PAT YOES IS ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT
EDITOR’S NOTE:

- In this issue, you will see a revision of our format, in a desire to include more photos, and news. State Officers reports were optional in this issue, which freed them from submitting a written report in addition to the Spring Board Meeting and the Fall Conference. They say “Photos Tell The Story”, so enjoy the photos/stories submitted by our Brothers and Sisters around Kentucky.

In this Issue look for:

- The Kentucky Spring Board Meeting, perhaps you will find yourself in one of the many photos submitted.
- A Rollcall of those Brothers and Sisters who gave their lives in 2018, and all others who passed last year.
- A WAVE-3 TV report on the Nick Rodman Foundation Golf Tournament.
- Photos of the Final Leg Torch Run
- Lodge Reports from Ashland Lodge 3, Bluegrass Lodge 4, Hopkinsville Lodge 12, Winchester Lodge 34, Madison County Lodge 47, River City Lodge 614
- What are you Doing? Tell us about something creative or interesting in which you are involved? Larry Bush submitted this first one.

Patsy Meyer, Editor

The Next Issue Deadline will be Monday, November 11th. This is one week after the Fall Conference so send your lodge news and photos before you leave for the Conference in Northern Kentucky.

Some of the features in this issue will be

- The 2019 National Conference in New Orleans,
- The Fall Conference and officer reports and
- other late summer lodge news

Don’t you want your lodge to be included in the next issue?
NEWS FROM THE STATE BOARD

STATE VICE PRESIDENT—MIKE SWEENEY

I hope everyone of you is well and have enjoyed a warm fun summer.

Our fundraising for the State FOP is fully underway now with RPI (Residential Programs, INC), whom we have contracted within the past and MPI (Midwest Publishing, INC, our new partner in fundraising. RPI concentrates their fundraising efforts on the residential side and MPI is collecting from businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

The results from RPI so far have been lackluster at best, but we are hoping for better results going forward. Jennifer Schmitter, the executive director with The Fundraising Group who partners with RPI, has told us that she is also frustrated with the poor results of RPI and has assured me that they are looking for some different vendors that might yield better results. While I am not sure exactly what that means, we are cautiously optimistic that they can and will do better going forward. We do know that RPI is operating from a database that they had in place from our last agreement with them a few years ago. In addition, Jennifer said they continue to do cold calling on new donors.

MPI, on the other hand, is doing much better. As I said, this company calls on businesses only doing cold calling and is generating a call list as they go. They have routinely made weekly deposits ranging from $450-$700 with two weeks exceeding $1000! We are keeping our fingers crossed and are hoping that this company will continue to yield these results for us and realize even larger deposits as their database expands over the next few months and years.

As I have said on numerous occasions, telemarketing is getting harder and harder to depend on and with the number of household phones shrinking each year as cell phones replace landlines, fundraising in this manner may someday be obsolete. But we will continue to explore new avenues for fundraising and will continually keep all of our members apprised of our efforts.

As always, if there is anything that I can ever do for you or your lodge please do not hesitate to call on me. I am only a phone call or email away.

Fraternally,
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Kentucky State Board members:
Above, Treasurer Bryan Bogard
Left: President Berl Perdue and Vice President
Mike Sweeney
The 2019 Spring Board Meeting convened on March 23 at the Embassy Suites in Louisville. Thanking the FOP for many years of past support, Sheriff John Aubrey stressed getting to know your legislators and also discussed the Carrying Concealed permit for use in other states.

Meeting Notes:

Kentucky House Representative District 33 Jason Nemes (D), and State Senator District 36 Julie Raque Adams (R) led a tandem discussion and Q & A about recent legislation. Jason who serves as Legal Counsel for the Kentucky State Police and Julie both thanked the FOP for past support. Other issues included:

- Jurisdictional protection for Fish & Wildlife, codified the memorandum and immunity protection.
- Part of the $60 fee for CCDW will come back to the county.
- Both voted against SB 150, saying it was ill-conceived, and gave a shout-out to the FOP for putting out the information.
- The pension needs level dollar spending, gaming funds would help but not solve the problem.
SPRING BOARD MEETING

Kentucky State President Berl Perdue addresses the Brothers and Sisters attending the Spring Board Meeting in Louisville.

