



# The Informer

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Have a Safe and Happy Summer

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## Special Points

- **NEXT MEETING**  
**MONDAY June 13th**  
at **7:00 p.m.**



- **Local Memorial**
- Your lodge Officers
- Last meeting highlights
- Lodge Use
- National Memorial
- Corner of History
- Hero Spotlight
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Welcome aboard To our new members!

Members are encouraged to use the forum through the State website [www.scfop.org](http://www.scfop.org). It can only be accessed by FOP members and is an excellent resource to network securely with officers around the state.

## 3rd Annual Lowcountry Police Memorial

On May 3rd, at the Park Circle Community Center in North Charleston, our lodge sponsored the Lowcountry Police Memorial service for the third consecutive year. The service was the culmination of great effort by our memorial committee, headed by our lodge Chaplain and State FOP Chaplain David Lee.

The weather was perfect for this event meant to pay tribute to our fallen lowcountry brethren. The Charleston City Police Pipe and Drum Corps provided great celtic tune. The Mt. Pleasant Police Honor Guard posted the colors with crisp precision. News anchor Nina Sossaman was most professional serving as Master of Ceremony. *The Ashley River Creative Arts School Choir* performed several songs, complete with many stringed instruments. (These kids performed well and were particularly proud to be a part of the event.)

Sgt. David Fair of the Charleston City Police Dept (and *President* of Charleston Metro FOP Lodge #5) offered words about fallen comrade Detective Roger Myers. Sgt. Rick Keys of the North Charleston Police Dept. provided song to compliment the occasion. Dr. Frank Cone, *Pastor of Rutledge Memorial Baptist Church* provided words of comfort to survivors and all those in attendance.

The keynote speaker - Pamela Zaresk *Area Port Director U.S. Customs and Border Protection* provided wonderful insight on the law enforcement profession. Highlighting her own as well as her late husband's lifetime devotion to the law enforcement calling. Singer/song writer Eddie Bush did his nationally acclaimed hit *The Thin Blue Line* in a heartfelt performance, bringing many to emotional tear.

Cpl. Bill O'Brien with the North Charleston Police Dept. and Sgt. David Fair with the Charleston City Police read the roll call of all fallen lowcountry officers. The event ended with the South Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard offering 21 gun salute with military precision. The entire procession was organized and conducted with professional honor by members of the Dorchester County and Charleston County Honor Guard. Excellent job to all who participated. *Godspeed our fallen Brothers!*



**John Blackmon**  
**Vice President**

### Know Your Lodge Officers

John has been a member of lodge 3 since 2001 and was elected as Vice President of Lodge 3 in 2003.

Currently, John is the Chairman of the State FOP Committee on Information and Technology. John also is the designer and webmaster of our local web site, [www.scfop3.org](http://www.scfop3.org) and for Berkeley County Lodge 19, [www.scfop19.org](http://www.scfop19.org), and the State FOP, [www.scfop.org](http://www.scfop.org).

John is a fourteen year veteran of Law Enforcement, serving with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and the last 10 years with the Hanahan Police Department. He is currently a Sergeant assigned to Administrative Services.

John is married, has a daughter and resides in Goose Creek.



The food committee delivered our first summer meal from the grill. Hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixins served for a delicious change of pace. Great job again from the food committee.

4 names read for new active membership.

The attractive Clark Sarullo *Miss Charleston 2005* was the guest speaker. Gives highlights on a program for the elderly she participates in called "Dreams Come True." Recommends to check out [www.secondwind.org](http://www.secondwind.org) the program's website.

Frank Nigro properly sworn in as Sgt. At Arms by Berkeley Lodge #19 Jimmy Mixson.

V. Pres. Blackmon reports that our lodge website had 15,209 "hits" the previous month. Solicits sign up for electronic newsletter through state website.

Membership Services Committee - Vic Nico will try and put together "a night at the River Dogs, solicits input.

Training Committee - Buddy Isgett gives overview of training the lodge is attempting to bring in for members.

Golf Fundraiser Committee - David Lee gives date of July 18th at Wild Dunes course for the second annual *Distressed Officer Golf Tournament*. Solicits for volunteers to assist.

Harold Phillips reports of the success of the Bocci tournament to benefit Special Olympics.

Recruitment Committee - Frank Nigro reports that new inserts for brochures have been produced.

Brothers Joe Bill and John Blackmon win the prizes in recruitment drawing.

