



The Informer

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Special Points

• **NEXT MEETING**
MONDAY September
13th 7:00 p.m.



- **Law Enforcement Day 2004**
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**"Welcome Aboard !
To our new members."**

We are South Carolina's largest and fastest growing lodge. Our direction and activities are steered from the bottom to the top. We are limited only by our ideas and efforts. Be active and participate!

Law Enforcement Day 2004 - Sat. September 18th



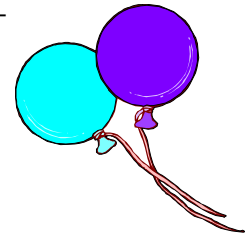
Law Enforcement day will be held this year at The Citadel Mall. Brother Harold Phillips (Charleston Co. Sheriff) is the overall police coordinator for the event. We are confident he will do well.



This will be our fourth consecutive year participating as a lodge. We will have a booth there and hand out "goodies." We will have pens, key-chains, balloons, bumper stickers and etc.. We also intend to set up a computer *PowerPoint* presentation on a large screen.

We will need volunteers to help with this event. Volunteers will hand out the aforementioned goodies as well as answer questions about our organization and its purpose. Every year we gain new members from this event as well as immeasurable public exposure. Contact President Isgett if you can assist with this event. Any time donated is appreciated. As with previous years, we will give volunteers a shirt to wear & keep for assisting with the event.

For those who may be new to the area or have never attended this event, grab your kids or grandkids and come on out. Police agencies from around the low-country set up displays that feature the latest tools of the trade. There is something to see for everyone - new guns to intrigue the "old school" cops, "hands on" type stuff for the kids and enough "spitshine" to satisfy a Jarhead Drill Instructor. Interestingly enough, the mall shops always report good sales and zero shoplifting on Law Enforcement Day at the mall. Go figure.....



"Glock Recruitment Drive"

In an attempt to keep up our forward movement of growth, we are announcing a new recruitment program.

Starting with our September meeting, each sponsor of a new member will have his/her name placed on a ticket and put in a pot (once for every new *active member they sponsor.) At our January meeting, one ticket will be drawn, and a Glock (model and caliber yet to be determined) will be awarded to the winner.



*There is a slight difference from our previous recruitment drives - all new members brought in during this period will also have their name added to the pot. *

We are pleased that the lodge continues to grow and we will always seek to improve member benefits and incentives. Good luck to you and your recruits! Between now and then, we will take an informal poll as to what model would be the best choice to give as a prize.



Highlights - Last Meeting

Brothers Vic Nico & Bill Lang provided the evening meal. Roasted beef, ham, potatoes with gravy, green beans and a variety of desserts. They have become well respected police chefs. Great job!

14 names read for new membership.

- Guests: Jimmy Mixon - *President* Berkeley Lodge 19
 Bob Carr - *President* Coastal Carolina Lodge 12
 Naomi Morris - *Sgt at Arms* Charleston Metro Lodge 5
 Todd Cox - *Vice President* Coastal Carolina Lodge 12
 Darrell Lewis - *National Trustee*
 Bob McNeill - *Program Director* WNKT, WSUY, WTMA, WTMZ
 Kate Guido - *Promotions Director* WNKT, WSUY, WTMA, WTMZ

Chief Bruce Owens Summerville P.D. - guest speaker.

Guests allowed to pitch bids for various State level offices. Our Chaplain David Lee, announces candidacy for State Lodge Chaplain.

Bob McNeil pledges assistance to our efforts with the distressed officer fund.

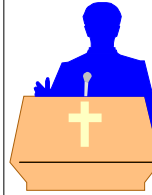
V. Pres. Blackmon reports that our lodge website had over 18,500 "hits" the previous month. Also, new "forum" section added to State website.

Brothers Andy Coker and Frank Nigro won the prizes in the recruitment drawing.

Motion made to sponsor 4 man golf team and hole for Sheriff's golf tournament. Motion made to sponsor hole #3 at the Twin lakes Golf tournament.

Prayers out to Karen Jefferson S.C Dept of Probation & Parole for the death of her daughter. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Lodge Chaplain seeks State FOP Office



Our lodge Chaplain - David Lee, has announced his candidacy for the position of State Chaplain. This position would be a collateral duty and expand his current duties on a wider spectrum.

