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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

As we near the Twentieth Anniversary of the Georgia State Lodge, I think it is appropriate that we take a moment and look back at our history. While our State Lodge history may stretch back only 20 years, our history as a FOP member goes back nearly 75 years. To get a real understanding of why our organization has sustained the test of time and has grown to reach a membership of over 200,000; we need only to look at how the FOP was born.

In 1915, the Fraternal Order of Police was founded by two Pittsburg Police Officers, Martin L. Toole and Delbert Nagle. They both walked a night beat and were good friends. Every night at midnight, the two would meet at the corner of Second Avenue and Flowers Avenue. They talked about many things such as the long hours and poor working conditions for Police. Martin Toole was the one that came up with the idea they must organize. The obstacles were many and the risk of their livelihood was even greater, but these two men stood strongly and founded the FOP. In two years time, they had thoroughly organized 1,800 members in the Allegheny County/ Pittsburg area.

From the beginning Delbert Nagle and Martin Toole had full intention of building a National Organization. These two wise men knew that if any real accomplishments were to be achieved that it would require more than a local effort. However, when President Nagle presented the idea of expanding their membership into other areas, there was strong and vocal opposition. Those who opposed expansion, said we will be

organizing small towns and they will be wanting us to come in and help them fight their battles. Only after a convincing and pleadful effort by Martin Toole, the idea of expansion was given a hesitating approval. After forming four lodges, Delbert Nagle and Martin Toole moved quickly to form the Grand Lodge. The opposition was right much of the early cost was bared by Fort Pitt Lodge #1, but Nagle and Toole knew the benefits of expanding membership greatly outweighed the cost.

The FOP has never wavered from the example set by our founders. Just as the many lodges before us bared the burden of bringing the FOP to our State, our existing lodges bear the cost of extending the welcoming hand of the FOP to new members. This manner of unselfishly reaching out to help our new members has been the key to our continued growth over the years. In this our Twentieth Anniversary year, I want you to help in extending the hand of the FOP. Let's celebrate this year by making it our greatest year of growth. I firmly believe as did our founders, we become stronger with every new member.

A.J. "Bud" Mote

APPALACHIAN LODGE #77 PURCHASE BODY ARMOUR

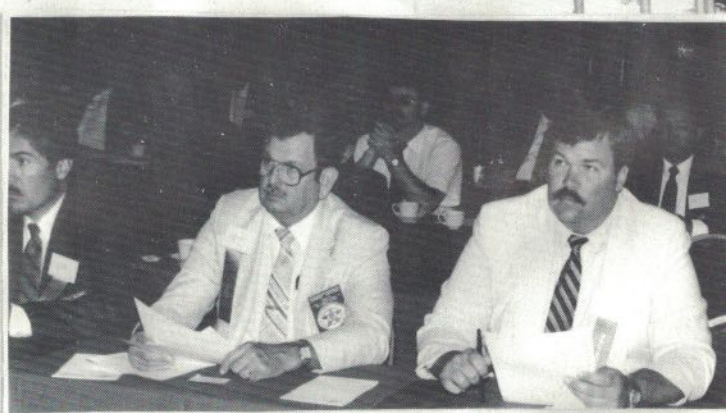
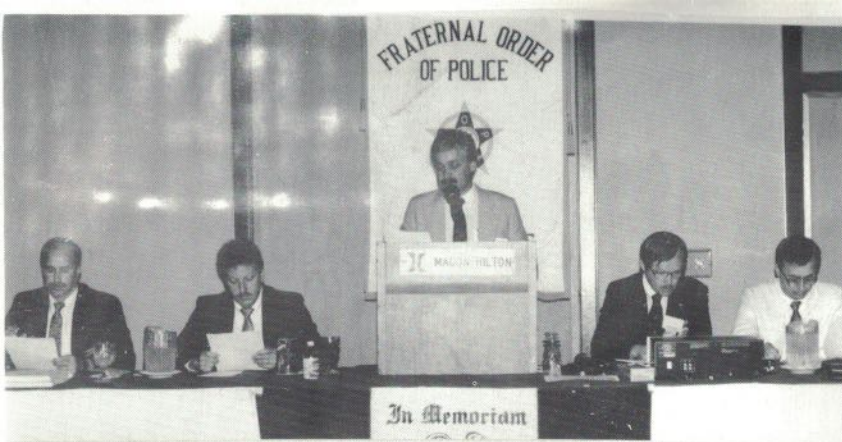
Appalachian Lodge #77 recently held a cookout to mark the First Anniversary of their Charter. A large turnout of their membership celebrated a very successful first year. Under the leadership of President Normand Therrien, the young lodge has established itself in the community. The lodge membership is currently comprised of the Ellijay Police Department, Gilmer County Sheriffs Office, and the East Ellijay Police Department. It is the Goal of Lodge #77 to expand their membership into two adjoining counties in the near future. The FOP gained respect and attention from the community for their recent decision to purchase body armour for their entire membership. During the cookout, Normand gave much credit to Secretary/Treasurer Judy Ray for helping establish the lodge. In appreciation for the State Lodge's assistance in bringing the FOP to the Ellijay area, Norman presented State President Bud Mote and his wife Kathy with Lodge #77 Tee Shirts. On behalf of the State Lodge, President Mote conveyed how proud he was of the reputation that Lodge #77 was building for the FOP in the North Georgia Mountains. He challenged them to an even greater second year.