Tom Botchie solicits volunteers to help man a table at the Ladson gun show on June 4th and 5th.

Officer Shelby Reasons Mt. Pleasant PD in motorcycle accident, Chief Owens Summerville PD recovering from surgery, Herb Beard Chas. Co Sheriff had fire in home, Steve Ptak Summerville PD cancer in remission. *Speedy recoveries to all!*

## Lodge Use

As a result of our increased growth in membership, we are seeing increased demand for use of the lodge facility. The use of the facility is a free benefit offered to all active members.

Since paying off our mortgage over a year ago, we have freed up some funds to make improvements to the facility. We have installed a professional PA system, completely renovated both the male and female restrooms, acquired new tables and chairs, installed an innovative patch border, new sofas and recently improved the landscaping with indian hawthorne and border grass. We are still attempting to fix the roof leak (that has proven to be quite difficult) but hopefully it will be completed shortly. Our sign committee has been working with a builder and the code officials of Hanahan. Shortly, all the effort will culminate in a professional looking permanent sign on the corner of the grounds.

It is the intent of the executive board to gradually continue such improvements to the facility so that our members may enjoy its use for years to come. To keep with this agenda, it has become obvious that some ground-work needed to be firmly established to govern the facility use. To that end, we have consulted legal counsel and produced a "Lodge Use Agreement" form. It outlays the "do's and don'ts" when the facility is in the custody of an individual user. It is fairly basic in content with the usual "leave it clean" type stuff, but also contains the "legalease" that is common with all such documents.

As soon as we get the document produced by the printers, they will be made available on demand and be mandatory for all who may wish to use the facility.

## National Law Enforcement Memorial Week 2005



This year your lodge sent nine people to the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. The agencies represented by the lowcountry involvement were: SCHP, Hanahan Police Dept., Mt. Pleasant Police Dept., Charleston County Sheriff's Office and Summerville Police Dept..

We were especially honored to send two motorcycle officers - Mike Burrell (Chas. Co. Sheriff) and Timothy Glover (Summerville PD.) They were chosen by a National committee to participate in the entire week-long motorcade that shuttled survivor families around the city for various events. For them it was a once-in-a-lifetime work assignment, that had them on duty with other top professionals from around the country from sun up to sun down. Kudos for their selection and likewise for the memories they helped to generate for the families of slain officers.

All the lodge representatives who went, got to experience the great camaraderie that is unique to law enforcement. They were able to take part in history as they lit a candle in the evening vigil. They heard the names called of the fallen officers and saw their names etched upon the memorial walls. They got to see thousands of our nation's finest, clothed in dress uniform, converge upon the Capital lawn to hear President Bush give his thanks for our services and condolences to grieving families.

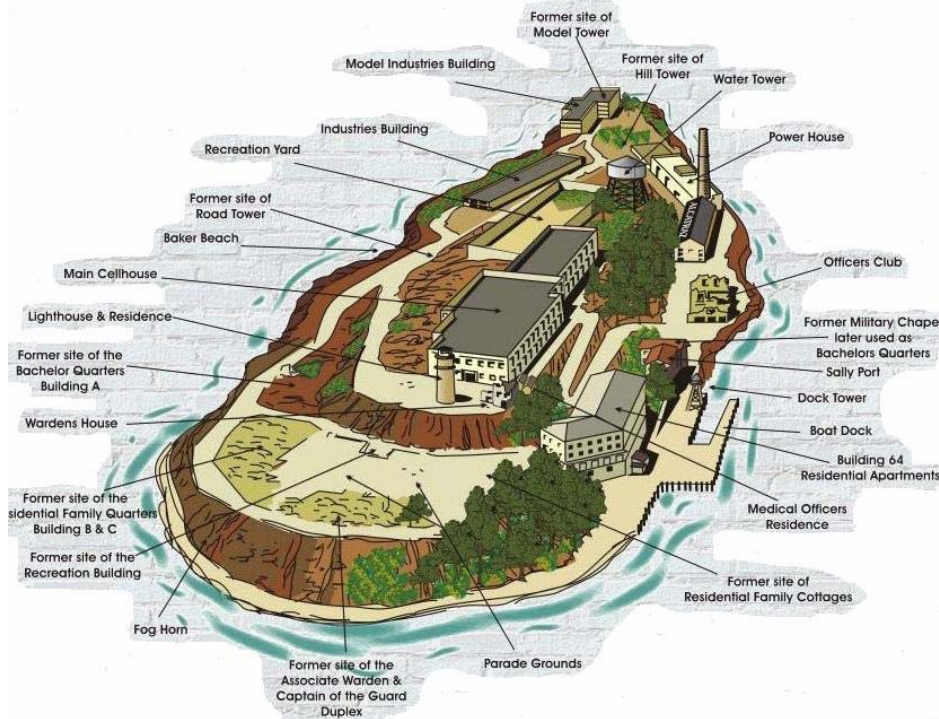
It is with great honor that we send an annual delegation to this event. *Godspeed to all our fallen brothers and sisters!*