Our lodge wholeheartedly supports David Lee for this high profile position.

David is a Sgt. with S.C. Highway Patrol and has served with distinction for many years. He has served our lodge well in the capacity of Chaplain since his election in 2003. He was the chairman of our local law enforcement memorial held this year at the performing arts center in N. Charleston. He assists with our *Distressed Officer Fund* and most recently chaired our inaugural golf tournament held at the Harbor Course in Wild Dunes (with great success.)

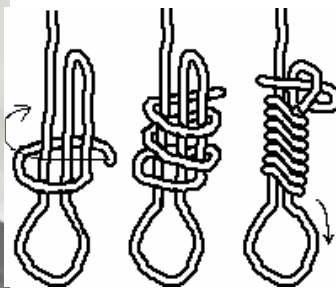
David has a strong religious conviction and has proven himself to be an asset to our organization. We are proud to support him in this new endeavor and give him our 100% vote of confidence.

Presidential Ballots mailed

Every member in South Carolina should have received a ballot for the U.S. President. As a State, we will give our collective support to majority vote. Likewise, the FOP on the National level will endorse a presidential candidate based on the majority offered by the states. Mail in your ballot!



Lawmen of Old - "Hangin" Judge Isaac C. Parker



"I have ever had the single aim of justice in view... 'Do equal and exact justice,' is my motto, and I have often said to the grand jury, 'Permit no innocent man to be punished, but let no guilty man escape.'"
 -Judge Isaac C. Parker, 1896

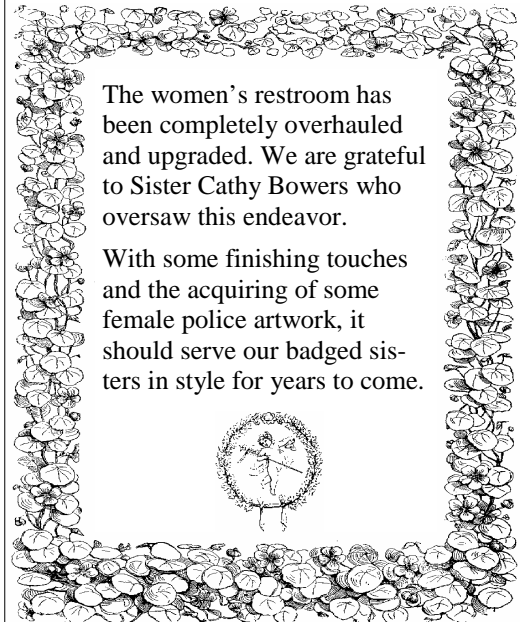
For twenty-one years, Judge Isaac C. Parker held the bench of the U.S. Court for the Western District of Arkansas. His tenure was unique in the history of the federal judiciary; while most U.S. district judges toiled away on civil cases, Parker heard thousands of criminal complaints involving disputes and violence between Indians and non-Indians. He sentenced 160 people to death, and for fourteen years he did so while the condemned had no right of appeal.

Source - <http://www.nps.gov/fosm/history/judgeparker/>

Phase Two Complete....

The women's restroom has been completely overhauled and upgraded. We are grateful to Sister Cathy Bowers who oversaw this endeavor.

With some finishing touches and the acquiring of some female police artwork, it should serve our badged sisters in style for years to come.



Lowcountry Hero Spotlight



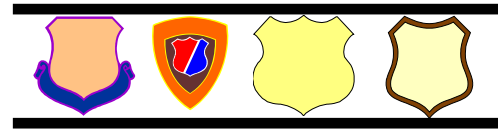
Willie Edward Peebles
South Carolina Highway Patrol

End of Watch: Friday, June 8th , 1979

Patrolman Peebles of Walterboro was shot in the chest and twice in the stomach when he stopped a motorist for speeding near State Highway 61 and US Highway 15.

After an extensive manhunt, the suspect was taken into custody. *May his sacrifice not be forgotten.*

Patch Project Complete !

