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Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1 Special Event 'Thank You'

By Martin Wilson - Vice President Lodge 1

Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1 just wanted to thank everyone for helping us celebrating our 70th Anniversary on June 1, 2023.

We still have a few 70th Anniversary shirts and some challenge coins left and available for a small price. If you would like to purchase some of these, just let us know.

Thank you again, to all who came.

This is a BIG DEAL!!!

By Terry Mangum - Immediate Past State President

I had the honor of traveling with State Chaplain Phil Wiggins from Durham to Asheville to attend and participate in Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1's 70th year of existence Celebration. As their 70th logo says, "It all began in the mountains." I have referred to this as a big deal, but it is in all actuality a monumental deal for all North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police members. How fortunate we are that 70 years ago a group of law enforcement officers came together in Asheville and chartered the first Lodge in the State of North Carolina. The Lodge Charter, containing one hundred names, is proudly displayed in the Lodge above the mantel of the fireplace. Without the efforts of these individuals, the FOP may never have come to exist in North Carolina. So, for me, June 1, 1953 is a day that should always be viewed with admiration, appreciation, respect, and honor by all FOP members.

The festivities began at 10:00 a.m. and we had a fun day of celebration with Lodge 1 members throughout the day. Supper, prepared by Chef Marty, began at 4:00 and the Lodge meeting began at 6:30, with Celebration Cake after the meeting. Besides Lodge 1 President Rondell Lance, Vice President Marty Wilson, Secretary Lynn Wilson, and many other Lodge 1 folks, State Executive Board members attending including President Randy Hagler, Treasurer Chet Effler, Chaplain Phil Wiggins, and Immediate Past President yours truly.



Photo of Lodge 1's 70th Anniversary Celebration Cake

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Also joining in on the fun celebration were Lodge 14 President Brian Barton, Lodge 14 State Trustee Shelley Stroupe, Lodge 16 State Trustee Tom Lance, Lodge 18 State Trustee Greta Philbeck, Lodge 81 State Trustee Mike Langley, and Lodge 84 President and State Trustee Lisa Morgan.

Additionally, NC Western District MADD Coordinator Ellen Pitt and Buncombe County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Ronnie Davis, the top NC DWI enforcer in the State for the last 7 consecutive years, attended. This day of celebration was so important that two area North Carolina Representatives stopped by, Representative Mike Clampitt and Representative Lindsey Prather. And National Secretary Jimmy Holderfield sent a letter of congratulations to Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1, on their accomplishment, on behalf of the National Fraternal Order of Police.

I am thankful and honored to have been able to spend time with the members of Lodge 1 on this extremely important day of Celebration for the Fraternal Order of Police in North Carolina. This truly is a BIG DEAL!!!

Photos from Lodge 1 Celebration



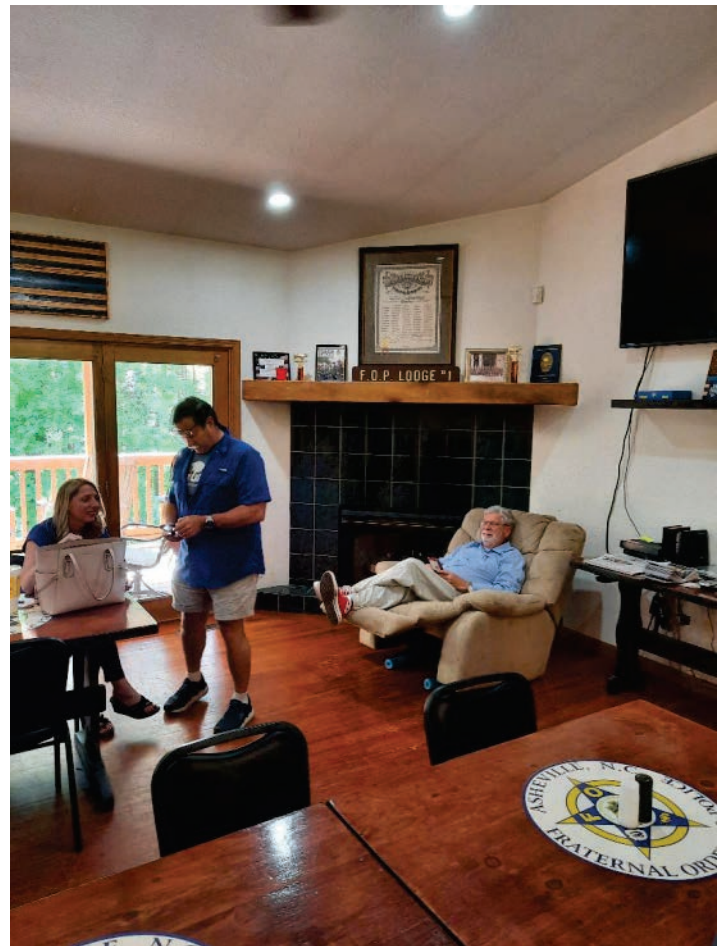
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President's Message