James Smallwood, President of Nashville Lodge, seeking the office of National Treasurer, received the Kentucky Endorsement and a donation for his campaign.

More Meeting Notes:

National Secretary Patrick Yoes, a welcome visitor to Kentucky stressed that police should be public servants, not public enemies. He stated that police are not responsible for public ills: poverty and broken families. He received the Kentucky endorsement and a donation for his campaign for the office of National President.

Kentucky Death Benefits paid out in 2018 were 62 checks totaling 56,499.99.

Expansion Committee reported on efforts to revitalize dormant lodges. Pennyrile lodge 81 has install new officers.

The Kentucky Associate Lodge presented a $3000 donation to assist with the expenses of the State Memorial in Frankfort.

Dave Mutchler, Kentucky National Trustee and Immediate Past President of River City 614 was endorsed by the Kentucky State Lodge along with funds to help him in his campaign for the office of National Secretary. Dave reported on the 2019 Day On The Hill, and the Legal Defense Fund.
SPRING BOARD MEETING

National VP Jay McDonald stressed that Lodge leaders should show-up at Critical Incidents. FOP growth has risen to 346,000 members and 21,000 lodges.

Former Letcher County Lodge 50 has been revitalized and renamed Pine Mountain Lodge 88. Members with Drew Fox, Kentucky Legislative Committee are Immediate Past President Wesley Doughman and State Lodge Trustee James Pelfrey.

Drew Fox conducted an informational session at the Spring Board Meeting about Legislative Work.
Ginny Woolridge, KY Auxiliary VP with KY President Berl Perdue.

Deputy Sheriff’s Lodge 25 President Tim Pike whose lodge hosted the Spring Board Meeting at the Embassy Suite in the Hurstbourne area of Louisville.

Spring Board Meeting attendees at the Spring Board Meeting
SPRING BOARD MEETING

Brothers and Sisters from lodges around the state assemble in the meeting room for FOP news and reports.
Local band Caribou entertained everyone on Saturday evening after the day’s meeting.
2019 Roll Call of Heroes

Supreme Sacrifice

Ky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Officer Bernard Dean Ratliff, EOW: June 21, 1999
Hickman Police Dept., Officer Rodney Scott Smith, EOW: March 2, 2018
Pikeville Police Dept., Officer Scotty Hamilton, EOW: March 13, 2018
Hopkinsville Police Dept. Officer Philip Lynn Meacham, March 29, 2018
Jefferson County Sheriff’s Dept., Deputy Devin Meriweather, EOW: November 12, 2018
Louisville Metro Police Dept., Detective Deidre Mengedoht, EOW: December 24, 2018

Honoring Our Brothers and Sisters

Hazard Lodge 7
Perry County Sheriff Dept.  Bobby Amburgery
Bowling Green Lodge 13
Bowling Green PD  Travis Dawkins
Charles C. Zimmerlee
William Dawkins
Winchester/Clark Co. Lodge 34
KY State Police  Matthew Humble

Shively Lodge 17
Shively PD  Andy Hicks

Kentucky County Lodge 20
Kentucky County Jail  Walter B. McCord
Donald Younger

Deputy Sheriff’s Lodge 25
Jefferson Co. Sheriff’s Office  Matthew Humble
Joan Ball
Edward Doolin
Joseph Gaddie
Harry Hupp
Henry Jackson
James Marksberry
Patricia Shanks
Thomas Steier
Donnie Wilson

GW Young Lodge 29
Pike Co. Sheriff Dept  James R. Taylor
St. Matthews Lodge 31
St. Matthews PD  James Bishop
Jim H. Innis

