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Special Points

- We welcome aboard all new members.
- Congratulations to all award recipients.
- Special thanks to our deployed reserve brothers and sisters.
- Good luck to all lodge officer candidates.
- The lodge mourns the death of longstanding member David Burnsed who passed away in October. He was a retired Senior Sgt. of the Chas. Co. Police Dept. and respected by all who knew him. He was the father of Lewis Burnsed who is currently a Lt. with the Chas. Co. Sheriff's office. Our prayers are with him and his family.

Lodge Officer Nominations

Our business meeting will be brief in Nov. for the banquet ceremony. We will accept nominations for the upcoming officer elections in December. Any active member may nominate any other active member for the election process. We welcome and encourage all nominees....

Awards Banquet Nov. 12th

Monday, November 12th the lodge will sponsor the annual awards banquet. This event as in the past, will be to honor those in our profession who we feel are deserving of merit. Persons receiving awards come from various departments and are recognized for a variety of reasons. Collectively, we feel that recognition from one's peers carries more sincere weight than many other awards presented.

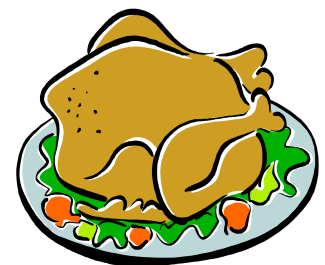
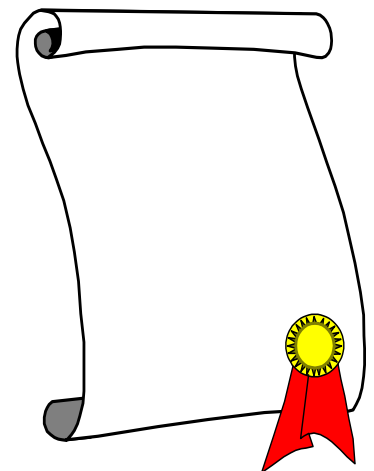
We will also be awarding continuous membership awards for our long-time loyal members.

This banquet will be open for members and their guests respectively.

The lodge will be providing all the meats for the meal as well as condiments and beverage. It is asked that all members attending bring a covered dish so we may have enough in quantity as well as variety to provide a feast for all. (akin to Thanksgiving dinner)

Please call the lodge at 744-7255 and leave a message if you are attending and what dish you may be bringing. We do need somewhat of an advance notice so we can accommodate everyone.

If you have not attended a meeting in some time, we would strongly recommend this one. It will be nice.....



South Carolina Lodges raise money for N.Y. and N.J. Police victims

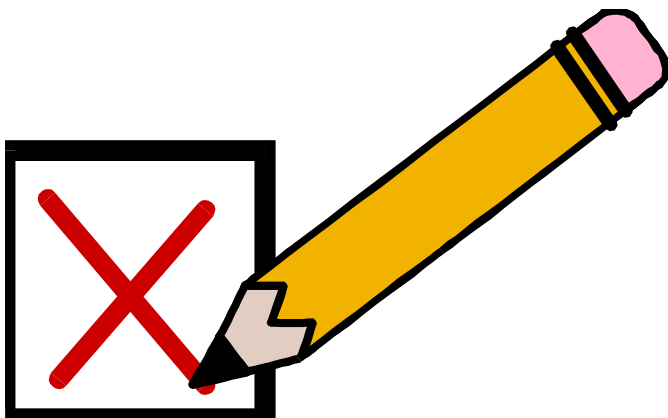
The recent attack in New York that killed so many of our citizens and brethren, resulted in an outpouring of financial contributions to various charities for the victims. Such goodwill is a benchmark of true Americans.

Many reports have recently surfaced indicating some misdealings with contributed money. The F.O.P. lodges in S.C. are proud to report that we raised \$166,090. This money was raised state-wide through the hard

work of many volunteers from many different agencies and lodges. We give praise and kudos to all who assisted. Even more, we stand to report that all monies transferred hands directly to the lodges of victims.

Officer elections to be held in December Nominations to be heard in November meeting

This is an election year and we will open up the ballots for vote on every lodge officer position. President Piersol who has reigned for ten years will not be running again this year. For those who are unaware of the positions, they are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Second Vice President, Chaplain, and Sgt. At Arms. Each performs a valuable function and has its rewards. Nominations for the positions will be heard at the November meeting. The ballots will be cast in December with the new officers to be installed in January. The positions are held for a period of two years each term.



Lodge collects money for local fallen officer

The Tri-County lodge has thus far collected over \$100 for Deputy Shawn Gibbons of the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Gibbons was severely injured subsequent to a pursuit and attempted arrest. Some may recall that he was pinned by the suspect's vehicle who tried to run him over.

