



# TNFOP News

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## A Message From Our President

First, thank you to the delegates and trustees that voted for me to continue to serve as your president. I am humbled in that I was allowed to run unopposed in this election. I appreciate your confidence in me and I pledge to work for our members.

Second, we need to pray for our members and non-members that are serving to protect us. In July, Tennessee had two officers shot in two different incidents. Alabama and Kentucky recently had officer killed in the line of duty. It appears as the public is still set on doing what they want to do when they want to do it regardless if they are violating the law while accomplishing their deeds. We have entered into a "if it feels good, do it" mentality. Law Enforcement officers continue to serve and protect and they need our help and support more than ever before.

Third, I would like to thank the members and leadership of the Morris Heithcock Lodge 41 for hosting our biennial conference in historic Franklin, Tennessee. They did a great job and took care of business.

Lastly, I would ask that we continue to check on the families of those who have passed, both recently and in the past. While we continue to live, there is a hole that cannot be filled and we learn to live with it the best we can. Simple words of encouragement and just letting the families know we care goes a long way in helping the families move forward. Try to reach out to the families, especially near birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

*Stay Safe + God Bless!*

*Scottie*



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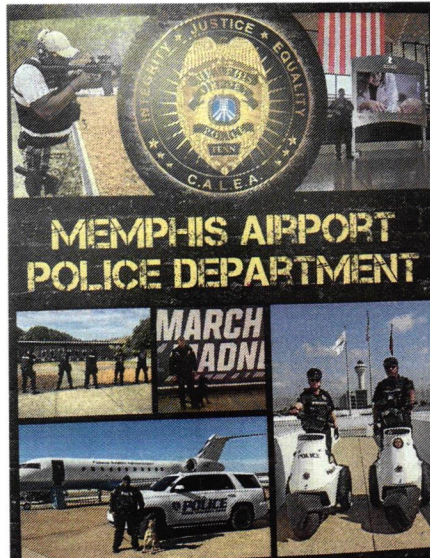
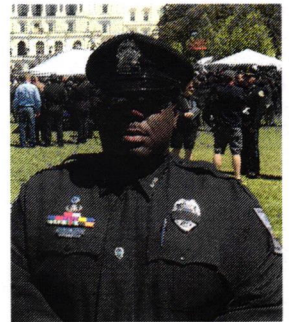
## Member Spotlight

# Richard McCain

Shelby County Metro Lodge 35

Shelby County Metro Lodge 35's State Trustee, Richard McCain is one of the officers on the recruitment poster for the Memphis Airport Police Department. Richard is one of their canine officers. He is also involved with various activities in his community and works hard to support his family. Richard is always looking at innovative ways to better his agency.

He attends state trustee meetings and reports back to his lodge in intricate details of what items were discussed and debated in the trustees' meeting. He is very good at keeping his local lodge members informed of what happens at state meetings. We applaud you sir for a job well done! Keep up the great work and thank you for what you do for your members.



## Biennial Conference

Thank you to all of the trustees and delegates that recently attended our **BIENNIAL CONFERENCE!**

*We hope you enjoyed it!*

*A special Thank You goes out to our host lodge:*

**Morris Heithcock Lodge 41**

# Election Results from State Conference

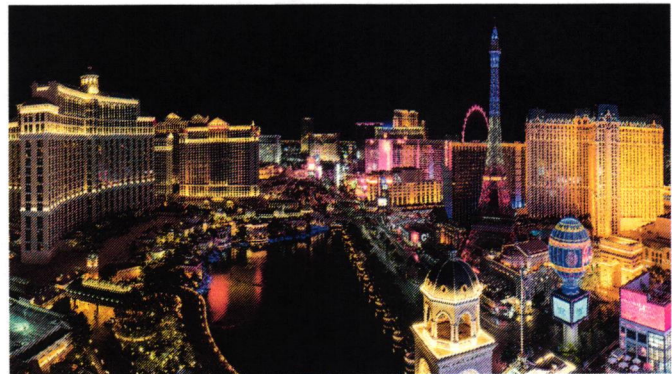
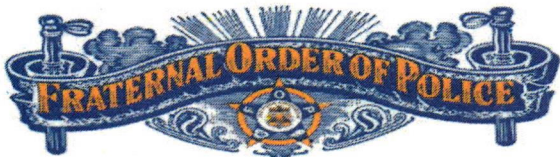
State President: Scottie DeLashmit  
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Second Vice President: Dan Gragg  
Sergeant at Arms: David Cowen  
National Trustee: Johnny Crumby  
State Trustee Chair: Joe Burns  
Chaplain: Andy Green (appointed)  
James Smallwood, National Treasurer

