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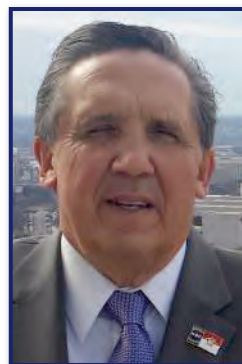
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## President's Message

By Randy Hagler, State President

Welcome to the May/June 2023 issue of the official publication of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, The BlueNote. If you receive this publication via email or download it from the [ncfop.org](http://ncfop.org) website, please share it with all your law enforcement friends, family, and supporters. It contains important information concerning our organization and law enforcement across the State.



During May, like many law enforcement agencies around the state and the country, North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police recognizes our law enforcement heroes across our state who made the ultimate sacrifice during the previous year. This year, for the first time, NCFOP partnered with NC Concerns of Police Survivors to host a "Celebration of our Law Enforcement Heroes." This was the first year this event was sponsored and hosted totally by our two organizations. Both NCCOPS and NCFOP have participated in a similar event for many years. After last years' service, NCCOPS and NCFOP began to make plans to have our own celebration for the heroes and their families. Relying a great deal on what our partners with NCCOPS felt was needed, we developed the celebration many of you witnessed on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Lamb's Chapel in Burlington. I am so grateful for the relationship between our two organizations and proud we were able to provide a celebration to honor the nine officers we lost in 2022 and two additional officers from 2021. From the beginning of the planning for this celebration, we were determined to make this about the officers and the way they lived their lives outside of law enforcement. We can only hope we were able to accomplish that and bring a smile to faces of the folks who have lost so much. In this edition of the BlueNote, you will see several articles and a number of pictures from the celebration.

Many local FOP lodges, as well as law enforcement agencies, will be hosting events to honor the lives of all the officers lost during services in May. I encourage you to attend some of these to show your support for the men and women that we have lost and to show support for those who are still serving and those who have retired. May 15<sup>th</sup> is Police Memorial Day and the National Fraternal Order of Police sponsors an event on the West Lawn of the United

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*The Voice of Law Enforcement*

## President's Message (Continued)

State Capitol to honor all the local, state, and federal Peace Officers that lost their life in the previous year. This ceremony is attended by thousands of law enforcement officers from the United States and many other countries as well. If you have never attended one of these ceremonies, you owe it to yourself as a law enforcement officer to go.

On April 21-23, NCFOP held our Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Greenville. Pitt-Greenville Lodge 69 was our host lodge for the meeting that began on Friday evening and continued most of the day on Saturday. Our Board of Directors heard reports from our Executive Board members, Committee Chairs, and our Governmental Affairs Director. A lot of good information was shared by all those reporting. Hopefully, that information will be brought back your local lodge so each of you will be informed as well. Please contact a member of the Executive Board if you are not getting timely information from your local lodge leaders and we will look into the issue. You can easily email us by visiting the NCFOP website at [ncfop.org](http://ncfop.org) and we will be glad to get you up to speed.

The 2023-2024 Legislative session began in January and it has been a busy one. Please review the article in this edition by our Governmental Affairs Director on one particular piece of legislation we have been working on for many years, H214 - Add A Member to CJ Training Standards Commission. We appear to be closer than we have even been to getting this done. We will need everyone's support in order to get this bill to the floor and then passed. If you have a relationship with your local legislator, please give them a call and ask for support. The same bill was introduced in the NC Senate, S161, so you should also call your State Senator and ask for support. There have been many bills introduced in both the House and Senate that we are tracking to include 25 Year Retirement, Right to Appeal Giglio Notification, Return to work after Retirement, Medal of Valor for Emergency Responders, and many more.

Please do not forget the upcoming 66<sup>th</sup> Biennial National FOP Conference and Expo. Time is running out to make hotel reservations for the August 13-17 National Conference in sunny Las Vegas. Where else can you go and find 5,000 of your favorite FOP members from around the country representing 365,000 members from our organization? If you need information, please send me an email or give me a call.

Stay Safe.

