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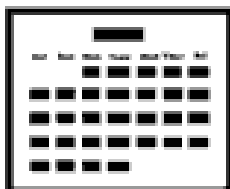
February 2007

Special Points

• NEXT MEETING

MONDAY

February 12



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SUPPORT



AWARDS NIGHT APRIL 9, 2007



Each year, our lodge sets aside one meeting night to recognize the efforts of the men and women law enforcement officers in the tri-county area who have performed above the call of duty. The nominations must be submitted in writing by a member of Tri-County FOP Lodge #3 before March 12, 2007. The nominations must be type written not to exceed one page and must list which award should be considered. The nominee does not have to be a member of our lodge. The following awards are available for nomination. These awards are described on page 3. Member of the Year, Award of Valor, Award of Merit, Award of Appreciation, Certificate of Recognition, Award of Lifetime Achievement, Margie F. Cannon Award of Judicial Excellence. Once the

deadline passes, the Awards Committee will review all nominations and make a recommendation to the Executive Board who will make the final decision.

LAW RIDERS OYSTER ROAST

The Law Riders will be hosting their 11th Annual Oyster Roast, Saturday, March 3rd, 2007 at The Plex located at Aviation Avenue, North Charleston. The event will start at 12 noon, rain or shine. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$15 at the event. One ticket buys you all the oysters you can eat, and hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Fraternal Order of Police, Tri-County Lodge #3 Distressed Officer Fund. 100 % of funds raised for the Distressed Officer Fund goes towards assisting officers in the lowcountry and their families in a time of crisis. Please support this event and pass along this information to all your family and friends. The Law Riders is a motorcycle club comprised of public safety officers from across the tri-county. Each year the club raises money to give to worthy charities. Our lodge is grateful for their support. For more information, contact Butch Mowder at 843-509-2507.





New Applications – 6 active application read.

45 members present.

Sick and Distressed - Captain Steve Ptak of Summerville PD passed away. Charlie Tice had back surgery and doing ok. Bob Smith has pancreatic issues. Lt. Nick Mahue of the Charleston County Aviation Authority had a heart attack and is doing well now.

Communications – Thank you from Chad Rood's family and Sgt Tim Brown from Iraq for the care package.

Building Committee - Finishing up kitchen. Going to get a flagpole for the lodge and fix the damage to the outside of building.

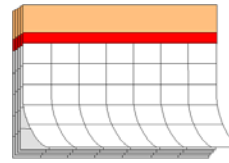
Legislative Committee: Eliminating the retire and return payment a top priority. Reminded everyone of the increase in subsistence to \$8.00.

Training – Motorcycle interdiction training on January 23-25 through Mt. Pleasant PD and Crime Analysis training on February 5,6, and 7 at the lodge. Summerville is hosting an FTO class to be held at the lodge. Contact Lt. Bateman if interested.

Unfinished Business – Christmas with a Cop went well and an excellent job was done. A total of 27 children were helped. Law Enforcement Appreciation Night is set for February 4th and we are looking for sponsors and door prizes.

New Business – Agency liaisons will receive list of members from their agency who do not have beneficiaries listed.

Calendar of Events



2007

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.

Knife and Gun Show Feb. 17-18

Awards Night - March 12

Cops and Lobsters - (To be determined)

Tri-County Police Memorial - (first week in May)

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wash., D.C.— May 13-16

Distressed Officer Fund Golf Tournament - (To be determined)

Law Enforcement Day at The Mall - (Early September)

Christmas Party (December 8)

Law Enforcement Appreciation Night a Success



In 2000, The lodge began a very popular tradition. Each year on Superbowl Sunday, the

lodge hosts a law enforcement appreciation night to say thank you to the hard working men and women in law enforcement in the tri-county area. This year we raised \$300 for the Distressed Officer's Fund with a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. Michael Patterson of Hanahan was the winner of The Plex halftime show. He won \$200 in cash by beating out over 100 participants. This years event was well attended with over 125 in attendance. Special Thanks to Rob Christy for the use of his projection equipment and sound system. We also want to thank these businesses for donating prizes, The Plex, Gerald's tires, Barcardi Distributors, Hurrican Electronics, ATP gunshop, Harbour Freight Tools, The Sportman Shop, Regal Cinemas, Carabbas, Outback Steaks, T&T sports, Uniforms by John, US Patriot, Pearlstine Distributors, Henry J. Lee Distributors, CSA Galleries, Edwin Golf, Holiday Inn, Red Lobster, Atlanta Bread Company, China Palace, Bada Bing Pizza, Music Man BBQ, Tideline Aquatics, Colluccis, and Terrapin Café. Thanks to our volunteers, Dan Isgett, Wendy Gann, John Tracy, Rob Christie, Naomi Morris, Joyce Kephart, CJ Thompson, Frank Nigro, John and Mary Wislon, Tom and Carolyn Botchie, Vic and Janice Nico, Bill Lang, Alice Lang, Bob Smith, Pat Carter, Mary Gianatos, Mike Ringley, Linda Summey, Tina Nichols and the Charleston County Explorer Post.