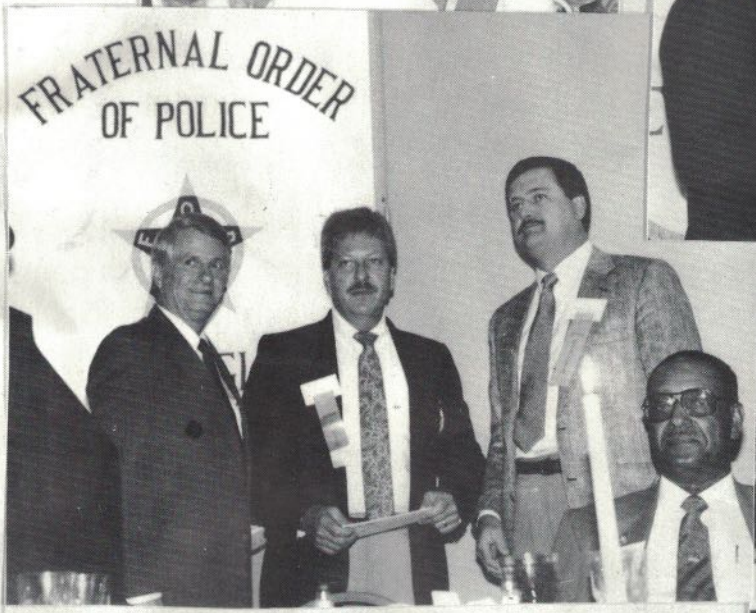
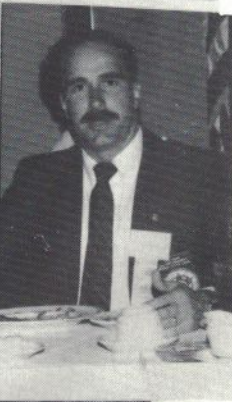
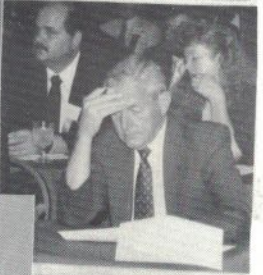


