



# **Fraternal Order of Police Minnesota Metro Lodge #3 Fall Newsletter**



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## **MN FOP Lodge #3 Tops 200 Members**

MN FOP Metro Lodge #3 (Minneapolis Lodge) is proud to announce membership totals have reached 210 active members. The success of Lodge #3 is based upon member support and your support is always encouraged. Together we can achieve the mission of Lodge #3 "encouraging/promoting participation in charity, fraternal and civic events amongst the law enforcement community."

## **Website offers most current info**

Members can access Lodge #3 information via the web at [www.mnfop3.com](http://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](http://www.fop.net) and MN State Lodge at [www.mnfop.com](http://www.mnfop.com).

## **Membership Dues for 2009 are due**

Annual dues are only \$25 and for 2009 should be paid by November 1, 2008. Dues are based upon the FOP fiscal year, which is November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dues have been increased for 2009 to offset an increase in the National FOP per capita. The easiest way to renew dues is to attend the recruitment night at Alarys on October 13, 2008.

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## **Lodge #3 President's Report**

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I am very proud to begin my second term as your Lodge President of the Minneapolis FOP Lodge. Our Lodge has grown over the past three years into one of the best Lodges in the state. Membership totals are at all time high for our Lodge and support from our members and community is at all time high as well. 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, we are here to serve you.

Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual MN FOP Police Officers Ball January 17, 2009 in Bloomington. This year's event will be a black tie event to raise awareness about the FOP's main charity, the MN FOP Foundation.

Anyone wishing to submit articles to the MN FOP magazine should send email to Lodge #3 and your articles will be forwarded to the State FOP. All articles will be considered and forwarded to the magazine coordinator.

## **2009 Metro Lodge #3 Event Schedule**

November 11, 2008 Eagles #34 (1800 hrs)

December 2, 2008 Eagles #34 (Appreciation Dinner)

January 6, 2009 Mpls Eagles #34 (1800 hrs)

January 29, 2009 Shuttle Bus Night (Alarys/1029)

March 10, 2009 Mpls Eagles #34 (1800 hrs)

April 19-21, 2009 State Conference (Grand Rapids)

August 16-20, 2009 National Conference, (California)

October 2009 fall dues drive/recruitment drive (Alarys)

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

## **Lodge #3 Vice President Report**

**Tim Prill (612-720-7527)**

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It has been a pleasure to serve the members of the Minneapolis FOP Lodge over the past three years. I have seen our Lodge grow from a very small unorganized Lodge to a very well structured, well organized Lodge. However, a key facet missing from our Lodge is that of fundraising. Lodge #3 operates on a very minimal operating budget each year and it is very difficult to fund the projects that come before us. I urge you to contact me in regards to any fundraising ideas you have. Working together we can accomplish the mission of Lodge #3 "encouraging/promoting participation in charity, fraternal and civic events amongst the law enforcement community."

## **Bryon Cross appointed to 2<sup>ND</sup> VP**

MPD Officer Bryon Cross was appointed by the Lodge #3 Board of Directors during July 2008 to fill the vacant position of Lodge #3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Brother Cross is an 11 year veteran of the MPD and currently is assigned to day watch in the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct. Brother Cross's experience and knowledge of the FOP is a welcome addition to Lodge #3.

## **2008 Appreciation Dinner**

The 2008 Police and Fire Appreciation dinner is set for Tuesday December 2, 2008 at the Eagles #34. 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 for new members wishing to join the FOP.

## **Dues Increased to \$25 Annually**

Dues have been increased to \$25 annually to offset the National FOP per capita increase. Lodge #3's primary source of income is based upon dues and other alternative financial options could not be found to offset the per capita increase on the national level.

## **2009 Shuttle/Bus Night**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual shuttle bus night between The 1029 Bar and Alarys is tentatively set for Thursday January 29, 2009. A free shuttle bus (provided by Alarys) will be offering free rides back and forth from The 1029 and Alarys all night long. Last years shuttle bus night was the largest FOP event in Minnesota FOP history. Please mark your calendars for January 29, 2009 for the second annual event.

## **National FOP Conference 2009**

The 2009 National FOP Conference is August 16-20 in Long Beach California. Lodge #3 will be allowed to send 4 delegates to the conference. In years past the MN State Lodge had paid for and sent all the MN delegates, this former practice has changed and each Lodge is responsible for sending its members to the National Conference. If anyone is wishing to attend the National Conference please contact a Lodge #3 Officer for further information.

## **State-wide Recruitment Night**

On Monday October 13, 2008 the first annual Minnesota state-wide recruitment night will be held at Alarys in St Paul. This event will be an annual event hosted by the entire MN FOP, arrive pay your dues and receive free food/drink for renewing your dues.

## **2009 MN FOP Conference**

Opportunities to attend the 2009 MN FOP Conference in Grand Rapids are available. Lodge #3 will need 8 delegates to attend the 2009 conference. Ruttgers Sugar Lake Resort will host the 2009 convention from April 19-21, 2009, free golf and other amenities will be provided to attendees. Although stipends will only be available for the delegates, as many FOP members can attend as they wish.

## **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.