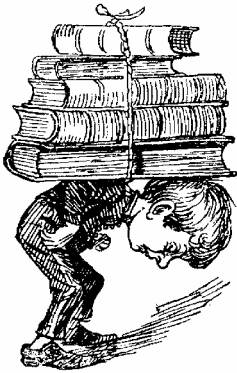


Our project is complete. It was suggested some time ago that a “patch wall” be created. An excellent idea that spawned this project for our lodge. With much input from members at the meetings, this project has finally culminated into a unique reality.

The entire perimeter of the meeting hall was painted with a dark blue/black 7” stripe. In the center of the stripe was painted the lighter blue (thin blue line.) Over 300 police patches from all over the country and the world, are side-by-side , all connected by the “thin blue line.” The left rear wall contains only S.C. agency patches (many antique) while the right rear contains patches from all the agencies represented by our lodge.

The patches are encased in plexiglass (to protect them from wear as many are irreplaceable) and finished with molding similar to chair rail. This adds an interesting “homey” feel to our lodge and it is unlikely such a project has been done elsewhere. Thanks again for all the donations of patches and special thanks to Brother Tony Smith who donated his entire personal collection for this endeavor. Thanks also to Brothers Jim Ward, Vic Nico and Bill Lang for constructing the display and Reggie Sharpe for arranging and affixing all the patches.

Lodge Sponsored Training



The rumors are true. After much contemplation by your lodge executive board and recent affirmation by membership vote at last meeting, we will be bringing training to Lowcountry police.

As cast by member vote, we will allocate \$2500 each quarter to secure academy recognized training for our members. The training will be offered free of charge to our members in good standing and any empty slots to non-members. There are still a few details to work out, but we intend to supply needed training while we have the capacity to do so.

Details of events will be published timely as they become available. Together we will continue to uphold our creed “Serving the Lawmen of the Lowcountry.”

PA System Installed



Due to increased member attendance, we have installed a PA system. Now everyone can have a “voice” without having to shout... The podium has a fixed mic, there is a wireless lapel mic and a regular wireless mic that can be used during meetings or training functions.

Francis Marion aka “The Swamp Fox”



Things were looking very bleak for the American colonies because the British were overrunning South Carolina. A man named Francis Marion, a Brigadier General in the army, took a small group of soldiers and trained them with hardly any money or supplies. Francis Marion used South Carolina’s swamps and waterways for concealment and tactical planning. From the swamps, Marion’s men could capture British troops, disrupt communications and supply lines. The guerrilla warfare tactics employed by Marion infuriated the British because they did not know how to navigate the swamps. As a result of Marion’s methods, the British gave him the nickname of the “Swamp Fox.” He was not only a great warrior but he also served as a Senator in 1781.

Marion was born and raised in Berkeley County. There are several landmarks and monuments in the low country dedicated to this great patriot to check out. Also, if you have seen the movie “The Patriot” with Mel Gibson, his character was based on the life of the “Swamp Fox.”

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Tri - County Lodge # 3

"Serving The Lawmen of the Lowcountry"



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 439 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.

FYI Area jail populations for August 23rd, 2004.

Colleton County - 95 inmates
Dorchester County - 250 inmates
Charleston County - 1396 inmates
Berkeley County - 279 inmates
Georgetown County - 193 inmates



The following is a copy of the press release from Cat Country 107.5, they have pledged support for our *Distressed Officer Fund*. Please show your appreciation and help spread the word!

PRESS RELEASE:
CONTACT: Kate Guido 843-277-1265

MARK CHESTNUT TO PERFORM AT THE PLEX TO SUPPORT THE DISTRESSED OFFICERS FUND

On Monday, September 27th Cat Country 107.5 will be having a "Save The Honky Tonk" Happy Hour from 4-6PM with Mark Chestnut. This will be a CD release party at the Plex where Mark will be performing songs from his soon to be released album "Savin' The Honky Tonk" including the first release from the album "The Lord Loves A Drinkin' Man". Mark Chestnut has 14 No. 1 hits, 23 top ten singles, four platinum albums and five gold records.

This event will be the kick off fundraiser between Cat Country 107.5 and the Distressed Officer Fund. Everyone is welcome to come out and see the show. We will be taking donations at the door for the Distressed Officer Fund, which supports families of fallen Police Officers in the tri-county area.

Your support is appreciated.