



# The Informer

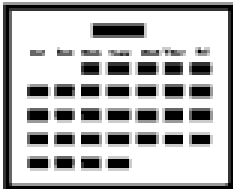
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*Special Points*

• **NEXT MEETING**

**MONDAY**  
**October 9th at**  
**7:00 p.m.**



- **State Elections**
- **Law Enforcement Day at the Mall**
- **State Conference**
- **Gun and Knife Show**
- **Last meeting highlights**
- **Calendar of Events**
- **Hero Spotlight**
- **Comedy Cop**

## Dan Isgett Re-Elected as State Treasurer at 2006 State Conference

Our lodge president was re-elected for a second term as the State Lodge Treasurer. Isgett was first elected to the State Executive Board in 2002 as the 2nd Vice President. He was un-opposed for the Treasurer in 2004 and at this conference. Also elected at the conference were: Jerry Wright of Midlands Lodge 1 as President, Jimmy Mixson, of Berkeley Lodge 19 as Vice President, David McClure of Lodge 1 as Secretary, Bob Carr of the Coastal Carolina Lodge as 2nd Vice President, Naomi Morris of Charleston Metropolitan Lodge 5 as Sgt. At Arms and John Aiton of York Lodge 15 as Chaplin. The two contested races were Todd Cox of Coastal Lodge against Naomi Morris and our lodge Chaplin David Lee against John Aiton. The only change in the State E-board was the Chaplin position. Tri-County Lodge 3 is proud of having David Lee serve the state there past two years as the State Lodge Chaplin. Our members at the conference worked hard on behalf of our lodge candidates to assist with their campaigns.



## Law Enforcement Day at Citadel Mall

Once again our lodge participated in the Law Enforcement Day at the Mall at the Citadel Mall in Charleston. This is an annual event that our lodge participates in. Our lodge gave away FOP pens, rulers, gun locks and bags. Our members also sold tickets for our drawing for a 42" TV. Members provided applications and brochures out to those officers who were not members of our lodge. This is a very positive event for our lodge to have the opportunity to provide information about our lodge to the public and our fellow officers. We would also like to thank the Charleston County Sheriff's Office which co-ordinates the event for all their assistance with this event. Volunteers are vital for the success of any event. We would like to thank those members who gave of their time to assist with this event, Harold Phillips, Tom Botchie, Caroline Botchie, John Gianatos, Mary Gianatos, Wendy Gann, Bridget, Bice, John Tracy, Bob Tague, John Blackmon, Debbie Witz, Chuck Oshinsky, Alice Lang, Vic Nico and Dan Isgett.



**SUPPORT**



New Applications – 8 active Applications read.

55 members present.

50/50 Drawing – Martin Villa won 50/50 drawing (\$60.50)

Sick and Distressed - NCPD — Rick Dean's mother-in-law is still in a coma, Summerville — Bill Tolson surgery, Hanahan PD—Travis Dodd broke his hand and Debbie Catell has had health problems. Goose Creek—John Grainger injured his right finger.

Sponsored the Torch run to support the Special Olympics.

Sponsored a golf tournament hosted by Coastal Carolina Lodge 12.

Winner of the volunteer drawing—Debbie Witz—\$50 gift certificate to T—Bonz.

Motion made to sponsor member Alice Lang's son's military squad which is in Iraq. Members are asked to bring items to the October meeting to be sent to the squad. Needed items to be posted on the website.

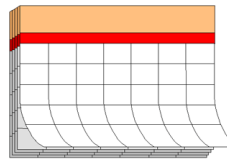
Lodge TV needs repair. Motion made to repair only if less than \$650.

Results of Golf Tournament announced.

Plans for Christmas Party. Committee will present all information at the October meeting.

Need to plan for Christmas with a Cop coming up in December.

## 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

Christmas Party (December 9)

### Mike Armstrong Comedy Cop

Our lodge was proud to sponsor Mike Armstrong, The Comedy Cop, to the Performing Arts Center, September 27.

This show was a free show to all police officers and their families, firemen, EMS and the military. Our lodge was allowed to set up a booth and sell merchandise.

Armstrong has been a regular on the Bob and Tom show, on the radio and personal appearances and will have an HBO special coming up later on this year.