Deputy Gibbons suffered greatly but is recovering well. We would like to thank all those who contributed as well as all those who helped to generate any contributions. It is noted that he is not a member of our lodge but, the benevolence of our membership extends to all brothers in kind regardless of fraternal or professional affiliation. We, collectively as a lodge, determine all our actions and endeavors. We wish Deputy Gibbons a speedy recovery. While the attention is currently focused nationally, we should never overlook our own backyard.

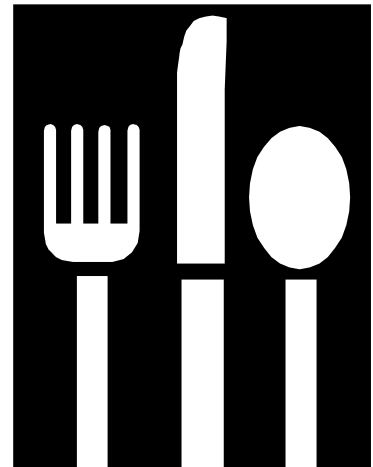
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Awards Ceremony and Banquet to be held at the November lodge meeting

The meeting on November 12th will be used as in the past to award members as well as non-members for various feats. The nominations for awards need to be in no later than November 5th. Secretary Sharpe will be the contact for this event. We will be issuing pins and certificates for 15 and 25 year continuous membership. If you fall into this category, please come to accept your award (you will be notified beforehand.)

As our profession fosters many heroes, most unsung, we need to recognize our own. There can be no greater compliment than a pat on the back from one's peers. If you know of someone deserving of recognition, please bring their name and story forward for consideration.

As in the past, the lodge will furnish the meats and beverages for the banquet with all others to bring a covered dish.. Brother David Merritts will be coordinating the food. Please call ahead



Law Enforcement Day at Northwoods mall successful for lodge

For the first time in a number of years, our lodge had a display at the Northwoods mall for the annual Law Enforcement Day. We had several loyal members, inclusive of the President and Vice President who manned the display in shifts. We gave out over 250 special made (with our logo) FOP pens. Importantly, we also solicited the general public to sign up under our Bi-Lo booster program

wherein we get a minute donation every time they use their bonus card when buying groceries. 150 people signed up on this date.

We answered many questions throughout the day and were pleased that we handed out over 40 applications to officers of various walks working the mall displays. We hope to see some good responses and thanks to those who assisted



Lodge members raise money for NY officers

President Ric Piersol and Vice President Danny Isgett collected donations on September 28th.

The management of the "Plex" entertainment complex on Aviation Ave. in N. Charleston were kind enough to allow them to set up a table with our lodge flag in display.

The patrons there were generous and altogether resulted in total donations of \$255. This was in a three hour time span. The lodge has a total goal of \$1000 to reach. Most lodges nationally are attempting similar contributions.

Unlike some charities that exist, ours is specific and incurs no "administrative" expenses that eat into the contributions. 100% of our money collected will go straight to the families who lost a policeman in the line of duty 9-11-01 or in-

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Financial Vest Seminar and luncheon

The lodge will host a "financial vest seminar" on October 11th at 12:15. Lunch and beverages will be provided for all who attend. All badge carrying law enforcement officers are welcomed and need not be members to attend.



This seminar will be presented by Michael Huffman, representing Naih Financial Services. The presentation will be 10—15 minutes in length and is totally free of charge.

This is a unique financial program designed specifically for law enforcement officers and their families. Its purpose is to help these officers achieve financial peace of mind.

Please visit their website at www.financialvest.com for further information.

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The Tri-County Lodge is chartered to serve those law enforcement officers working in Charleston, Dorchester and Colleton Counties. Currently we have 211 active members and we are constantly 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 a new lodge endeavor and we welcome any comments, criticisms, contributions or ideas for its improvement.

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Vice President Isgett to speak at 100 Club

Our lodge Vice President Danny Isgett has been invited to be a guest speaker for the greater Charleston 100 Club. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 12:00 noon. It will be held at the Country Buffet located on Rivers Ave. and Aviation Ave. There is a \$7 charge for the meal.

Many police have heard of the 100 Club, but may be unsure of its purpose. This would be an excellent opportunity to discover firsthand the inner workings of this organization. You do not have to be a 100 Club member nor F.O.P. member to attend.

This organization exists for the benefit of police officers of the low-country and we would strongly encourage all members of the law en-

forcement community to attend.

Some may be aware of the annual police awards they present or that they sponsor our local police memorial service each year.

If possible, please make plans to attend this luncheon. Their meetings can serve as an excellent resource, in that they often have guest speakers from a variety law enforcement walks. They also have a website about their organization—

www.charleston.net/org/100club

Please take the time to check them out.

