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President's Message

By Randy Hagler – State President

Welcome to the May/June 2021 issue of the official publication of 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.

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through 2021 – where has the time gone! To say it has been a difficult year is an understatement. We must remember the 103 law enforcement officers that we have lost in the “Line of Duty” this year including three from North Carolina. Assaults on law enforcement officers are up all over the country and we must stand together to change the narrative and start the transformation back to a safer place for our officers and the citizens we serve. In October, hopefully, many of our law enforcement brothers and sisters will gather in Washington, DC to honor our fallen officers from 2019 and 2020. This year’s National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service had to be rescheduled until October due to COVID restrictions. Hopefully, if our country continues to trend on the current path, we will be able to gather and honor the 491 officers lost during those two years. Please, if possible, plan to attend.

On April 9-11, Durham County FOP Lodge 2 hosted our 2021 Spring Board of Directors Meeting. The meeting was well attended by NCFOP leaders from all over the State. Our brothers and sisters in Durham County Lodge 2 made sure all of our Board of Directors had a safe, enjoyable, and productive meeting. We were able to accomplish a great deal of work during the meetings on Friday evening and all day on Saturday.



Tex Gray

This meeting was the end of an era of sorts. Jeff Gray, our long-time friend and legislative agent has stepped down. Jeff has led our lobbying efforts for more than 25 years and his friendship, knowledge, and experience will be greatly missed.



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Chaplain's Corner

None of us are exempt from facing difficult and hard times in our lives. We, as law enforcement officers, deal with loneliness, discouragement, and lately a lot of unjust criticism over the past several years. It all seems so unfair and unjust.

But, as I read the Bible, I see where Jesus experienced these things as well. And thankfully we have the Bible and His example to help us develop our character and keep us from getting discouraged. When we find ourselves in dark and stressful times, it is good to study and learn what the word of God has to say to each of us.

In 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 it says, "*We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.*"

When we find ourselves going through difficult times let us refuse to be discouraged. Then remember that God is with you. Finally, rely on God's protection and guidance. God's light shines in the darkest shadows.

May we learn to love the word of God, and go to it often, and remember God's promises to us that he will never leave us or forsake us. Read the Bible often and pray a lot, seeking God's direction and guidance in our lives.

God's Blessing,

Chaplain Phil Wiggins
NC State Lodge Chaplain
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Catawba County Lodge 26 Annual Peace Officer's Memorial Service

By Carl Pope, Lodge 26 President

Catawba County Lodge 26 will be holding our annual Peace Officer Memorial Service on May 14th 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 will be Scott Riley, District Attorney for the 25th District of North Carolina.

All law enforcement agencies and the public are invited to attend this Memorial Service. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 828-994-4044.

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Jeff's political knowledge of North Carolina has been invaluable to us over the many years we have worked together. And hopefully, while he will no longer be our lobbyist, he will always be our friend. After Jeff's final Legislative Report on Saturday, he was presented with an appreciation plaque and a black Stetson cowboy hat that will go nicely with the cowboy boots he always wears. Additionally, a motion was made and passed to present him with a [lifetime Associate Membership to the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police](#).

The Board of Directors listened to presentations from two firms competing for the opportunity to represent NCFOP as our lobbyist. After both presentations and much debate, the Board of Directors selected Old North Strategies, led by Mr. Wayne King, to fill the position. Mr. King has been active in NC politics for many years and prior to starting Old North Strategies served on Congressman Mark Meadows team in Washington, DC as Deputy Chief of Staff. Prior to this he was the vice-chair of the NC Republican Party. We look forward to working with and getting to know Wayne over the next year as we continue to push for legislation that will protect our officers/members. Be on the lookout for articles in future issues of this publication from Wayne as we work to keep the membership informed. Jeff Gray has already reached out to congratulate Wayne and pledged to assist him with a smooth transition to NCFOP.

We will have much more information in the next issue of [The BlueNote](#) regarding legislation that we are supporting and some we are opposing. You may also contact your local lodge Trustee who will have a complete list of all those bills.

The 2021 Mark Tucker Memorial Award was presented to Sandy Ferguson, wife of longtime FOP member and leader Phillip A. Ferguson who passed away suddenly on November 14, 2019. Phillip's daughter, Piper Ferguson Smith, was also present for the ceremony. Please see the attached narrative that was placed on the plaque and presented to Sandy and Piper. Continued on Page 4



President Hagler presents Appreciation Plaque to Jeff Gray.



Left to Right, Greta Philbeck, President Hagler, Sandy Ferguson, Hazel Smith, and Piper Ferguson Smith.

