

# The Informer

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## Special Points

- New self insurance implemented
- **NEXT MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 11th 7:00 p.m.**

## Legislative Update

The following bills are sponsored and/or supported by the SC FOP:

Law Enforcement Officer's Due Process Bill \* Provides protections for police officers to be treated fairly by their depts.

Felony Conviction Bill\* Places a code on driver's license to alert officers of convicted felons

Spousal Support Bill\* Allows a spouse of fallen officer to receive 50% of the spouses income upon his/her death..

Heart & Respiratory Bill\* gives police the same benefits as fire-fighters for coverage up to 24 hrs. after an event for heart and respiratory distress.

FOP License plate\* Change underway to allow for the FOP license plate.

## National Vice President to speak at lodge

At our next meeting on March 11th, we will be proud to have in our company Mr. Chuck Canterbury. Currently, Mr. Canterbury is the National Vice President of the FOP.

Mr. Canterbury is a 22 year law enforcement veteran with the Horry County Police Dept. He has spent 13 years as President of Horry Co. Lodge # 12 and also served the State Lodge in the capacity of Conductor, Vice President and President. He has served the FOP on the National level by serving three terms as 2nd Vice President.

We would encourage all our members as well as any affiliates who may receive a courtesy copy of our newsletter, to attend our next meeting. It is not

often that we have an opportunity to hear and/or speak with a professional of this caliber, who is as up to date on our career issues as any one you would ever hope to meet. Uniquely, Mr. Canterbury brings a Lowcountry flair with his experiences on a National scale.

National Vice President Canterbury has been instrumental in the past, regarding state legislation affecting law enforcement officers. Noteworthy of his direct efforts was the 25 police retirement bill. Other legislation continues in our state both spear-headed by Canterbury as well as assisted by him. We are proud to have a South Carolinian on the National Executive Board and look forward to his visit. **This is the meeting to attend.**



Chuck Canterbury - National Vice President.



## 2002 Police Memorial a security concern

Much ado has already been generated over the National Police Memorial services to be held this year in Washington, D.C.. It should be a well attended event, given the record number of officers killed this past year.

In a city that already has

some of the most restrictive gun laws in the nation, it has been proposed that all police attending this year's memorial service be unarmed. This has not been officially ruled on as of yet. Please check this information carefully if you plan to attend.



## Highlight - Treasurer



In an effort to familiarize our members with their elected leaders, the informer will highlight each officer through the next several issues. Your Treasurer submits the following of herself:

My Law enforcement career began in 1980 as the first female Public Safety Officer at The Citadel Military College. I spent ten years there obtaining the rank of Sergeant and serving in the positions of Training Officer and Firearms Instructor. I then went to The Medical University / College of Charleston Public Safety Dept. where I spent four years as a Public Safety Officer and Firearms Instructor; two years at M.U.S.C. and two years at the College of Charleston ( it was a combined dept.)

In 1994 I was hired by Trident Technical College Public Safety and attained the rank of Sergeant, serving in the capacities of Training Officer and Firearms Instructor. I retired from active police duty in October, 2001 with a combined 28 years of Police and civilian service to the State of South Carolina. I have been a longstanding member of The S.C. Training Officers Association, SCLEOA as well as the FOP.

As the newly elected Treasurer of the Tri-County lodge #3, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your fraternal friendship and support. I am honored by your trust in me for this position and I feel very fortunate to be associated with such an outstanding group of professional law enforcement officers. During the next two years I promise to serve our members to the best of my ability. I welcome your advice as I proceed with the endeavor to manage the finances of our lodge.

Fraternally yours - Cathy Bowers



Cathy Bowers - Treasurer

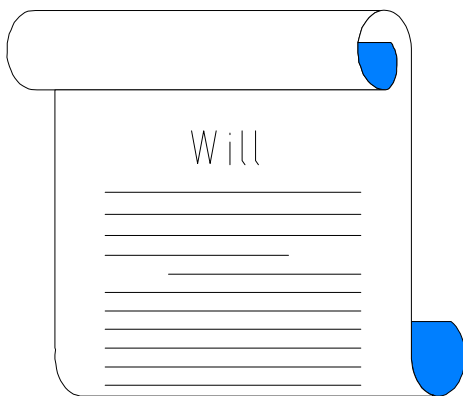
## Injured Officer Update

We are pleased to learn that Dorchester Co. Deputy Shawn Gibbons has returned to work ( was injured after being struck by suspect vehicle last year.)

We are also pleased to see Deputy Ricky Craver of Charleston Co. back up and running after having been shot in the hand by a suspect during the service of a search warrant.

We are especially proud that both have the determination to return to work after being exposed to potentially deadly encounters. *Godspeed*

## Self Insurance begins for membership



In our last meeting it was properly voted and passed, that the lodge will begin self insurance for its members. As explained, we will offer ( in addition to State Lodge benefits) a \$2,500 death benefit to be paid at the death of any member (active or retired ) regardless as to if the cause is job- related or natural. Henceforth, we will begin a separate savings account and place \$1000 monthly into said account for a period of two years. At that time, we will re-evaluate our situation and perhaps raise the death benefit accordingly. We will publish the account's status in subsequent *Informer* editions.

We have already set aside funds for "fallen or distressed officers." We will also create a separate account than the above mentioned, to be used exclusively for this purpose. Likewise, we will publish the account's status on a regular basis.

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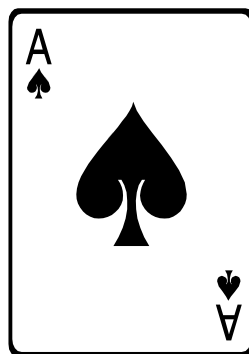
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## 2nd Annual Poker Run to be held – April 20, 2002 Volunteers needed

The lodge will sponsor a Poker Run to be held on 4-20-02. This will be the second such effort to raise money to help send some of our members to the National Police Memorial event that is held in May each year in Washington, D.C.

Our first such event last year was trial and error in many regards and with all our functions we attempt to improve each time. The event this year is in the capable hands of Brother Chuck McGraw and Vice President Donald Dulin. There are several others assisting with this committee and more are needed.

Involvement can be as little or as much as desired and surely everyone can play an integral part. Volunteers will be needed to help man



each stop along the way as well as assist with sign up and registration of participants.

Provided on the reverse of this page is a copy of our event advertisement. If possible please photocopy it and give it to any interested party or help get it to wherever motorcycle enthusiasts may gather.

Our capacity to send our members to the Memorial event is incumbent upon the money we raise directly from such events. All help is appreciated and with all perks afforded our members through the lodge, we attempt to reward those persons first who show participation in such lodge activities.

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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 225 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 a new lodge endeavor and we welcome any comments, criticisms, contributions or ideas for its improvement. **\*\*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.

\*\* Since the Sept. 11th attacks, we have been asked to try and acquire some of the Blue Line badge covers / mourning bands produced by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.. We finally received our back order of fifty. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis at \$ 5 each. There are still a few left and will be available next meeting.