**1ST ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION  
OF OUR LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
HEROES**



**PRESENTED BY  
NC COPS  
AND NC FOP  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
at 11am  
Lambs Chapel  
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Celebration of our Law Enforcement Heroes - Photos



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Trying to maintain a wholesome attitude can be a struggle for law enforcement when faced with negativity and criticism about our profession. Our minds can certainly become overwhelmed with frustration and confusion to the point of feeling anger, depression, and bitterness. We may get the feeling and idea that the world is out to get us. If we are not careful, we may allow these negative thoughts and feelings to impact those closest to us and those we are committed to protect and serve.



We need to remember that we too have flaws and we need to honestly look at our own actions and examine our motives and feeling. Then we should look for ways to have positive dialogue and discussion with others, one person at a time. We may not be able to change those around us, but we can start with the only place we can – ourselves. The choice of having a good or bad attitude is ours. I am not saying it will be easy, and it may not be, but with God's help we can maintain a wholesome and good attitude and demonstrate that attitude toward others. In Philippians 4:13 it says, *“I can do all things {which He has called me to do} through Him who strengthens and empowers me to fulfill His purpose - I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.”*

God's Blessing!!

Chaplain Phil Wiggins  
NC State Lodge Chaplain





# National Lodge Update

By Dennis McCrary – NC National Trustee

The National Board of Directors meeting, Southern States meeting and NC Board of Directors meeting have all recently been held so this is some timely information. Those that attended our NC Board of Directors meeting may find some of this information repetitive as it was in my written report for that meeting. The challenge is that only about 65 members receive that written report so I have to get information on National Lodge activity to the other 5900 NCFOP members thru the BlueNote. The below information is not all inclusive but is a summary of some of the more important issues. You should always go to FOP.net to see what is happening with your National FOP.



One of our guest speakers at the National meeting was the new Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS). This director is one of our own, Hugh Clements. Director Clements served as the National Trustee from Rhode Island for a number of years. He still has great respect for the FOP and made it clear he is a true friend and will do everything in his power to help the officers still working the streets. Director Clements received a very warm welcome and standing ovation from the FOP Board with which he served.

The FOP continues to be the voice of law enforcement across the country. In 2022 the FOP had 38,746 print media mentions with the second closest law enforcement organization having only 9193. Our lead in television and radio mentions was even greater with the FOP having 12,073 and PERF having only 900. Your national, state and local FOP leaders are making sure the public know who we are.

There hopefully will be a book available at the National Conference in August entitled “Safeguarding Freedom”. This is a look back at the history of the FOP from its very beginnings to current day. It will examine the contributions the FOP has made in the professionalism of our officers and the hard work that has been done to improve working conditions, salary and benefits. Those that have seen some parts of the work in progress say that it will be a very high-quality book that tells our story in an excellent manner. The author writes with James Patterson, who most of you know is one of the most prominent authors in today's literary world. We should all be looking forward to seeing our rich history put down in writing for all to read.

Our FOP free college program has been a very popular benefit that many officers have taken advantage of to further their careers. The US Department of Education notified colleges some time back that they could not use the funds they had been using to provide this benefit to officers. Appeals have been filed but no final decision has been reached as of this date. Most schools have changed to a “low cost” plan until a decision is made. Eastern Gateway Community College is still providing these free courses at their own risk until the case is heard. You may go to the National website to get more details and stay up to date.

The National Lodge has finally been able to establish participation in a Healthcare Trust Program. This enables the NFOP Healthcare Trust to offer medical benefits through Blue Cross and Blue Shield to some members that have not yet reached age 62. The rate and benefits seem to be very competitive. You will hear more about this in the near future. Aetna is still providing an insurance option for those members that have reached Medicare age.

Our National Legal Plan continues to be very popular and strong. We have assets of approximately 36 million dollars. This certainly seems like a lot but we have a few cases, such as the one in Kentucky involving the Breonna Taylor officers that could end up costing 3 million dollars. These officers were cleared in State court but now the Feds have decided to try them! Our training session at the Southern State meeting featured Jonathan Mattingly, the officer that was shot in the Breonna Taylor incident. His presentation was excellent and gave great insight into what an officer in this situation could face and how the FOP could do better to help that officer through the difficult challenges. I am so thankful that we went

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## National Lodge Update (Continued)

to the national plan for our criminal and civil coverage. Our state self-insurance plan could not have handled a 3-million-dollar case.

