

The Informer

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Special Points

- **NEXT MEETING**
MONDAY April 14th
7:00 p.m.
- **Pamela Zaresk - guest speaker**
- Low Country LEO Memorial
- Flowertown Festival success
- Lawriders make donation
- Telephone solicitations
- National convention
- Good Press for lodge
- Canterbury for reelection
- FOP & NASCAR
- Cops & Lobsters
- Dues last call

Have you recruited a new member this year?

****Welcome**
New Members**

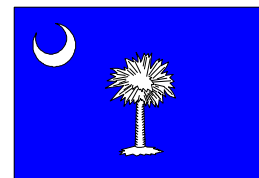
We appreciate your affiliation and hope to live up to any and all expectations you may have of our lodge. We are constrained only by our efforts and look forward to a productive new year on behalf of all our members. Get involved and have some fun in the process.

FOP - Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy to host local memorial

The Tri-County Law Enforcement Memorial will be held May 6th at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center at 10 am. This event is sponsored by the local FOP lodges and the Coastal Crisis Ministries. The event will be open to the public



and all departments are encouraged to participate. 2002 was the worst year ever for local Law Enforcement Officers. Charleston Police Officer Dennis Lapage, State Trooper Jeff Johnson, Summerville Officer William Bell and Berkeley County Deputy Gene Wright were all killed in the line of duty. Charleston Police Officer Tony Brown and North Charleston Officer Ernest Barnette were also killed in off duty accidents in 2002. Please make every effort to attend this most worthy tribute.



Port Director Ms. Pamela Zaresk - U.S. Bureau of Customs & Border Protection to speak at April meeting

Ms. Pamela Zaresk currently serves as Port Director of the newly christened Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (formerly the U.S. Customs Service.) In her current capacity she is responsible for all operations in the lowcountry involving the inspectional functions of the Customs Service, Border Patrol, INS and USDA's APHIS sections. This is in addition to commercial cargo, military cargo and international passenger operations involving all imported and exported personnel and cargo. She brings with her over 25 years of experience in her field and provides the following about herself:

She is fifty years old and widowed. She began her federal career in 1971 with the U.S. House of Representatives as staff assistant with the House Administration Committee. Later she entered U.S. Customs as Personnel staffing clerk. She then served U.S. Customs in the following capacities - Incentive Awards Specialist, Labor Relations Specialist, Customs Inspector Newark, N.J., Customs Inspector Miami, Fla., Program Officer Miami region, Assistant District Director Tampa, Fla., Deputy Regional Director Miami region, Head of Mission United Nations Sanctions Assistance Mission Bucharest, Romania, Area Port Director Orlando, Fla., Program Officer Passenger Programs Washington, D.C., Director Seizures and Penalties Division Washington, D.C., Acting Executive Director Field Operations Washington, D.C. and 2003 the Port Director Charleston, S.C. She has served as President of the Regional Intergovernmental Incentive Awards Association as well as President of the Society of Federal Labor Relations Professionals New York Chapter.

We are proud to have Ms. Zaresk as a speaker and would encourage all to attend. This will provide first-hand knowledge on the effects of "homeland security" here in Charleston.

Flowertown Festival a success



The lodge raised approximately \$1850 over the three days of the Summerville Flowertown festival to help send the family of William Bell to Washington, D.C. The positive exposure we obtained cannot be measured. We wish to thank Ric Piersol, Ann Hansford, John Blackmon, Matt Woodall, Tradd Crawford, Debbie Cat-

tell, Ralph Hudson, Harold Phillips, Doug Wright, Chief Whitehead and all the members of the Summerville Police Department for all their hard work in this effort. We now also have a canopy for the lodge to use for other events and a large banner. We appreciate the efforts of all involved and are grateful to assist the family of our fallen brother. This is the crux of our mission and the heart of our goals.

Telephone Solicitations

An agreement was reached with *On Guard Services*. They will be soliciting funds from businesses for ads in a children's safety magazine and later for Christmas with a Cop.

We still have *Corbett Processing* conducting solicitation for our residential calling. If you are asked about these solicitations both businesses are legally soliciting funds on our behalf and are legiti-



mate. The proceeds are shared by the three local lodges - Tri-County 3, Metro Lodge 5, and Berkeley Lodge 19.

Lawriders make donation

The Lawriders, a Lowcountry public safety motorcycle group, presented lodge 3 with a check for \$200 for the Distressed Officer Fund. This was proceeds from a recent Oyster Roast hosted by the group. Unfortunately, attendance was down this year due to inclement weather. Lodge 3 is very grateful for this donation and appreciates their support.

National Convention

Lodge 3 has sent a deposit for rooms at the national conference. The Lodge intends to send five delegates to the convention. The E-board voted in March to allow the elected officers to choose the delegation. The 2003 Conference will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, August 4th through August 7th.

Chuck Canterbury, our current National President and SC FOP Past President, will be seeking Reelection to the National Presidency and needs our support. The lodge can have one delegate for every 50 members and one alternate. Our delegation / voice grows larger each year.