Pike Co. Sheriff Dept  Jeraldine Armitage

St. Matthews Lodge 31
St. Matthews PD  Jerry Speck

Clark Co. Sheriff Dept  Walter B. McCord

Logan Co. Lodge 41
Guthrie PD  Matthew Humble

Russellville PD  Darrell Murphy

Royal Springs Lodge 59
Scott Co. Sheriff Office  William (Billy) Mohrman

Louisville Corrections Lodge 77
Louisville Dept of Corrections  Izyeha Carr

River City Lodge 614
Jefferson County PD  Roger W. Denkler
Jimmy L. Dizney, Sr.
Robert Allen Grant
Jerry Owen
Albert Page
Scott Robinson
William C. Stovall
Tom Swicegood
Paul Thomas

Louisville PD  Sherman Anderson
Vernie Brockman
Burdeette Bullock, Jr.
Rudy Davis
Richard Dotson
James Edward Jones
Robert A. Knoop
Charles Thomas Lickteig
Carl R. Lindeman
David Lee Lyons
Leonard A. Miller
David Leroy Mullins
Roy Kenneth Parsons
Thomas Schneider
Marion Sidebottom
Steve Wise
Cheryl Kay Woods

Louisville Metro PD  Jon Lesher
SUPREME SACRIFICE

OFFICER BERNARD DEAN RATLIFF
KY Fish and Wildlife
EOW: June 21, 1999
Suffered a fatal heart attack while participating in a weekly physical training program

OFFICER RODNEY SCOTT SMITH
Hickman PD
EOW: March 3, 2018
Drowned when his patrol vehicle was washed into a flooded field

OFFICER SCOTTY HAMILTON
Pikeville PD
EOW: March 13, 2018
Shot and killed while investigating a stolen utility vehicle with a state trooper

OFFICER PHILIP LYNN MEACHAM
Hopkinsville PD
EOW: March 29, 2018
Shot and killed while investigating a suspicious vehicle off-duty with on duty officer

DEPUTY DEVIN MERIWEATHER
Jefferson County Sheriff’s Dept
EOW: November 12, 2018
Suffered a fatal heart attack at his desk as a School Resource Officer

DETECTIVE DEIDRE MENGEDOHT
Louisville Metro Police Dept.
EOW: December 24, 2018
Killed in a crash when her police vehicle was struck by a semi-truck while making a traffic stop
Covington PD Honor Guard presents colors and Aimee Rhea performs the National Anthem. Louisville Metro PD Honor Guard posts the Memorial Wreath.

The ceremonies begin inside the Kentucky History Center. After a Welcome from State Chaplain David Burks, Remarks were given by State President Berl Perdue and Keynote Speaker Rick Sanders Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police.

“Honored and Humbled” and “We will never forget” are sentiments expressed. Police are faced with “Violence and Disrespect”. Stating priorities: “My God is First, My Family is Second and Everyone is Family”.

They come to honor **Deidre Mengedoht**: Brothers and Sisters of Louisville Metro Police.

The families and friends come to honor the service of those retired officers who passed in 2018.
KENTUCKY PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL IN FRANKFORT

Officers, Active and Retired, Auxiliary (who participate in the ceremony) and many who support law enforcement gather in Frankfort for the service.

Glenda Lehmann, Kentucky Auxiliary President escorted by State President Berl Perdue places the final carnation for those not included in the rollcall.
The ceremonies continue with a procession to the Old Capitol.

The Memorial Service at the Old Capitol includes the placing of the wreath beside the police monument on the grounds and the placing of flowers by FOP Auxiliary members.
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN WASHINGTON, DC

Candlelight Service

Louisville Police Pipes and Drums marched in the parade with the St. Louis County Police Pipes and Drums

Honor Guards posted with Memorial Wreath at the National Law Enforcement Memorial
President Trump addresses officers and survivors at the Peace Officers’ Memorial Service beside the Capi-
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Pat Yoes, National Secretary, Grand Lodge, Nic Jilek, Dave Mutchler, Kentucky, James Smallwood, Tennessee, and Jimmy Holley, Texas

Nic Jilek with the family of Hickman PD Officer Rodney Scott Smith
Deidre Mengedoht, EOW Dec. 24, 2018

Deidre’s name was added to the Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. and to the police memorial in Louisville, Kentucky.
RODMAN MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE RAISES THOUSANDS
FOR LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY *

By Natalia Martinez | WAVE 3 News

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - A golf scramble in honor of a fallen Louisville officer raised thousands of dollars for the community. The Nick Rodman Legacy Foundation organized its biggest event so far Saturday at the Sun Valley Golf Course.

