, put a stamp on the post card and mail it back to the State Lodge.

President: Randy Hagler  
Vice President: Skiddie Hurd  
Secretary: Ronnie Stinson  
Treasurer: Ken Clark  
State Trustee: Dennis McCrary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Don Penix  
Past President: Larry Walker  
Chaplain: Tyrone Scott

**Trustees:**

Andy Martin (07)  
Mark Michelac (07)  
Buster Tanner (07)  
John Melekian (06)  
Scott Geiler (06)

**Guards:**

John DeCatsye (07)  
Karl "Stretch" Haynes (07)  
Paul Ensminger (06)  
Ben Pepitone (06)

- PBA is making false reports about the legal defense plan for the FOP. They are reporting that the FOP has a \$25,000.00 cap. This is **not true**. NCFOP has its own program, which is controlled by the State. There are no limits.
- The National Journal is going back to a magazine format. You should have received your May copy.
- The State Conference is September 16<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> 2008 in Greensboro, NC. Anyone wishing to attend should have their wishes known at the July membership meeting.
- Collective bargaining is coming. We need to prepare as we are responsible for our own future. Southern States are sponsoring a training session for labor negotiators in Charlotte or Mississippi as soon as possible. Each state will have 5 slots to field. NC State Lodge is also planning a training session for about 50 officers.
- Mecklenburg County District Attorney Peter Gilchrist has requested an independent investigation into the death of Mr. Winchester. Mr. Winchester's family told us they wanted an independent SBI investigation and we are working with the Bureau to ensure all pertinent records and evidence are provided to them in a way that maintains chain-of-custody integrity, says Interim Police Chief David Graham. The Department is cooperating fully with the Bureau.
- The Charlotte FOP and the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte NC have partnered together in a program to provide calling cards to our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please bring your old cell phones to the Lodge. We will continue this program throughout the year.
- Hendricks Honda is offering to pay \$400.00 to the State Lodge for any member that purchases a vehicle on line through the link on the State website. The State Lodge agreed to keep \$200.00 and give \$100.00 to the local lodge and \$100.00 to the member.  
<http://www.ncfop.org/>
- The Lodge will hold a handgun raffle for members. Tickets will be available at the July 2008 membership meeting and at the bar at the Lodge anytime. Five (5) tickets and a return self-addressed envelope will be mailed to each member with their 2009 membership card in December 2008. Each member is asked to support the Lodge by purchasing the tickets and mailing a check for

the five tickets. The drawing will be at the March 2009 membership meeting. The tickets will be \$5.00 each and 5 tickets for \$20.00. The raffle will be available to all Lodge # 9 members and other FOP members. The winner must be able to obtain a gun permit.

### **THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!**

#### **A message from the Law Enforcement Network**

For those of you who like to grill it up during the summer, here's a safety announcement you should be aware of. Please put this information out to ALL personnel. For those of you who exchange your propane tanks, this is something you definitely need to be aware of, especially in light of the recent news of 'Meth-labs' in our area. Meth cooks are getting propane tanks from exchanges at Wal-Mart, Kroger, etc. and emptying them of the propane. Then, they are filling them with anhydrous ammonia (which they now have a recipe for by the way). After they are finished with them, they return them to the store. They are then refilled with propane and sent back for you and me to buy. Anhydrous ammonia is very corrosive and weakens the structure of the tank. It can be very dangerous when mixed with propane and hooked up to our grills, etc. You should inspect the propane tank for any blue or greenish residue around the valve areas. If it is present, refuse to purchase that tank. Check out the following website for more details. They also have pictures. <http://www.npga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=529>

The newsletter is produced each month. All articles should be e-mailed to [rstinson1208@bellsouth.net](mailto:rstinson1208@bellsouth.net). The newsletter will be delivered a week before the membership meeting. Articles are welcome and encouraged.

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## **Become involved: Join a committee!**

We continue to work on placing people willing to work on the various committees which are listed below:

- **FOP Lodge 9 Club** (Chair Skiddie Hurd, Larry Walker and Don Penix) This committee is responsible for the bar and acts as mediator for the Club and the Board of Directors.
- **Political Endorsement** This committee will examine the political environment in Mecklenburg County as well as all of the cities and towns in the

county. Information gathered through this committee will be used by the membership to endorse candidates that will best represent law enforcement in our county.

- **Recruiting** This committee will be asked to coordinate the recruiting efforts of Lodge #9. The more members we recruit, the more power we have as a group. The more representatives we have in the county, the more effective and beneficial our discussions are with those who are listening.
- **Lake** The lake property is important to the membership, especially those that use the property. This committee acts as overseer of the lake property and deals with issues such as concerns of misuse. (If anyone has a riding lawnmower that they would like to donate to the Lodge for use at the lake, please contact the lodge.)
- **Awards** For too long our members have not been recognized for outstanding work. This committee will examine ways to recognize officers for outstanding work.
- **Fund-raising** (Chair Ken Clark) This committee will examine ways that the Lodge raises money and recommend other projects.
- **Newsletter** (Chair John DeCatsye, Ronnie Stinson and Randy Hagler) Communicating and keeping the members of the FOP Lodge informed is critical; please consider serving on this most important committee.
- **Merchandise** (Buster Tanner, Meba Thompson) FOP Lodge #9 attempts to keep merchandise available to the membership for purchase.
- **Community Affairs** This committee will examine our work in the community. How are we giving back to the community?
- **\$10,000 Grand Giveaway** (Chair Andy Martin) This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Help plan this event.

