



# North Carolina: Charlotte-Mecklenburg FOP Lodge #9

October 2008 Newsletter

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- 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.

### *A letter from our Lodge President, Randy Hagler:*

Charlotte-Mecklenburg FOP lodge #9 has been busy, just ask any board member. Let's talk about some of the things going on around Charlotte.

### State FOP Conference

#### State Officers

The North Carolina State FOP held their biennial conference in Greensboro, September 16-21, 2008. Lodge #9 has been very well represented on the state level for many years. Lodge #9 member, Don Penix, stepped down as State Lodge President after eight years but will continue to serve on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President. Don has served the membership of NCFOP for more than sixteen years on the Executive Board. Don's leadership has brought the NCFOP to the next level and we look forward to his continued service to the membership as Immediate Past President. Retired Durham Police Captain, Terry Mangum was elected President. Terry has served as State Vice-President for the past six years and is more than ready to accept his new role.

Also being elected to office at the State Conference was Dennis McCrary. Dennis was elected as National Trustee by the delegates present at the conference. He will assume the responsibility of representing the North Carolina FOP membership on the National Board of Directors. Dennis brings many years of FOP experience to the national board; he has served on the Lodge #9 board for years and has also previously served on the State Executive Board.

I had the privilege of being elected to serve as State Vice-President and I certainly look forward to the challenge. I would like to thank Lodge #9 Vice-President, Skiddie Hurd for nominating me for the position, thanks Skid.

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

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 (08)  
Scott Geiler (08)

**Guards:**

John DeCatsye (07)  
Karl "Stretch" Haynes (07)  
Ben Pepitone (08)  
Will Parker (08)

**Political Endorsements**

As many of you know the responsibility for political endorsements for state wide offices belongs to delegates of the state conference. Please check the state lodge web site for complete endorsements but please allow me to highlight a few here.

**US Senator**-Delegates heard from both candidates for U. S. Senator, the seat currently held by Elizabeth Dole. After presentations from both candidates, Elizabeth Dole and Kay Hagen, delegates felt "**no endorsement**" was the correct choice. Discussion on the no endorsement vote centered on Kay Hagen's lack of support for law enforcement officers in North Carolina during her ten years as State Senator. She also was not clear where she stood on the issue of collective bargaining for police, fire, and medic. Elizabeth Dole came to the conference after recently signing one of the two National FOP top legislative priorities. The general feeling was this was done to off-set her not supporting NCFOP on a vote she had earlier promised her support on. There was a lot of discussion regarding this but the ultimate vote was no endorsement.

**Governor**-Only one candidate seeking the office of governor chose to attend our conference, Beverly Perdue. Lt. Gov. Perdue made it clear to the delegates the endorsement of the FOP was important to her. She has in the past been very supportive of law enforcement officers and has pledged to assist FOP with our top priorities, 25 year retirement being at the top of the list. Mayor Pat McCrory did not even return the questionnaire sent by the endorsement committee and has made it clear to our delegates he does not need law enforcement officers to get him elected. Delegates voted to **endorse Beverly Perdue** for Governor.

Please visit the State Lodge web site <http://www.ncfop.org/> for a complete list of endorsements made at the conference.

**Legislative Priorities for the next two years (as directed by the conference delegates)**

1. Twenty-Five year retirement with no reduction in benefits
2. Due process bill for ALL law enforcement officers
3. Collective bargaining for Law Enforcement
4. Pay Roll deduction for law enforcement association dues

**Sergeants:** Exempt or non-exempt

Recently a survey was done asking CMPD sergeants the all important question, exempt or non-exempt. Do you want to be paid for your overtime or would you prefer to continue to be given compensatory time. The results were overwhelming that sergeants thought they should be paid for any overtime earned.

City of Charlotte Human Resources has stated they do not feel sergeants are entitled to overtime and it looks as if the issue is headed to U.S. Department of Labor for a decision. Plans are under way to file a complaint with DOL against the City and ask them to investigate and render an opinion. If DOL finds in favor of the sergeants they will take action against the city, we'll keep everyone informed.

### **Local Political Endorsements**

At the Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> FOP meeting the membership will be voting on local political races. The majority will be involving races for District Court Judge. We have heard from many of the judges running but need input from officers that are familiar with them. We need police officers / FOP members from all across the county to attend the meeting and offer their insight on who the FOP should endorse. Please consider attending, dinner is at 5:45pm and the meeting starts at 6:30pm. See you there.....

Take Care and be Careful,

Randy Hagler, President  
FOP Lodge #9

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### **FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ENDORSES MCCAIN!!!**

*Nominee has the "full support" of the nation's largest police labor organization*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, today announced the organization's endorsement of Senator John S. McCain III for the office of President.

"The FOP carefully considered the records and the responses of both candidates and, in our evaluation, Senator McCain will provide greater leadership for our country and for our nation's law enforcement officers," Canterbury said. "We will be proud to stand behind him this November, and to stand with him for the next four years."

For a candidate to receive the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police, he must receive a two-third majority of the National Board, which is made up of one Trustee from each of the organization's State Lodges.

