



# The Informer

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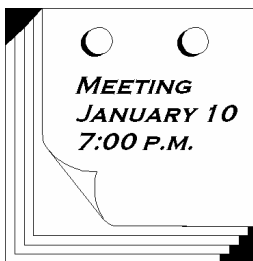
Happy New Year!

January 2005

## Special Points

### • NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY January  
10th 7:00 p.m.**



- **2004 in review**
- Awards Ceremony
- Glock contest reminder
- Police Communications
- Corner of History
- Hero spotlight
- Last meeting highlights
- Float takes prizes
- Explanation of dues
- Explanation of benefits
- FYI
- Thanks to sponsors

**"Welcome Aboard ! To our new members."**

This last year saw us reach our goal of being the largest lodge in South Carolina. May this year enable us to continue our growth and be the best organization possible. We can do much, but we depend upon input and member participation. Do your part!

## 2004 - A Successful Year

During 2004, our lodge grew by over 100 members. Two of our members were elected to the State Executive board and seven members selected to serve on state committees. A training committee was established with a \$2,500 per quarter budget.

The lodge has hosted several training events and sent members to other training events. Improvements were made to the lodge with the renovation of the restrooms, new tables and chairs and the roof repaired. A golf tournament to support the Distressed Officer Fund was established and was very successful. The lodge continued and improved on annual events such as Cops and Lobsters, the Tri-County Police Memorial and Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. Each year the lodge sends members to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. so members can experience the magnitude of the events that week.

We also continue to keep our members informed through our monthly newsletter and our website. Many members have become very active in the lodge and they are the reason for the success of the lodge. I believe our success will continue into 2005. We have built a solid foundation for which to grow. The Fraternal Order of Police is the only organization I know that is really there for the Law Enforcement Officers and I can not think of any group more deserving of our efforts.

I wish the best for all our members in 2005. - Dan Isgett *President*

### ***Award Ceremony to be held Monday February 21st***



Our February meeting will be our annual awards ceremony. Those officers and/or units that have been named as being top-notch will be formally recognized. If you know of an officer who has acted above and beyond the call of duty, or someone who consistently displays top professionalism, please submit them to us. We will be accepting nominations until the first week of February. Civilians who have aided law enforcement or performed heroic acts are also eligible.

It is the belief of our organization that recognition by one's peers is the most sincere expression of thanks that can be bestowed. If possible, please attend the meeting to show your support.



To ease the burden on our food committee and to provide a change from the norm, assorted varieties of fresh hot pizza were served up for the evening meal. A delightful change of pace!

Guests: Jimmy Mixon - President Berkeley Lodge #19  
David Fair - President Charleston Metro Lodge #5

14 names read for new active membership. 1 for associate membership.

V. Pres. Blackmon reports that our lodge website had 16,244 "hits" the previous month. Encourages sign up for the FOP weekly electronic newsletter via the state lodge website and use of the forum also on the state website.

Brothers CJ Thompson and Ed Whitlock won the prizes in the recruitment drawing.

Christmas party a resounding success. Estimated attendance 150.

Building committee reports that the roof leak has been isolated and will soon be repaired.

Secretary solicits input for nominations for awards ceremony. Deadline for submissions will be end of January 2005.

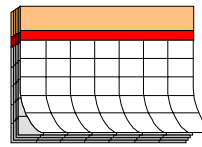
Awaiting approval from City of Hanahan for go ahead with erection of permanent lodge sign on the grounds.

Chaplain David Lee announces work on the local police memorial for 2005 is underway.

Brother Steve Ptak (Summerville PD) is still out of work, Johnny Jefferson (Summerville PD) is back to duty, Mike Dixon (Hanahan PD) suffered broken hand during arrest, Clarice Marana (Chas.Co.Sheriff) broken wrist, Joel Gamble (SCHP ret.) still ailing with cancer, Dana Herron (Chas Co. Sheriff) broken leg.

*Please keep them all in your prayers!*

**2005 Timeline - Lodge Activity Overview**



The following is an overview of upcoming events that are sponsored by our lodge directly or those we regularly participate in. Almost always we ask for volunteers with the various events and projects.