By Randy Hagler, State President



Welcome to the July/August 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 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.

In May, thousands of law enforcement officers, family members, and many others gathered in Washington DC for Police Week 2023. The week was full of events for the family members of officers killed in the line of duty in 2022. On May 15th these same family members and officers from across the country gathered on the West Lawn of the United States Capitol for the 42nd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. 443 officers who were lost last year were recognized at the Service which was hosted by the National Fraternal Order of Police. On the dais with National FOP President Patrick Yoes and National Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary President Glenda Lehman were representatives from the FBI, BATF, and others, along with the Secretary of Homeland Secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas and the United States Attorney General, Merrick Garland. Attorney General Garland was the keynote speaker.

NCFOP member, Greta Philbeck, serves on the National Memorial Committee and played an integral role in bringing this service to the families and officers who attend each year. Greta serves on this Memorial Committee, with nine other FOP members from across the country, and works tirelessly to make the service a FOP signature event. She is one of the longest serving members of this Committee with more than 15 years of service. We should all be proud of her service and the way she represents North Carolina. If you have never attended a National Memorial Service, you should really try and attend. It is definitely an incredibly moving experience that makes you stop and think about what it all means.

Recruiting FOP Members

What is the best way to recruit new officers into the FOP? How does your lodge do it? I know my local lodge has had a great deal of success with their "Recruit Dinners." For many years, they have invited the recruit class to our Lodge for dinner near the end of their police academy training. The invitation includes the recruits and their spouse, or a guest, for dinner and introduces them to the many benefits of the FOP. This has worked well for us. Generally, everyone or almost everyone joins each time. This seems to work for us but we are fortunate to have large recruit classes that average 25-35 future officers so it is worthwhile for us. But what if you don't have that luxury and need another idea?

On June 9th I was invited by Northampton County Lodge 47 to a "FOP Luncheon" at a local restaurant in Jackson, NC. I would like to thank and recognize Lodge President John Young and State Trustee Wes Terry for the invitation and the organization of the event. It was well planned and, time will tell, I think a huge success. Lodge 47 sent out letters to all the departments in about a three-county area, inviting them to the luncheon and to listen to folks talk about the benefits of belonging to the largest law enforcement officers' organization in the United States.

The event was well attended and most were eager to learn about our organization. We had members from Lodge 47 and officers from several sheriff's offices, local police, and the NC Highway Patrol in attendance. Lodge 47 provided lunch for everyone and then we talked about the benefits of FOP membership. Many of the attendees expressed an interest to John and Wes, after the event, in joining the FOP. If you would like more information about the event, please reach out to either myself or Lodge 47 and we will be glad to share more information with you.

Hopefully, everyone will have a safe and happy summer. We will see you in the next edition of the BlueNote in September.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Phil Wiggins

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Experiencing life each day can be wonderful. A few weeks back I, along with several other Fraternal Order of Police families from across the State, enjoyed a time of celebration at Harold C. Enloe Lodge 1 in Asheville recognizing their 70th Anniversary. We experienced a lot of fun, food, and fellowship. It was a wonderful day seeing friends we have not seen in several years.