## Delegates to the National Conference

Larry McCoy  
Sam Knolton  
Joe Burns, Alternate

## **66th Biennial National Conference**

*Las Vegas* August 14—17, 2023



# 2023 National Conference and Expo

In August 2023, the National Fraternal Order of Police will conduct its 66th National Conference and Exposition at the MGM Grand Hotel & Convention Center in Las Vegas. This event represents 108 years of professional law enforcement experience for the largest and oldest law enforcement labor organization in the United States.

The National Fraternal Order of Police holds a National Conference every two years to set the goals and agenda for the organization. The business of the order is conducted, seminars are offered, Constitution & By-Laws are reviewed and changed, the Executive Board is elected, National Trustees and Committee Chairs report their activities, and exhibitors from around the country showcase their products and services at our EXPO.

Start making plans for Tennessee's local lodges to attend!

**MGM Grand Hotel**  
**August 14 - 17, 2023**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

*More Information Coming Soon!*



## Social Security Fairness Act - Progress Made

The National office has worked tirelessly for our members to get this bill passed in the House. We are within nine cosponsors of having this Bill go straight to the floor and bypass all committees. Only two Representatives in Tennessee have signed on as cosponsors of this Bill. Representatives Chuck Fleischmann of District 3 and Steve Cohen of District 9 have signed on as co sponsors. We need our members to reach out to the seven other Representatives and ask they also sign on as cosponsors to this Bill that will help many of our brothers and sisters. It is election year for all our representatives. Now is the time to act!



## Special Committee Formed for State and Federal Elections

With the redistricting that happened earlier this year based on the US Census, several of our local lodges now fall within the same congressional district, both for state and federal elections. In one district, there are five local lodges. The committee is working on a policy for us to follow when it comes to endorsements of candidates. They have met over teleconference and will continue to meet until their task is completed. They will present their recommendations to the state trustees and executive board at the Fall 2022 meeting. In the past when we had several lodges in the same district, the local lodges had gentlemen's agreements on how to handle the endorsement process. With more lodges being in the same position, it was voted on by the delegates to have a policy on this for the future. Upon the completion of their report the committee will cease to exist.



# TNFOP State Bylaw Changes

Below are the amendments that were proposed and voted on at the biennial conference. The actual proposed amendments are attached to this newsletter if you wish to read them verbatim.

**Amendment 1:** Submitted by the executive board to bring our state bylaws into compliance with the national bylaws. In dealing with a local lodge that becomes insolvent, it previously stated the state president will be notified and the state lodge will assume control of all assets, etc. Proposed to change notification to National President where the national office will direct the state lodge.

**PASSED**

**Amendment 2:** Submitted by the estate executive board to keep our bylaws aligned with the national bylaws. Tennessee state bylaws currently have three types of membership: Active, Retired, and Honorary. The national bylaws have two classes of members: active and honorary. Recommend removal of retired member from state bylaws so we will also have only two types of membership.

**PASSED**

**Amendment 3:** Proposal bylaw change brought by state executive board to include any elected representative of the National Lodge, who is a member in good standing of any subordinate lodge of the State of Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police be added to the TNFOP executive board.

**PASSED**

**Amendment 4:** Proposal bylaw change brought by state executive board creating an at large lodge for those desiring membership in an auxiliary lodge where there is no local auxiliary lodge near them.

Amended due to typographical errors to use the word auxiliary everywhere in the proposed change and delete the word "associate" everywhere in the proposed bylaw change.