About 200 golfers signed up, making 48 teams. Just the golfers alone raised $14,000. The sponsorships sold out and added at least another $10,000 from Chick-fil-A to Craig and Landreth. The rain stayed away enough for the golfers to have a great time.

Nick’s wife Ashley Rodman said she feels humbled and thankful by all the support from the community. “Yesterday was truly amazing,” she told WAVE 3 News. “It turned out to be a beautiful day. There were so many smiles and laughs. Nick would have loved a day like yesterday.” She also thanked the numerous volunteers who helped make the event a reality. Some, she said, worked 14 hours. "It was a huge group effort and a major success," she added. "Our hearts are full."

The foundation was created by Ashley as a way to continue his mission of helping the city he loved. The organizations fundraisers will go to help those struggling in Louisville. They have already provided scholarships for local youth. As part of the golf scramble, a number of raffle items were also available. Some of the items included golf clubs, Louisville City FC and Bats tickets, a year membership to the Louisville Armory and UofL autographed gear.

*The Editor thanks WAVE 3 News and Reporter Natalie Martinez for allowing us to reprint her report in the Knight Beat.

Photos were provided by the Rodman family.

Above:  Mason and Ellie Rodman

Signs at the Rodman Legacy Foundation’s golf scramble honored other fallen LMPD officers Sgt. Jon Lesher and Det. Deidre Mengedoht.
The Kentucky Final Leg was held on Friday, May 31 and began in Frankfort and concluded in Richmond.

Below: A stop in Lexington at the UK Wildcat, Danny Montgomery, LMPD

Lower right: Bullitt County Deputy Sheriff Trevor Ford, and Kelly Sturgeon
THE KENTUCKY MEMORIAL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING IN RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

Survivors’ Speaker Kiana Bryant Brown related the effects of learning that her father, a Fish & Wildlife Officer had died in the Line of Duty. Her life in 2003 was shattered into pieces. Working extensively with COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) and through the kindness and support of friends and loved ones, she said the remaining pieces have been swept back together in a pile. Everyone has broken pieces, and she suggested that we “Be the Broom”.

Additional information from the Richmond Register, May 23, 2019
Above: The Police Basic Training Classes parade into the area to attend the memorial service.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officers
On Monday May 6, Ashland Lodge #3 and the Ashland Community and Technical College hosted a Reception for the Law Enforcement United Bicycle Tour as it made its way from St. Louis to D.C. for Memorial Week. While on Campus, the Group honored Kissimmee Florida Police Officer Matthew Baxter who was killed in the Line of Duty in August of 2017. Officer Baxter was the Brother of A.C.T.C. Project Director Mia Brown, who assisted with the Reception and was able to meet some of Officer Baxter’s Co Workers.

The Law Enforcement United Group and Members of Ashland Lodge #3

Riders showing solidarity while wearing bracelets with the names of Fallen Officers

The Law Enforcement United Riders and their escorts from the Ashland Police Department
**ASHLAND LODGE 3**

First Vice President Wes Horne leads the Memorial Service

Chief Todd Kelley and some of APD’s Finest represented at the Memorial Service

Ashland Lodge #3 held its Memorial Service on Monday May 13 at the Christ Temple Church. We remembered our Brothers and Sisters who are no longer with us in Body, but whose Spirits surround us and comfort us each day. Our Brothers from the Ashland Police Department escorted Family Members and Co Workers of the Departed as they placed Flowers in Memory of their Loved Ones. On Saturday June 1st, our Brothers participated in the 4th Annual Charity Basketball Game against Fellow Public Servants, the Ashland Fire Department. This year’s proceeds go to the “Build Ashland” Program and their Projects to invest in Ashland’s Future. We are proud to report that our Brothers were victorious in a route of the Dalmation Dandies, but all remain Friends!!! Ashland Lodge #3 and our Community are welcoming the all new Marriot Delta Hotel at its Grand Opening on July 3rd. With the Opening of this beautiful Hotel, Ashland Lodge #3 is planning to request that the 2020 Spring Conference be held at our new World Class Hotel. Have a Safe Summer and we look forward to seeing you in Covington in November.