However, there are some days that are difficult. A week or so later we, as a FOP family, experienced the death of a good FOP Brother, Larry Walker. Family and friends gathered in Charlotte at Lodge 9 to celebrate Larry's life.

The mood had changed from a fun day to a difficult day.

I thought, to myself, about how often this happens within our law enforcement family and the stress that it puts on those going through these changes. What I love about our FOP family is the encouragement we give to each other in the good days and the difficult days.

Thinking about our experiences, I was drawn to the Bible in the book of Nahum 1:7 where it tells us, "*The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.*" In my experiences over the years, I have felt the need to find a place of refuge, where I could feel safe, loved and cared for. God has filled that need in my life. I pray that you have found this same sense of care and peace in Him, to help you through the good and bad times.

God's Blessing!!

Chaplain Phil Wiggins
NC State Lodge Chaplain



National Lodge Update

By Dennis McCrary – NC National Trustee

The National Board of Directors just had its most recent online meeting on June 15. The information I am providing in this update comes from this meeting and other communications from the National Lodge.



I certainly hope all lodges have made plans to attend the National Conference in Las Vegas on August 13-18, 2023. The Nevada State Lodge advises they are finalizing plans and more information should be released shortly on event packages and other plans. The National Lodge has released the schedule for training seminars at the Conference and there are going to be some great seminars. So please take advantage of this chance to increase your knowledge for your job and your FOP. You can go to the National website to see a detailed listing of these seminars. There are some rooms still available at the MGM and other hotels, if you have not yet made your plans. Also, Secretary Holderfield advises that registration will again provide an opportunity for the lodge president, secretary, or other designated officer to pick up all registrations for their delegates so each individual delegate does not have to personally register. This will save time for delegates and our registration staff so please take advantage of this offer.

Bad news of violence continues against our officers. So far this year there have been 171 officers shot and 22 killed by gunfire. 55 officers were shot in 48 separate ambush-style attacks. The number of officers shot in the line of duty is 40% higher from this time in 2020. All working officers please be safe out there.

Plans have been confirmed for the 2023 National FOP Diversity Summit in Charlotte on October 9-11 at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Charlotte. Last year's summit received great reviews from those who attended so your lodge may want to plan now to send some members to this year's event. Charlotte Mecklenburg Lodge 9 will host an event for the attendees at their lodge and assist with hospitality. More information will be forthcoming about registration and the topics that will be discussed.

I know that many agencies are struggling with recruitment and retention of good officers. The National Lodge has a position paper accessible that may help you with some of these issues. It is available at <https://national.fop.net/policy-paper-recruitment-retention>.

The FOP continues to lead our profession in being the voice of law enforcement. Media mentions are a great tool to see who is speaking for law enforcement and your FOP is way ahead of all other law enforcement organizations. So far, just this year, the FOP has over 16,700 print media mentions with the second-place organization, IACP, having just 2973. All nine of the major law enforcement organizations added together still do not come close to the FOP! Television and radio mentions for the FOP this year are at 10,990 with the second place PERF at 818. The FOP also leads social media in likes and followers in Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

It appears that the history book on your National FOP, Safeguarding Freedom, will be ready and available at the National Conference. Those that have reviewed some of the draft say that this is an excellent piece of work and everyone should add this to their library. More information will be available prior to the conference.

The Conference Booklet that is normally handed out at the conference will now be digital. This booklet was a tremendous expense and the National had thousands of these left on the conference floor or not claimed.

The National Lodge is again looking for help from members to serve as Door Guards at the Conference. An email requesting delegates to volunteer for a slot at the door will be out soon. Please consider spending a few hours helping with this duty.

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National Lodge Update (Continued)

A sign that times are changing can be seen in some of the positions that even unionized agencies are now taking. One recent action was that a police union is requesting that the city hire persons other than officers to handle homeless issues, wrecks and shoplifting. Their argument is that they are so short handed they do not have time to handle these calls and adequately serve their communities.