## “The Rock”

## BILL VANHORN'S



## Corner Of History



It has been said that society is a mirror image of the inhabitants of prison. In the late 1920's and 1930's the increase of violent and serious crime was taking over the country. An isolated location was sought after to house the most dangerous criminals. Alcatraz island was selected because of its unique location in the San Francisco Bay. The first warden was James Johnston. Warden Johnston was selected because he was very strict, no nonsense and was a pioneer in developing new programs in prison.

Numerous articles have been written about the infamous “residents” of Alcatraz, but in reality the actual number of high profile criminals is

not that significant. Among the first inmates to arrive was Al Capone, George “Machine Gun” Kelly, and Alvin Karpis, also known as *Public Enemy No.1*. The inmate that garnered the most attention was Robert Stroud- the Birdman of Alcatraz. Stroud was known worldwide for his studies of bird diseases. The warden prohibited Stroud from studying the birds for seventeen years of his incarceration.

Before Alcatraz became a federal prison, the island served several purposes. In the Civil War era, the island was a harbor fort and was ordered to fire upon any Confederate sympathizers. The U.S. Army housed military prisoners on the island. In 1854 the first west coast light house was constructed on the island.

Another aspect of Alcatraz that has been written about is the controversy over whether there has been any successful escapes from the island. The island is one mile from San Francisco and the waters are very frigid. To deter inmates from contemplating escape the warden installed hot water only showers. The following is a number of attempted escapes: thirty-six (prisoners), seven shot, two drowned, five unaccounted for, rest recaptured. In 1962, two brothers escaped the island, but officials report that their success is questionable.

In 1963, because of a change in philosophy and exorbitant costs, the decision to close Alcatraz was made. Alcatraz for the most part was a warehouse of criminals and afforded no rehabilitation. The geographical location that was so appealing in the beginning now became its downfall because of the high cost of importing everything to the island.

Now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have come to another impasse in regards to incarceration. Several concepts have been implemented ranging from retribution to rehabilitation with varying degrees of success. Things in life usually come full circle and I believe the penitentiary system has done just that. Maybe if a majority of the inmates felt the same way as the following prisoner, the recidivism rate would be significantly lower. Here are a few words from the aforementioned prisoner, “can anything be worth all this?”



## Lowcountry Hero Spotlight

**Hubert Leander Lloyd** Charleston County Sheriff's Office

End of Watch: Sunday June 7th, 1992

Sergeant Lloyd and Deputy William Nalley 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. Sergeant Lloyd had been with the agency for 20 years.

*May his sacrifice not be forgotten!*

### Real Quotes from Lowcountry Jails

Booking officer: "Are you left handed or right handed?"  
 Suspect: "I am ambidextrous."  
 Drunk suspect next in line: "That dude likes men and women!"

Booking officer: "Can I have your name?"  
 elderly drunken female: gives her first name  
 Booking officer: "Is that your first or last name?"  
 elderly drunken female: "what?"  
 Booking officer: "what is your name, what's your whole name?"  
 elderly drunken female: giggling and amused  
 Booking officer: "What's so funny?"  
 elderly drunken female: (still laughing) "I ain't never give my hole no name!"

Booking officer: "Do you have any medical conditions we should be aware of?"  
 Suspect: "I just had an autopsy." (he pulled back his sleeve to reveal a bandage on his arm) "the test results came back negative for skin cancer."

Booking officer: "Have you ever contemplated or attempted suicide?"  
 Suspect: "yes" "I committed suicide four years ago."  
 Booking officer: "you did?"  
 Suspect: "yes" "I was messed up on drugs." (he then showed his wrists to reveal heavy scars.)

Booking officer: "who do we contact in case of an emergency?"  
 Suspect: "911."

Booking officer: "where were you born?"  
 Suspect: "in the hospital."