Lodges should have made plans to attend the National Memorial Service in Washington in May. The service this year will honor 443 officers that lost their lives in the line of duty. It will take over 50 buses to transport the families to the service and the Auxiliary is looking for officers to volunteer to assist. They try to have one officer on each bus to help the families with any of their needs. I will be assisting the National FOP in presenting medals to the family members when they come forward to place a rose on the wreath. This is one of the most rewarding but emotional tasks in which I have ever participated. To see those family members, especially the kids, and think what they have been through is a very moving experience.

Speaking of the National Conference, two cities so far have announced they are bidding for the National Conference in 2027. Those cities are Salt Lake City, Utah and Chicago. Both cities have met the qualifications so the delegates at this year's conference will vote on a final location. Just a reminder that the 2025 conference will be in Miami. I hope every lodge has made plans to send their delegates to this year's conference in Las Vegas as NC needs all the votes we can provide. There will be some very important votes taken that will shape the direction of your National FOP for the next two years.

Several years back the FOP Board of Directors approved the creation of a for profit corporation so that we could receive fees that are paid from companies that provide services to our members. These fees normally go to brokers but now our own corporation is able to receive them. For the FY 2021-2022, the National Lodge received \$878,222. This figure does not include another \$700,000 saved from the changes we made in our old printed copy of the Journal magazine.

The National FOP Diversity Committee is sponsoring a Diversity Conference October 8-11, 23. This Conference will again be held in Charlotte and Lodge 9 will be helping to make this event successful. Last year's conference was well attended and it is expected that this one will be even larger.

Several new benefits were recommended by the Program Development Committee at the meeting and were approved by the Board. You will be able to go to FOP.NET in the near future and review these and other vendors the FOP supports.

Most of you that follow the National FOP news or attend conferences know that FOP District of Columbia Lodge 1 has been having some difficult times the last few years. There has been much dissension within the lodge and they are facing some investigations over their fundraiser involving Jack Daniels products. The National Lodge has been working for several years to help them work through their problems. There have been grievances filed by members against the past president of DC Lodge 1 and current president. These two officers refused to even hear the actions as required by the FOP Constitution and By-Laws. They rejected directions of the National Board of Directors and their members to hear these grievances as required. Several National FOP Committees had been trying to work with DC Lodge 1 and bring them into compliance. The National Grievance Committee finally heard the complaints of the DC Lodge 1 members and sustained the allegations against the president and past president. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Compliance Committee that the past president and current president be expelled from the Order. This was a sad day for many on the National Board of Directors but the expulsion was approved by an overwhelming majority. The vice president of DC Lodge 1 was sworn in by National President Yoes as president of the Lodge. We cannot have our leaders refusing to follow some of the most important rules of our Order. This decision can be appealed to the delegates at the National Conference so some of you may see all of the investigation report if the expulsions are appealed.

NC FOP and COPS Celebration of Life event on April 18 was a great success. It appeared to me the survivors enjoyed the ceremony and the church hosting the attendees did a fantastic job. Attendance was good but I did not see as many FOP members as I would have liked. Please attend next year as this is your event honoring those that paid the ultimate sacrifice in North Carolina.

I continue to be honored to serve as your FOP National Trustee. All of you should be as proud as I am to be part of this 366,084-member family. Please let me know if I can do anything for you or your lodge.

# FOP Legislative Update

By: Wayne King – State Legislative Agent

The NC General Assembly convened in late January for this year's session. This session's main objective is passing a state budget for this biennium. The State House passed its spending plan on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Now the State Senate will work on their respective budget and there will be a conference committee of members of the State House and State Senate to present a budget to Governor Cooper.

A major initiative for this year's session is the FOP's interest in adding a seat for the organization to the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. The FOP has had this as a priority for several years.



House Bill 214 was introduced by Rep. Riddell, Rep. Hardister, Rep. Bradford and Rep. Cunningham and would add a seat on the NC Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission for the FOP and the PBA. The bill has 61 bi-partisan sponsors, which is over half the State House. The bill passed the Judiciary 3 Committee on April 5<sup>th</sup> with unanimous support. The NC Sheriffs' Association and NC Chiefs of Police spoke against the bill, and it still passed with unanimous support.

The bill now moves to the House Rules Committee which we anticipate being heard soon.