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**North Carolina
State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police
2021 Mark R. Tucker Memorial Award
Is Presented to Sandy Ferguson
In Memory of our Brother
Phillip A. Ferguson**

For His Many Years of Dedication and Tenacity in the Furtherance of the Ideals and Values of the Fraternal Order of Police through His Tireless and Selfless Service to His Brothers and Sisters in the Outer Banks Lodge 71, Currituck County Lodge 89 and the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge

**In His Memory We Honor Our Dear Departed Brother
This the Tenth day of April Two Thousand Twenty-One**

Phillip was an invaluable member of his local lodge as well as the State Lodge. He served in many positions over the years in the NCFOP including Chairman of the Trustees and Chairman of the Awards Committee. Phillip's presence has been missed greatly by our organization.

We need for all our members to stay informed regarding FOP issues. The way to do that is to attend your local lodge meetings, check both the State and National FOP websites daily, and let us know if we can assist you, your co-workers, or your local lodge.

Until next time stay safe and back each other up!

EDITOR'S NOTE

I have been in communication with our Chairman of Trustees John Byrd and he sends all of you his well wishes. As many of you know, John was unable to attend our State Lodge Board of Directors meeting in Durham on April 9 – 11. This was the first meeting I have ever known him to miss and was due to medical issues with his father. John is the primary caregiver for his father and I am certain that we can all appreciate his dedication and family responsibilities to his father. John asks for your understanding and wants you to know that he will be back as soon as he can. He would have prepared these remarks for you himself but the internet connections at his father's home are almost non-existent on a good day.

Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



BlueNote Information and Submission Dates for 2021

By Terry Mangum – Executive Editor

I certainly hope all of you enjoyed the last issue of our publication. Please **read** and then **share** the BlueNote with your fellow law enforcement officers, both members and non-members. The BlueNote is your publication so help the NCFOP by contributing articles, photographs, and suggestions for improvement. We need you and I encourage everyone to submit articles and photos of your Lodge's activities. And there is an added bonus. Articles about your lodge activities can generate interest in the FOP from any non-FOP law enforcement officers in your area and can generate new members.

Any FOP member can submit an article for the BlueNote. You do not have to be a Local Lodge or State Lodge officer. And I promise you, this is an extremely simple and easy process. All you have to do is write a short article, e-mail your article to my e-mail address terrymangum@frontier.com and we will do the rest. If it needs a little dressing up, I will take care of making your article worthy for publication. Now what could be easier?

You can also send a photograph to accompany your article. When submitting photographs, please select one or two of your best and include the names of the individuals in the picture. You can even send just a photograph without an article. All you need to do is let me know who is in the photo, what was the occasion, and when and where did it take place. I will generate a caption to go with the photo.

Below are the Article Submission Due Dates for the 2021 issues of the BlueNote. Clip these dates out and post them on your computer, refrigerator, etc., where they will be visible as a reminder.

Article Submission Due Dates for 2021:

July/August issue: Due by June 18, 2021

September/October issue: Due by August 20, 2021

November/December issue: Due by October 22, 2021

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.

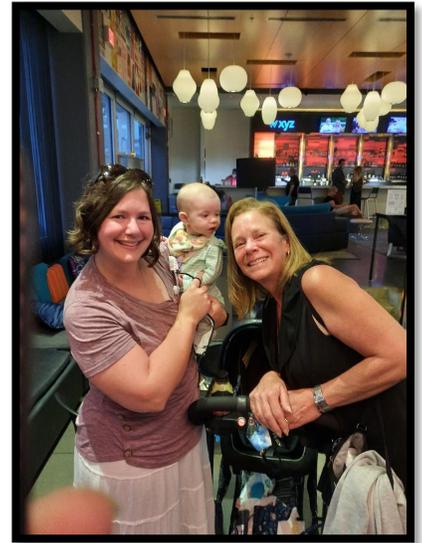


Recent Events and Activities

By Terry Mangum – Immediate Past State President

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

Our State Board of Directors meeting was held in Durham on April 9-11. There is information on this meeting in other articles in this issue but I wanted to just mention a few special items. First, the State Lodge recognized my friend and dearly departed Brother, Phillip Ferguson. The 2021 Mark R. Tucker Memorial Award was presented to Sandy Ferguson in Memory of Phillip. Joining Sandy during the presentation was daughter Piper Ferguson Smith and granddaughter Hazel Winifred Smith. It was great to see and share time with Sandy and Piper again and to meet Miss Hazel.