**GEORGIA DELEGATION AT THE NATIONAL FOP
49TH CONFERENCE IN OKLAHOMA CITY**





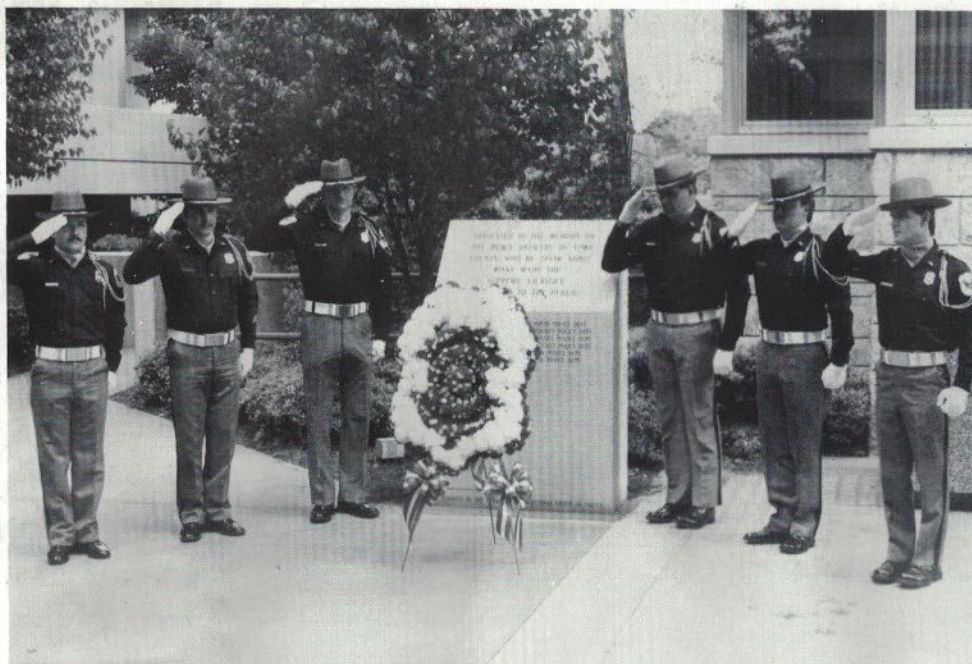






On May 15th 1989 the Cobb County Fraternal Order of Police dedicated a memorial to the Peace Officers of Cobb County who have died in the line of duty. The ceremony was held in front of the Cobb Superior Court building and was attended by family and friends of the deceased officers. More than a dozen top police officials along with dignitaries from Commissioner Harriett Smith unveiled the monument. Sheriff Bill Hutson and Public Safety Director Bob Hightower were guest speakers. The short service concluded as a wreath was placed at the base of the monument by a survivor and taps were played as the honor guard presented arms.

On May 25th 1989, former Cobb Sheriff Kermit C. Sanders passed away due to Natural Causes. Sheriff Sanders served Cobb County from 1956 until his retirement in 1972. He was a very popular Sheriff among Law Enforcement officers. When Cobb County was granted a F.O.P. Charter in 1971, the Lodge was named the Kermit C. Sanders Lodge #13 in his honor.



FRANK W. MOBLEY LODGE #7 IS READY FOR DEDICATION OF NEW LODGE HALL

President Larry Allen recently announced that the Frank W. Mobley Lodge in Savannah is in the process of scheduling the dedication of their new lodge hall. While the exact date has not been announced, plans are being made for a ceremony that will take place in late September.

PRESIDENTS MEET IN ATLANTA TO HEAR STATE LODGE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

On September the 9th, the State Lodge will hold a meeting for all Lodge Presidents. This is something new that is being done to keep lodges better informed on the State's activities and plans. During this meeting, the State Executive Board's Plans for the coming year will be announced.

20TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

The State Lodge will publish a yearbook to commemorate our Twentieth Anniversary. Every lodge should provide information on their history. This will be an interesting opportunity for everyone to look back at their lodge's origin and recognize those who contributed to its' success over the years.

FOP WORKSHOPS COMING TO GEORGIA

At the National Conference, Brother Bill Peacock worked with other Southern States National Trustees to get a measure passed that will create FOP Workshops to assist in membership and expansion efforts. The Southern States still hold great potential for National FOP growth. The FOP Works Shops will be geared to professionally introducing our organization into regions that have declining or no membership. This program will be a great aid to our State Membership and Expansion Committee.

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 7TH AND 8TH IN ALBANY

The State Executive Board will meet October 7th and 8th in Albany, Ga. The times and hotel will be announced later.

EXPANSION COMMITTEE WILL VISIT COFFEE COUNTY AREA

Law Enforcement Officers in Coffee County, Bacon County, and Ben Hill County will meet with the Expansion Committee. A September Meeting is now being scheduled with numerous law enforcement agencies in this multi county area. During the meeting, Expansion Committee Chairman Bruce Allen will provide information on the benefits of being a FOP member. Committee Co-Chairman Mark Henderson is handling the efforts of getting

interested officers organized for chartering their new lodge. 1st Vice President J.D. Hawk will be representing the State Board and helping the committee with forming this new lodge.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM INCLUDES EVERYONE

A successful legislative program for any group or organization requires activity and support by each member of that group or organization. We often hear folks jealously complain that the XYZ group always gets whatever they want from the Government. The National Rifle Association, Greenpeace, and various other organizations always seem to win most of their issues in Washington and in each of the State Legislatures. Have you ever wondered why some groups are successful and others are not?