A companion bill has been introduced in the State Senate. Senate Bill 161 was introduced by Senator Jarvis, Senator Hise and Senator Hanig. The bill has a total of 19 bi-partisan sponsors and currently sits in the State Senate Rules Committee.

We need all FOP members statewide to contact their respective representatives and senators and encourage passage of this legislation.



## Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1 Special Event

By: Martin Wilson – Vice President Lodge 1

We have come up with a plan to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Lodge #1.

On June 1, 2023 we are going to have an Open House at our Lodge that will start at 10:30 a.m. and end after our meeting that evening. As stated before, we will be sending out invitations to all the Lodges in the State, but everyone is invited.

### Schedule for the Day

10:30 a.m. Open House begins: Continental Breakfast

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Early Supper

6:30 p.m.: Regular Lodge Meeting

After the meeting, there are some of us who always hang around and partake in a cigar. Please plan to join us.

We, the members of Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1, are very proud of our Lodge and hope that many of you will come and help us celebrate.

# Preserving Your Lodge's Minutes

By Kevin Hornaday, Constitution and By-laws Chairman

Few documents are more important to your lodge than meeting minutes. Minutes preserve the business of your lodge, financial approvals and can protect your lodge and your board members from questions of impropriety or civil liability.

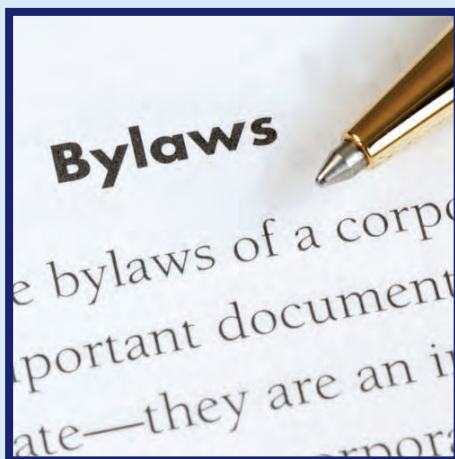
Along with preserving your minutes, it is just as critical that you send those minutes to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee annually. This ensures your lodge stays in compliance.

Most lodges simply take minutes, and they remain in the possession of the secretary. The minutes are never shared with the executive board or preserved for posterity. When the secretary leaves, retires, moves or worse, the minutes often go with them. This exposes your lodge to unnecessary liability. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has been contacted several times about supplying previous minutes to lodges, but we do not have the ability to preserve multiple years of minutes.

With the advent of technology, it is easier than ever to digitally preserve your minutes and store them. Consider one method; once the minutes are approved, signed and sealed, scan the minutes into a PDF. At that point, you can make copies so that the lodge president and secretary have a copy and a digital copy is stored online, such as in a Google account dedicated to the lodge.

At your next meeting, talk with your board about preserving your lodge's legacy. If you have any questions or need help, contact a member of the committee listed below.

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# NC Fraternal Order of Police and NC C.O.P.S. - First Annual Celebration of Life

By Greg Brown – State Sergeant at Arms

Each year we come together to honor and remember our Fallen Brothers and Sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the past year. We come together to show our respect to each of these Fallen Heroes. We would like each family to know that their loved one did not die in vain and their memory will continue to live on and remain in our hearts forever. We must continue to honor them through a commitment to law enforcement.

On Tuesday April 18, 2023, family survivors and law enforcement officers from across North Carolina gathered at Lamb's Chapel in Burlington to honor and remember 11 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2021 and 2022.

This year's celebration was a coordinated effort between the NC Fraternal Order of Police and NC Concerns of Police Survivors. These two organizations came together to develop this Celebration of Life to support the families of those who were lost in the line of duty. This event was the first of its kind and was a huge success. I am sure this will continue for many years to come.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sam Ervin was the guest speaker. He has always shown and given his support to law enforcement throughout the many years he served.

President George W. Bush said it best. *"It takes a special kind of person to serve in law enforcement. Most people run from danger law enforcement runs toward it. You've chosen one of the toughest jobs in the world. And I suspect during times of dangerous duty or lonely patrols, it might seem like the only person you can depend upon is each other. Days like today I hope not only helps our families, but helps those who serve remember that a larger community here in this country stands with you, that we're grateful for your service."*

Those who gave their lives in the line of duty are heroes. They are heroes not only because of how they died but because of how they lived. The courage shown during the last few moments of their lives was not an unusual event but a daily one.

