



# The Informer



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Wishing Everyone a Prosperous & Happy New Year!

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*Special Points*

## NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY April  
10th at 7:00 p.m.**



- **Law Enforcement Memorial**
- **Last meeting highlights**
- **Calendar of Events**
- **Do we have your email address**
- **Hero Spotlight**
- **New Drivers License Bill**
- **Legal Defense Update**
- **Lodge Committees**
- **50/50 Raffle Raises funds for State Conference**

*Welcome aboard To our new members!*

Your ideas and input are always encouraged. You decide the direction we proceed organizationally. Be an active part.

## Law Enforcement Officers Memorial May 9th

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 10:00 am at Park Circle in North Charleston, SC, we will hold the most important event we put on during the year, our local Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial. We do this not only to honor those officer's that have fallen in the line of duty, but just as importantly to show our support for our survivors. These officers have made the ultimate sacrifice for each and everyone of us. They were working the shift, answering the call, stopping the car that could have just as easily been anyone of us, in some cases should have been one of us but for whatever reason we didn't make that call and were spared. They never considered themselves heroes, but they are because they stood against evil and refused to allow it to go unchallenged and made this a better world for having the courage to just be the best officer they knew how. Our survivors make that sacrifice daily by living with the absence of that loved one. Please join me on this day, May 6<sup>th</sup>, as we honor all those who have gone before and those left behind. Your heart will be touched and your spirit lifted.

David W. Lee  
Chaplain, Tri-County Lodge 3 FOP



## Legal Defense Update

John Wilson, Legal Defense Chairperson

Did you know we only have 88 legal defense members from our lodge? This number represents only a small percentage of our current membership. Do you have an extra \$5000.00 or more at your disposal? That's probably what it would cost you to hire an attorney to defend against any action arising from your employment.

But, there is a cheaper solution. Join the Legal Defense Plan offered through the FOP. It only cost you \$131.00 per year. If you are employed at Summerville P.D. or Hanahan P.D. this can be deducted from your paycheck each payday for only \$5.00. If you prefer, any member may have an automatic bank draft established to be debited \$32.75 each quarter. Finally, if you choose to, you may simply write a check for the full amount each year. If you join after the year begins the amount due will be pro-rated. This is a small price to pay for the peace of mind Legal Defense will provide.

Legal Defense will represent you for matters relating to your employment including administrative action, criminal action or civil action. An added benefit is if you are suspended from your job and do not want legal representation, you can choose to be reimbursed for up to three days pay or \$500.00.

You may learn more about Legal Defense by logging onto the state FOP web page at [www.scfop.org](http://www.scfop.org) and follow the tabs to Legal Defense. Once again, I urge any member who is active law enforcement to at least consider joining the Legal Defense Plan, not only for your own protection, but the financial protection it will afford your family should an incident arise.



Seven active members voted in.

39 members present

Securing Park Circle facility for Police Memorial May 9

Unpaid Membership sent second dues notice.

Property Purchase next door approved for amount required not to exceed \$125,000.

Pat Carter won 50/50 raffle

Raffle for 42" plasma TV to take place to support State Conference.

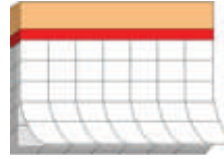
Sponsoring Summerville softball team.

Sponsoring March of Dimes walk-a-thon

Sponsoring Summerville Law Enforcement Explorer Post to attend S.C.A.L.E.

Sponsoring Advanced DUI Class at lodge.

## 2006 Calendar of Events



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.

## 2006

Tri-County Police Memorial May 9

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

Distressed Officer Fund Golf Tournament - (Mid July)

Cops and Lobsters - (late March)

Law Enforcement Day at The Mall - (Early September)

Christmas Party (December 9)

## Do We have your Email Address?

Our Lodge uses Email extensively to remind members of upcoming events & meetings and inform everyone of breaking news.

We encourage all members to have a valid email address on file with the Lodge Secretary. The easiest way is to visit our web site at [www.scfop3.org](http://www.scfop3.org) and enter your email. You will receive a confirmation email and the Secretary will be notified.

Rest assured, we will never share your email address with third parties. We hate spam (unsolicited email) as much as the next person.



## Lowcountry Hero Spotlight

William A. Nalley  
Charleston County Sheriffs Office  
End of Watch: Sunday, June 07, 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. 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.

## New Drivers License Bill

### A brief description of H.3170 and S.296:

This bill will apply a "code" to a driver's license (front or back) or an ID card. The code will be recognized by a law enforcement officer only. The purpose is early identification of the possessor that he/she is a VIOLENT offender released into the public. Early identification will alert the officer as to whom they are dealing with. The code would be removed after 10 years from application and immediately if pardoned. The felon bears the cost of the special license to pay for DMV programming set-up -- no expense to the state.

Most importantly, this detection system will save officers' lives! We believe this code will also act as a deterrent, in many cases, to a felon with any criminal thought. This could also serve as a reason for the felon to keep his nose clean for the next 10 years.

Please support it!

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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 601 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.



### Raffle and Drawings to raise money for the State Conference.



The State FOP conference will be held in Myrtle Beach at the Crown Reef Resort. Depending on the number of members We have in April 2006 our lodge could have as many as 25 delegates attending the conference. With per diem, mileage and lodging to be considered, it will be an expensive endeavor for our lodge. To help pay for the conference the E-board will suggest at the next meeting a raffle to raise money. Arrangements are being made to obtain a 42 inch plasma TV to raffle. The E-Board will suggest that the top five sellers of raffle tickets be assured to attend the conference. We are working on making an arrangement to obtain this TV at a reduced price. The E-board also suggests a 50/50 drawing at each meeting to off-set the cost. These ideas will be brought up at the March meeting and voted upon for approval.

## Lodge Committees

## BE INVOLVED

Committees are vital to the success of our organization. Without the hardworking members who serve on committees, our lodge would not be able to host many of our functions each year. Committee Volunteers are the backbone of our lodge. Please review the list of committees and find one that can use your special talents. Committee appointments will be completed soon. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact President Dan Isgett at [disgett@scfop3.org](mailto:disgett@scfop3.org).

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| Awards                                  | Food & Meals          | Legislative & Political Action |
| Building & Maintenance                  | Door Prizes           | Memorial                       |
| By-Laws                                 | History               | Merchandise & Marketing        |
| Christmas Party                         | Labor                 | Recruitment & Retention        |
| Christmas with a Cop                    | LE Day at the Mall    | Training                       |
| Cops and Lobsters                       | LE Appreciation Night | Technology                     |
| Distressed Officer Fund Golf Tournament |                       | Legal Defense                  |