**PASSED with amendment**

**Amendment 5:** Proposal bylaw change brought by state executive board to raise the yearly per capita from thirty dollars per year to fifty dollars per year.

**FAILED**

**Amendment 6:** Proposal bylaw change brought by state executive board to end the one thousand dollar death benefit to members and use that money to operate the general fund.

**PASSED**



# TNFOP SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS



Our Facebook Address:  
Tennessee State FOP



Our Website:  
[www.tnstatefop.com](http://www.tnstatefop.com)



Our Twitter address is  
@TennesseeFOP



We are working to keep  
you informed of what we  
are doing for you!



# Member Deaths

## Andrew Jackson Lodge 5

James E Underwood    Walter L Toney

## Bud Allison Memorial Lodge 9

Jimmy "JW" West

## Anderson County Lodge 25

Steven W. Pyatt



# National Legislative Efforts

**HR 82/ S 1302 - Social Security Fairness** National President Yoes and staff continue to lobby for the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset to be repealed. The House is within ten vote of the measure being taken to the floor bypassing numerous committees for a floor vote. There is still much work to be done in the Senate on these two demands the FOP has put before Congress.

## **HR 3225 - Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act**

The national officers and staff are attempting to get legislation that guarantees the right for public employees to have collective bargaining rights with their employers over hours, wages, and conditions of employment.

## **HR 962 / S 1888 - the "Law Enforcement Officers' Equity Act**

The FOP strongly supports expanding the definition of law enforcement officer for salary and retirement benefits to include all Federal law enforcement officers.

*For more information on these Bills or other similar legislation please contact:*

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# FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

THE VOICE OF OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



# Tennessee State Auxiliary News

## State Auxiliary Executive Board

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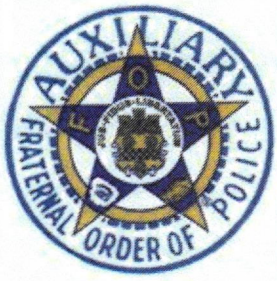
### Chaplain

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## Exciting Things Happening

We are in the process of working with the Andrew Jackson Lodge 5 in Nashville to create a new auxiliary lodge in our state. We have the statewide at-large lodge up and running and we are in discussions with local FOP lodges to open new auxiliary lodges in various locations throughout the state! We would love to speak with your lodge if there is any interest in forming an auxiliary lodge. We are here to help the lodges and the members in anyway possible. Our goal has always been that our loved ones never walk alone. We have a new slate of state officers elected at our conference in Franklin in June. Please help me welcome everyone! Please reach out to one of our state officers listed to the left of this article if we can be of any assistance to you and your local lodges.

- Val



*May They Never Walk Alone ...*

## Amendment #1

The following amendment is submitted by the Executive Board. It was mandated by the National Constitution and By Laws Committee upon discovery of a conflict in the National By Laws and the State By Laws. The Board approved this at the September 11, 2021 meeting in Nashville.

The proposed amendment would remove the State President and replace it with the National President or Grand Lodge to clear up any discrepancy.

The proposed change is under Article 9 Subordinate Lodges, Section 12 by deleting it in its entirety and adopting Article 19 section 9 of the National Constitution and By Law verbatim.

### Currently reads:

#### Section 12.

- A. The president of any subordinate lodge that shall become insolvent shall provide written notice thereof to the **State President**. In such event, the **State Lodge** may, but shall not be required to assume control of such insolvent subordinate lodge for a period of six (6) months, during which period the insolvent lodge shall be operated under the supervision of the **State President** or his designee. Extensions in increments of six (6) months may be granted at the request of the subordinate lodge president and with the approval of the **State President**.
- B. Upon written request therefore made by two-thirds (2/3) of the Governing board of a subordinate lodge to the **State President** the **State Lodge** may, but shall not be required to, assume control of such lodge. In such case, the lodge shall be operated for a period not to exceed six (6) months under the supervision of the **State President** or his designee.
- C. If after the six (6) months period or upon written notice that the subordinate lodge is closed, or the **State President** chooses not to operate the subordinate lodge; all assets, to include real property, personal property of the subordinate lodge, bank accounts, and cash will become the property of the Tennessee State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police. Any and all assets will be controlled by the Executive Board and a determination will be made as to how to dispose of the property at either a special called meeting of the Executive Board or at the next full board meeting. (amended 2020)