"Our National Board, and the more than 327,000 members of the FOP, acquainted themselves with Senator McCain's record, and, after meeting with him face to face in July, he made it very clear that he is with us on the issues most important to our members," Canterbury said. "Like our members, he sees issues through the eyes of someone that has been on the front lines. That is exactly the kind of perspective, and the kind of leadership, that we need in the White House."

Canterbury cited Senator McCain's strong support for the FOP's efforts to amend the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act and pledged to work with the organization in crafting our nation's law enforcement policy.

"Senator John McCain is a proven leader with a clear record of support for the men and women who put their lives on the line—just as he did—to defend our communities and our nation," Canterbury said. "I am proud to offer the Senator our endorsement today and I look forward to working with the McCain Administration over the next four years."

- Our first annual golf tournament will be on 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.)


- **CMPD Promotions**

September 5, 2008 Congratulation to the following officers that the Civil Service Board has approved thirteen detectives and officers for promotion to sergeant. They are:

Marc Robson	Edward Rankin	Marsha Dearing
David Cristy	Jeremiah Blow	Ryan Jackson
Daniel Castillo	Jeffrey Brown	Anderson Royston
Alexander Watson	Anne Linto	Brian Sanders
Todd Walther		

In addition, Chief Monroe will be recognizing those sergeants recently selected to serve as the department's first Response Area Commanders.

These sergeants are:



Andy Harris	Gerald Smith	Todd Lontz
Casey Carver	Pam Lisenby	Mark Santaniello
Rich Stahnke	Jeff Vilagi	Tom Barry
Travis Pardue	Nate King	Bob Cooke
Tammy Hatley	Spence Cochran	Rich Korenich
Gregg Collins	Lisa Carriker	Dave Minnich
Ken Schul	Ray Carlton	James Elliott
Tonya Arrington	Christian Wagner	Mike Sloop
Nick Pellicone	Dave Moorefield	Bill Cunningham
Brad Koch	Jeff Ojaniit	Tim Maciejewski
Stella Patterson	Greg Venn	Gerard Farley
Chuck Henson	Joy McGraw	Jim Morrison
Jim Wilson	Steve Huber	Brian Foley

- 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 are available at any membership meeting and at the bar at the Lodge. 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.


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** (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***

*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
  - **Effective now** – Kat’s Karaoke every Friday night at the Lodge from 9:00 1:00. We have had a lot of fun. Come and join us.
  - 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: Tina Parker, Blue Light Lounge Manager @ 704-376-3838
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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 newly elected Charlotte Mecklenburg Lodge #9 FOP-Auxiliary Board was installed at the August meeting by Vice-President Skiddie Hurd. Congratulations to all the officers elected:

President –	Jackie Stinson
Vice-President –	Ann Haynes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice- President	Sylvia Whitt
Secretary-	Carolyn Williams
Treasurer-	Candy Spoor
Chaplin-	Beverly Driggers
Sgt-Arms-	Etta Johnson
Trustee-	Melody Joyce
Alternative Trustee	Sylvia Smith

We have had illness and death within our Auxiliary family for the last few months

- Carolyn Williams – Lost her mom in May. Carolyn had surgery on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Tara Murrow’s father passed on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Jackie Stinson has been ill.

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 Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> just after returning from the NC State FOP Conference in Greensboro, NC State Secretary Tim Brewer had a stroke. Tim is recovering at Catawba Valley Medical Center and should be released from the hospital soon. He is undergoing physical therapy daily and seems to be doing better. Telephone calls and visits are not yet encouraged but if you would like to drop him a note or card you can send them to:  
Tim Brewer  
816 East 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Newton, NC 28658-1911
- On Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Caldwell County Deputy Sheriff Adam Klutz was shot killed while responding to a 911 hang-up call in southern Caldwell County. Lt. Chris Martin was also shot in the incident but survived due to his bullet proof vest. The suspect was found several days later after an extensive search, dead of a gun shot wound believed to be self-inflicted. The funeral for Deputy Klutz was held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Grove Baptist Church in Granite Falls, NC. Randy Hagler and Dennis McCrary had the opportunity to attend the funeral and were very proud of the police turnout from police departments across Mecklenburg County.
- September 9, 2008 State Trooper Andrew J. Stocks of Troop C, District 3 in Raleigh was killed when his patrol vehicle collided with a Waste Management Truck while he was responding to a traffic accident. Trooper Stocks joined the North Carolina Highway Patrol in April, 2004, and was assigned in Troop "C," District 3, in Raleigh. Trooper Stocks grew up in Wake County, where he graduated from Cary High School in 1983. Trooper Stocks is survived by his wife, Liane Gae Stocks and daughter, Ashley Nicole Mallet.

A memorial fund has been established at the State Employees Credit Union. The name of the fund is "Liane G. Stocks to Benefit the Family of Trooper A. J. Stocks", Account # **60505061**. Donations may also be mailed to the following address: NCSECU Attn: Sherri Cannady Po Box 450 Garner NC 27529

- Retired CMPD Sergeant Roy King is home from the hospital and continues to recover from a stroke he suffered in August. Roy is doing better at home and continues to improve. Cards or a note would be welcome:

Roy King  
352 Shope Creek Rd  
Asheville, NC 28805

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

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### **Stanly 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**

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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.