Victory smiles after the Game
**BLUEGRASS LODGE 4**

_Sergeant Aaron Kidd_ retired from the Lexington Police Department. He was presented with a custom engraved firearm in a shadow box to honor his dedication and service to the Honor Guard Unit.

_FOP Family Fun Day_ is an annual event hosted by FOP Bluegrass Lodge 4 for its members and their families. We had a cookout, inflatables a petting zoo, water balloons, and prize giveaways.

Grilling is Brother Josh Phillips
Force on the Course was an event for Police Officers to interact with underprivileged children who are interested in the game of golf. The event was held at Lakeside Golf Course in Lexington. Over 50 children and officers participated.
BLUEGRASS LODGE 4
PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN LEXINGTON
Members of the community and law enforcement gathered Thursday afternoon to remember the fallen during the annual Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Service.

The service and wreath laying ceremony took place at the Police Memorial Park behind the Hopkinsville Police Department. Ten officers who passed away in the line of duty in Christian County are remembered at the park, including Officer Phillip Meacham who passed away on March 29, 2018.

Lodge 12 expresses their appreciation to radio stations: WKDZ 106.5FM & WHVO 96.5 & 100.9FM for these photos. WKDZradio.com and WKVOradio.com

Hopkinsville Lodge 12 President Henry Gould says the people who put their lives on the line daily, do it to protect our communities.

Hopkinsville P.D. Captain Erik Pacheco recently asked officers at the police department and the Christian County Sheriff’s Office why they do what they do.

Christian County Sheriff Tyler DeArmond adds everyone should remember fallen officers throughout the year.
WINCHESTER LODGE 34

Winchester Lodge 34 has been donating fans to the Senior Citizens Center since 1995. Accompanying this summer’s donation are: Lodge President Lee Murray, State Lodge President Berl Perdue, Jr., Lodge Vice President Keith Mullikin, Immediate Past President Tony Kirk, Brother Eric Campbell, others from the Center.
For 6 years Daniel waited at the door on his birthday for no one to show up... until this year! Chaplain Daniel Deaton and President Bryan Tucker, Madison County Lodge #47, met Daniel at a Christmas party for children with fragile medical conditions. Chaplain Deaton was able to connect and become friends with Daniel who lives with autism.

In early April 2019, a post was made on Facebook by Daniel’s mother who was at her wits end, doing her best to give Daniel a birthday party that he deserved. President Tucker and Chaplain Deaton reacted and located a police motorcycle “power wheel” on Facebook which was subsequently donated for the cause.

On April 19, President Tucker, Chaplain Deaton and Officer Leet (Richmond PD) rolled up in true police fashion with blue lights flashing. Chaplain Deaton walked Daniel to the cruiser where the back was raised to reveal his new police motorcycle. It was a magical moment to see the smile and sparkle in Daniel’s eyes as he had visitors on his birthday. Chaplain Deaton, being a motor officer himself, placed his police helmet on Daniel for a few laughs and photos before enjoying some cake and ice cream with family and friends.

Stay tuned for part 2 of this story where Madison County will have a new honorary motor officer as Daniel will be able to participate in his personal motor school and earn his own winged wheel pin.
River City Lodge 614 President Nic Jilek welcomed the assembled to the Memorial Ceremony, and Dave Mutchler, KY National Trustee read the History of the Memorial. Lodge Chaplain Dustin Dean, Larry Bush Sheriff’s Lodge 25 and Ginny Woolridge led those present in song and prayer.

Speaker Russell M. Coleman said that the day after he graduated from the FBI Academy as a young agent he put a gun in his holster and forever waived the right to run from the sound of gunfire. We must do a better job as a Law Enforcement Community and have a “Constant Emphasis” to be better partners with Federal Law Enforcement. We stand with you, we live here, and we are raising our families (as a father of an 8 and 11 year old).
Above Left: LMPD Recruit class
Above Right: Diedre Mengedoht’s family
Middle: placing the wreath and flowers
Lower left: River City Lodge Board
Lower right: Bugler Officer Danielle Smith played Taps
Lodge Kitchen Crew accepts plaque honoring Scott Robinson (retired JCPD officer) for his many years of service as our lodge cook.

