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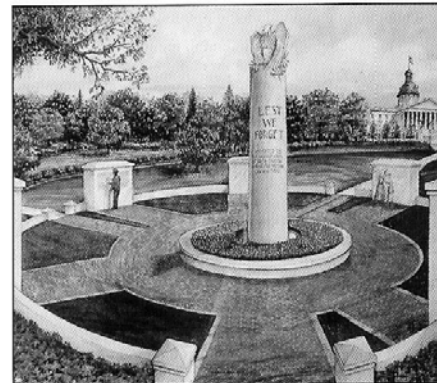
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House and Senate over-ride Governor Sanford's veto of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

On May 15th, Governor Mark Sanford vetoed the South Carolina Law Enforcement Memorial construction resolution. The Governor stated he felt the Memorial should be built with private funds. In 1993 Governor Campbell signed into Law allowing the SC Law Enforcement Memorial to be built on the Capitol grounds. Last year, Governor Hodges signed the bill for \$500,000 to be used from an unused Public Safety building fund to construct the memorial. This year's resolution was vetoed to begin the construction. The House of representative resoundingly over rode the veto.

On Tuesday, June 3, 2003, the Senate over rode the veto. Members of the South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police have worked tirelessly for many years to make this memorial a reality. The State Lodge will email a list of all the House Members and Senators who assisted us along With those that did not support the Law Enforcement Memorial.



South Carolina Members Attend National Memorial

Many members from lodges across South Carolina made the trip to Washington DC to attend the National Peace Officers Memorial. Members from Tri-County 3, Charleston Metropolitan Lodge 5, Berkeley County Lodge 19, Anderson Lodge 10, Coastal Carolina Lodge 12 and Lowcountry Lodge 17 attended. The Candlelight Vigil featured a Thin Blue Line Laser and US Attorney General John Ashcroft as the keynote speaker. The Vigil was very emotional and a very memorable experience. The National Peace Officers Memorial was conducted on the US Capitol Grounds. Chuck Canterbury gave a very heartfelt speech followed by President George Bush. The names of all the fallen officers were called and the service concluded with Eddie Bush performing The Thin Blue Line as everyone waved their blue ribbons. This year, ten names were called from South Carolina. We must never forget those who have fallen and for the survivors, never let them walk alone.

State Lodge to give away a Glock Pistol

Communication is vital to any successful organization. In an effort to better serve the membership, the State Lodge has decided to have a digital Raffle to obtain email addresses from as many members as possible. All the member would have to do is go to the State Lodge Website at www.scfop.org. Go to the Email Raffle area and enter the requested information. You can enter more than one email address but it must be your email, not wife's, friends or other relatives. It can be your work and home address. The State will then send emails to these addresses with legislative updates, FOP news and other important information. The lodge will draw an email randomly and email the winner to deliver the Glock to the lucky member. The member must be a member in good standing at the time of the drawing.



Across The State

Tri-County Lodge 3

The Tri-County Lodge has been active the past several months. Our lodge along with the Charleston Metropolitan Lodge and Berkeley Lodge 19 joined together along with the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy to sponsor the 2003 Tri-County Police Memorial. This is the first time the Fraternal Order of Police has sponsored the memorial. The memorial was held at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center and hundreds of local Officers attended. Our members also participated in our 2nd Annual Cops and Lobsters night to raise money for the Special Olympics. We raised \$2200 for the Special Olympics. 13 Members of Lodge 3 and 3 members of Lodge 5 participated. The lodge held a fundraiser at the Flowertown Festival in Summerville. The lodge sold raffle tickets and raised \$2400 to go to Washington DC. The lodge and the Town of Summerville sent 9 members, most of which were squad members of William Bell, and 9 members of his family to Washington DC.

York County Lodge 15

Lodge #15 isn't sending anyone to the national memorial service, However, we are sponsoring our local memorial service on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at the Pineville AME Zion Church at 7:00 PM. Also on Saturday May 24, 2003 our Lodge is assisting the American Cancer Society in their annual Poker Run for Relay For Life from 9:00AM-12:00 PM. Also our Annual Get Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs Youth Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at The Worthy Boys and Girls camp lake in Rock Hill S.C.

York Lodge 15 Continued

Our Lodge has also sponsored a girls 11-12 Softball team and a Community Hoops basketball team for the summer months. Amanda Brown, Rock Hill High School was the winner of our J. Elbert Pope Scholarship. Lt. Michael Peek will be attending the National Conference in Rhode Island.

Coastal Carolina Lodge 12

December 29, 2002 - Officer Joseph McGarry of the Myrtle Beach Police Department is killed in the line of duty. Joe is a member of our lodge.

January 1, 2003 - Our lodge attended the viewing at Smalls & McMillian Funeral Home for Joe. January 3, 2003 - 10 members attended the funeral in Warwick, Rhode Island with all expenses paid by the lodge.

January 23, 2003 - Our monthly lodge meeting which among other things donated \$500. to St. John Greek Orthodox Church.

February 18-22 - Our lodge Vice President was sent by the lodge to Scottsdale Arizona to attend a labor seminar put on by the National Lodge.