Lowcountry Hero Spotlight

James Owens Jr.

Charleston County Police Department

End of Watch: May 11, 1968

On Saturday, May 11, 1968, at approximately 1:25 am Patrolman James Owens, age 34, was driving the county crash-wagon. He was transporting a prisoner when he was sent to work an accident with injuries. He picked up the injured female and her boyfriend and transported them to the hospital. At the hospital, he arrested the boyfriend, Cornelius W. Atkinson, age 25, for Disorderly Conduct. During the transport, Atkinson produced a .22 caliber pistol and shot Owens four times in the neck killing him.



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THE AWARDS

MEMBER OF THE YEAR: The recipient of this award will be an active member who in the last calendar year consistently demonstrated a tireless effort to promote and support the Fraternal Order of Police. This member is active in lodge activities, functions and meetings.

AWARD OF VALOR: The Award of Valor will be awarded to a law enforcement officer that voluntarily risks his/her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person.

AWARD OF MERIT: The Award of Merit will be awarded to a law enforcement officer whose actions are above and beyond the call of duty which results in the saving of a life, a major case arrest or a major contraband seizure.

AWARD OF APPRECIATION: The Award of Appreciation will be issued a member who demonstrates exceptional actions which benefits the Good of the Order.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION: A Certificate of Recognition recognizes individuals, businesses or groups that assist the Lodge in the accomplishment of the Lodge's mission of "Serving the Lawmen of the Lowcountry."

AWARD OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: An Award of Lifetime Achievement is given to an individual to honor his or her life-long contributions in law enforcement or the criminal justice profession. He or she has consistently maintained highly creative and effective effort, displayed exemplary service, and exhibited strong leadership skills. The individual must also enjoy a reputation as an innovator and leader among peers and within the local, state, and regional levels.

MARGIE F. CANNON AWARD OF JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE: This prestigious award honors a retired court judge who demonstrates the outstanding qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness.

Please forward all nominations to:

Law Enforcement Achievement Awards Attention: Awards Committee

Tri-County FOP Lodge #3 PO Box 62469 North Charleston, SC 29419- 2469 Or email the nominations to awards@scfop3.org

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The Tri-County Lodge (founded in 1976) is chartered to serve those law enforcement officers working in Charleston, Dorchester and Colleton Counties. Currently we have 711 active members and we are steadily growing. Our mission - both local as well as national, is to better our profession through fraternalism and legally by way of legislation. We work from the bottom to the top and value the ideas and opinions of all our members.

The Informer is an evolving lodge endeavor. Any comments, criticisms, ideas for improvement or member submissions are welcomed. ****Disclaimer**** This publication does not necessarily represent the views of any or all of our members or affiliated lodges. Editorial comment solely that of the editor.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Does our lodge utilize tele-marketers for fundraising? Yes. For several years our lodge has contracted with Corbett Processing to conduct tele-marketing fund-raising for our lodge. We have had excellent service from Corbett Processing and limited complaints. This fundraiser is essential for the operations of our lodge to continue to serve the law enforcement officers in our area. Because our lodge is a non-profit organization, we are exempt from the do not call list. Anyone with questions about the tele-marketing can contact the lodge at 744-7255.

What other fund-raisers does the lodge have? Our main source of revenue is from our Bingo located at the shopping center at the corner of Hwy 78 and College Park Rd., Beach Bingo. Our lodge receives a portion of the taxes paid to the Department of revenue. Please visit our bingo and encourage your family and friends to visit also.

What do I need to do to ask for a donation? Members may request donations from the lodge by submitting a request in writing 7 days prior to our meeting to our treasurer, Tom Botchie. You may request by email at tbotchie@scfop3.org or by mail at FOP 3 PO Box 62469, North Charleston, SC 29419. Donation request should be for Law Enforcement related events, such police golf tournaments, police agency sponsored events, ect. The lodge also sponsors youth athletic teams provided a members child or grandchild is on the team and there is method of recognition for the lodge. Due to limit resources, the lodge usually does not donate towards other charities other than the SC FOP designated charity of the Special Olympics.

What about officers in need? The lodge has a separate fund for assisting officers and their families in time of need. The Distressed Officers Fund assists officers and their families in Line of duty deaths or serious injuries and other times of crisis. Contact any Executive Board Member to make the request.