God created the Police Officer knowing the hearts of men and that criminal acts would take place. He knew that people would need help at times and order would be needed to maintain a peaceful life. Our Fallen Brothers and Sisters knew of this when they took the oath to Protect and Serve and that someday they may be called by Him. We are reminded in Mathew Chapter 5, **"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD."**

We must never forget that *Some Gave All*, and that *All Gave Some* every day they wore the badge. The ones who gave all are the ones that gave some until their last day.



# Blue Note Information and Submission Dates for 2023

Executive Editor – Terry Mangum

Hopefully, you have been enjoying and sharing your BlueNote publications. A personal thank you to everyone who contributed articles, photographs, and Lodge activities so far this year.

As always, I would encourage all of our readers to submit articles of your Lodge's activities. The BlueNote is your publication and you do not have to be a Local Lodge or State Lodge officer to submit. If you receive the BlueNote, then you qualify to submit an article.

You now have three more BlueNote publications left in 2023. So get started and submit an article so that we can read about what you and your Lodge are doing.

All you have to do is write the article and then e-mail your article to my e-mail address [TerryMangum@frontier.com](mailto:TerryMangum@frontier.com) by the due date. It is just that simple and painless. If necessary, I will edit what you send to me, and your article will be prepared for publication. You can also submit photographs without an article. When submitting photographs, please select a few of the best and include the names of the individuals in the picture and the event.

Think of your article as a recruitment tool. Articles about your Lodge activities can generate interest from non-FOP law enforcement officers in your area and this interest may equate to a new member for your Lodge. We encourage the sharing of the BlueNote with non-FOP law enforcement, family, and friends.

**Below are the Article Submission Due Dates for the remaining issues of the BlueNote for 2023.**

## Article Submission Due Date for 2023:

**July/August issue: Due by June 16, 2023**

**September/October issue: Due by August 18, 2023**

**November/December issue: Due by October 20, 2023**

As always, I am here to serve you and our membership. If I may be of assistance to you, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.



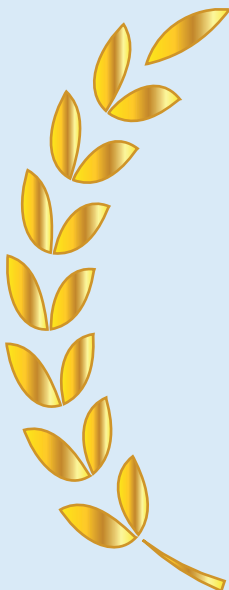
## Lodge 74 Activities

By John R. Byrd Sr. – Lodge President

FOP Lodge 74 and MADD presented the 2022 Officer of the Year Award to Trooper Chad B. Campbell on March 14 at the Troop D Office. In the photo are Trooper Campbell, MADD Regional Representative Ollie Jeffers, and Lodge 74 President John R. Byrd Sr.



FOP Lodge 74 and MADD presented the 2022 Distinguished Service Award to Lt. Shawn Williams with the Roxboro Police Department at the Roxboro City Council Meeting on March 14. In the picture are Lt. Williams, MADD Regional Representative Ollie Jeffers, and Lodge 74 President John R. Byrd Sr.





# A Message from your Chairman of Trustees

By John R. Byrd Sr.

Brothers/Sister,

It was great to see and HEAR everyone at our spring BOD meeting this past weekend in Greenville. We had a very productive meeting and got a lot of good business done for the order. The State Service of Celebration of Life for Fallen Officers was held on April 18<sup>th</sup> in partnership with COPS. The service was magnificent, and we all heard glaring reviews from the families of those honored. The Lamb's Chapel was amazing, and their staff and membership could not have been any more accommodating. Please make every effort to attend next year once the memorial committee puts out a date. The epidemic of officer attacks continues to grow and has become unconscionable. Please stay safe out there.

I had the distinct pleasure along with President Hagler and National Trustee McCrary to attend the grand opening of the new Lodge 10 on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>. They have a show place. Please, if you're in the area, make plans to stop by, see it, and attend one of their meetings.

