



Fraternl Order of Police Minnesota Metro Lodge #3 Fall Newsletter



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Lodge #3 Meeting Locations Change

MN FOP Metro Lodge #3 (Minneapolis FOP) meetings have changed locations. With the help of the POFM, Lodge #3 will now conduct regular scheduled business meetings at the POFM office in northeast Minneapolis (1811 University Ave NE). Social hour will immediately follow all meetings at The 1029 (1029 Marshall Street). Meeting locations/times should always be confirmed via Lodge #3 website.

Website offers most current info

Members can access Lodge #3 information via the web at www.mnfop3.com. There are links to Lodge #3 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.

Memberships for 2010 are due

Annual dues are only \$25 and for 2010 should be paid by November 1, 2009. Dues are based upon the FOP fiscal year, which is November 1st to October 31st of each year. Annual dues are always due by November 1 of each year. Minnesota State Lodge Legal Plan members will be receiving Legal Plan renewals when your plan expires from the State Lodge. Questions can be directed to Lodge #3 at joedotseth@fop.net

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Lodge #3 President's Report

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As we enter another FOP year I am proud to announce several key partnerships our FOP Lodge has gained during the last year. Lodge #3 is proud to build partnerships with other local FOP Lodges, the MN 100 Club, the POFM, the Minnesota Pipe Band, LEMA, Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Club and the Police Officers Alliance of Minnesota (POAM). With the help of these partnerships Lodge #3 has been able to gain more members and awareness for issues related to the Minneapolis FOP.

As Lodge #3 grows we are reminded of the ever increasing need of financial assistance. Our local Lodge budget is very small and we are in need of new ideas to increase funds for the Lodge. We receive multiple requests each year to assist officers in need and we need to try and meet as many of those requests as possible. If you have an idea on how to increase local Lodge funds, please contact me so we can discuss fundraising options.

2010 Metro Lodge #3 Event Schedule

November 3, 2009 POFM (1800 hrs)

December 1, 2009 Eagles #34 (Appreciation Dinner)

January 5, 2010 POFM (1800 hrs/nominations)

January 28, 2010 Shuttle Bus Fundraiser (Alary's/1029)

April 6, 2010 POFM (1800 hrs/elections)

April 25-27, 2010 State Conference (Grand Rapids)

September 2010 dues/recruitment drive (Alary's)

September 2010 National FOP Board Meeting (Mpls)

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

Lodge #3 Elections Spring 2010

Elections for Lodge #3 board positions will take place at the April 6, 2010 meeting. All Lodge #3 board positions will be open for election this upcoming FOP fiscal year. Nominations must be submitted 30 days prior to the election. Nominations for Lodge #3 board positions can be made via email/letter or from the floor at the Lodge first quarter meeting, all board positions are 2 year terms. Members must be present in order to vote, nominations are due 30 days prior to election.

IAWP Conference

The 48th International Association of Women Police annual conference will be held in Minneapolis September 26-30, 2010. Many Lodge #3 members are actively involved in the planning of the IAWP conference. Members wishing to volunteer further or gain further information should visit the IAWP conference website at www.iawp2010.org or contact MPD Officer Palmer at 612-290-7326.

2009 Appreciation Dinner

The 2009 Police and Fire Appreciation dinner is set for Tuesday December 1, 2009 at the Eagles #34. The dinner is co-sponsored by Lodge #3, POFM, MN 100 Club and the NE Lions. The dinner is open to all active and retired Police, Fire and EMS. 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 along with info on the MN 100.

2010 MN FOP Conference

Opportunities to attend the 2010 MN FOP Conference in Grand Rapids are available. Rutgers Sugar Lake Resort will host the 2010 convention April 25-27, 2010; free golf and other amenities will be provided to members. Stipends will be available for the delegates; however delegates will incur minor out of pocket expenses for attending the conference. Lodge #3 sent 18 delegates to the 2009 MN FOP State Conference.

Art Hart Retires after 41 years

Lodge #3 expresses gratitude to an outstanding leader who spent 41 years in law enforcement; Brother Art Hart retired April 30, 2009. Brother Hart has trained and supervised many officers over his career. We thank Brother Hart for his service and guidance during his legendary career.

2010 Shuttle Bus Fundraiser

The 3rd annual shuttle bus fundraiser night between The 1029 and Alary's is tentatively set for Thursday January 28, 2010. Two free shuttle buses (provided by Alary's) will be offering free rides back and forth from The 1029 and Alary's all night long. Each year two Officer's in need are selected as the fundraising benefactors; over \$3000 has been raised for officers in need thanks to this event. Special thanks to Fowler Law firm for co-sponsoring the event along with The 1029, Alary's and FOP Lodges across Minnesota.

2010 National FOP Board Meeting

Minneapolis will be the host of the 2010 fall National FOP board meeting. This will be the first time in the 94 year history of the FOP that a national board meeting will take place in Minnesota. Over 300 FOP leaders from across the United States will converge on Minneapolis to conduct National FOP business. Volunteers will be needed to assist FOP Brothers and Sisters while visiting; look for further updates on the board meeting during early 2010.

Metro FOP Recruitment Night

On Monday September 21, 2009 the second annual MN FOP recruitment/dues drive event was held at Alary's in St Paul. FOP members from across Minnesota attended the renewal event. The Minnesota Pipe Band attended the event and provided entertainment for members in attendance. The Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association Honor Guard also made a special appearance at the event. There was a special tribute honoring our fellow officers who made the ultimate sacrifice at the event. The Alary's renewal event is the easiest way to renew your FOP dues; simply attend the event, renew your dues and eat and drink for free for renewing on time.

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.