The State Lodge also made a presentation to another of my dear friends, Jeff Gray. Jeff has been our Legislative Agent for a quarter of a century, probably longer than most of you have been members and for some Jeff began before you were born. Jeff was presented an appreciation plaque “For 25 Years of Continuous Service to the NCFOP” in recognition of his exemplary service to the FOP. Jeff also had a present to unwrap and inside of the box was a black Stetson Cowboy hat. Once he put the hat on, I do not think he took it off again for the rest of his time in Durham. While I am sure he appreciated the plaque, there was no doubt that he appreciated the hat more. And lastly, the Board of Directors vote to make Jeff a lifetime Associate Membership of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police. Thank you, Jeff, for all of these years of working together and for your friendship. Enjoy your “retirement.”



The National State Presidents meeting and National Board of Directors meeting was held in Kansas City, Missouri on April 14 thru 18. NC State Lodge members present for these meetings were Randy Hagler, Bobby Gaddy, Chet Effler, Dennis McCrary, and yours truly. President Randy Hagler gave an update on activities in North Carolina during the State Presidents meeting. During the National Board of Directors meeting Vice President Bobby Gaddy gave his report as the Chairman of the Diversity Committee, National Trustee Dennis McCrary gave his report as the Chairman of the Disaster Relief Committee, and I gave my report as the Chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee. There is more information within this issue on the meeting. Also, during the National Board meeting, [Chet, Frank Plowick of Texas, Terry, Dennis, and Randy](#) gathered together to exchange Chuck Kimble stories. Brother David L. Stevens of Florida shared photographs he made of the State Presidents and National Board of Directors meeting which are included in this issue.



Recent Events and Activities



Pictured left to right, Chet Effler, Frank Plowick of Texas, Terry Mangum, Dennis McCrary, and Randy Hagler.

On April 19 President Randy Hagler, Chaplain Phil Wiggins, National Trustee Dennis McCrary and I visited Past President Don Penix. We had a wonderful time telling FOP stories (and possibly lies) and enjoying fellowship around Don's Koi pond and outdoor retreat.



If I may be of assistance to you, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, I am here to serve you and our membership.

Lifesaving Medal Awarded

By Terry Mangum – BlueNote Editor

On April 15, Deputy Michael Evans of the Guilford County Sheriff's Office was presented a Lifesaving Medal by Guilford County Sheriff Danny H. Rogers. The Lifesaving Medal certificate states:

On March 26, 2020, Deputy Evans responded to a shooting call. Upon arrival, he located a victim suffering from numerous gunshot wounds and bleeding at a heavy rate due to a struck artery. Deputy Evans immediately provided medical aid by applying tourniquets and direct pressure to stop the loss of blood, going above and beyond normal patrol duties. If not for the quick response of Deputy Evans, this victim would have died from his injuries before the arrival of EMS. Deputy Evans represents himself and the Guilford County Sheriff's Office with pride and honor and for his actions, he is awarded the Lifesaving Medal.

Michael Evans is the son of very proud parents, Kim and Mike Evans, and is a second-generation law enforcement officer and Fraternal Order of Police member. Mike is the Immediate Past President of Durham County Lodge 2 and is retired from the Durham Police Department. Michael is a FOP member with Triad Lodge 79.

This is a very special story for me because I have known Michael since he was knee-high to a grasshopper. We are all proud of Michael. I congratulate him on receiving this Lifesaving Medal and wish him the best as he continues his law enforcement career.

(Photos provided by Kim and Mike Evans)



National Constitution and By-laws Report

By Terry Mangum – Chairman National Constitution and By-laws Committee

On April 17 the Constitution and By-laws Committee presented amendments submitted by seven (7) State Lodges to the National Board of Trustees for approval. One of these states was North Carolina. Six amendments to the North Carolina State Lodge Constitution and By-laws, which were adopted during our State Conference on October 23, 2020, were presented to the Board and were approved.

Also on April 17, the National Board of Trustees voted to submit sixteen proposed amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-laws for consideration and a vote by the Delegates during the upcoming 65th Biennial Conference in Indianapolis. Most were simple word changes.

Amendment 1: Changes mailed and twenty (20) to distributed and ten (10). It also adds a provision to allow for a virtual option, postponement, or cancellation of meeting in the case of a national emergency.

Amendment 2: Changes mail and twenty (20) to distribute and ten (10).

Amendment 3: Changes mail a copy to distribute.

Amendment 4: Changes in printed form and furnish one (1) copy to and make available.