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 family of 366,084 members. Please let me know if I can do anything for you or your lodge.

FOP Legislative Update

By Wayne King – State Legislative Agent

The North Carolina General Assembly seems to have been in slow motion the last few weeks as budget negotiators met behind closed doors to hammer out a consensus budget to present to both Chambers and Governor Cooper.

The desire to adjourn this session prior to the Independence Day holiday is waning. Rumor has it that both Chambers may take a break instead, if they cannot roll out a budget before then.

As many of you have likely read, HB347 Sports Wagering/Horse Race Wagering was signed into law on Wednesday, June 14th. The North Carolina Lottery Commission will oversee the new legalized betting. <https://www.wral.com/story/nc-lottery-website-explains-how-sports-betting-will-work-in-nc/20914015/>



A major focus from both Chambers this year is to address the issue that occurred in Moore County on December 3, 2022. Two power substations in Moore County left roughly 45,000 people in the dark and cold for days. The FBI and SBI are assisting with the investigation and offering a reward of up to \$75,000 for information in the case.

State Senate Majority Whip Tom McInnis (R-Moore) has taken the lead on this issue. S58 Protect Critical Infrastructure will increase the penalties for acts of damage to energy facilities, increase the penalty to trespass on energy facilities, and increase the penalty for willful injury to wires and other fixtures of telephone, broadband, or cable telecommunications.

S58 has passed both Chambers and is expected to be signed into law by Governor Cooper.

On Friday, June 16, 2023, the U.S. House of Representatives Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Energy, Climate & Grid Security held a legislative hearing in Moore County. The topic of this hearing was to hear from leaders in the field, including N.C. Emergency Management, about this issue. There were significant discussions during the hearing regarding federal law enforcement working with local law enforcement to ensure all information was shared. You can watch the hearing <https://youtu.be/YJLpDuopuyA>.

You can expect this discussion to continue about strengthening criminal penalties to anyone who seeks to damage critical infrastructure. Moore County Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC) is laser focused on this issue. He promised citizens in attendance this will continue to be discussed and solutions will be debated thoroughly in how to be certain this does not occur again in any community.

What will you do when your agency no longer supports you?

By Kevin Hornaday – Constitution and By-laws Chairman

While this article is not Constitution and By-laws related, it is still excellent food for thought. One of the arguments I often hear from officers who do not want to join the Fraternal Order of Police is; “My agency will represent me in a critical incident.” Unfortunately, that is not always true and a recent case in Fayetteville underlines this very issue.

While it is true that your agency has the **FIRST** right to represent you, there is no duty to do so. And sometimes they do not. Fayetteville officers shot and killed an individual during a mental health crisis. Despite being cleared of criminal wrongdoing by the North Carolina Attorney General, a federal lawsuit was filed against the officers.

In what can only be described as a bizarre chain of events, the Fayetteville City Council voted to **NOT** provide legal representation for the officers involved. Part of the discussion surrounded the City Council not being able to view the officers' body cameras. As a result of this vote, the officers will need to supply their own legal representation for what will likely be a very protracted legal process.

Remember, whether you are right or wrong in a critical incident, there is a high likelihood that legal action will follow. As the Scouts say, Be Prepared.e.



Contacting Your Lodge

By Kevin Hornaday – Technology Committee

In my role on the Technology Committee, I often receive emails sent from the website. Often these are sales pitches or just plain spam, but sometimes they are from many of you, attempting to obtain help from your Lodge.

I make my best effort to get members the help they need, but I often wonder why the members did not know how to contact their Lodge. While I do not mind doing this, it is not the most efficient way to communicate between members and their Lodges. As a member, make a point to know someone at your Lodge. A good example of the best person to know is your Lodge Secretary. This person can verify your membership, help get you a membership card and will often have the resources available to assist you.

This article also pertains to Lodges. Get your name out there. Your local lodge members should know how to reach you, whether it is by email, phone, or both. The Fraternal Order of Police has a distinct advantage over other law enforcement organizations in that we are locally based. Use this to your advantage and make sure the local law enforcement community can reach you.