## Gun and Knife Show

Our lodge had the opportunity the weekend of September 16 and 17th to have a booth at the gun and knife show. This was another great opportunity for our lodge to provide information to the public and fellow law enforcement officers. This was the same weekend as the Law Enforcement Day and it was a challenge to have enough volunteers to work two big events the same day. We were able to have volunteers on both days to assist with the event. Thanks to all the hard work of our volunteers: Frank Nigro, Joyce Kephart, Gary Clear, Ken Billings, CJ Thompson, Alan Link, Tom Botchie and Caroline Botchie. This is a quarterly event and we look forward to more successful weekends at future gun and knife shows. We will need volunteers at each of these events, so please take the time to assist the lodge a few hours on these weekends. These shows are heavily attended by law enforcement officers and supporters of law enforcement.

## Lowcountry Hero Spotlight

**Leon Gooding** Charleston County Police Department  
Saturday March 27, 1948

On Saturday, March 27, 1948 at approximately 7:02 PM, Sgt. Leon Gooding and patrolman Robert Mcnaughton responded to a disturbance at the Johns Island Railroad tracks. Upon arrival, they encountered Oscar Schneider, age 30, who was armed with a rifle. The officers were able to obtain the rifle from Schneider and take him into custody. During the transport, Schneider produced a .22 caliber pistol and shot Gooding in the head and Mcnaughton in the face. Gooding died from his wounds.



## STATE CONFERENCE 2006

Our lodge sent 29 delegates and three guests to the State Convention. The Convention was held at the Crown Reef Convention Center in Myrtle Beach from September 28– October. 1. Delegates were: Dan Isgett, John Blackmon, Shawn Laffey, Tom Botchie, Frank Nigro, Vic Nico, David Lee, Cathy Bowers, Debbie Witz, Matt Woodall, Ed Semlitsch, Ed Hock, Martin Vila, Byron Upchurch, David Schrader, Mariah Leahy, Pat Carter, Johnny Wilson, Buddy Isgett, Bill Lang, Paul Brouthers, Harold Phillips, CJ Thomson, Alan Link, Charlie Tice, Joyce Kephart, Roger Medlock, John Tracy, and Timmy Glover. Caroline Botchie, Wendy Gann and Tina Nichols served as guests and assisted the lodge with the distribution of the campaign give-aways and sales of merchandise. The lodge had two members up for re-election to the state board and our delegates did a fantastic job supporting both candidates. Highlights of the Conference: The State Lodge presents the legislator of the year awards.



The State Lodge donated \$7500 to the Special Olympics. Lodges across the state raised \$33,000 this year for the special Olympics.

\$3,300 raised for the National PAC. This was from personal donations from members as required by Law.

Lowcountry Lodge 16 President Jim Bell designated as Member of the Year.

Legal Defense Change: Retired members can purchase Legal Defense for \$50 annually for legal assistance needed for HR 218 actions( shooting incident arising from legally carrying a concealed weapon under that bill.) See more information at the national website: [www.fop.net](http://www.fop.net).

A new secretary program is available at the national website. Members can go to the website, go to the members log-in area and update their information. This also allows the lodge secretary to update information about new members on-line and help with the delay of members receiving their membership cards.

A more detailed report will be available at the October Lodge meeting.

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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 696 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.



## North Carolina Officer paralyzed in an automobile accident in Myrtle Beach.

Curtis Henderson, an FOP member in North Carolina has sustained serious injuries during an automobile accident while off duty in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He was transported to the MUSC hospital where he is currently admitted. He is not married and does not have any children. His parents are currently attending to his needs. Our lodge has assisted with Distressed Officer Fund assistance to the family and has visited with the family. He will be at MUSC for the next two weeks before being transferred.

Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Lodge Committees

## BE INVOLVED

The President with the assistance of the Vice President are in the process of evaluating lodge committees and appointments. In the past, a chairman was assigned and asked to recruit members to the committee. Now, all members of committees will be appointed by the president. If you would like to serve on a committee please let the Dan Isgett know soon. Each committee will be provided with the duties of the committee along with goals for the year. This change will make the committee appointment process the same as the State lodge. Hopefully, these changes will assist with the success of our lodge. The committees are listed below:

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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                  |