Amendment 5: Changes or by mail or telephone and fifteen (15) to by mail or electronic and ten (10).

Amendment 6: Adds a new section for a virtual option, postponement, or cancellation of meeting in the case of a national emergency.

Amendment 7: Changes copy to image.

Amendment 8: Changes two (2) copies to an electronic copy.

Amendment 9: Adds a new section F. that each State and subordinate lodge shall provide to the National Secretary an active email address which shall be used for official communications. The National Fraternal Order of Police shall issue an email address to lodges upon request.

Amendment 10: Changes dues card to membership card and other changes related to the card.

Amendment 11: Changes the two current legal names Fraternal Order of Police and Fraternal Order of Police Grand Lodge to one new legal name of National Fraternal Order of Police, and makes this change throughout the Constitution and By-laws and the Ritual.

Amendment 12: Changes the nomination process for National Officers – will be nominated by written submission to the National Secretary at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Biennial Conference. The National Secretary will notify all state lodges of such nominations at least sixty (60) days prior to the election date of the Conference. If no nominations are received, or a nominee withdraws or otherwise does not run for office after the written submission date, nominations for that office may be made by the delegates two (2) days prior to the election.

Amendment 13: Adds a new Article 32 to the Constitution for Support Personnel Affiliate membership and allows States to decide whether or not to create a Support Personnel Affiliate Lodge.



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Amendment 14: Changes the procedure for appropriation to deficit accounts currently used to – appropriation to any accounts with a shortfall, by the National President with approval of a majority of the Executive Board. The National President shall notify the National Board of Trustees of the reason for adding funds in respect to a particular account.

Amendment 15: Adds a new section to address malfeasance in the operation of a State or Subordinate lodge.

Amendment 16: Addresses types of voting machines or other forms of voting which may be used during elections of National Officers at a Biennial Conference.

Additional proposed amendments may have been submitted to the National Secretary from State Lodges. The due date for proposed amendment submissions was April 19, 2021.

Constitution and By-laws – What is it?

By Kevin Hornaday – Chairman Constitution and By-laws Committee

A lot is said about Constitution and By-laws, but what is it, really?

Imagine building a house. It needs a foundation and you construct one out of out-of-date materials and don't really use any plans. How well will this house hold up? Now, imagine that your Constitution and By-laws form the foundation for your lodge. If these important documents are not solid, up-to-date and accurate, your lodge will suffer.

Since the Constitution and By-laws of your lodge are your governing documents, your lodge is bound by them. These documents govern everything from the election of officers down to the duties of each office. Any change to these documents must be approved both by your local lodge and by the State Lodge Board of Directors. This is one of the reasons why we recommend against listing your specific dues in your Constitution. In addition, your Constitution is out of compliance if it lists items that have been removed by either the Grand Lodge at a National Biennial Conference or the State Lodge at a Biennial Conference. Many lodges still have mention of “associate lodges” in their Constitutions, but this was eliminated several years ago.

Lodge officers should review their Constitution and By-laws after every election, or every two years. This will ensure that these important documents reflect your lodge and the important business of the Order.

If you need assistance with updating your Constitution and By-laws, or any other issue pertaining to lodge compliance, feel free to reach out to any member of the Constitution and By-laws Committee.

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Grand Lodge Update

By Dennis McCrary – NC National Trustee

I indicated at the NC Board of Directors' meeting in Durham that I would be attending the National Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City April 16-17 and would update NCFOP members on actions taken.

The National FOP continues to grow all across our nation. Current membership stands at 356,314 with 106,074 of those members in our Legal Defense Plan. Our membership did get hit hard by Covid-19 with over 460 members having died from the virus. Please keep all of those affected and their families in your thoughts and prayers. I know that all of you have heard by now that our National Police Officers' Memorial Service that would honor the heroes we lost to Covid and other causes, has been postponed to October 14-15 of this year. This was a difficult decision but had to be made because of restrictions in the DC area. We will be honoring 491 fallen officers since we did not get to hold our service last May. The room block for October is already open so make plans to attend the service. Details can be found on the Grand Lodge website.