NCFOP Foundation Scholarship Recipient Graduates

By Greg Brown – State Sergeant at Arms

My son, Austin Brown, graduated from East Carolina University with his Master's Degree in Business Administration. He achieved this goal in four years of study. Austin was a four year recipient of a North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, Inc., college scholarship.

Austin stated that, "I could not have been able to do this without the financial assistance and support of the NC Fraternal Order of Police Foundation. I have been around the NC Fraternal Order of Police and this organization all my life. I can truly tell you they look out for their members and treat them like family. I could never thank them enough for everything they have done for me to help in achieving my goals".

Editor's Note: Austin Brown is the son of retired Rocky Mount Police Officer Greg Brown who was shot in the line of duty in 2005. Officer Brown had to retire on disability due to the injuries he sustained. Greg, currently the State FOP Sergeant at Arms, has been a member of the NC Fraternal Order of Police and Rocky Mount Lodge 46 for 16 years. He has served his Local Lodge in various capacities as well.



Las Vegas Tidbits

By Marty Wilson – Lodge 1 Vice President

For those attending the 2023 National FOP Biennial Conference in Las Vegas, here are some statistics and tidbits of information.

The Las Vegas strip is about 4.5 miles long, I think you can get your steps in.

The average person **Loses** about \$500.00 per trip to Sin City. If you plan to gamble – **Gamble Responsibly**.

They claim there are 378 restaurants on the strip. I bet we will still have to wait in line.

Mixed drinks, on average, cost between \$12-\$15. You may want to go to a liquor store – there are 7 on the strip.

Carrying an open container and consuming it in public is legal in Las Vegas and on the strip. Don't stagger.

The average temperatures for the month of August are:

High Temp – 103 degrees

Low Temp – 80 degrees

Humidity – 26 percent

They say it is a dry heat and it is not that bad. But, **Hot is Hot**.

I will see you there.



Retirees - Did You Know?

By Martin "Marty" Wilson – Retirement Committee Chairman

For those who will be able to apply for Social Security at age 62, you can start the process four (4) months before your birthday. Also, before you receive your first Social Security Payment, you will need to have been 62 for one (1) month. Social Security payment checks are normally mailed on the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Which Wednesday you will receive your check will depend on your date of birth.

