

The Informer

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Special Points

- **NEXT MEETING**
MONDAY June 9th
7:00 p.m.
- **WTMA Talk Radio**
Host Rocky D - guest
speaker
- Pro-crime websites
- Pool Party
- E-mail raffle
- National FOP Conference
- Congrats to N. Chas officers
- Eddie Bush Concert
- Legislative news
- True Story

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.

"Radio Free" Rocky D to speak at meeting



The lodge is excited to have as a guest speaker WTMA Talk radio host Rocky D for the July meeting. Many cops are avid talk radio listeners and enjoy the "no holds barred" format he offers as well as his overt support of the "Brothers in Blue." Below is Rocky's bio as appears on the WTMA website www.wtma.com.

Rocky D was born on the southside of Chicago, and stole his first hubcap at the age of two. After graduation from Lewis University, with a BA in Professional Troublemaking, he got a job with NBC in Chicago. "I applied at NBC 21 times; one day I brought my *Fantastic Four* lunch box, sat down and refused to leave until they hired me." It was there, while being the only non-liberal in the newsroom, that he quickly learned that "common sense truth" has no place in pop-culture, mainstream network news.

Rocky later went on to work on air in Los Angeles, New Jersey, Orlando, Tampa, and now Charleston.

After being fired for "unfairly making fun of Bill Clinton," Rocky decided to create a radio talk show that tells the truth no matter who gets angry about it. "My father once told me that an ugly truth is easier to deal with than a pretty lie; to be **PC** is to lie, to be politically **INCORRECT** means to tell the truth," explains Rocky. "People on the streets know a helluva lot more than the nitwits in Washington, DC, that's for sure!"

This is how a once loud-n-rowdy rock-jock monster became a talk show.

In his off-air hours, Rocky writes "Politically Incorrect Movie Reviews" for the internet, referees ice hockey and plays the drums. If you are looking for Rocky away from the studio, try the Ice Palace in North Charleston, Crab Shack or at Momma's Blues Palace downtown, where he will gladly accept gracious invitations for various libations and adult beverages.

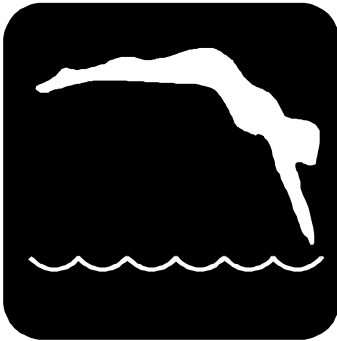
Rocky can be heard on the am radio channel 1250 Mon. through Fri. 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Web Resources

! On occasion we publish useful websites for police to browse. The following are a few "anti-police", "pro-crime," or "pro-drug" sites: www.copwatch.com , www.crimethinc.com , www.isellpot.ws , www.lycaem.org , www.hempfiles.com , www.copssuck.net



Interesting to see what the other end has to say about us - and the information they share. Sites such as these offer tips on "beating the rap," instigating lawsuits, methamphetamine manufacture or the best stores to shoplift from. Some are informative and others are somewhat entertaining.



Pool Party

On Saturday, July 26th, the lodge will be hosting an FOP family pool party for its members. It is free to members and their guests. The lodge will provide music, food and beverages. It will start at 6:00 PM and it will be at the Tall

Pines Community Pool. (Brother Mike Ringley was kind enough to acquire the pool for us.) To get there, take I-26 west to the College Park rd. exit. Take a right and then left at the traffic light. Tall pines Rd is about 100 yds. on right. The pool and clubhouse are just inside the subdivision. Hope to see you there!



F.O.P. National Conference 2003

The Tri-County Lodge 3 will be sending six members to be delegates at the National Conference this August in Providence, Rhode Island. Members will leave early August 2nd and return August 8th. Chuck Canterbury of Coastal Lodge 12 is running for re-election as National President. We will also have elections for the South Carolina National Trustee while in Providence.

State Lodge e-mail raffle



Communication is vital to any successful organization. In an effort to better serve the membership, the State Lodge has decided to have a digital Raffle to obtain email addresses from as many members as possible. All the member would have to do is go to the State Lodge Website at www.scfop.org. Go to the "Glock Giveaway" area and enter the requested information. You can enter more than one email address, but it must be "your" email, not wife's, friends or other relatives. It can be your work and home address. The State will then send emails to these addresses with legislative updates, FOP news and other important information. The lodge will draw an email randomly and email the winner to deliver the Glock to the lucky member. The participant must be a member in good standing at the time of the drawing.

The winner will be drawn at random with contest ending September 15, 2003. Winner will receive a Glock 9mm or 40cal., *winner's choice.

Congratulations to North Charleston Officers

Lieutenant Reginald Burgess and Lieutenant David Cheatle, have each attended and graduated from a major police leadership and command school.