Butch Lambert, Wayne Lewis, Bob Thurman, Barry Nugent, and Ray Fravert at April General Meeting

Below: The Thin Blue Line Flag was framed and presented to the Lodge from the Louisville Pipes and Drums. The Car/Unit #s of officers: Peter Grignon, Nick Rodman and Deidre Mengedoht who have died in the Line of Duty have been added to the flag.

Brandon Lincoln, John Keeling, Mike Alvey, Chad Crick, Nic Jilek, Jessica Crick, Scott Lehmann, and Ryan Nichols
RIVER CITY LODGE 614
ASSOCIATE LODGE

ANNUAL EASTER EGG
photos provided by Richard A. Watkins
The Nick Rodman Memorial Award was presented to Rachel Gay, daughter of Christopher Gay. Rachel attended Eastern High School and will be studying Chemistry at Bellarmine University in the Fall. She participated in Track and has a special interest in Random Facts and Trivia.

The Jason Schweitzer Memorial Award was presented to Ashley Taylor Hord, daughter of Mark Hord. A graduate of Mercy Academy, Ashley plans to study Biology/Pre-Med at Centre College. She is a black belt in Taekwondo.

The Peter A. Grignon Memorial Award was presented to Molly Nicole Nunn, daughter of Brian and Carolyn Nunn. Molly attended Male High School and is attending Bellarmine University in the fall where she will be studying Pre-Pharmacy. She also plays Soccer at the position of Goalkeeper.

The Darrin K. Potter Memorial Award was presented to Emilie Balthrop and is the daughter of Darrin Balthrop. A graduate of Assumption High School, Emilie will be attending Bellarmine University, where she will be studying Pre-Physical Therapy.

The Vernon “Bud” Johnson Award was awarded to Mary Cecilia Eidem. Mary is the daughter of Theodore and Emily Eidem. She was unable to attend the presentation. No photo available.
The David C. Strunk Memorial Award was presented to Margaret P. Glaser. She is the daughter of Lawrence Glaser. Margaret attended Sacred Heart Academy and will attend Western Kentucky University. She has an interest in Law Enforcement and plans to study Political Science.

The Ralph Orms Memorial Award was presented to Shawn Joseph Kaufman. He is the son of Larry Wayne Kaufman, Jr. and attended DeSales High School. Shawn plans to study Nursing at Western Kentucky University and enjoys fishing and swimming.

The Ray B. Franklin Memorial Award was presented to Conner Joseph Burden, the son of Joseph Burden. Conner attended Male High School. He will be attending The United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, which is one of the five US Service Academies. He enjoys hiking and other outdoor activities with friends.
RIVER CITY LODGE 614

5th Annual Cruise With the Blue Open Car Show,
Over $4000 raised and 199 cars in the show

Left: Sam Madison
1969 Pontiac Firebird 400 4-speed

Above: DJ Rich Wilson, and event organizer Larry Priddy

Left: Volunteers who assisted at the Car show: Tom Brannon, Tom Jewell, Al Catlett, and Charlie Nardoff

Below Left: Tom Pendley and 1933 Chevy Pickup

Below right: Darrell Hyche and 1965 Shelby Cobra
Above: Matthew Madison and 1998 Pontiac Firebird Formula 6-speed

Left: Rich Wilson and 1971 Corvette

Below: Volunteers who helped at the event: Terry Hicks, Sue Gunter Arlene Brannon, Debra Weber, and Frankie Williamson

Above: Tom Brannon
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Larry Bush, Sheriff’s Lodge #25

For the second year Larry is a cast member of the summer musical production of “The Stephen Foster Story” in Bardstown. Larry has sung at State Memorial Services and at State Conferences and Board Meetings.

What are you doing? Send a photo and tell us what you are up to, and we will share it with our Brothers and Sisters. patsyknightbeat@att.net