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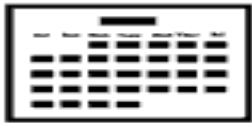
June 2008

MONDAY

June 9, 2008

7:00 PM

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Special Points

- **Palmetto Police Motorcycle Skills Competition**
- **Tri-County Police Officers Memorial**
- **Calendar of Events**
- **PORS COLA**

SUPPORT



PALMETTO POLICE MOTORCYCLE SKILLS COMPETITION

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the third annual Palmetto Police Motorcycle Skills Competition at the North Charleston Coliseum on June 18-21. This event will feature law enforcement motor officers from across the United States competing in various courses to test their skill with their motorcycles. Proceeds from this event is going to the Fraternal Order of Police, Tri-County Lodge 3 Distressed Officers Fund. This event is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Please pass the word about this competition. Our lodge is very thankful to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Unit Motor Squad for all their hard work and support to make this event a success and assist the local officers in a time of need.



TRI-COUNTY POLICE MEMORIAL

Our lodge hosted the Annual Tri-County Police Memorial on Tuesday, May 6 at Alhambra Hall in the Town of Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant Chief Harry Sewell was the keynote speaker. Mount Pleasant Mayor Harry Hallman provided the welcoming remarks. Tri-County 3 President Dan Isgett and Metro Lodge 5 President Shyla Murray read the names of the fallen officers. We are very thankful to all who participated and to those who served on the committee. Special thanks to Jimmy Bateman for chairing the committee, The Coastal Crisis Ministries and SCCOPS.



L.C. Knight, Candidate for the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office was the guest speaker.

27 members present

New Applications: 4 Active Member application accepted.

Sick and Distressed - Captain Puckett Charleston County Sheriff's Office sister passed away, Cpl P.J. Brouthers SCHP sister passed away, Deputy Howell from Orangeburg killed in Line of Duty, I am trying to be contact John Tracy from Moncks Corner PD in reference to a card. Detention Officer Wilkerson from CCSO is out for several weeks, Captain Buhle (CCSO Retired) is not doing well, Steve Hearn is in his room doing well, he is sitting up eating. Bill Tolson from Summerville PD is recovering at home, he is doing extremely well.

Legislative: Check on the State website for updates, we will let you know if it looks like something is going to be voted. The Law Enforcement Sustenance Allowance was established by the FOP the law is actually \$5.00 per day, but we were able to get it upgraded to \$8.00 per day on a year by year basis.

Unfinished Business :

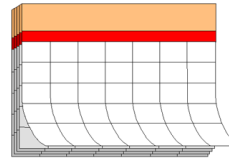
The Memorial was a success, we will be meeting in the next week or so to discuss what we can do better next year. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended.

New Business:

Grand Lodge is raising Per Capita costs and we are currently losing money on each member due to printing and mailing costs of dues notices and newsletters etc (not to mention all of the other benefits of the lodge). With our income decreasing it is necessary to change our dues. The Executive Board has met and recommends that we raise Regular Member dues to \$35.00 per year and the rate for retirees who meet the discount requirements would be \$25.00 per year. No change would be made to the "Non-Dues Paying Lifetime Members". Motion was made by Shawn Laffey and properly seconded by Pat Carter. After brief discussion the motion carried unanimously. James Bateman made a motion that this change go into effect for any future members that join after June 1st or those whose reinstatement dues are received after June 1st . Motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously after a brief discussion.

Good to the Order. NA

Calendar of Events



2008

The following is an overview of upcoming events that are sponsored by our lodge directly or those we regularly participate in. Almost always we ask for volunteers with the various events and projects.

Palmetto Police Motorcycle Skills Competition

June 18-21

State Conference - September 24 –28th

Christmas Party— December 13

Christmas with a Cop—December

PERMANENT 2 % COLA FOR RETIREES APPROVED

H. 4876 , a bill that will provide members retired from the Police Officer Retirement System with a mandatory 2 % cost of living adjustment each year was vetoed by Governor Sanford. I am pleased to announce that through the hard work of the South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police and our lobbyist Donna Freeman, the house and the senate over rode the veto. This bill is now law. A 2 percent COLA is guaranteed and the COLA may rise to 4 percent in

some yeas if certain economic conditions are met. This is great news for our retirees.