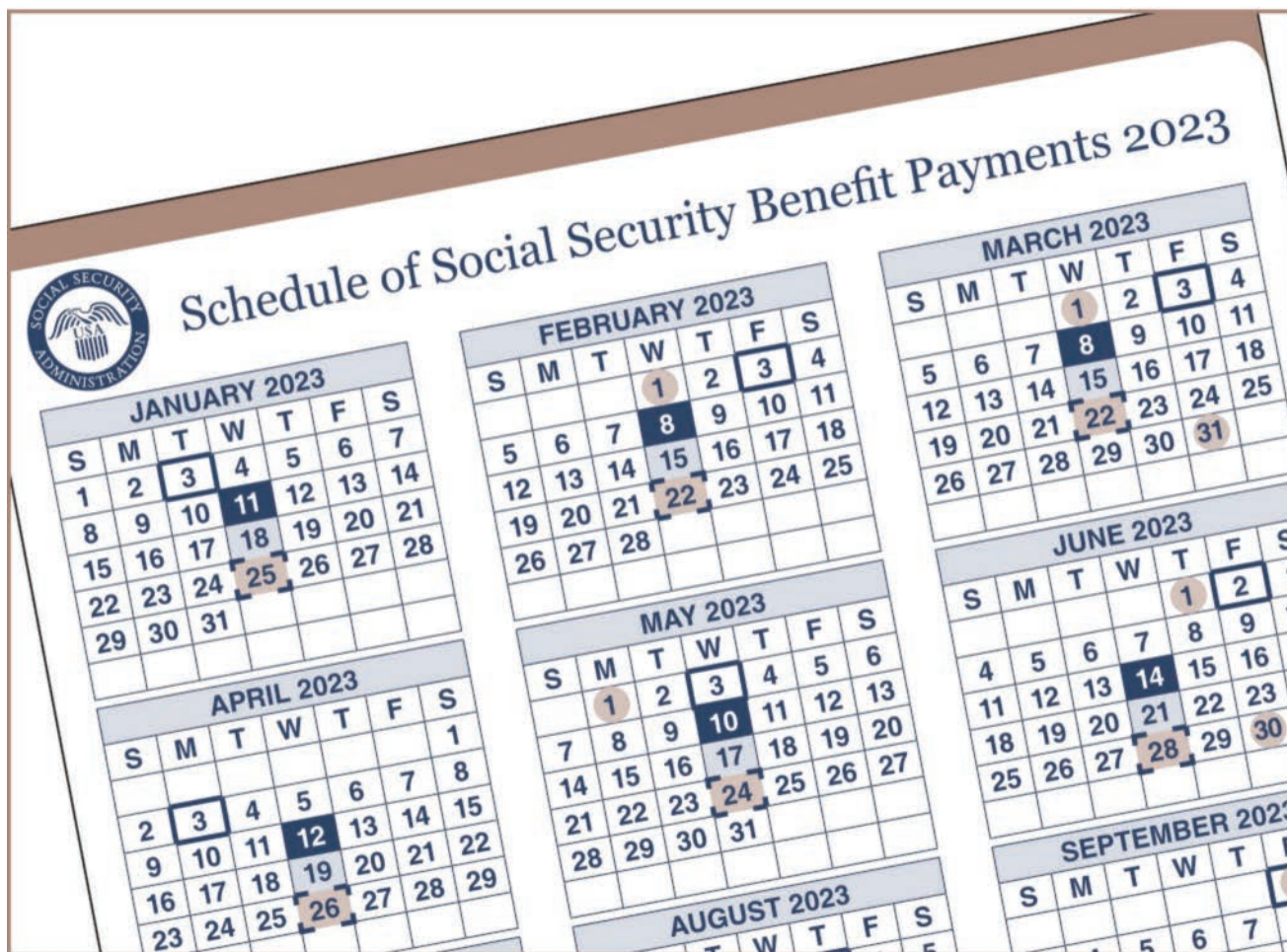
You can open an account and apply online on the Social Security Website. It is advised to open an account so that you can keep an eye on your Social Security Number and ensure that your Social Security does not get **Hacked**. You are not required to begin receiving your Social Security at age 62, but you should open an account and decide what is best for you as to when to apply for Social Security. The Social Security website has a lot of important and useful information.

Again, as before, if there is anything that the Retiree Committee can find or do for you just let us know. Contact me at volfan2596@aol.com, or 828-712-1298. If you get my voice mail, be sure to leave a message.

Editor's Note: You can download a Schedule of Benefits calendar with the dates your checks will arrive highlighted in color.

For 2023 calendar: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2023.pdf>

For 2024 calendar: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2024.pdf>



Blue Note Information and Submission Dates for 2023

Executive Editor – Terry Mangum

I would like to thank everyone who contributed articles, photographs, and Lodge activities so far this year. I 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.

It is time to get started on your article. You now have only two more BlueNote publications left in 2023. So get busy and submit an article so that we can read about what you and your Lodge are doing.

All you have to do is e-mail your article to my e-mail address TerryMangum@frontier.com by the due date. If necessary, I will edit what you send to me, and your article will be prepared for publication. It is just that simple and painless. 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.

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:

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.



Catawba County Lodge 26 Annual Peace Officer's Memorial Service

By Carl Pope – Lodge 26 President

Catawba County Lodge 26 held our annual Peace Officer Memorial Service on May 19th at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Catawba County Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Monument. Our FOP Memorial Monument is located at the Catawba Memorial Park, 3060 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory, NC 28602.

This year's Guest Speaker was the Honorable Clifton Smith, District Court Judge.

As always, this annual service was open to all law enforcement agencies and the public.