Lieutenant Reginald Burgess, North Charleston Police Department, attended the 108th Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky from August 10, 2002 until November 8, 2002. The course is a challenging twelve-week, accredited college level educational program. The course curriculum is designed to develop informed, effective, ethically and technically competent law enforcement managers who are capable of assuming positions of leadership in their agencies. To successfully complete this program the student is required to master its academic requirements, prioritize course objectives, manage time appropriately, while identifying and using resources available within their fellow students and the University. This experience will help prepare him for increasingly progressive administrative assignments in our agency.

Lieutenant David Cheatle, North Charleston Police Department, attended the 213th session of FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia from April 6, 2003 until June 13, 2003. The FBI National Academy has long been a vital element in the continuing improvement of law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation throughout the world. The National Academy experience provides a wide range of leadership and specialized training, as well as an opportunity for professional law enforcement officers to share ideas, techniques, and experiences. Following the graduation, each officer has the opportunity to join the FBI National Academy associates who have played a significant role in developing a higher level of competency, cooperation, and integrity within the law enforcement community. This experience will be of great value to our agency and our City.

(contributed by Brother E. Ott N. Chas.)



Legislative News

This years legislative session was a huge success.

The FOP was able to persuade the legislature to override the governors veto of the Law Enforcement Memorial, the subsistence pay was raised to \$6.67, (the first raise in 20 years) and the blue light bill was passed. The FOP also played a large role in stopping four separate "At Will" bills from passing. Our lobbyist, Donna Freeman has been doing a tremendous job with our legislative efforts. For more information on these new bills, go to our State Website at WWW.SCPOP.ORG.

Summer recruitment

The Fraternal Order of Police, Tri-County Lodge 3 has a summer recruiting drive in progress. Applications and Beneficiary forms, along with an invitation to join letter, are being sent out to many departments in the Tri-County area. Please encourage those officers that have not joined - to do so. During this recruiting drive, each member who brings in a paid active member application will be eligible to win Regal Cinema Movie Tickets and will be exempt from that meetings' meal donation. Our membership is currently at 296 members and we hope to be beyond 300 members by the July 14th Meeting. Applications, Beneficiary Forms and legal defense forms can be downloaded at our website at www.scfop3.org.

Building repairs

With time, temperature and weather cooperating, Brother Chris Ross and several members of the building committee managed to seal the leaks in the roof. We can now begin replacing insulation and stained ceiling tiles. Good job!

New lodge e-mail address

The new lodge e-mail address is:
Scfop3@earthlink.net.

Newsletter to be available on-line

Thanks to our talented webmaster (Brother Blackmon,) we will soon be able to view *The Informer* on-line. The current edition will be available to view and/or print. Older editions will also be available in PDF format.

* Note* Everyone will still receive a newsletter via U.S. mail.

SC Legal Defense information is now available online at the State Lodge website at www.scfop.org. Members may now obtain information about Legal Defense at the website and also download an application. This page will soon provide a payment schedule for bank drafts and a pro-rated fee table.

License Plates popping up

The State DMV has begun issuing FOP license plates and they are showing up all around the Tri-County and State.

These plates can be obtained by FOP members in good standing. To obtain a plate, bring your current registration, your insurance information and your 2003 FOP membership card.

The plates are \$30 in addition to the regular registration fee. These are the only Law Enforcement Plates in SC.



Eddie Bush to perform free concert



Local recording artist Eddie Bush will be giving a free concert at the Goose Creek Wal-Mart parking lot on Hwy 176 on Friday, July 11th. It should start around 7:00 pm. He will perform his tribute "The Thin Blue Line" and "Spirit of America" in a full concert. Wal-Mart will have his new CD on sale, which includes these songs and others.

This will be a great opportunity for children to see an Eddie Bush concert. Please encourage your family and friends to attend.

If you have not yet heard "The Thin Blue Line" you can hear a clip at:

<http://www.eddiebush.com/MP3/ThinBlueClip.mp3>

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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 296 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.

AAA ? No... F.O.P!

The following story was submitted by Inspector Mike Conkey (Charleston Co. Sheriff.) It occurred several weeks ago and he was moved enough to share it with us. I should hope that any of us would offer such help to a brother/sister in need - when the occasion presents itself.



Recently, while I was on vacation out of state, I had car trouble. I was stuck along side the road on I-79 between Erie Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Pa. I called the Pa. State Police and they arranged for a tow truck to pick up my car. Once I got to the dealership, which was in Wexford Pa. about 45 miles outside of Pittsburgh, I had to find a rental car. It was Sunday and the only place to get a car was the Pittsburgh Airport. I called 911 and eventually spoke with Lt. John Love. Lt. Love is an FOP member and a graduate of the National Academy. Lt. Love is a patrol Lt. in one of the only consolidated Police Departments in Pa. He is responsible for the towns of Pine, Marshall, Wexford and Bradford Woods Pa. Lt. Love put me in touch with Retired Pittsburgh Police Officer and lifetime FOP member Tom Broyle. Tom drives a Limo in his

retirement and drove me in his limo for nearly an hour to the airport. Once we got to the airport, he waited while I rented a car. He then shook my hand and wished me a safe drive back to Charleston. This truly impressed upon me the meaning of fraternity. I am forever in debt to these officers.