Booking officer: "have you had any alcohol or drugs today?"  
 Drunken Suspect: "I've only had a few beers." (then turns and shouts at the arresting officer) "But I am not abbreviated!"

Arresting officer: "Do you have an attorney?"  
 Suspect: "No, I have a Public Defender."



### Miscellaneous

Last month, we mailed out Insurance notices from *American Life*. We had been offered \$1,000 free life insurance on our active membership. In exchange, we agreed to mail out their flyers to our membership as well as them paying the bill for our monthly newsletter mailing. The event was voted on at a previous lodge meeting and passed. To clear up any confusion, you do not have to return the correspondence to the company to get the free insurance, nor are you required to meet with any representative to purchase their products. You still receive the free \$1000 policy regardless. Above all, privacy is of great concern to our lodge and our mailing list was not disclosed to a commercial entity.

#### "Thin Blue Line" Bracelets

Our members who attended the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. brought back a few of the popular "Awareness" bracelets with the "Thin Blue Line" logo. They are Black with a thin blue line and embossed with "Heroes Live Forever". Wear in remembrance of our fallen officers. They are produced by the NLEOMF and sold out quickly. We have an order pending for 400 and they should be available by June 21st. Proceeds will benefit the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington as well as our local *Distressed Officer Fund*.



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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 521 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.



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Tri - County Lodge # 3

*"Serving The Lawmen of the Lowcountry"*

### Interesting Quotes

"I've never had a problem with drugs. I've had problems with the police." -

*Keith Richards*

"I'm not against the police; I'm just afraid of them." -

*Alfred Hitchcock*

### The Machine

The patrol division is the "backbone" of any police agency. A cliché that you will hear time and time again. If in making a comparison to the human anatomy, you would attempt to assign body parts to police departments, the comparisons will differ from each individual.

Some would assign the "brain" to dispatch - the central nervous system of the operation. Others possibly CID as the eyes and ears. Warrants division possibly the arms and arguably detention or internal affairs as other appendages or orifices... What about S.W.A.T.? Marine Patrol? Traffic? Civil Process? Court Security? It all depends on who you ask.

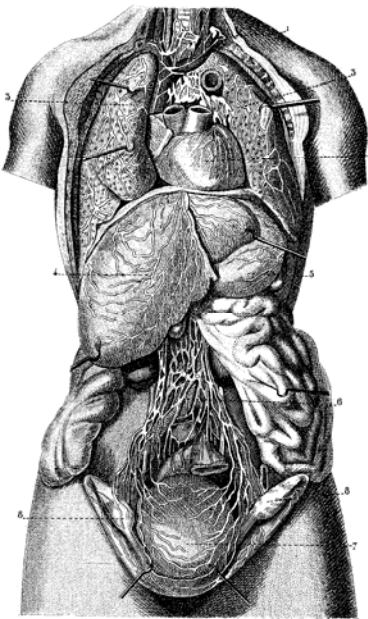
Which is the most important? Again, in making comparison to human anatomy - it is a difficult question at best. How well could a body function without an arm, a leg, hands, feet, or eyes? Not very well - at least not as intended. One missing part means double work for another part. Since all are needed for proper function, all play an equal and important role. Like parts of a machine.

I get incensed when I hear officers downplay the role of detention staff, admin or supply personnel. It seems at times, everyone thinks his or her role is the most important. I would submit that if one cog were missing, the machine would not work well.

Consider detention. Most rank and file officers think of detention only when they have to. Particularly when they are booking in a prisoner or taking one out to court. Little thought otherwise as to who is dealing with the prisoners in between. Most are not aware that the bulk of department lawsuits stem from the detention confines. It is vital to department health that the detention facilities are staffed with trained and capable officers.

Court security. Again, most rank and file officers give this area little thought. Atlanta, Georgia recently saw great bloodshed from improper attention here. How important are these officers? Ask some judges.

Crime scene and evidence personnel are often vital elements of a department that go unsung. Many cases have been won or lost, directly as a result of these officers. Their work is often tedious and time consuming.



Give respect to all your coworkers. Every facet of your department has someone doing a job they feel (and rightfully so) is important. All is interconnected and relative to the other, however slight. If you see someone doing a good job in their niche of the operation, let them know. It will go far and improve the overall health of the "body." Patrol division will always be the "backbone" I guess, but don't find yourself in competition to be the extreme end of the digestive tract..... A body only needs one.

- R.E. Sharpe