

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. I want to apologize for not getting an update out sooner, but unfortunately work and family get in the way sometimes.

Unfortunately, last week Lodge 6 member William Mathews of the Wayzata Police Department was struck and killed while removing debris from the traffic lane. His funeral will be held on Thursday September 14th at 11:00 in Plymouth. Please contact me if you need the details for the funeral. We have reached out to MN LEMA to officer any assistance that is needed and we are working with the insurance company to file the accidental death claim on behalf of Officer Mathews. Please keep his family, friends and the Wayzata Police Department in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The summer months are typically a slower time for the FOP, especially when we are not dealing with Congressional, Senate or Presidential elections and the endorsement process that goes along with them. We have just returned home from the National Conference in Nashville, TN. Andrew Jackson Lodge 5 and the Tennessee State Lodge did a great job hosting the National Conference. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel was a great venue and for many the only complaint I heard was the amount of walking due to the size of the hotel.

Prior to the National Conference I had asked the local Lodge Presidents and State Trustees if they objected to the delegates present in Nashville making an endorsement for the office of President and Vice President. All of the responses that I received said that they did not have any issues with the delegates endorsing for these races if they felt strongly about a particular candidate. When the membership decided not to endorse at the State Conference the races for President and Vice President were uncontested. Approximately 2 weeks before the National Conference Marcello Muzzati from DC Lodge 1 announced he was running for President and Ron Bartmier from Oklahoma announced he was running for Vice President. After hearing from the candidates speak in Nashville the membership did not feel strongly about any of the candidates and did not feel the need to endorse any of them. The elections were held on Thursday August 31st and your new National Board is listed below.

President	Chuck Canterbury	South Carolina
Vice President	Jay McDonald	Ohio
2 nd Vice President	Les Neri	Pennsylvania
Secretary	Pat Yoes	Louisiana
Treasurer	Tom Penozza	Delaware
Sgt-At-Arms	Keith Turney	Illinois
Chairman Trustees	Rob Pride	Colorado

There were several bylaw amendments that were voted on by the delegates. The notable ones were that there will be a \$1.00 increase in the annual per capita payment made to the Grand Lodge. This additional \$1.00 will be directed to the

National Foundation to assist with disaster relief and the expenses incurred for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service. There was also an amendment passed to clean up the language for what is considered "full time" employment. The change says that working for several agencies part time and essentially working full time hours constitutes full time employment. The membership also passed an amendment that ups the daily salary for National Trustees and National Committee Members from \$100 per day to \$125 per day. This salary is paid each day that they are attending a National Board Meeting or when they are attending a National Committee Meeting. There were 2 other amendments that were rescinded prior to the start of the conference.

In 2019 the National Conference will be in New Orleans, LA on August 12th-15th and in 2021 it will be held in Indianapolis, IN. Once dates are secured for Indianapolis I will forward them out.

The next State Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10th at Chase on the Lake in Walker. There will be social hour from 17:00 to 18:30 with the meeting to follow. I will be sending out hotel information in the next few days. If there are items that you would like to see added to the agenda please let me know. We will be discussing the 2018 State Lodge Budget along with a dues increase for the Legal Defense Plan. The price of the plan has remained the same since it's inception in 2001. With the large number of officers being charged with crimes during the course of their duties I would like to see the contingency fund grow to insure that we can assist officers in the future.

Please continue to check the website, www.mnfop.com and Facebook page for updates. I am trying to keep information current and up to date. If you would like to assist with the Facebook page please let me know. Take care and be safe! I hope to see you all in Walker in October. As always, please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you or your lodge.

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