



Fraternal Order of Police Minnesota Metro Lodge #3 Fall Newsletter



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MN FOP Lodge #3 Open for Business

The MN State FOP Lodge was chartered in 1993. Lodge #3 was chartered in 1994 and during 2001 Lodge #3 went into "dormant" status. From 2001 until 2006 the State FOP Lodge managed Lodge #3. During May 2006 several members of Lodge #3 contacted the State FOP who in turn appointed a new Board of Directors to run Lodge #3 thus re-opening our Lodge.

Website Operational

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.grandlodgefop.org and www.fop.net and MN State Lodge at www.mnfop.com.

Membership Dues

Annual dues are only \$20. Dues are based upon the FOP fiscal year, which is October 31st to November 1. Dues for 2007 will be due November 1, 2006. Members will receive a renewal form in October 2006 for 2007 dues. Please pay your dues in prompt manner to avoid a lack in FOP benefits.

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President's Report

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We have been very busy getting our lodge up and running. On September 20th 2006 we had our first major event as a new lodge. We roasted a pig at the Mpls Eagles Club. This was a well-attended event and a good time had by all. We had 12 new members join. Next year we are hoping for a bigger turn out. I want to thank all the members who worked very hard to put on this event. I also want to thank the Eagle's 34 for hosting the event.

We are looking into hosting another event for our members. If you have any ideas please let us know.

We are looking forward to the Police Officers Ball February 3, 2007 in St. Cloud and the State Convention April 22-24 2007 in Grand Rapids.

Our next meeting is October 18th 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Eagle's #34 located on E 25th St.

Remember to renew your membership and those with the Legal Defense Fund you need to renew also. If you can provide an email address at time of renewal that will keep our mailing cost down.

Upcoming Metro Lodge #3 Meetings

October 18, 2006 at Mpls Eagles Club 630 PM

December 6, 2006 time and location TBA

January 3, 2007 at Mpls Eagles Club 630 PM

March 7, 2007 at Mpls Eagles Club 630 PM

May 2007 spring member appreciation event, TBA

September 2007 fall dues drive/recruitment drive TBA

Please verify all meeting dates/times with lodge via phone or website.

Vice-President Report

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The FOP Legal Defense Plan (LDP) is managed by the State FOP. The State FOP has partnered with a local Minneapolis Law Firm, Fowler Law Firm. Staying local controls the cost of annual dues for the LDP. For only \$150 annually the LDP will cover members involving on-duty and off-duty incidents. The LDP offers superior on duty and off-duty coverage. Your spouse will be covered in criminal matters under the LDP. The LDP has no limits on usage and offers 24/7 support. Don't wait any longer, join the LDP today.

2nd Vice-President Report

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Lodge 3 is excited about attending the State F.O.P. Ball and Auction February 3, 2007. The funds raised by the Auction will go to update and repair the Police Memorial in St. Paul. We've already received some donations from local businesses and continue the process. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to spread the word about the rebirth of Lodge 3. Not only do we hope this will build new partnerships and bridges of communication with the public, but also rekindle old ones. Repairing and updating the memorial will strengthen the bonds within the Law Enforcement community. It is imperative to show honor and remembrance for our fellow Officers who have passed and their families through our thoughts and actions. During the next several months, we will continue to work on gathering items for the auction. Please contact me if you have any ideas or donations.

Sgt At Arms Report

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I would like to take this time to remind all FOP members that the FOP logo is a registered trademark and needs official approval from the Grand Lodge before use. Also please remember official FOP apparel is to be worn by active members and their immediate family members only.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

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I have been working the last few months on updating our Lodge in ways of communications, finances and record keeping. US Bank is our official bank, our non-profit status is again active with the state (corp. # 1K-518) and our lodge roster is up to date. We currently have 85 members in our Lodge. Our lodge website was designed for basic navigation and to provide important information to our members. Our website is the best source of current information for the lodge. I encourage all members to maintain an active e-mail address. The Grand Lodge has a free email address available to any active member. If any member has any ideas on revenue/fundraising ideas please contact any of the lodge officers. We are in need of funds, any ideas will be considered. I will do my best to serve the members of this lodge. Remember this is YOUR lodge, take part in meetings and events throughout the year and always try to recruit new members.

State Trustee Report

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The police officers ball for fundraising for a memorial wall in Minnesota is approaching quickly. It falls over Superbowl weekend, February 3rd/4th, 2007. There is a state FOP meeting on the 3rd of October 2006. I will pass more information along at that time regarding the ball. Lodge #3 tee-shirt sales went well at the September hog roast. There are still shirts available on hand, sizes Medium – XXL. We are looking at possibly getting more merchandise in the future. If anyone would like to see any specific items other than clothing such as coffee mugs, key fobs, golf towels etc. please send me an e-mail or give me a call and I will see what I can do about getting them for you folks.

Home Mortgage Services

Thomasina Reid of Bell Mortgage will offer public service workers discounted mortgage services. Reid will and has donated monies to Lodge #3 for every loan she closes. Contact her today 952-277-3066 or www.thomasinareid.com.