Take a look and see if something interests you, then make plans to lend a hand. All our endeavors are fun to participate in and we continually "fine tune" them as experience grows.

**2005**

**Law Enforcement Appreciation Night - (February 6)**

**Awards Night - (third Monday in February)**

**Glock Drawing - (third Monday in February)**

**Tri-County Police Memorial - (first week in May)**

**Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wash., D.C. - (the week of may 15th)**

**Street Survival Drawings - (June meeting)**

**Distressed Officer Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament - (Mid July)**

**Cops and Lobsters - (late March)**

**57th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
New Orleans, Louisiana - (August 1-4 )**

**Law Enforcement Day at The Mall - (Mid September)**

**Tri-County 3 Elections - (December meeting)**

*...and the truth shall set you free.*



**BILL VANHORN'S**



**Corner**

**Of  
The  
FOP**

The history of the polygraph goes back to the 1800's and was pioneered by a man named Cesare Lombroso. The word polygraph literally means "many writings." Lombroso was an Italian criminologist who invented a machine to determine untruthfulness called a hydro-sphygmograph. He used a water pressure instrument to measure blood pressure and pulse rate. Throughout history several different scientist have improved the technology of the polygraph. In 1921, John Larson invented a machine that measured respiration and cardiovascular changes at the same time. A couple of years later, Leonarde Keeler who worked with Larson, slightly improved the polygraph by recording changes in blood pressure, pulse rate and measuring respiration patterns.

Since the inception of the polygraph many important things have been accomplished with the device. The first high profile case that the polygraph was utilized was in 1932, in the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby. One of the suspects that submitted to the polygraph committed suicide shortly after the examination.

Today the polygraph is used in over 50 countries in several different fields to include intelligence, civil matters, corrections and criminal investigations. Also today's polygraph is fully computerized. One prosecutor had this to say about the polygraph. "... the results are not infallible, but they are far, far more reliable than our subjective intuitions. Because of the polygraph, we are better prosecutors and guarantors of justice."

# Police Communications

## Where did it start?

By Frank Nigro Jr.



In Old England we see the first sign of communications used by the police or constable. He carried a hand bell or rattle, sometimes called a ratchet. These were later replaced by the police whistle. The unique sound produced by these devices allowed the constable to call for help from others nearby.

As vehicles first became available to police, the only means of contact was by red signal lights installed at major intersections around a city. As the car drove by and the red light was flashing, the officer knew to drive to headquarters to get an assignment. Of course this had its limitations in urban areas.

In 1870 the Chicago Police Department upgrades their signal lights with call booths called private boxes. A police officer or "reputable citizen" with a key could gain access. These booths were equipped with a signal light on top; inside there would be a Police Telegraph. The telegraph was a device that looked like a clock with a bell on top. It had only one hand, a pointer. If the person entering the booth needed assistance, all they needed to do was to move the pointer to one of the eleven choices on the face of the telegraph and pull a handle. This would send a message to police headquarters. The following choices were available: 1) Arson, 2) Thieves, 3) Forgers, 4) Riot, 5) Drunkard, 6) Murder, 7) Accident, 8) Violation of City Ordinance, 9) Fighting, 10) Test line, and 11) Fire.

In 1875 Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone, soon after several departments replaced their existing private boxes with telephone communications, in addition to the Police Telegraph.

1921 to 1928 these were the development years of the first police voice radio communications systems. Until now, only large home based broadcast receivers with large antennas were available. A smaller, more sensitive receiver was needed that would work inside a moving car. Under Police Commissioner William P. Rutledge, a young radio technician and student at Purdue University, Robert L. Batts was enlisted to design a mobile radio receiver. Because the city did not have a radio technician's position in the police department, Rutledge commissioned Batts as a police officer. Batts spent seven years developing his mobile receiver. This was also the "Roaring 20's", and Gangsters with high-powered machine guns raced through the city unchecked.