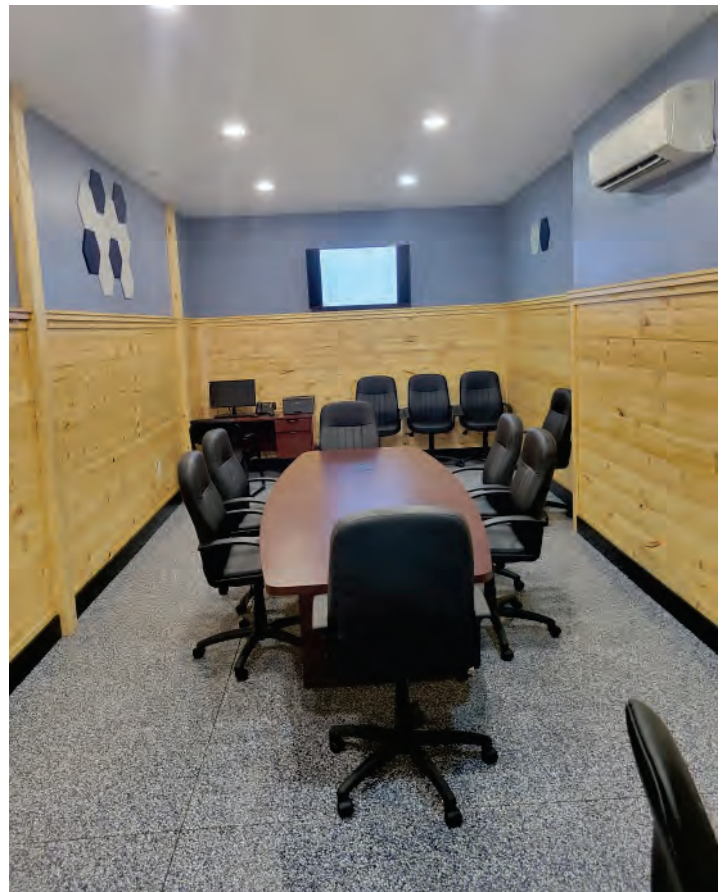
Here are some of the activities I have been involved in since my last message:

- Attended Lodge 74's bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Brookland Eats Restaurant in Roxboro, NC.
- Attended Ted Budd's press conference at Lodge #9 in Charlotte on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Attended Lodge 1's Monthly Meeting in Asheville on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and along with Secretary Wilson updated the State Lodge Inventory.
- Attended Don Penix's Memorial service at Lodge #9 in Charlotte on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Attended Lodge 74's Bi-Monthly Meeting/Christmas Dinner at the Ribeye's Steakhouse in Oxford, NC on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Contacted President Hagler about the Amicus Brief for Chad Coffey's appeal January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Lodge 74's bi-monthly meeting at Rebuilding Hope, Inc. in Henderson, NC on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Presented Officer of The Year and Distinguished Service awards for 2022 for Lodge 74 and Madd on March 14<sup>th</sup>. (Photos in this edition)
- Attended State Memorial Service practice at the Lamb's Chapel in Burlington, NC on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended a Sate Memorial Service dress rehearsal at the Lamb's Chapel in Burlington, NC on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Southern States Meeting in South Charleston, WV April 13 – 15.
- Attended State Memorial Service at the Lamb's Chapel in Burlington, NC on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Spring BOD Meeting in Greenville, NC April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Sent out email updates to Trustees during this time period.
- Sent this article to Brother Mangum for the “Blue Note” on April 25<sup>th</sup>. (I encourage all of you to send articles and pictures to Brother Mangum promoting your lodges and what you are doing).

As always, I am here to serve you and your lodge. You can call me anytime at 336-504-8173 or email me at [person7454@yahoo.com](mailto:person7454@yahoo.com). I hope you continue to find my periodic email updates beneficial. I want to thank you all again for showing your confidence and trust in me by voting me in as your Chairman of Trustees again.

*(See Lodge 10 Grand Opening Photos on next page)*

## Photos of Lodge 10 Grand Opening





# Celebration of Our Law Enforcement Heroes & Recent Events

By Terry Mangum - Immediate Past President

I hope my Fraternal Order of Police Brothers and Sisters across the great State of North Carolina are doing well.