**Please consider serving one of these committees, you can make a difference.**

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### **WE STILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO CONTACT SENATE OFFICES!!!**

*It is CRITICAL that members make contact with their Senators and ask them to support **H.R. 980***

Senator Enzi is a staunch opponent of the bill, and, in the absence of Senator Kennedy, negotiations have gone slowly. It is important that our members stay in contact with their Senators on the issue--especially the cosponsors and those who voted for cloture on 13 May! All Senate Democrats, as well as independent Senators Lieberman (ID-CT) and Sanders (I-VT) voted in favor of the cloture motion, as did the following Republicans (cosponsors of the Senate companion bill, S. 2123, are marked with an asterisk):

Chambliss (GA)	McConnell (KY)
Coleman (MN)*	Murkowski (AK)*
Collins (ME)*	Smith (OR)*
Domenici (NM)*	Snowe (ME)*
Grassley (IA)	Specter (PA)*
Gregg (NH)*	Stevens (AK)*
Hagel (NE)	Sununu (NH)*
Hatch (UT)	Thune (SD)
Martinez (FL)*	Voinovich (OH)

***All F.O.P. members should call their Senators (ESPECIALLY those listed above) at their Washington offices, or through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121, and thank them for their vote in favor of cloture and ask that they continue to work to get this bill passed on the Senate floor."***

When contacting your Senators, we encourage you to refer to the FOP's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document:

<http://www.fop.net/legislative/issues/bargain/hr980faq.pdf>

*FOP members can reach their Senators at their Washington offices (or through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121).*

**REMEMBER:** the bill does *not* require binding arbitration, protects existing right-to-work laws, and specifically prohibits strikes and lockouts. The legislation merely requires that States "substantially provide" for the following rights and responsibilities:

- the right to form and join a labor organization;
- the right to bargain over hours, wages, and the terms and conditions of employment; and
- the availability of an "interest impasse resolution

mechanism such as fact-finding, mediation, arbitration, or comparable procedures".

Additional talking points to use when making your case:

- Last July, H.R. 980, was favorably reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor on a 42-1 vote. Later that same month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill on a 314-97 vote.
- The House bill won a majority of votes from **BOTH** party caucuses.
- The bottom line for both public safety employers and employees is not profit for shareholders, but to best ensure the safety of the officers, to bring them home safely at the end of their shift and to deliver emergency services in the fastest and most efficient way possible.
- It is irresponsible and offensive to suggest that collective bargaining would impede or jeopardize the ability of law enforcement officers to do their jobs. Their lives are on the line everyday, agreement or no agreement and to suggest that response to a critical incident would be used as a bargaining chip is reprehensible.

You can get additional information on the bill, and can direct Senate staff to, the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Grand Lodge website:

<http://www.fop.net/legislative/issues/bargain/hr980faq.pdf>

If any of the Senator's staff that you speak with have additional questions about the legislation, tell them to contact Tim Richardson at in the FOP's National Legislative Office at 202-547-8189

The short session starts on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. To track these bills and other visit: [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net)

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### **BLUE LIGHT LOUNGE at the FOP**

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- Open 5:00 PM Tuesday – Friday
- Free Pool on Tuesdays – Drink Specials every night
- **Rent the lodge!!** It's available to all members.
- Excellent facility! Great rates!
- Graduation Parties, Weddings, Birthdays
- Contact: Tara Murrow, Blue Light Lounge Manager @ 704-616-2453

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### **AUXILIARY #9**

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- FOPA meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- Membership dues are \$35.00 per year.

The Auxiliary would like to thank the FOP for allowing us to attend Peace Memorial Week in Washington in May. Three members attended and assisted with the function and registration of the survivors of slain officers. On the families buses, we were able to talk to them before, during and after the ceremony. The experience was great and very heart warming. We were actually working doing this entire ceremony with these families. This will truly be remembered by each of us.

Thanks to all that attended the FOP Auxiliary Candlelight Memorial service on the May 16<sup>th</sup>. This event was a success and the members of the Auxiliary really enjoyed hosting this event. The attendance gets better each year and the media coverage was great. Thanks to Mr. Dan for the fantastic sound system, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark for the purchase of our roses and picture set up. Also thanks to the CMPD Explorers Advisors, Officer Tom Allen and Officer Jean Moran with Explorers Sergeant Laurel Korenich, Sergeant Robert Fetterson, Anjelica Tellus, Darius Thomas, Christian Coe and Erin Lee and the Mecklenburg County Sheriff Office Advisors Officer Nathan Brown and Deputy Cathy Hope with Explorers David Strickland, Deante' Miller and Keifer Crafter.