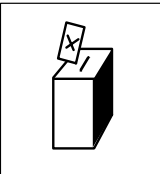
On April 7, 1928 the Detroit Police Department went on the air with the call sign W8FS from its transmitter on Belle Island on the Detroit River. The worlds first police voice radio system was operational. Headquarters was now able to transmit messages to its only radio-equipped vehicle, cruiser number 5. Soon after cruiser 10 was also so equipped. But remember, this was only one way communications, the police officer in the field still had to contact headquarters via telephone or call booth.

It wasn't until 1933 when two-way radio communications were established, and this time it was another police department leading the way. The Bayonne, New Jersey police department began using two-way radio in March 1933, but the Detroit police department was only a few months behind.

The growing recognition of the utility of two-way radio communications was documented in 1934 by a Federal Radio Commission report. After one year of operation in 50 police departments it was reported that "one arrest from every 10 calls; that in large cities, radio-dispatched police recovered \$250,000 worth of stolen property everyday; and that the average time to get the police to the scene of trouble was three minutes from receipt of the call."

So what does the future hold for our current communications systems? Nation-wide E911, video phones, orbiting satellite repeaters, wristwatch sized radios???. Where will it stop? The future of communications is limited only by our imagination.

*Frank A. Nigro Jr. Is a  
Captain with the  
Summerville Police Dept.*



### 2005 -a lodge election year

The lodge officer positions are held for a period of two years. This December we will hold elections for all positions. Potential candidates must meet each of the following qualifications to be eligible for nomination:

- Active member in good standing for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or more immediately preceding the holding of any election
- All dues current with no monies in arrears
- Attend at least 50% of the previous year's meetings
- Assist with at least one lodge sponsored event

### Last Reminder for the Glock drive

As reported in earlier editions of this newsletter, we are going to draw for a brand new *Glock* handgun at our February meeting. All those members who sponsored a new active member has their name in the pot once for each member they have sponsored. Every new member brought in under this campaign also has their name in the pot. You have two opportunities left to get your name in the pot - sponsor a new member to be read at the January meeting, and the same for February. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the February meeting.

**\*\* Early Notice\*\*** because the second Monday in February falls on St. Valentines Day, the Feb. meeting will be held the third Monday.

## Lowcountry Hero Spotlight



### William A. Nalley

**Charleston County Sheriff's Office**

End of Watch: Sunday June 7th, 1992

Deputy Nalley and Sergeant Hubert Lloyd were killed when their helicopter crashed as they were preparing to search for a serial rapist. The officers were flying the helicopter from one airport to the Charleston International Airport when it crashed less than one mile after takeoff. Deputy Nalley had

been with the agency for two years.

*May his sacrifice not be forgotten!*

## Our Parade Float Wins 3 of 5

Brother Rick Keys (N. Chas. P.D.), Sister Dana Herron (Chas Co. Sheriff) along with some gracious volunteers built a parade float to participate in lowcountry Christmas parades. The theme was "Letters from home" as a tribute to our officers serving active military duty abroad. We were honored to sponsor this endeavor. They placed as follows:

- N. Charleston - 1st
- Summerville - 1st
- Hanahan - 1st
- Mt. Pleasant - 5th
- City of Charleston - not judged



The trophies they won were presented to the lodge for permanent display. Special thanks to all who assisted!

## Explanation of "dues"

In our by-laws section VIII, concerning dues it reads: The total amount of dues shall be set by a vote of the membership and be paid to the treasurer annually.

Associate and auxiliary membership dues are to be paid annually.

To maintain membership in good standing, a member must have paid his dues as specified in the National by-laws. No members will be allowed to vote at a regular or special meeting if his are her dues have not been paid. Any member who shall remain in arrears for dues or other monies properly assessed by this chapter shall be dropped from the chapter after (3) months; however, said member may apply for reinstatement.

Currently we have four schedules of dues:

**Pro bono** - prior to the year 2000, those members who were in good standing for at least two years and retired from active police work were given lifetime free membership.

**Retired Rate** - after 2000, if you are an active member with our lodge in good standing for at least two years and then retire from active police work, you qualify for the retired rate. The retired rate is minimum we have to pay the state and national lodge for your annual membership. Currently it is \$16.50 annually.

**Active Rate** - the membership rate is \$25 annually for current active duty police officers and for those who are already retired prior to joining our lodge.