### To Read:

#### Section 12 Receivership

- A. The president of any state or subordinate lodge that shall become insolvent



shall provide written notice thereof to the National President. In such event, the Grand Lodge may, but shall not be required to, assume control of such insolvent state or subordinate lodge for a period of six (6) months, during which period the insolvent lodge shall be operated under the supervision of the National President or his designee. Extensions in increments of six (6) months may be granted at the request of the state or subordinate lodge president and with the approval of the National President.

- B. Upon written request therefore made by two-thirds (2/3) of the governing board of a state or subordinate lodge to the National President, the Grand Lodge may, but shall not be required to, assume control of such lodge. In such case, the lodge shall be operated for a period not to exceed six (6) months under the supervision of the National President or his designee.

Date : September 11, 2021

/s/ Scottie DeLashmit  
State President

Samuel Knolton, Jr.  
State Secretary

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject  
Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject

**Amendment #2**

The following amendment is submitted by the Executive Board. It was mandated by the National Constitution and By Laws Committee upon discovery of a typo in the State By Laws. The Board approved this at the September 11, 2021 meeting in Nashville.

The proposed amendment would amend the classes of membership from three to two.

The proposed change is under Article 3 Membership, Section 3 by deleting the word three (3) and Retired replacing with it with the word two (2).

**Currently reads:**

**Section 3.** There shall be three (3) classes of membership: Active, Retired and Honorary

**To Read:**

**Section 3** There shall be two (2) classes of membership: Active, and Honorary

Date : September 11, 2021

/s/ Scottie DeLashmit  
State President

Samuel Knolton, Jr.  
State Secretary

Committee:	_____	Adopt	_____	Reject
Conference:	_____	Adopt	_____	Reject

**Amendment #3**

The following amendment is submitted by the Executive Board. It was voted on and approved at the fall meeting of State Board meeting in Nashville on September 11, 2021.

The proposed amendment would amend the members of the Board of Trustees for the State Lodge by adding any elected representative of the National Lodge, who is a member in good standing of any subordinate lodge of the State of Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police.

The proposed change is under Article 5 Officers, Section 1 by adding the following:

**Currently reads:**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Tennessee State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Chairman of Trustees, National Trustee and Immediate Past President and shall be called the Executive Board. In addition to the foregoing, there shall be one (1) Trustee from each Subordinate Lodge in the State, elected by their respective Subordinate Lodges and shall be called the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board and the board of Trustees shall make up the State Lodge Board. One Trustee shall be elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees by the herein mentioned Trustees, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

**To Read:**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Tennessee State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Chairman of Trustees, National Trustee and Immediate Past President and any elected representative of the National Lodge, who is a member in good standing of any subordinate lodge of the State of Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police, and shall be called the Executive Board. In addition to the foregoing, there shall be one (1) Trustee from each Subordinate Lodge in the State, elected by their respective Subordinate Lodges and shall be called the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board and the board of Trustees shall make up the State Lodge Board. One Trustee shall be elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees by the herein mentioned Trustees, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Date : September 11, 2021

/s/ Scottie DeLashmit  
State President

Samuel Knolton, Jr.  
State Secretary

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Reject  
Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Reject

#### Amendment #4

The following amendment is submitted by the State Board of Trustees. It was voted on and approved at the fall meeting of State Trustee's in Nashville on September 11, 2021.

The proposed amendment would add an Auxiliary at Large Lodge. This amendment will allow the Auxiliary to have the required number of lodges to maintain representation at the national level while not taxing any one lodge to begin an Auxiliary Lodge. It should not be construed to discourage any subordinate lodge from establishing an Auxiliary Lodge if they so wish.