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act has again been passed this year in the House and will move to the Senate. The vote in the House was 220 to 212 with only 2 Democrats voting against it. Our National FOP President and staff are working hard to change some of the items in this legislation that will be detrimental to law enforcement. House Bill 1280 was developed without law enforcement input and we hope to make needed changes even before it goes to the Senate. We do have friends in the Senate and we feel confident it will not pass as written by the House. There is a very good chance though that some form of the bill will be passed and President Biden will sign that bill. Qualified immunity for officers continues to be a great problem for officers. There continues to be many attacks on this officer protection on the national, state and local levels. Some officers have already lost this protection and many others are facing that threat. It is very important that officers and the public understand exactly what qualified immunity is and is not. The National FOP just produced a great ad that gives a simple but thorough description on this important officer protection. It is available on the National FOP app. Please take time to educate yourself and others on why this is so important. You can also watch a discussion on qualified immunity with National President Pat Yoes and National FOP General Counsel Larry James at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7245701771144955905>

It is very important that FOP members stay up to date on what is happening with their profession in DC and the States across this country. Please take advantage of weekly legislative updates, National FOP app, monthly newsletters, TV on demand and the monthly online Journal. You need to sign up for these important sources of information on the National website or contact the Grand Lodge office. Speaking of the FOP magazine, The Journal, the FOP is saving between \$450,000 and \$500,000 dollars per year going to the online version of The Journal. Printed copies of The Journal are available through the Grand Lodge for an annual subscription of \$25.

Members are reminded that legislation is the key to officers retaining the rights that they have now and keeping their benefits. Our members do a pretty good job of lobbying their elected officials but the reality is that money talks. Many organizations across the nation and our states spend significant money in donations to legislators. PAC funds make a big difference in getting the support we need for our legislation. The Grand Lodge has to rely on donations to our PAC but these donations are not enough for what is needed. Our fund could be over 4 million dollars if most members would give one dollar a month to the fund. Please consider making a donation to our PAC to help the cause.

Departments across the country are trying to recruit persons to serve as law enforcement officers. The Capitol Police Department in DC is trying to hire 1000 more officers. The need is great but the incentives to serve as

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officers is at its lowest point in years. It is hard for most of us to recommend to individuals to pursue a career in law enforcement at this time in our history, but we do need to encourage good candidates.

The FOP continues to offer many opportunities for free college to its members. Two of the most used colleges are Central State College and Eastern Gateway Community College in Ohio. So far, we have had 280 members attend Central State for a savings of over \$809,000 and 5475 members attend Eastern Gateway for a savings of over \$17,258,432. These savings are very real for our members so if you want to further your education, explore these possibilities. Eastern Gateway also allows family members to take advantage of these savings. Visit the FOP website for more details and other college opportunities.

The Grand Lodge History Committee is looking for the oldest FOP member in each state. I know we have many in their 80's and some in the 90's so please send me information on the oldest member in your lodge if we think they may qualify.

The murder rate, in especially our larger cities, continues to climb in these violent times we are experiencing. Increases in several of the "leaders" in this area are listed below.

Milwaukee	94%	Minneapolis	72.3%	Atlanta	57.9%
Seattle	67.9%	Louisville	58.9%		

Most other large cities and many smaller ones are also seeing these increases. We, as officers, know what is driving many of these numbers but can do little to make needed change without the support of the governing bodies. Please continue to be careful on our dangerous streets.

One issue that some members may hear about is a dispute between some of the newly elected executive board members in the Washington DC Lodge 1 and some past board members. Most of the dispute involves the Jack Daniels Commemorative fundraising bottles and the possible mismanagement of the program. President Yoes and several National Executive Board members are going to meet with the parties involved and try to resolve the issues.

I hope our Lodges in North Carolina are now preparing to attend the National FOP Conference in Indianapolis on August 16-19. Everyone that did not let me know the number of rooms they needed for the conference at our board meeting in Durham, needs to contact State President Hagler immediately to reserve rooms. Go to the official conference website at <http://fopindy.2021> for all details on the conference and packages available.

I did not cover all of the actions taken and issues addressed at the board meeting but hit the highlights from the meeting. President Hagler will address some of the other issues discussed and National Chairman of the Constitutional and By-Laws Committee Terry Mangum will address the amendments that were discussed and passed for consideration at the National Conference. NC Vice-President Bobby Gaddy serves as chairman of the Diversity Committee and gave a report at the National Board meeting.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your National Trustee. I am proud to represent you and urge you to please let me know if I can be of assistance to you or your lodge.



Photos from the State Presidents and National Board Meetings In Kansas City, Missouri



Photos from the State Presidents and National Board meetings In Kansas City, Missouri



NC FOP Merit of Valor Award

By Greg Brown – State Sergeant at Arms

Lodge 88 Member and Nash County Deputy Shelby Smith was the recipient of the Merit of Valor Award from the NC Fraternal Order of Police on Saturday, April 10, during the 2021 Spring Board of Directors meeting held in Durham.