The Auxiliary's 50/50 Raffle was a success at the FOP \$10K Raffle We made \$792.00 plus \$20.00 from raffle pull, which gave us a total of \$812.00. The Blue Knights Chapter won the other half which was \$792.00

- Questions about the FOPA may be directed to Jackie Stinson, [JSTINSTAR@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:JSTINSTAR@BELLSOUTH.NET) 704-724-7752 or 704-263-2016

### **SICK AND DISTRESSED**

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#### **Please continue to pray for our sick and distressed Officers**

On Sunday, 6-08-2008 at approx 2:50pm Officer Clint Hales pulled over Jerome Demond Wright, 25. Some sort of altercation occurred and Officer Hales was shot with a handgun. Goldsboro Police Sgt Chad Calloway stated further investigation will determine who actually shot whom and with what weapon. Hales and Wright exchanged gunfire, injuring both. At the time of this report, Officer Hales is in intensive care but in stable condition. Officer Hales is a member of Wayne County FOP Lodge 62

## Deaths

- Onslow County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Boehm was killed in the line of duty, in the early morning hours of June 14, 2008. Unfortunately, Deputy Boehm was not an FOP member. Steve had been working for the Sheriff's Department for 10 years. During his tenure for the Department he had been a corrections officer, patrol deputy and a school resource officer for White Oak High and Dixon Middle Schools. He also was the junior varsity football coach and had been the varsity coach for White Oak. He is survived by his wife Kim Lawrence; a son Daniel, daughters, Crystal, Samantha, and Tiffany Lawrence.
- Onslow-Pender FOP lodge is working on starting a fund for his children at this time, any cards and donations can be sent to Onslow-Pender FOP Lodge #68, c/o Boehm Memorial Fund, PO Box 54, Jacksonville, NC 28540.
- Mr. William G. Jarrell (Bill), age 85, of 149 Stoney Hill Road, Goldsboro, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Kitty Askins Hospice Center. He was a retired police officer with the Charlotte Police Department and a life member of the Fraternal Order of Police.
- June 2, 2008 Please keep Officer Ron Chambers and his family in your thoughts and prayers after the passing of his Mother, Ms. Nancy Chambers.

***Our prayers and deepest condolences for our members & families that have lost loved ones.***

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- On October 6th thru the 10th, 2008 Dare County Sheriffs Office will be holding an International Police Mountain Bike Association, (I.P.M.B.A.) Basic Police Mountain Bike Course at the Dare County Sheriffs Office in Manteo at 0800 hours. Students need to be in class at 0800 on Monday morning the 6th of October. Please schedule officers now. All Dare County law enforcement agencies can send officers at no cost to their agencies. Any out of county agencies in North Carolina can send officers at 250.00 each. Any out of state officers can attend at 500.00 each. Any fees collected will be used towards equipment and supplies to better this course each year. Any questions E-mail at [georgeb@co.dare.nc.us](mailto:georgeb@co.dare.nc.us) or log on to the official I.P.M.B.A. web site at [www.ipmba.org](http://www.ipmba.org).

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**Stanley County Community College**

<http://www.stanly.edu/cjc>

**Criminal Justice Associate's Degree—  
ENTIRELY ONLINE!**

Stanly Community College was the first community college in NC to offer its entire CJ Associate's Degree completely online. Contact former CMPD Sergeant Kim Hammett, at (704) 991-0164 or at [khammett8505@stanly.edu](mailto:khammett8505@stanly.edu) for more information.

*Further your career! Increase your pay! Call today!*

**Central Piedmont Community College**

<http://www.cpccsafetytraining.com/>

CPCC is offering many of the criminal justice and OSHA mandated classes for law enforcement on-line. To register for these classes, or to learn more about taking these classes on-line, please go to <http://www.cpccsafetytraining.com/>. You can access information about the courses by clicking on the registration link. CPCC will be offering these courses each semester in 2007. To find out about all of CPCC's law enforcement in-service classes, e-mail Doug Norwood at [Douglas.norwood@cpcc.edu](mailto:Douglas.norwood@cpcc.edu)

**STATE LODGE NEWS**

<http://www.ncfop.org/>

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- The State office is located at 1500 Walnut Street Cary, NC 27511 The phone number is: 919-461-4939 (Office) and 800-628-8062 Fax number is: 919-461-4958

**GRAND LODGE**

<http://www.fop.net/>

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- The National Lodge has contracts with the following companies that should provide cost savings to our members while raising money for the FOP:
  - Avis Car Rental
  - Enterprise Car Rental
  - FOP Prescription Drug Program
  - Caliber Press Discounts for Street Survival Seminar
  - FOP-RHS Retirement Health Savings Program

- John Hancock Long Term Care Program

All of these programs are now in existence and information can be obtained by logging on the Grand Lodge Web Page <http://www.fop.net/>

### MERCHANDISE

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- National FOP merchandise is available at the Lodge.
- Merchandise is on order for the Lodge. The committee is asking women for sizes so that they can order items for them and have some of the most popular sizes for the show cases. Contact the Lodge. Thank you for your support.
- FOP Auxiliary has a wide variety of merchandise also on display.
- **Blue Line** Merchandise is now available at the Lodge.