The proposed change is under Article 3 Membership, Auxiliaries, Section 1 by adding the following section 2:

#### Currently reads:

**Section 1.** Each Subordinate Lodge may form an Associate Lodge to be known as the Fraternal Order of Police Associate Lodge, the membership of which shall be composed of public-spirited citizens who are interested in the welfare of police officers, in the advancement of the State Lodge, and who have such other qualifications as the Subordinate Lodge may fix. No persons may become a member of an Associated Lodge until they have been approved by a majority vote of the members of the Subordinate Lodge who attended a meeting at which the name of such person is submitted for approval.

- A. The members of an Associate Lodge shall not have the right of voice or vote at the meetings of the State Lodge or the Subordinate Lodges.
- B. Associate Lodges may form a State Associate Lodge and provide for its government.
- C. The State Associate Lodge shall be under the control and supervision of the Tennessee State Lodge, and shall be accountable to it for all actions, funds received and expended.

#### To Read:

**Section 1.** Each Subordinate Lodge may form an Associate Lodge to be known as the Fraternal Order of Police Associate Lodge, the membership of which shall be composed of public-spirited citizens who are interested in the welfare of police officers, in the advancement of the State Lodge, and who have such other qualifications as the Subordinate Lodge may fix. No persons may become a member of an Associated Lodge until they have been approved by a majority vote of the members of the Subordinate Lodge who attended a meeting at which the name of such person is submitted for approval.

- D. The members of an Associate Lodge shall not have the right of voice or vote at the meetings of the State Lodge or the Subordinate Lodges.
- E. Associate Lodges may form a State Associate Lodge and provide for its government.

F. The State Associate Lodge shall be under the control and supervision of the Tennessee State Lodge, and shall be accountable to it for all actions, funds received and expended.

**Section 2: The Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge will form an At Large Lodge with membership open to any person who wishes to join and meets the requirements of the State Auxiliary Lodge President or their by-laws. This At Large Lodge will select, from its members the officers so designated by the President of the State Auxiliary Lodge or its board. They will enjoy the same support as any established Auxiliary Lodge of a subordinate lodge of this state.**

Date : September 11, 2021

/s/ Scottie DeLashmit  
State President

Samuel Knolton, Jr.  
State Secretary

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject  
Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject

**Amendment #5**

The following amendment is submitted by the Executive Board. It was voted on and approved at the Board meeting of the Executive Board in Baton Rouge, LA on March 25, 2022.

The proposed amendment would amend the by-laws Article 13 Dues and Assessments, Section 1 changing the wording to read as follows:

**Currently reads:**

**Section 1.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the State Lodge a per capita tax of thirty dollars per member beginning November 2014. Ten dollars of these monies will be dedicated to funding the natural death benefit and twenty dollars will go into the general fund. (amended June 2014).

**To Read:**

**Section 1.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the State Lodge a per capita tax of fifty (\$50.00)dollars per member beginning November 2022. Ten (\$10.00) dollars of these monies will be dedicated to funding the natural death benefit and one (\$1.00) dollar will be dedicated to the PAC and thirty-nine (\$39.00) dollars will go into the general fund. (Amended June 2022).

Date : March 25, 2022

/s/ Scottie DeLashmit  
State President

Samuel Knolton, Jr.  
State Secretary

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject  
Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject

**Amendment #6**

The following amendment is submitted by the Executive Board. It was voted on and approved at the Board meeting of the Executive Board in Baton Rouge, LA on March 25, 2022.

The proposed amendment would amend the by-laws Article 13 Dues and Assessments, Section 1 changing the wording to read as follows:

**Currently reads:**

**Section 1.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the State Lodge a per capita tax of thirty dollars per member beginning November 2014. Ten dollars of these monies will be dedicated to funding the natural death benefit and twenty dollars will go into the general fund. (amended June 2014).

**To Read:**

**Section 1.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the State Lodge a per capita tax of thirty (\$30.00)dollars per member beginning November 2022. One (\$1.00) dollar will be dedicated to the PAC and twenty-nine (\$29.00) dollars will go into the general fund. (Amended June 2022).

Date : March 25, 2022

/s/ Scottie DeLashmit  
State President

Samuel Knolton, Jr.  
State Secretary

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject  
Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt      \_\_\_\_\_ Reject