



Fraternal Order of Police Minnesota Metro Lodge #3 Fall Newsletter



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MN FOP Lodge #3 Success Story

MN FOP Lodge #3 (Minneapolis Lodge) has been operating again for over one year and during the past year we have achieved several key accomplishments within the MN FOP. The Lodge #3 board of directors have also offered members several opportunities to participate in local and national events. The success of Lodge #3 is based upon member support and your support is always encouraged.

Website offers most current info

Members can access Lodge #3 information via the web at www.mnfop3.com. There are links to lodge forms, calendar of events and other important FOP information. The Grand Lodge can be visited at www.fop.net and MN State Lodge at www.mnfop.com.

Membership Dues for 2008 are due

Annual dues are only \$20 and for 2008 should be paid by November 1, 2007. Dues are based upon the FOP fiscal year, which is November 1st to October 31st of each year. Members will receive a renewal form in October 2007 for the 2008 dues. Please pay your dues in prompt manner to avoid a lack in FOP benefits. Dues can be paid in person or mail.

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Lodge #3 President's Report

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I am very proud to have served the members of MN FOP Lodge #3 (Minneapolis Lodge) during the past 18 months as your Lodge President. We have been able to achieve so many important goals over the last year and I am very excited about the upcoming 2008 year. I am always available to answer any questions or lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Never hesitate or think twice about contacting Lodge #3 with any needs or concerns you may have.

I would like to welcome Bob Kroll (MPD) to the position of 3rd Vice-President of Lodge #3. This position was left vacant over the last year and Brother Kroll was appointed to fill this position during the August 2007 special board meeting. Brother Kroll's leadership is a welcome addition to Lodge #3.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual MN FOP Police Officers Ball March 8, 2008 in St Cloud. Also Lodge #3 will co-host a social hour with the MN Peace Officers Ski Association on 10-16-07 at the Eagles #34.

2008 Metro Lodge #3 Event Schedule

October 30, 2007 The1029 (1800 hrs)
November 27, 2007 Eagles #34 (Appreciation Dinner)
December 4, 2007 Mpls Eagles #34 (1800 hrs)
January 8, 2008 Mpls Eagles #34 (board nominations)
March 4, 2008 Mpls Eagles #34 (board elections)
April 20-22, 2008 State Conference (Grand Rapids)
May 2008 spring member appreciation event, TBA
September 2008 fall dues drive/recruitment drive TBA
Please verify all meeting dates/times with lodge via phone or website.

Lodge #3 Vice President Report

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This is the time of year we refer to as our annual recruiting and retention drive. I want to express my gratitude to all of you for joining our Lodge. However, the trick is to have you return and continue as a member. This is like you and your partner calling for additional squads, other officers' charge in, do their thing, leave and let you, the primary squad, pick up the pieces. We need your help... retaining you and having you recruit additional officers to join our Lodge. Just like the street, after the fun/food, you can leave and we'll do all the work.

2007 MN FOP Member of the Year

Lodge #3 Brother Secretary/Treasurer Joseph Dotseth recently received the MN FOP Member of the Year award for 2007. Brother Dotseth was nominated by Lodge #3 Vice President Tim Prill. Brother Prill was quoted as saying "Brother Dotseth is a credit to the Metro Transit Police Department, MN FOP Lodge #3 and our community and is deserving of the nomination of the *MN FOP Member.*"

2007 Appreciation Dinner

The 2007 Police and Fire Appreciation dinner is tentatively set for Tuesday November 27, 2007 at the Eagles #34. Brother Pete Peterson (Transit PD) organized the 2006 Police and Fire appreciation dinner and is working on this year's dinner as well. It is Lodge #3 intentions to host this dinner annually on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving of each year. The dinner is co-sponsored by the Eagles #34, American Legion Post #1, Legion Post #1 Auxiliary and MN FOP Lodge #3. The dinner is open to all active and retired Police, Fire and EMS personnel. You do not have to be a member of the FOP to attend this dinner but a FOP recruitment table will be set up.

Joanne Sellner rides in Unity Tour

Sister Sellner (Transit PD) completed the 2007 Police Unity tour and represented Lodge #3 during the tour. Sister Sellner was the first member of the Transit PD and Lodge #3 to actively ride in the Unity Tour.

Lodge #3 Elections Spring 2008

Elections for Lodge #3 board positions will take place at the March 2008 meeting. All Lodge #3 board positions will be open for election this upcoming FOP fiscal year. Nominations must be submitted before February 1, 2008. Nominations for Lodge #3 board positions can be made via email/letter or from the floor at the Lodge #3 1st quarter meeting (January 2008), all board positions are 2 year terms.

Members Attend FOP Conference

For the first time in nearly 10 years Lodge #3 sent a delegation of members to the National FOP Conference in Kentucky. Brothers Geoff Wyatt and Joseph Dotseth (Transit PD) along with Brothers Rick Doll, Byron Cross and Ross Lapp (MPD) attended the national conference during August of 2007. Lodge #3 members along with another 40 members from the MN FOP represented the Minnesota law enforcement community at the world's largest police conference.

Lynn Cronquist attends Police Week

Sister Cronquist (MPD) along with several other MN FOP members attended the 2007 national police week ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Sister Cronquist attended several key meetings with political and FOP members of the DC community.

2008 MN FOP Conference

Opportunities to attend the 2008 MN FOP Conference in Grand Rapids are available. Lodge #3 sent 8 delegates to the 2007 conference. The 2008 conference will allow for the same amount of voting delegates but as many FOP members can attend as they wish. Ruttgers Sugar Lake Resort will host the 2008 convention, free golf and other amenities will be provided to attendees.

Keep an active email address

Email is the most efficient and cost effective way for Lodge #3 to stay in touch with its members. Maintaining an active email address is very important. If you are having difficulty with your current email account contact Lodge #3 and find out how to set up free FOP email address.