On April 18, the NCFOP and NCCOPS Celebration Of Our Law Enforcement Heroes was held at the Lamb's Chapel in Burlington. Our Celebration recognized the 9 Officers who lost their lives in 2022 and the 2 Officers from 2021. This first ever Celebration of Life was well attended, and in my opinion, a huge success and very much appreciated by the survivors. I have only received positive comments on this event. The Lamb's Chapel was an excellent facility for this event and the Church's personnel were most accommodating, happy to contribute to this Celebration, and extremely generous.



A highlight of this Celebration of Life was the presentation of a beautiful song by the Blessed Sacrament Catholic School youth choir. The choir sang "I'm So Blessed" by Cain. These young people are extremely talented and provided us with an energetic and uplifting song for our celebration. The students performing were 6th-8th grade middle school students. I have received only extremely positive comments on this choir and their contribution to our event. From the school's music director, I received the following: "Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to perform. It was such a moving ceremony, and we were thrilled and honored to be a part of it!"

The State Service we had previously participated in had progressively become more political and less about the survivors, so our State Lodge and NCCOPs created a committee to develop and conduct our own event for the survivors. I had the honor of serving on this Committee along with President Hagler, Chaplain Wiggins, and Chairman of Trustees Byrd.

If I may be of assistance to you or your lodge, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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# Celebration of Our Law Enforcement Heroes & Recent Events

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North Carolina is back in business!

I just returned from the Board meeting in Greenville and I am excited about our future as a State Auxiliary! This is largely due to the continued support of the FOP!

At the meeting, I talked about expanding the Auxiliary to more lodges in our state but I did not go into the benefits a member receives or how to start one. Let me give you a few details!

These are a few things that we are a part of, but we are also privy to most of the benefits that the FOP member receives:

- The National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service: This service is on May 15<sup>th</sup> on the West Lawn of the Capitol in Washington, DC. The Auxiliary organizes this event with the help of the FOP.
- The National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial: The National FOP Auxiliary is the only law enforcement support organization that provided seed money to the Memorial Fund and hold a seat on the Board of Directors.
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance: This is provided at no cost to our members.
- Kathryn Milton Scholarship: The Auxiliary provides an educational grant to a dependent child of an FOP Auxiliary member to help pursue their education.
- Easter Seals and Special Olympics are 2 programs that we support.

To start an Auxiliary, you will need 10 family members (spouses, siblings, children over the age of 18, in-laws, cousins, a widow/widower of a FOP Member, etc.) to apply for a Charter. A \$150 Charter fee and a letter from the FOP expressing their support will need to be sent to the National Auxiliary Secretary. Once approved, one of the State Board Members will come to swear in the new board and help them create a Constitution and By-Laws and show them how to run a meeting.

The FOP Auxiliary is the only national support organization of its kind. We are an ancillary organization of law enforcement officers. Our main objective is to support the law enforcement families. We are the spouses who understand living on low salaries and high stress levels. We are the mothers and fathers who support their child's career choice. We are the children who grew up watching a parent come to an event in full uniform.

We were organized to unite families of members of the FOP, to promote their welfare socially, morally and intellectually, and to encourage them in all things pertaining to their good.

Membership in the Auxiliary offers...

- Family Organization dealing with family issues
- Programs relating to your family's health and safety
- Assistance and training for critical incidents



# Retirees – Did You Know

By Martin Wilson – Retirement Committee Chairman

The Committee wanted to provide you with some information in case you may have missed this. This information concerns Legal Defense Plan coverage for retirees and how to get it.

## **NEW RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCEALED CARRY LEGAL DEFENSE COVERAGE**

*The FOP Legal Defense Plan's Board of Trustees ("Board") has had numerous requests from current and prospective participants to review broadening coverage under the current HR-218 LEOSA Plan. After diligent review and analysis, the Board voted to make the following changes:*

*The current HR-218 Plan coverage will be replaced with the FOP Retired Law Enforcement Concealed Carry Legal Defense Coverage (CCC). The expanded coverage will offer Unlimited Legal Defense for civil and criminal claims associated with the legal carrying and/or use of a weapon: all reasonable and necessary Legal Defense Costs are now covered in full when using a Plan Attorney. This new expanded Plan will provide coverage not only for those retirees who were qualified under LEOSA, but also those retirees who are qualified under their own state laws to carry a concealed weapon.*

