

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*From our early beginnings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1915, to today, the Fraternal Order of Police has grown to become the largest and most commanding voice in law enforcement. With more than 2,100 local lodges and over 314,000 members from Massachusetts to California, Florida to Minnesota, we are committed to the belief that no one knows the danger and difficulties faced by police officers better than another police officer.*

*The Fraternal Order of Police was founded and continues to operate as a representative organization. You have a voice and vote in all matters in your local lodge. You, the members, through your local lodges, direct the efforts of the FOP. You decide what programs and benefits are right for you. You elect your officers to represent you. We have full-time staff members, but there are no high-paid "executives." No other police association offers so much for so little. Whether in labor, legislation, education or fraternalism, your voice, and the voice of your fellow members, is the Voice of the Fraternal Order of Police.*

*Please allow us to be your Voice by joining.*

*Fraternally,*

*Chuck Canterbury*

Grand Lodge National President



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## What is the FOP?

The Gaston County Lodge Fraternal Order of Police is part of our nation's oldest, largest and most respective law enforcement organization. The Gaston County Lodge was Chartered in 1970. There are now more than 6,500 members in 50 local lodges in North Carolina, officers from federal, state and local agencies, departments large and small, from the Great Smokey Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Fraternal Order of Police also works to make law enforcement a profession that is better able to attract and retain competent, experienced officers, so that those officers are better able to fulfill their public duty. Many qualified people enter other fields that are safer or more highly compensated, and experienced officers often leave law enforcement for the same reasons.

Today, all across our state is a great awareness of increasing crime related to the illegal drug business. The membership of the Fraternal Order of Police stands with you against those who would destroy all for which we have both worked so hard. We address not only the needs of our membership, but also your law enforcement concerns.

## The Fraternal Order of Police is Family



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# North Carolina

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Gaston County Lodge



## Membership Application

**The Voice Of Our  
Nations' Law Enforcement Officers**



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# Membership Application

- NEW APPLICATION  
 RENEWAL APPLICATION



## Membership Fraternal Order of Police

Any full-time, sworn law enforcement officer with arrest power who is employed by a government entity may become a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. No person shall be denied membership on account of race, religion, color, creed, sex, age, or national origin. Each local lodge has its own requirements regarding membership for retired law enforcement officers.

## Membership Benefits Fraternal Order of Police

### Legal Defense

A legal defense plan that provides its Active and Affiliate members with legal aid in duty-related, administrative, civil and criminal matters.

### Death Benefit

A program funded by the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police covering Active, Affiliate and Retired members covering natural, accidental and line-of-duty deaths.

### Communications

The Fraternal Order of Police keeps its membership informed of law enforcement concerns through various means, including: The Journal, published by the Grand Lodge; Police Officer Magazine, published by the North Carolina State Lodge; member-access e-mail; national, state and local lodge Web sites.

### Additional Benefits

FOP Merchandise • Vision Care • Scholarships • Training Programs • Supplemental Legal Defense Program • Financial Investment Programs • Financial Education Programs • FOP MasterCard • Home, Health, Auto & Life Insurance Programs • Travel Services • Flowers & Gift Service • Disaster Assistance.

### Extended Services

Legislation - The FOP has a legislative agent in Raleigh, along with a full-time staff in Washington D.C., who works to enact legislation to benefit officers and advance the law enforcement profession; Labor Council - The FOP has a full-time staff who works on behalf of the membership to influence the public officials who determine your hours, wages, terms and other conditions of employment.

MAIL TO GASTON COUNTY LODGE, 1678-C ROBINS NEST COURT, GASTONIA NC 28054  
 APPLICATION & DUES



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

HOME TELEPHONE

WORK TELEPHONE

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

- FULL TIME  
 PART TIME  
 RESERVE OFFICER  
 RETIRED

### MEMBERSHIP OATH

I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, that I will to the best of my ability comply with all laws and rules of this Order; that I will recognize the authority of my legally-elected officers and obey all orders there from not in conflict with my religious or political views, or my rights as an American citizen; that I will not cheat, wrong or defraud this Order, or any member thereof, or permit the same to be done if in my power to prevent it; that I will at all times aid and assist a worthy Brother or Sister in sickness or distress, so far as it lies in my power to do so; that I will not divulge any of the entitled to receive them. To all of which I most solemn oath or obligation, I hereby consent to be expelled from the Order.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

### BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

MAILING ADDRESS  SAME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

HOME TELEPHONE

**Why is this information needed?**  
 Date of Birth and Social Security Number is required for your life insurance benefits.

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 Date of Birth and Social Security Number will be needed to file for benefits.

**Membership Dues**  
**\$85**

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 Fraternal Order of Police