Shelby was accompanied by her lodge members and family, along with Major Wilson of the Nash County Sheriff's Office. This award was given following a critical incident which occurred on February 04, 2021.

Below is a brief synopsis of the incident letter sent to the Awards Committee.

Shelby Elisabeth Smith has been an active member of Johnston County Lodge 88 since 2019.

Deputy Smith has been an invaluable member of the Nash County Sheriff's Office for over two years. She previously worked as a deputy for the Johnston County Sheriff's Office and a short time as a Capitol Police Officer in Raleigh, before making a professional career change and joining the Nash County Sheriff's Office.



During her time with the Nash County Sheriff's Office she has worked in several capacities to include Patrol, Narcotics Investigations and currently on the Highway Interdiction Team. Deputy Smith has proven herself time and time again, making some of the largest narcotics and cash seizures while working the interstate. She has also apprehended several wanted persons and dangerous felons while working the highways.

On Thursday around 9:30 a.m. on I-95 southbound, north of Rocky Mount at mile marker 145, Deputy Smith was working criminal interdiction on I-95 when a 2008 Mercedes Benz with Florida tags was observed speeding.

Deputy Smith initiated a traffic stop on the speeding vehicle. When Deputy Smith attempted to get the driver's license from the lone occupant of the car, the man, identified as Jarred Ford, 33 of St. Petersburg, Florida, handed her a forged license.

Deputy Smith detected criminal activity during the traffic stop and called a K9 unit to the scene. Deputy William Toney, a K9 handler, arrived at the scene a few moments later. Deputy Toney approached the vehicle and asked the driver to exit the car.

While exiting the vehicle, Ford brandished a firearm and started shooting, striking Deputy Toney three or four times. Deputy Smith returned fire striking the suspect. Mr. Ford then made his way into a ditch, losing his weapon.

Deputy Smith immediately accessed the situation and rendered first aid to Mr. Ford and Deputy Toney while holding Mr. Ford at gunpoint until additional units could arrive on scene.

Deputy Toney suffered several gunshot wounds and was actively bleeding when additional units arrived on scene. Deputy Toney was taken to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville where he was taken into surgery. Mr. Ford was also hospitalized at Vidant and after medical clearance was provided, he was transferred to the medical ward at Central Prison to await trial.

Deputy Smith displayed extreme calm under duress and clearly distinguished herself with outstanding courage by returning fire and striking the suspect Mr. Ford which most likely saved the life of Deputy Toney.

Deputy Smith was able to keep her composure immediately following the incident, by rendering first aid to both Deputy Toney and the suspect Mr. Ford. Her actions likely saved the life of Mr. Ford, all the while keeping him under control until responding units could arrive.

It is my Honor and Privilege to nominate Sister Shelby Smith for the 2021 NC Fraternal Order of Police Officer of The Year.

This nomination was jointly submitted by Lodge 88 and Lodge 46.

TRIVIA

Extra!!! Extra!!! Read All About It!!! We Have A WINNER!!!

For the second Trivia contest for 2021 we have a repeat winner. **Byron Highland**, State Trustee of Pitt-Greenville Lodge 69, is the **grand prize winner** of the March/April BlueNote **TRIVIA** contest. Byron correctly identified the seven individuals in the photograph as Greta Philbeck, Dennis McCrary, Randy Hagler, Phil Wiggins, Terry Mangum, Lynn Wilson, and Marty Wilson.

Many thanks to everyone who played **TRIVIA** and sent in a response. There were many correct answers received for this photograph but if you are playing **TRIVIA** against Byron Highland you need to respond with lightning speed.

If you have not won a **TRIVIA** contest, do not give up. Keep submitting your answers and maybe you too can be a BlueNote **TRIVIA Grand Prize Winner** like Pro **Byron Highland**.

Remember, it is never too late to submit your guess. But lately the responses have been coming in fast so you should send in your responses as quickly as possible. I hope to see your name listed as the BlueNote **TRIVIA** grand prize winner in the next issue.

DRUM ROLL AND TRUMPET FANFARE!!!

This is the game that everyone likes to play. It is now your opportunity to participate in another exciting round of BlueNote **TRIVIA**.

Can you identify the two (2) individuals in this photograph.

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

If you can identify the two (2) individuals in this photograph, send an email to terrymangum@frontier.com with your answer along with the name and number of your Lodge.

The correct Trivia answer will be posted in the July/August 2021 issue of the BlueNote along with the name of the **first** individual submitting the correct answer.