*The Concealed Carry Coverage (CCC) will go into effect on January 1, 2021. If you are a current HR-218 retired member, unlimited coverage and the enhanced benefits will automatically take effect on January 1, 2021, with no additional cost. Upon renewal of your coverage in 2021, the new annual fee of \$75.00 will take effect. For all new retired members joining the Plan after January 1, 2021, the annual fee is \$75.00.*

*If you are an active law enforcement officer covered by the FOP Legal Defense Plan, LEOSA coverage already is included. Concealed Carry Coverage (CCC) is for Retired Law Enforcement Officers Only and separate from the FOP Legal Defense Plan.*

*The Board is excited to provide yet another excellent benefit for our FOP Law Enforcement Brothers and Sisters. In today's unstable times, it is crucial to make sure you are protected.*

*The Legal Plan values your business and thanks you for your continued support. For questions pertaining to these changes, enrollment, or the plan in general, please contact Hylant at 800-341-6038 or visit our website at [foplegal.com](http://foplegal.com).*

The Retirement Committee will be providing new, and maybe some old, information in upcoming issues of the BlueNotes to keep our Retirees updated. Also, if there is something that you would like to know or would like for this Committee to find out, please let us know. Send your inquiries to Marty at my email address: [volfan2596@aol.com](mailto:volfan2596@aol.com).





## Lodge 81 Recognizes Four Members

By Mike Langley, State Trustee Lodge 81

WNC Macon-Jackson County FOP Lodge 81 recently recognized four (4) members on their retirements and presented them each with a Certificates of Retirement from Lodge 81.

- Franklin Police Chief William “Bill” Harrell retired on December 1, 2022 after 30 years of service to his community. Of those thirty years, thirteen were as Franklin's Chief of Police.
- Macon County Sheriff Robert L. Holland retired on November 30, 2022 after serving 5 terms as Sheriff (over 20 years) for a total of over 30 years with the Macon County Sheriff's Office.
- Macon County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Major Kenny Lane retired on November 30, 2022 after over 30 years combined service to our community with the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the Franklin Police Department.
- Also recognized was Macon County Sheriff's Captain of Investigations Dani Burrows who retired on November 30, 2022 after more than 15 years of service with the Macon County Sheriff's Office.

Members of Lodge 81 wish them all the very BEST in the next chapter of their life's journey and we thank them for their dedication and leadership to the law enforcement profession.

Best Wishes worthy Brothers and Sister!!!!



# TRIVIA

## **We Finally Have A WINNER!!!**

This Trivia photo proved to be extremely difficult but we now have a winner for the March/April issue of our Trivia contest. Byron Highland, State Trustee of Pitt-Greenville Lodge 69, is the Grand Prize Winner of the BlueNote TRIVIA contest. Byron was the first to correctly identified the reclining individual in the Trivia photograph as Chet Effler.

After a few hints during the State Board of Directors meeting, there were several guesses that rolled in on April 22. Right after Byron's correct answer was one from Shelley Stroup followed by one from Scott Gerson.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the March/April issue of TRIVIA and sent in a response.

If you have not won a TRIVIA contest, do not give up. You have four more opportunities in 2023 to win. Keep playing and submitting your answers and maybe you too can be a BlueNote TRIVIA Grand Prize Winner like Byron Highland.

Remember, it is never too late to submit your guess. However, you should send in your responses as quickly as possible, since the TRIVIA guesses come in with lightning speed. I hope to see your name listed as the BlueNote TRIVIA Grand Prize Winner in the next issue.

## **Now For The Fun Time!!! Drumroll!!! Trumpet Fanfare!!! Play Trivia!!!**

It is TRIVIA TIME and TIME for everyone to Play TRIVIA. This is your opportunity to participate in another entertaining and exciting round of BlueNote TRIVIA.

Can you identify the six (6) FOP members in the photograph below?

If you can identify these individuals, all you have to do is send an email to [terrymangum@frontier.com](mailto:terrymangum@frontier.com) with your answer along with the name and number of your Lodge.

Remember to send me your answer as quickly as you can.

The correct TRIVIA answer will be posted in the July/August 2023 issue of the BlueNote along with the name of the first individual submitting the correct answer. Good Luck!!!