February 19-22 - Our lodge sent our Secretary and Treasurer to Nashville Tenn. to attend a seminar for lodge Treasure's and Secretary's also put on by the National Lodge.

February 27, 2003 - Our monthly lodge meeting which besides regular business we donated \$600. to Horry County Crime Stoppers.

March 8, 2003 - Our Trustee along with our Lodge President attended the State Board Meeting in Columbia.

March 20-22 - Our Lodge sent a few members of the Lodge to Savannah to help with a fund raiser for the National President Chuck Canterbury.

Coastal Carolina Lode 12 continued

March 27, 2003 - Our local Lodge meeting, and at this meeting we donated \$400 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the new Horry County Judiciary Center.

April 24, 2003 - Our monthly lodge meeting and our current E-Board were all reelected for a two year term (We recently had a by law change for one year to two years).

April 26, 2003 - Coastal Carolina Lodge #12 member appreciation day at the Myrtle Beach Pelican Baseball Game. Admission to the game was \$1 which the proceeds were won by 2 members in two 50-50 drawings. We also supplied all the food and beverages in the parking lot before the game (Tailgate party).

May 13-15 - The lodge sent 2 members to the Police Memorial in Washington, DC. More members were scheduled to attend but because of the Harley Motorcycle Week we were only able to send two members.

Pee Dee Lodge 25

Lodge #25 had reserved three rooms for D.C. in hopes of sending up to six members. However, when the smoke settled I was the only one that was able to go. Therefore, at this time we will not be sending anyone to D.C. As far met up with Lodge #12 in Myrtle Beach for a family day at the Pelicans Baseball Game. As luck had it, we were able to see a double-header due to the game the evening before being rained out. Lodge #12 really showed what Fraternalism is all about. They did a great job of being a host.

Anderson Lodge 10 Report

2003 began with two new Board members. Tony Barnett was elected to the position of Vice President and John Chambers was elected to the position of Treasurer. Both are employed by Anderson County Environmental Services. These Board members took three days in February to attend a Business Management training seminar that was hosted by the Grand Lodge in Nashville, Tennessee. This course allowed them to learn how to properly maintain paperwork and documentation of Lodge business. We had a successful Christmas season at the Anderson Mall that included providing train rides to children and an opportunity to have photographs taken with Santa Claus. The Lodge recently provided children the opportunity to have their photograph taken with the Easter Bunny. Lodge 10 is sponsoring a girls', age 10 and under, softball team known as the FOP Astros. This team is currently 2-0 for the season. After completing the construction of our new Lodge, we realized the need for more storage space. Construction is in progress for a storage building on our property. The month of May events will include a Memorial Service on Monday, May 12, 2003, in front of the Courthouse in downtown Anderson. We hope that the billboards around town and the fliers distributed to local departments will result in many people attending this important time of remembrance. On May 31, we will have another IDPA style shooting match to encourage our members to improve their skills. Both of these events will allow networking and fellowship with brother and sister officers.

From the Executive Director

Mike Loftis

The last few months have been, well, hard to describe in the legislation. We finally get a piece of legislation out of legislative council and it's either been partially changed or it's written poorly. But through it all we have been able to get 5 pieces written and introduced and or in committee. As you have probably seen in the news and the paper we were hit with a number of "at will" bills that we weren't expecting this year. As of this writing I can say that none have passed. And for your information we, the SCFOP were the ONLY law enforcement organization to testify before the committees against these bills. Also we have had to deal with the veto of our Memorial Resolution. As of this writing the House has overridden the veto 98-21 and the Senate will deal with it next. I want to thank all who called their legislators concerning this matter. It is at times like this that we must all work together to accomplish our goals. I ask that you continue contacting your fellow officers and signing them up to our organization..

From the National Trustee

Darrell Lewis

Last year was a tragic year for South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers because of the number of Line Of Duty Deaths we had. We also lost two National Board members that had dedicated there lives to serving you. National 2nd Vice President Ray Franklin from Kentucky was killed in a car accident. One month later National President Steve Young from Ohio Lost his battle with Cancer. Chuck Canterbury has assumed the position of National President and you should be proud of the job he's doing. The 2003 Spring National Board of Trustees Meeting will be March 21st and 23rd in Savannah GA. There we will be voting to fill the two vacant position on the board. National Vice President and National 2nd Vice President. Ken Rocks From Pennsylvania and our current National SGT AT ARMS has told me he will be seeking the office of Vice President. David Hiller National Trustee from Michigan has announced he is seeking the office of National 2nd Vice President. Patrick Yoes National Trustee from Louisiana has also said will be seeking one of the open positions. If you have any questions or input you would like to address with me about this or any thing else please contact me before March 18. In an effort to keep you better informed I am requesting that you send me your e-mail address. This way you can receive information directly from me, the Grand Lodge, and the State Lodge as it is published. This is the fastest way to keep you informed about Legislation, legal defense, and other events as they come up. A Grassroots Data base is the key to our success in Washington and at the State House. I can be reached at 843-569-3163 or e-mail sctrustee@comcast.net.