Stop and think, what makes a legislator vote for or against an issue. Why would a legislator support something as unfavorable as increasing your taxes. How can they justify it to their constituents on election day? How do our elected officials learn of our concerns and issues?

First, let's look at how other groups successfully effect legislative change. Groups which enjoy successful legislative programs have several common profiles. They are well organized, not just grouped under one name and mission, but organized and work as a team. Organized to the extent that their membership comes together on a regular basis to discuss common concerns and formulate proposed changes that the group agrees upon as a whole. These proposed changes are then translated into

action plans by the leadership and staff. Professional staff and advisors then assist the membership in implementing the actions to reach the agreed upon and defined goals. More often than not, the agreed upon goals, within the existing political structure are attainable goals.

Each member of these successful groups has a clear understanding of the mission and goals. Each member contributes effort toward the goals. Any disagreements are kept inside the organization and thus a united harmonious organization forges towards their defined goals.

Legislators are but mortals, like me and thee. They have lives other than their public service. They are regularly bombarded with numerous issues from all aspects of the constituency which they are sworn to represent. Who do they listen to? Legislators like to know what the folks who put them in office think, you the local voter can have a great impact on what issues a legislator is aware of and interested in. But remember, if each voter who contacts the legislator gives him a different priority or a different issue, the legislator never gets a clear and concise idea of the main concerns of our group. Here's the problem. We are all individuals. Those of us close to retirement age are mainly concerned with retirement issues. Those just beginning a career are interested in immediate salary and wage benefits, etc,etc. So there is a tendency for each group to bring a multitude of issues to our elected officials, while at the same time every other group is bringing multiple issues. It can become rather blurred to the elected officials. That is where we are in law enforcement.

In some areas of the State police salaries are very competitive with the private sector and in other areas police salaries are on the bottom. Each area of the State has a different economy. In rural Georgia, where farmers have been going out of business left and right over the last 10 years, salaries are not the best. In some urban areas, where the economy is strong and thriving, salaries and benefits are competitive. The various levels of law enforcement tend to further confuse the issue. State Police and Georgia Sheriffs, the elected constitutional officers of the courts, enjoy relative uniform salaries established by the General Assembly. Their deputies however fall to the will of the County Commissioners and the county budget process. Local police department operate under city and county mayors, councils and managers who operate under a tax driven budget.

The mere diversity of our organizations members and their agencies creates a mixture of issues which tend to confuse the best and then you note that we represent less the 20% of all law enforcement in Georgia. Considering all these facts, we as an organization have faired pretty well over the last few years. But, we can fair a lot better if we will organize and recruit new members.

Legislator listen to their constituents, they vote their convictions and they develop their convictions based on the information you and I give them. They must first know who we are, what we want and why it is important for us to succeed in getting what we want. Our job, each of us, is to better communicate our needs to our elected officials. Then and only then, can we expect to reap the

benefits of our collective efforts. Stay tuned, we will be sending you information on how to communicate better with your elected officials in the immediate future.

In the mean time get to know your State Legislator, take him or her to lunch. Visit with them first without asking for anything. Let them know you and what your job is all about. Invite them to attend a "peaceful" lodge meeting, do lunch or awards program. Remember, we're a team and together we can be successful.

John Thomas
Governmental Affairs
Representative



LADIES AUXILIARY PRESENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Alan Scoggins was the recipient of this year's award. Alan is the son of Dan and Charlotte Scoggins of Columbus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Through your power of love and hope, precious Lord of Creation, open our eyes and minds that we will understand the need for confession. Remove from us, Dear Lord and Savior, the cancer of hate, isolation, and hopelessness. With the humility of David, the Lord's servant, forgive us for being unkind and impatient with one another. In the spirit of truth and love, give us the will and awareness to climb from empty valleys of despair that limit our visions of today and tomorrow.

God Bless

R.E."Sarge" Orr

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