Chuck Canterbury to seek reelection for National President

South Carolina's own Chuck Canterbury is seeking reelection for National President. The elections will be held at this year's National Conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

Chuck was serving as National Vice President and became President of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police in January 2003, subsequent to the death of President Steve Young.

Chuck has served as President of the South Carolina lodge from 1990 to 1998. He has an exemplary career as a law enforcement officer and has given the Fraternal Order of Police 100% throughout many years of affiliation. We are proud to have a voice from the Palmetto State as the leader of our organization.



** We will be selling raffle tickets for a "mini Glock" to support his campaign.**

Good press for our lodge

The following is a reprint of an article featured in the *Summerville Journal Scene* April 2, 2003 by News Editor Julie R. Smith.

Visitors to the 31st annual Flowertown Festival this weekend can assist the families of fallen police officers at a booth manned by the Fraternal Order of Police Tri-County Lodge #3.

FOP Lodge #3 includes full-time sworn and retired city, county, state and federal officers in Dorchester, Colleton and Charleston counties. Berkeley County and Charleston City Police have their own chapters, Lodge #3 President Dan Isgett said.

Lodge members are raising money to send relatives and co-workers of deceased Summerville police officer William Bell to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. on May 15th.

Bell and Berkeley County Sheriff's deputy Marion Eugene "Gene" Wright were struck and killed by a pickup truck on Nov. 19th, 2002, as they helped a stranded motorist.

FOP volunteers will sell raffle tickets for a TV and CD singles, and sign visitors up for Bi-Lo Bonus cards. Bi-Lo customers can donate a portion of their grocery costs to Lodge #3 through the Bi-Lo boosters program. Cardholders can register on-line by visiting the Bi-Lo website and entering booster number 7414. Each time a registered bonus card is used at the checkout, Bi-Lo will make a donation to the lodge. All proceeds are deposited in the Distressed Officer's fund.

Isgett, a Charleston County Sheriff's Lieutenant, said the CDs being sold at the FOP booth "are really great." The single "Behind the Shining Badge" by Charleston Express, was inspired by the 1985 murder of a North Charleston police officer. The two other singles are by local recording artist Eddie Bush: "Spirit of America," which he performed at the Rally for the Troops at Joe Riley Stadium last month, and "The Thin Blue Line" a fictionalized account of a police officer's death.

Bush will perform "The Thin Blue Line" at the finale of the memorial in Washington, where President George W. Bush will be the keynote speaker.

Bell "was the first member of our lodge to die in the line of duty in 25 years," Isgett said. "Last year was the worst year in the tri-county for losing officers."

Lodge #3 is part of the statewide FOP network, which provides financial support to the families of officers who are critically injured or killed. An insurance check for \$12,500 will be presented to Bell's widow, Deborah, at the April 14th FOP meeting. Lodge #3 also presented her with a check for \$2,500 the day after Bell's death.

Other local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2002 were South Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper Kenneth "Jeff" Johnson, shot at a traffic checkpoint in Berkeley County, and Charleston Police officer Dennis LaPage, who was shot downtown in Charleston.

Lodge #3 meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in Hanahan. For more information, call 843-744-7255 or visit www.scfop3.org. Non-law enforcement officers may join as associate members.

T-Shirts are in



The lodge now has Navy blue t-shirts for sale at \$10 each. They have the gold FOP insignia and our lodge logo. We currently have large, ex-large and a few mediums. Turn around time for other sizes is only 3-4 working days.

FOP and NASCAR in negotiations

The Grand Lodge is currently in negotiations with NASCAR in collaboration with "America's Most Wanted" for sponsorship of a race car. The car will feature the FOP emblem on the hood as well as "America's Most Wanted." Additionally the car and the tractor trailer will feature photos of missing children. The photos will be changed out weekly in hopes that exposure may produce new leads.

The negotiations and legalities continue, and if all goes well it should be in final stages by June.



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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 292 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 or ideas for improvement 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.

Cops & Lobsters

The lodge will take part again this year in the "Cops & Lobsters" program at the Red Lobster located at 2460 Mall Dr. N. Charleston.

This is a fundraising event on behalf of the Special Olympics. Volunteers assist the restaurant servers in uniform (with dept. ok) and solicit "tips" for the Special Olympics. Last year's event raised \$2,000 for this worthy cause.

The volunteers last year report they "had a blast" as well as some good food. We need volunteers for this year. If you can help, please contact brother Harold Phillips 740-3109 office or 728-4272 pager. This event will be on Wednesday April 30th and have two shifts, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Come out and have a good time.



Dues notice - last call

The last call for dues has been issued and cutoff date of April 28th set. We must act in accordance with our by-laws in this matter.

If you do not currently hold a 2003 membership card, your dues are in arrears. If you feel there is a discrepancy, contact Secretary Sharpe via pager 728-6363 for correction.

We work diligently to recruit and retain all of our members. We do not wish to lose anyone for a simple oversight.



Special thanks

American General Life Insurance Company, donated to the lodge, several chairs, tables and a nice oak encased visual presentation board (dry erase & projector screen.) We are grateful for their consideration .