**Associate Rate** - associate membership is \$25 annually.

Dues notices for the year 2005 will be sent out shortly. Please be attentive and prompt. We are growing well in membership number and it no longer allows us to "let people slide" beyond the three month deadline.

If you do not presently have a 2005 membership card, your dues for this year are needed to continue membership. We will post reminders in subsequent newsletter editions.

Payments can be mailed to the lodge post office box, made at the lodge meetings or online through our website [www.scfop3.org](http://www.scfop3.org)

## Explanation of "benefits"

If you are a member in good standing and you are currently an active duty police officer, you have insurance provided through the state lodge.

**\$5,000 Accidental Death** benefit is paid when a member dies from accidental bodily injury, or exposure or loss of life due to adverse weather conditions, or disappearance for 365 days after the date of an accident.

**\$5,000 Line of Duty** benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit when an active at work member is killed in the line of duty.

**\$2,500 Occupational Assault** benefit paid in addition to the Accidental Death & Line of Duty benefits when an active at work member's loss of life occurs as the result of an act of physical violence.

**\$5,000 Common Carrier** benefit paid in addition to Accidental Death while the member is a fare-paying passenger on qualifying public transportation.

Loss of hands or feet	\$5,000	Loss of Speech	\$2,500
Loss of hand or foot	\$2,500	Loss of Hearing (both ears)	\$2,500

Reattachment of hand or foot	\$2,500	Quadriplegia	\$5,000
Loss of sight, both eyes	\$5,000	Paraplegia	\$2,500
Loss of sight, one eye	\$2,500	Hemiplegia	\$2,500
Loss thumb and index finger of same hand	\$1,250		

We also will provide a monetary benefit of **\$2,500** to the listed beneficiary for our members both active and retired, regardless of the cause of death. This money is extracted straight from our coffers and is not "insurance" but rather a benefit or "gift." If you do not have a beneficiary listed with the lodge, this money will not be paid. Check with the lodge secretary to ensure you have a beneficiary on file.

The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Act (42 U.S.C. 3796, et seq.) was enacted in 1976. The PSOB Program provides death benefits in the form of a one-time financial payment to the eligible survivors of public safety officers whose deaths are the direct and proximate result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. As of October 1, 2004, the benefit amount is \$275,658.

The process for application and payment is lengthy. For more information check out the website <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psob/>

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Tri - County Lodge # 3

*"Serving The Lawmen of the Lowcountry"*



**FYI** Misc. jail populations for Jan. 2nd 2005

Greenville Co. - 1103 inmates  
Anderson Co. - 334 inmates  
Charleston Co. - 1385 inmates  
Spartanburg Co. - 645 inmates  
Marlboro Co. - 83 inmates



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 471 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.

## Christmas Party 2004

Our Christmas party this year was a wonderful success, attended by some 150 officers, spouses and guests. We owe a great thanks to our Christmas committee and its chairman - Harold Phillips. It was well planned, well executed and tasteful. Officer Christopher Nuss is to be commended as well for an excellent job in acquiring door prizes for this event.

## Special "Thanks" to our sponsors!



We wish to formally recognize those businesses and persons who were thoughtful enough to contribute to our Christmas event. It truly made for a memorable occasion and we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. In random order -

*Michael Chevrolet, Gilligan's Restaurant, Movies at Azalea Square, Marble Slab Creamery, McAlister's Deli, Red Pepper, Summerville Auto Detailing, Personality Plus, Speedee Oil Change, West Marine, Noisy Oyster, Residence Inn Marriott, Embassy Suites Hotel, Sandpiper Bowling Lanes, Crab Shack, JBF Pro Shop, Artisan Jewelers, Sticky Fingers, Woodlands Resort & Inn, Citadel Communications - Cat Country 107.5 & 95 SX, Boxers for Boxers, Mickalis Pawn Shop, Pleasant Sound, Sofa*

*Super Store, Chick-Fil-A, International Driving Institute (East Coast Drive Connection), Price-Is-Right Tees.*

Please show your appreciation for their support when you patronize these businesses!