A Message from your Chairman of Trustees

By John R. Byrd Sr.

Brothers/Sister,

I hope this issue of the Blue Note finds you all well and safe. The epidemic of officer attacks continues to grow and has become unconscionable. Please stay safe out there.

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

- Attended Lodge #74's bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday April 25th at Holt Lake Park in Butner, NC.
- May 8th worked on National Conference Credentials.
- May 10th ordered Lodge 74 Raffle Tickets, worked on golf tournament, sent Lodge #1 a congratulatory letter on their 70th Anniversary.
- May 23rd picked up Raffle Tickets from Masonic Home for Childrens Graphic Arts & Print Shop. Worked on more golf tournament stuff.
- May 30th solicited more golf tournament prizes.
- Golf Tournament was held Friday June 2nd at Kerr Lake Country Club in Henderson.
- Attended a Memorial Committee follow-up/critique meeting on Tuesday June 6th at Samarcan Training Center.
- Sent this article to Brother Mangum for the "Blue Note" on June 16th.

I encourage all of you to send articles and pictures to Brother Mangum for the BlueNote 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 . I hope you continue to find my periodic email updates beneficial.



Photo Caption: The winning team members from Lodge 74's Golf Tournament were Allen Ellis, Jeff Rowan, Lynn Gay, John Rowan. Pictured left to right, Chaplain and Tournament Chairman Bill Martin, Allen Ellis, Jeff Rowan, Lynn Gay, John Rowan, and President John Byrd.

Happy Independence Day

By Terry Mangum - Immediate Past President

As we enter the Summer Season, I would like to wish my Fraternal Order of Police Brothers and Sisters across the great State of North Carolina a prosperous and safe second half of 2023. What better way to kick off the Summer than by celebrating our national holiday, Independence Day.

Whether you refer to this day as Independence Day or the Fourth of July, July 4 commemorates the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and established the United States of America.



No great accomplishment, however, is without controversy. The delegates of the Second Continental Congress voted to approve independence and no longer be subject to King George, by passing a resolution of independence, on July 2. This resolution had been proposed by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia and declared independence from Great Britain's rule. Then two days later, on July 4, they adopted the Declaration of Independence.

Regardless of the controversy over the two dates, from the beginning Americans have celebrated our Independence on July 4, the date of adoption written on the Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

The Fourth of July or Independence Day is a day of patriotic activities, both public and private. Families and friends often celebrate Independence Day with picnics or barbecues. Flags, clothing, and decorations flourish, with the dominate colors displayed being red, white, and blue, symbolic of the colors of our American flag. Parades are often held in the morning, with the family get-togethers during the afternoon, public patriotic music concerts during the early evening, and public fireworks displays after dark.

However you choose to celebrate, just do it!!! And while you are enjoying our national holiday, remember the sacrifices which have been made throughout our history for and to maintain our Independence.

As always, I am here to serve you and our membership. If I may be of assistance to you or your lodge, please do not hesitate to contact me. May God bless you, your immediate family, and our Fraternal Order of Police family.

Happy Independence Day!!!



TRIVIA

We Have A WINNER!!!

I am pleased to announce that we have a first-time winner for the May/June issue of our Trivia contest. **Alan Kilpatrick**, State Trustee of Carringer/Crawford Memorial Lodge 65, is the **Grand Prize Winner** of the BlueNote **TRIVIA** contest. Alan was the first to correctly identified the six individuals in the Trivia photograph as Jason Gardner, Mike Langley, Byron Highland, John Byrd, Carl Pope, and Dontario Hardy.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the May/June issue of **TRIVIA** and sent in a response.

If you have not won a **TRIVIA** contest, do not give up. You have three 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 Alan Kilpatrick.

Remember, 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 take part in another entertaining and exciting round of BlueNote **TRIVIA**.

Can you identify the three (3) FOP members in this photograph?



If you can identify the three individuals in the photo, all you have to do is send an email to 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 **September/October 2023** issue of the BlueNote along with the name of the first individual submitting the correct answer. Good Luck!!!